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## Vintage UFO-Related Interview Video Clips

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:15:24 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 00:21:55 -0500  
Subject: Vintage UFO-Related Interview Video Clips

Crossposted from the UFONET list:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ufonet>

Joe

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Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 11:48:00 -0000  
From: stealthskaters <[stealthskaters@yahoo.com](mailto:stealthskaters@yahoo.com)>  
Subject: Vintage UFO-related Interview Video Clips

I stored some RealPlayer clips at:

[http://www.geocities.com/UFO\\_Videos/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/UFO_Videos/index.html)

If that server is tied-up, you can download the ZIP-ped  
WindowsMediaPlayer (.wmv) or RealPlayer (.rm) files from:

<http://www.stealthskater.com/Videos.htm>

One of them was from the NBC 'Dateline' interview of Col. Corso, who at the end said he saw one other crash during his tenure and - while pointing to a disc have embedded in a rock - said that one involved a "time machine".

Others include the British and Russian equivalent to our Roswell, an off-the-cuff interview with Lazar, and former NATO SHAPE Intelligence Officer Robert Dean's explanation of 'Cosmic Top Secret'.

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## Re: Laughlin Conference - King

From: Tom King <[tomking2030@hotmail.com](mailto:tomking2030@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:29:43 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 00:27:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Laughlin Conference - King

>From: Philip Mantle <[philip.mantle@eidonet.co.uk](mailto:philip.mantle@eidonet.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 18:51:53 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Laughlin Conference

>>From: Tom King <[tomking2030@hotmail.com](mailto:tomking2030@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 29 Jan 2003 17:59:15 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Laughlin Conference

><snip>

>>I thought about going this year since it's only a couple hours  
>>drive from my location. I decided not to attend since it's the  
>>same club of people every year.

>>Then there's Sean David Morton and Steven Greer. With all the  
>>hard working UFO researchers out there can't they find someone  
>>with better qualifications than those two? On top of that one of  
>>the speakers is a convicted child molester who speaks every  
>>year!

>>I'd be interested in listening to Stan Romanek a couple others  
>>speaking. Most of the regular speakers will probably give last  
>>years lecture and I'm not interested in that. I think its more  
>>of a UFO circus than a Congress.

>>Good luck to you and hope you enjoy our weather.

>It's below freezing here at the moment so the Nevada sunshine  
>will be a welcome relief I can assure you. I can't comment on  
>the organisers choice of speakers. All I can say is that I've  
>never been here before so I doubt if anyone in the audience will  
>have head my presentation before.

>I'd like to think that my take an abduction accounts in the UK  
>will be of interest to those in attendance and hopefully will be  
>a little different from what they have heard before.

Philip,

At least half of the speakers or more are a pretty good line up.  
The UFO Congress is something to experience at least once. After  
that, you seen one you seen them all.

I can't see how Wendelle Stevens can show his face in public and  
do a slide show. Last time I saw him I just thought of what a  
sick mutha he is.

I watched one of his slide shows a few years ago. He relied  
heavily on a man called Joe Clowers. Joe and his friends seem to  
have the ability to photograph discs very close up. He also  
relied upon Mike Hawkin's photos quite a bit. I have proved that  
Mike Hawkins is a con-artist in the UFO field recently. I  
believe Wendelle doesn't do much to investigate the photos he  
shows. It won't take much to pick apart nearly his entire slide  
show if it was investigated properly. If you get a chance to see  
his show let me know if he has a bunch more from Joe Clowers!

Sean David Morton and Robert Morningsky were recently interviewed for an upcoming TLC show on prophecies. Even the producer involved is aware of the UFO field's dislike for Sean David Morton, but he included him because he delivers good sound-bites. Whether the guy is a regular liar is secondary to the show. The producer will be at the UFO Congress so you might run into him.

I refuse to deal with TLC, DSC, HC or anything else Discovery owns. I'm boycotting DSC and their tv producers have burned bridges with just about the whole UFO community. They won't ever get any UFO footage from me or any friends of mine (neither will Bob Brown). Furthermore I advise every person I meet that has something on tape to never deal with DSC because they will rip-off a person with UFO footage.

Good Luck to you and hope to read your book sometime soon.

Tom King

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## Re: Laughlin Conference - King

From: Tom King <[tomking2030@hotmail.com](mailto:tomking2030@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:33:32 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 00:31:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Laughlin Conference - King

>From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 29 Jan 2003 13:31:21 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Laughlin Conference

>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 29 Jan 2003 14:16:10 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Laughlin Conference

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>>Its good to know that somebody reputable (and I know there will  
>>probably be others) going to Laughlin. So often we get the  
>>latest load of Reed/Raith type information and other assortments  
>>of similar speakers.

>Then we have Monday, February 3rd or should I call it Planet X  
>Day: Mark Hazelwood & Prof. James Mccanney - Planet X research  
>and forecast Sean David Morton - Prophecy, Planet X and the  
>Pyramid Timeline Donald Ware - Planet X - A Philosophical  
>Viewpoint Planet X Panel - Today's speakers will join together  
>for a group discussion and audience Q & A Session.

>I have issued statements on Planet X to help distinguish this  
>fiction from the facts, but for some mysterious reason I am not  
>one of those to appear on the Panel. Humph! I would like to  
>suggest Bob Young. Maybe he could bring something to the table.

Bill,

I hope you're kidding about Bob Young. I'm still waiting for his  
response to John Velez's post from weeks back. Until Bob can  
respond to those direct questions by Velez he can stay away from  
UpDates with this garbage talk.

Since Bob didn't respond to those questions. His silence proves  
to me he doesn't investigate anything he's talking about.

Tom King

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### Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:39:59 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 00:35:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

>From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 22:35:15 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

Greetings list, Nick Pope wrote that:

>Georgina Bruni is consultant to this documentary, and is working  
>hard with the production company to ensure that the programme  
>features only USAF personnel directly connected with the  
>incident, people who have genuinely researched the case (not  
>just written about it) and scientists (astronomers,  
>psychologists or psychiatrists) who can make a meaningful  
>contribution to the analysis of what took place. There will be a  
>balance between believers and sceptics, which is good for the  
>subject.

Having returned from a day filming at Sheffield University with the production team from Mentorn, I was most amused - as always - to read Nick's latest hyperbole.

When the producers contacted me requesting an interview specifically relating to my efforts to secure the release of the MOD file on the Rendlesham Forest incident, I advised them to get in touch with a list people who knew more about the controversy than I did. One of those on the list I gave them was Georgina.

On Thursday I followed Graham Birdsall of UFO Magazine and Dr David Hughes for filming at the University's astronomy department, in the same lecture rooms which I use for teaching. During the filming, I was most surprised to be told by the interviewer that they had no plans to interview Georgina for the forthcoming programme.

When I queried this I was told that she had been keen to put them in touch with various key witnesses for a consultancy fee. However, it appeared that they had by-passed her no doubt selfless offer and made their own arrangements for interviews, confident that as experienced journalists they could judge for themselves who could make a meaningful contribution.

Which is a shame, because I was hoping that Georgina might discuss her theory that the Rendlesham UFOs were "time travellers from our future or another dimension" (You Can't Tell the People, p/back edition, p.406).

Yet Nick assures us that she is "consultant to this documentary, and is working hard with the production company," so maybe there is hope yet.

When I left them they were laughing about their sudden baptism of fire in the world of Ufology, which they had perceptively recognised was full of competing egos, petty bitchiness and empire-building.

It was nice, they said, to find someone who stuck to the facts and agreed with me that the people involved in Ufology are more interesting than the UFOs themselves.

>The programme will not revolve around ufologists, but  
>USAF, MOD, and the work of Georgina Bruni and former Chief of  
>the Defence Staff Lord Hill-Norton to secure the release of MOD  
>documents on this case.

Nick must be furious to learn that his own boss at Ministry of Defence - the Permanent Secretary - tells a completely different story concerning the circumstances that led to the release of the MOD documents.

In the MOD's report to the Parliamentary Ombudsman, the Permanent Secretary stated the "the release of documents contained within the 'Rendlesham file' had first been considered in response to a request in May 2001 from a different correspondent" [the file was released to me on 11 May 2001 following a formal request late in 2000].

Is Nick therefore suggesting his own employer is not telling the whole truth?

This looks to me like a clash of interest between attempts to sell his own hype and what he actually knows to be the facts.

>Unfortunately, as often happens in situations like this, the  
>production company is being bombarded by calls from people  
>trying to write themselves into the story. Several "enterprising  
>members of the public" are attempting to get in on the act, but  
>people are now getting wise to the tactics of "The Bandwagon  
>Boys", and treating with suspicion anything that looks as if  
>it's aimed at self-promotion or book-plugging.

A case of "the pot calling the kettle black" if ever there was one. Next time Nick is plugging his latest best-seller we will have a wonderful piece of prose to quote back to him.

In the meantime, the only bandwagon will be the one that roared off into the distance leaving Britain's answer to Fox Mulder wondering why he didn't stick to writing science fiction.

But seriously folks, I hope that the three men and the dog who currently receive BBC3 will tune in on March 15 for what I am confident will be a *\*very well balanced\** programme indeed.

If all goes to plan, the highlight of the programme will not be the 'usual suspects' among the UFOlogists and sceptics, but a senior RAF officer who I have traced and persuaded to speak - for the very first time in public - about his key role in the events of December 1980.

Best,

Dave Clarke

"The Skeptick doth neither affirm, neither denie any position; but doubteth of it." - Sir Walter Raleigh

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## Re: Necessary Speculation - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 15:42:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 00:39:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation - Velez

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 21:07:46 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 10:39:46 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

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>>I don't know how reliable serious researchers consider Whitley  
>>Strieber, but he has been talking for some years about  
>>experiences inside an alien craft where he was shown images of  
>>alien-earthling hybrids and asked if he "could tell the  
>>difference". The ultimate purpose of the alien presence,  
>>according to his view, seems to be the eventual living together,  
>>openly, on planet Earth.

>>Do any serious researchers who have an interest in abductions  
>>consider that a possibility?

>Whitley Strieber is certainly not alone in unusual claims with  
>regard to the purpose of alien abductions. David Jacobs has  
>expressed the belief that the purpose of the alien presence is  
>to hybridize all of mankind, making us all part alien (an over  
>simplification, but covered in "The Threat").

>I guess it comes down to a question of how critical one is going  
>to be with regard to the claims and beliefs expressed by  
>abductees. One of the more interesting facets of this phenomenon  
>is that there are many parallels that cannot easily be  
>explained. If a researcher continues to hear tales of  
>hybridization then the option is to reject the concept out of  
>hand, or listen with an open mind and try to identify the root  
>cause.

>Unfortunately, IMO, the concept of alien abductions quickly  
>becomes an all or nothing proposition for the researcher. It  
>becomes very difficult to accept part of someone's experience  
>and reject another part. IMO, the alien abduction phenomenon is  
>(for the most part) based on anecdotal evidence, and a  
>researcher can either accept it or reject it.

<snip>

>While not inexpensive, a good volume of information dealing with  
>the alien abduction phenomenon can be found at the MIT Press  
>bookstore:

><http://mitpress.mit.edu/bookstore/authors/aliendis.html>

Hi Steve,

You went on to say:

>Held a decade ago, the MIT conference was a monumental effort



>designed to bring professionals and researchers together to  
>share information and experiences.

It would have been great if the result of that conference had been to pique the interest of professionals and researchers to the point where it might begin to make a difference. It is to the great shame of all science and scientists that the UFO phenomenon has been almost unanimously ignored by them.

Who really suffers for the apathy of the 'professionals and researchers'?

The witnesses and abductees, that's who. They are collectively left out in the cold, to fend for themselves and to become the potential victims of hard core users and charlatans. Because nobody really believes that the plight of abductees has any substance, countless vulnerable people are being left to sink or swim in shark infested waters. The only reason I do what I do is simply because nobody else is doing it.

I'm not an academic, scientist, or an 'expert' anything. Yet it is left up to people like me (only because I'm not afraid to speak up in public) to talk to and deal with, individuals who find themselves smack in the middle of a very real crisis situation.

Where the hell are all the health care professionals? Why hasn't federal law enforcement with all it's technological resources become involved? We're talking about reports of kidnappings right? They would be able to tell us (the public) in a short time if there is any real threat to the public's safety. Not to mention alleviating some of the psychological anguish of the victims. But again, who cares? We're all just freaking nut-cases anyway, right?

Maybe if it happened to enough 'professionals and researchers' they would get up off their judgmental asses and start investigating a phenomenon that is affecting thousands of their neighbors. Which may one day affect them!

I'm not holding my breath waiting for them to climb on board. Are you?

Warmest regards,

John Velez

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

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

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## Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Houran

From: Jim Houran <[JHouran@siumed.edu](mailto:JHouran@siumed.edu)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 14:52:38 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 00:44:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Houran

>From: Tom Carey <[TCarey1947@aol.com](mailto:TCarey1947@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 10:58:37 -0500  
>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>From: Brad Sparks  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 29 Jan 2003 23:18:17 EST  
>>Subject: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>I have received more discrepant coordinates for the Debris Field  
>>and even the site where the UNM did the archaeological  
>>excavation. My thanks to Larry Bryant for "digging" out the  
>>email copies from the packet of UNM documents that he pressed  
>>them to release.

>>For discussion see my post on Jan 27 and don't pretend you  
>>couldn't find it or I will just re-post it all:

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jan/m27-010.shtml>

>>Latitude N Longitude W

><snip>

>Hello List:

>We are periodically asked the question, "Why can't all you  
>Roswell investigators just work together?" The readers need look  
>no further than the above post from Brad Sparks. Brad had  
>e-mailed me requesting the GPS coordinates of the Foster Ranch  
>debris field site.

>Thinking that he was researching something related to the  
>subject at hand, I attempted to be of assistance and, in good  
>faith, provided Brad with the only co-ordinates that I had.  
>Having been to the site a half-dozen times or so, I never have  
>paid much attention to what the GPS readings were. Like Don  
>Schmitt, Kevin Randle and a very few others, I don't need GPS  
>coordinates to get to the site.

>As Kevin has stated in another post, we are certain of the  
>site. All Brad has done is to try to create a false sense of  
>confusion regarding the location of the debris field where there  
>is none to those of us who have been there.

>Even more damaging, he has provided points of reference for  
>every crazy and wannabee within driving distance of the site to  
>try to become a 'hero' or worse. We are not finished with the  
>site, and still have plans for further research there. If the  
>owner of the ranch in question starts to play 'host' to visitors  
>on his property looking for the debris field site, we run the  
>risk of having our access to it shut down.

>Brad Sparks has done a dis-service, not only to the on-going  
>investigation, but to himself. In the future, I will no longer  
>provide him with any information whatsoever regarding Roswell.

Hello, List and Tom:

I find your reaction to Brad Sparks' post shocking and basically hypocritical, Tom.

You recently portrayed me as bailing out of a debate with David Rudiak, and yet you now portray Mr. Sparks as a traitor of sorts because he is initiating a debate.

Further, that debate is on an issue that is most relevant to the subject at hand... a geographical verification of the debris field.

I do not know Brad Sparks personally or professionally, but if his accounting of his negative experiences re: asking for data is reliable (and I have had similar ones myself), then he raises legitimate questions.

Perhaps he has his numbers wrong (and is simply looking for clarification and education), or worse, perhaps some researchers have their location wrong.

Brad Sparks deserves the benefit of the doubt re: his motivation for asking his questions.

I, for one, congratulate him for taking an empirical approach and attempting to cross-check "facts" of the case. In my opinion, that is a typical and responsible action of a careful researcher.

James (Jim) Houran

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## C.E.: Brief Report On SOHO Images

From: **Ananda Sirisena** <[ALSIRISENA@AOL.COM](mailto:ALSIRISENA@AOL.COM)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 05:22:12 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 04:24:52 -0500  
Subject: C.E.: Brief Report On SOHO Images

II attended the showing of the SOHO images - so-called UFOs - on Sat. 25 Jan. 2003 at the National Space Centre in Leicester, UK.

My initial impression is that the majority of the 'marks' on the SOHO images shown are examples of "pixel bleed". This is validated by the fact that these 'marks' all "bleed" in a horizontal direction. However, there are some other images which are more mysterious but which need further detailed study and analysis before any conclusion is arrived at.

This is an example of how not to convince the world of supposed ufo images. This was a meeting put together with a lot of media hype and apparently no peer review. The sincerity of the organiser(s) cannot be doubted but the show was lacking scientific expertise. It would be a good idea for EuroSETI to obtain the advice of CCD (charge-coupled devices) experts and try to duplicate such 'pixel bleeds' and compare them with the SOHO images.

This is very much a preliminary view and a careful study of the SOHO pictures may show non-horizontal marks which may be more difficult to explain. However, at this point in time, I would be very cautious about conclusions on the strange marks seen on the images.

Ananda Sirisena

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## Shuttle Columbia Lost

From: **Wm. Michael Mott** <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 08:52:14 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 10:35:52 -0500  
Subject: Shuttle Columbia Lost

List members,

The space shuttle Columbia has been lost. It has come apart on re-entry over Texas, about 8:15 CST.

--Mike Mott

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## Space Shuttle Apparently Disintegrates

From: Steven L. Wilson, Sr <[Ndunlks@aol.com](mailto:Ndunlks@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 10:27:40 EST  
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Subject: Space Shuttle Apparently Disintegrates

Space Shuttle Apparently Disintegrates

By MARCIA DUNN  
c. The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Space shuttle Columbia apparently disintegrated in flames over Texas on Saturday minutes before it was to land in Florida. TV video showed what appeared to be falling debris, as NASA declared an emergency and warned residents to beware of falling objects.

Six Americans and Israel's first astronaut were on board.

In north Texas, people reported hearing "a big bang" at about 9 a.m., the same time all radio and data communication with the shuttle was lost.

Television stations showed what appeared to be flaming debris falling through the sky, and NASA warned Texas residents to beware of any falling objects. NASA also announced that search and rescue teams were being mobilized in the Dallas and Fort Worth areas.

Inside Mission Control, flight controllers hovered in front of their computers, staring at the screens. The wives, husbands and children of the astronauts who had been waiting at the landing strip were gathered together by NASA and taken to secluded place.

"A contingency for the space shuttle has been declared," Mission Control repeated over and over as no word or any data came from Columbia.

In 42 years of U.S. human space flight, there had never been an accident during the descent to Earth or landing. On Jan. 28, 1986, space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff.

On Jan. 16, shortly after Columbia lifted off, a piece of insulating foam on its external fuel tank came off and was believed to have struck the left wing of the shuttle. Leroy Cain, the lead flight director in Mission Control, assured reporters Friday that engineers had concluded that any damage to the wing was considered minor and posed no safety hazard.

Columbia had been aiming for a landing at 9:16 a.m. Saturday.

It was at an altitude of 207,000 feet over north-central Texas at a 9 a.m., traveling at 12,500 mph when Mission Control lost contact and tracking data.

Gary Hunziker in Plano said he saw the shuttle flying overhead. "I could see two bright objects flying off each side of it," he told The Associated Press. "I just assumed they were chase jets."

"I was getting ready to go out and I heard a big bang and the windows shook in the house," Ferolito told The AP. "I thought it was a sonic boom."



Security had been tight for the 16-day scientific research mission because of the presence of Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli astronaut.

Ramon, a colonel in Israel's air force and former fighter pilot, became the first man from his country to fly in space, and his presence resulted in an increase in security, not only for Columbia's launch, but also for its planned landing. Space agency officials feared his presence might make the shuttle more of a terrorist target.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office said it had no immediate comment.

Columbia's crew had completed 80-plus scientific research experiments during their time in orbit.

Just in the last week, NASA observed the anniversary of its only two other space tragedies, the Challenger explosion, which killed all seven astronauts on board, and Apollo space craft fire that killed three on Jan. 27, 1967.

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## Re: EW: SETI On SETA - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 15:54:06 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 10:47:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: EW: SETI On SETA - White

>From: Kurt Jonach - The Electric Warrior  
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>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 11:41:54 -0800 (PST) Subject: SETI On SETA  
>Subject: Re: EW: SETI On SETA

<snip>

>30-Jan-03

>How to Sort Signs of Artificial Life from the Real Thing

>[http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti\\_shostak\\_artificial\\_030130.html](http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti_shostak_artificial_030130.html)

>SETH SHOSTACK (Space.com/SETI) - How do we define 'artificial'?  
>This problem is well known in the context of SETA, the Search  
>for Extraterrestrial Artifacts..... For decades, the Viking  
>Orbiter photo of the 'Face on Mars' lathered up a lot of folk  
>who felt that the appearance of this feature as seen by the  
>Orbiter's camera met the criteria of artificiality.

>Surprisingly, despite recent high-resolution photos of the  
>'Face' that strongly challenge this conclusion, the debate  
>continues.

Probably the Mars Face debate continues because of government's proven propensity to lie, particularly when the topic is high-stakes advances in technology and major changes to scientific status quo.

The multiple 'explanations' about Roswell being one example. They can't all be true.

Another example are their assertions that they're not studying UFOs, yet they have data collection procedures for pilots.

Or the use of the FDA and courts to harass Dr. Stanislaw Burzinski, who for more than a decade has been demonstrating a 65% cure rate on a number of cancer types, with a non-toxic medication, out of Houston, TX. Another example, the court cases themselves providing documentation.

Given that the Mars Face, if verified as artificial, would turn all kinds of history and science upside down, I'd estimate that there is a 99% chance that the so-called 'high-resolution photos' were modified prior to release to kill verification as artificial.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Necessary Speculation - Oplatka

From: **Laurel Oplatka** <[calabash2003@webtv.net](mailto:calabash2003@webtv.net)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 14:36:33 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 10:49:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation - Oplatka

Hi,

What about the complex abduction case of Katharina Wilson detailed in her book, "The Alien Jigsaw"? I've wondered about a possible MKULTRA type connection, as she "saw" Military Personnel/Military bases in many instances and feels that abductees and researchers alike should not ignore the Military/Government connection.

For example, the Artichoke program of mind control whose scope was outlined in a 1952 (CIA?) memorandum asked this question: "Can we get control of an individual to the point where he will do our bidding against his will and even against fundamental laws of nature such as self-preservation?"

Katharina relates her feeling that, in several instances, her abductors were manipulating her in order to "study" her sense of self-preservation, placing her in various "scenarios" in order to determine if her desire to "help" in a given situation would be greater than her desire to escape. She states that she felt her sense of self-preservation was being studied.

At the close of her book, she speculated that her experiences could have been one of alien/ET abduction, or some secret government experimentation in which she was hypnotised and drugged - she leaves it to people to draw their own conclusions.

Best Regards,

Laurel

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## Re: Corso - Bennett

From: Colin Bennett <[colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 22:43:17 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 10:54:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso - Bennett

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 00:28:38 EST  
>Subject: Re: Corso

>Let me see if I get this right..... "What is Corso" is on third,  
>"Who is Corso" is on Second, and "Where is Corso" is on  
>first..... So is the short stop "That is Corso?" :)

Yes, I got the original Bud Abbot and Lou Costello tape  
"Whose in Goal" some years ago. Robert, I'm glad you  
publicly admit to opening my posts and have exhibited a  
sense of humour rare on this po-faced list of mechanicals.  
These day they get up to all kind of tricks to give people  
the impressions that they are not reading my posts. To make  
sure they are not seen doing such a thing, the mechanicals open my  
posts on the top of telegraph poles (along side dead deer),  
in airplane loos, whilst diving under the sea, and by torchlight  
under the blankets.  
One woman just out of trauma room after reading Fourth  
Day Like Four Long Months of Absence, goes for long walks  
in isolated areas and reads my posts on her Nokia after  
looking round carefully to see that there is no one in the vicinity,  
including airplanes overhead.

>The movie on this players life will be titled: The Legend, the Man

>The sound track will feature such hits as:

>"In the mine with ET.." (with the Grey chorus)  
>"Fly me in your time machine" (with Crash Landing and the Nazi's)  
>"J Edgar and Me" (with the Black Bags)  
>"I worked for IKE" (with the Secret Agent Chorus)

>Any suggestions for the title of the book? :)

Yes, Robert. Try these for size:

Mother Hall's enemy  
Brother Aldrich's Anathaema  
Mistress Connor's Flight From the Enchanter

>> Who is Corso?

Now you know a liittle more, darling. Watch this space!

>>>And I take this opportunity, for the first time, to announce  
>>>that soon his diary "Dawn of a New Age" will be out in Italy  
>>>and, subsequently, in several other countries.

>>>I'm available to discuss it with anybody interested.

Sir,

Welcome to the most exclusive club in the world, sir. The Corso  
List Club! It is good to hear from you. I have been defending

Lieutenant-Colonel Corso's honour on this List for several months as you will see from my previous posts. For my pains, I have received much abuse from Stalinist Mechanicals, Maoist Interrogators, and club-footed steam-footplate realists, who pre-quantum "realism" has not got beyond 1900 and "factual" frozen to death. Concerning what fascist psychiatrists would like to do with Corso, Adamski and the like, see my 700-line previous post, entitled Fourth Day Like Four Long Months of Absence, this being the first web cyber-literary masterpiece, first aired on the Ufo Updates List, and roundly cursed and loved simultaneously. The List is now split into two parts, sir. There are those who wish to preserve the sacred flame of the creative imagination, and the mechanicals. These latter are now in full retreat, have all fled to live in the tents of Shem by the railway cuttings the other side of the List, led by Mother Hall and Mother Aldrich.

My Intelligence tells me that they read my posts secretly by candle light and car torch. They read them in locked bathrooms, bedrooms, and garden sheds. The effect of Bennett deprivations are serious. Some went into chronic withdrawal being unable to cope, and one woman is still in intensive care after having her mind blown completely by Fourth Day Like Four Long Months of Absence.

The fantastic claim and Coleridge's shaping spirit of imagination are the rain forest of the mind sir, and I intend to try and stop those who would drive a rectangular concrete cube of petite-bourgeois rational provincial conformist order right through it. And watch out for Nazi shrinks - they will burn the rain forest out of you!

Write to me to support the Corso Cause, good List Bears! Don't let the humourless disenchanters get away with castrating the deviants! If the Stalinists get away with it, they'll kill all magic, wonder, innocence, the spiritual, the transcendental, and they'll have you ass in the bargain! Defend the dreamers! Denial of anything and everything is a human Right! Join the Corso Club NOW, bears, or these effing scientists will turn us all into coporate car-parks papered over by the TV Times.

Rally to the Fortean banner!

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

[www.thewhyfiles.co.uk](http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk) 10,000 hits per day Google No 1

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## Re: Necessary Speculation - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 23:54:12 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 10:56:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation - Goldstein

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: by way of UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 10:58:14 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

>Just wondering here what John Velez and other serious  
>researchers into the abduction phenomenon think about the  
>\_military\_ abductions, when they speculate about the purpose(s)  
>of the abductions?

>I had a military abductee correspond with me at length about a  
>year ago. She was a teen age girl living in a fairly rural area.  
>She claimed her abductors were men in uniform (USAF), and that  
>they sexually abused her, over and over and over.

>Her parents, with whom she was living at the time, just told her  
>to shut up and go along with it.

>This is in fact \_classic\_ MKULTRA and Satanic cult ritual abuse.  
>She reported no connection with UFOs whatsoever.

>It's always puzzled me why "MILABs" are often lumped in with UFO  
>abductions in popular literature.

Hello Eleanor,

There have been some people who have claimed that their abduction experiences involved what they perceived as aliens working with military personnel and in military facilities. I don't know of any evidence of the above other than anecdotal testimony from their memory or from suspect regressive hypnosis. If there is any such evidence I would certainly like to be made aware of it. There are many unanswered questions regarding the nature of what people perceive as aliens or MILABs. I don't remember if you had joined this list when we had a lengthy examination of what is needed for a bona fide scientific examination of the abduction scenario that is claimed. That would certainly involve the human brain and Psychiatry but without the bias and sloppy methods of Dr. John Mack.

I respect that John Velez and others certainly believe they have been abducted by aliens but the nature of their belief has not been thoroughly studied by a multidisciplinary team of professionals. I feel that must happen before we can get any closer to the true nature of their claims.

I have no idea what may be the true nature of MILAB claims. Last night I had a dream that has remained clear in my memory. I was in a house with a group of people, none that I recognized from my own life. I approached one woman but she pulled a gun on me and I was forced to shoot her to save my own life. I then felt sad that I had killed her. Am I to believe that I really killed a woman in another dimension? No, I think it was a manifestation of my subconscious as are my other dreams.

I am not claiming that perceived abductees are only generating their experiences from their own brains and developing stigmata on their bodies. As I said above, I don't think we will learn much more about such claims until there are formal studies.

Eleanor, I have seen no evidence other than anecdotal testimony to claim that these days there is a project like MKULTRA or bona fide satanic abuse taking place beyond the claims that have not been proven. Do you have such evidence? I feel that on this list you are somewhat disingenuous regarding your own motivations. You have personally let me know of the nature of your own research and I have examined your website. I don't know whether you feel it is not UFO related or have some other reason for not posting a link on this list. I would suggest you reconsider, place a link, and let those interested come to their own questions or conclusions, as you are raising some parallels to abduction

claims. If there are other reasons for nondisclosure you are certainly entitled to your privacy.

Thanks,

Josh

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## Re: Corso - Bennett

From: Colin Bennett <[colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 23:02:30 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 11:00:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso - Bennett

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 18:22:43 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Corso - Goldstein

>I'm not Kelly but I have a book title: Corso - I Became a Total  
>Fool. I'd retitle the movie as: Corso - The Legend, The Myth,  
>The Fool.

In case you missed it Mr Goldstein, have a look at my recent  
700-line post of a few days ago. Every single line is dedicated  
to your ability to choose titles.

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

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## Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Sparks

From: **Brad Sparks**  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 19:17:20 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 11:14:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Sparks

>From: Tom Carey <[TCarey1947@aol.com](mailto:TCarey1947@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 10:58:37 -0500  
>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Carey

>>From: Brad Sparks  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 29 Jan 2003 23:18:17 EST  
>>Subject: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>I have received more discrepant coordinates for the Debris Field  
>>and even the site where the UNM did the archaeological  
>>excavation. My thanks to Larry Bryant for "digging" out the  
>>email copies from the packet of UNM documents that he pressed  
>>them to release.

<snip>

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jan/m27-010.shtml>

<snip>

>Thinking that he was researching something related to the  
>subject at hand, I attempted to be of assistance and, in good  
>faith, provided Brad with the only co-ordinates that I had.

Hi Tom, List,

I very much appreciate your assistance. As a matter of fact I am  
"researching something related to the subject at hand" and have  
been for almost two years since publication of Karl Pflock's  
skeptical book on Roswell in 2001:

I have been attempting to reconstruct what flight path  
trajectory Dr. Lincoln LaPaz might have determined for the  
Roswell object had he indeed investigated the case in 1947 as  
the CIC/OSI agents said he did. Karl does not believe LaPaz had  
anything to do with Roswell. I believe the CIC/OSI agents. I  
suspect you do too, Tom.

I am not aware of any serious research, prior to mine, on  
reconstructing the Roswell trajectory that LaPaz might have  
calculated. Do you?

You cannot determine a cislunar or interplanetary trajectory  
without accurate coordinates.

>Having been to the site a half-dozen times or so, I never have  
>paid much attention to what the GPS readings were. Like Don  
>Schmitt, Kevin Randle and a very few others, I don't need GPS  
>coordinates to get to the site.

Scientific investigation such as trajectory analysis requires  
coordinates. It is nice that you and others can get to the site  
without a GPS but how does that hunting-dog-nose (so to speak)  
do anything to calculate a trajectory quantitatively? Can I get  
a Right Ascension and Declination of the trajectory radiant from  
someone else standing in a field?

>As Kevin has stated in another post, we are certain of the  
>site. All Brad has done is to try to create a false sense of  
>confusion regarding the location of the debris field where there  
>is none to those of us who have been there.

I simply raised the question of how do you know it's the correct site? Asking a question doesn't deserve the amount of rancor and tension that is being invoked. Science asks basic questions like specifying geospatial coordinates. It's just data, and it has to be accurate. Simply answer the question in the interest of science.

I would hope that Roswell investigators can take criticism without making it into a personal issue. I would not think that you or any of the others believe you should be immune from rational questioning and critical evaluations as that is part of the scientific process.

As for any "confusion" the only "confusion" is in the numbers or site data I received and faithfully reported as accurately as possible. I did not make up the numbers.

>Even more damaging, he has provided points of reference

I gave no "points of reference" or driving directions, etc. But the Sci Fi Channel website does (see below).

Earlier you accused me of creating "confusion" over the exact site location. If listing the data I received from others creates such "confusion" then how does that provide exact "points of reference" for souvenir hunters?

>for  
>every crazy and wannabee within driving distance of the site to  
>try to become a 'hero' or worse. We are not finished with the  
>site, and still have plans for further research there. If the  
>owner of the ranch in question starts to play 'host' to visitors  
>on his property looking for the debris field site, we run the  
>risk of having our access to it shut down.  
<snip>

Uh, excuse me, but Pflock in 2001 and Moore in 1997 published books commercially available with the Lat-Long coordinates of the Debris Field - 33-56.35, 105-18.36. Larry Bryant obtained under the New Mexico state FOIA from UNM the GPS coordinates that you and others involved in the Sci Fi Channel project supplied. (See Larry's posting describing his efforts:)

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jan/m31-006.shtml>

The "Roswell Dig Diaries" on the Sci Fi Channel website provides numerous "points of reference" plus actual site photos in color for alleged souvenir hunters to use to find the site. Others have posted road directions for getting to the site. It's rather unfair to pick on me just because I list the scientific data, minus any road directions, and asked some pertinent questions.

Why should scientific data such as GPS coordinates - mere numbers - be withheld while "Roswell Dig Diaries" with many "points of reference" be publicized?

I asked some tough questions in the interests of seeking the truth. I'm sorry you took it the wrong way.

Regards,

Brad Sparks

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## Re: Abduction Question - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:32:08 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 11:17:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Ledger

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 14:53:03 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 07:25:00 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>I'm in touch with an abductee who hasn't seen this info.

>>Because it was posted on Christmas Eve, and I believe it was in  
>>fact the only posting you sent out that day, would you be  
>>willing to post it again? I really think this idea has merit for  
>>abductees.

>>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 05:03:27 -0500  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto: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.

>Hi Eleanor,

>>Hm. You know, that story about the abductee who was  
>>abducted along with his boat and recording GPS...

>You have reminded us about an important case here. When it was  
>first made public I thought that finally, here is some rock  
>solid physical evidence that corroborates an abduction report.  
>It ended up being ignored and relegated to the dust heap.

>IF GPS data that shows a boat travelling over ground isn't  
>enough to demonstrate that something truly odd transpired, then  
>I don't know what is. Here, in this report, is the physical  
>evidence that everyone has been looking for. Yet no one has made  
>any fuss over it at all. Boggles the mind how solid evidence  
>like this can be overlooked and forgotten.

Hi John and Eleanor,

Just one thing here re the GPS anomaly. His computer connected  
the dots from the positions the boat was in. But there is an  
update that occurs occasionally with GPS-usually advertized-  
because the satellites don't stay in hard fixed positions in  
space and the whole GPS system goes offline for some time while  
it resets itself to those new positions. This doesn't happen  
with the military sats because they now have other sats that

use the regular GPS as slaves while some 8-12 satellites are purley dedicated to the military function. The US can discontinue GPS at any time it wishes but of course doesn't do so because there are literally hundreds of thousands of users at a given moment including airliners, private aircraft and vessels at sea.

I wonder if the GPS system didn't glitch at the point noted and the computer just picked up the last known position and the "present" position and just connected the dots between those two because there was no information to plot in between the two positions.

This is just a thought because it happened to me while flying through to Sherbrooke, Quebec over northern Maine from Fredericton [where Stan lives], New Brunswick in 2000. The whole system was down for maybe 15 minutes while it updated. That includes the time it took my GPS to re-acquire the satellites and update itself.

The person affected can probably check back and see if there was an update.

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 19:38:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 11:18:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Sandow

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:40:57 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>Listerions, don't hold your breath  
>but it may take until the end of this year for me to issue my  
>final report along with the statistical computations and a  
>Jungian Psychologist's analysis of the pattern of my lay lines.  
>It would help if other serious researchers plot their own "lay  
>lines" and send those patterns to me.

Do we give awards here?

Josh gets my vote for post of the year.

Greg Sandow

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## Columbia Disaster

From: **Mike Woods** <[mike.woods@rogers.com](mailto:mike.woods@rogers.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 12:07:43 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 12:38:57 -0500  
Subject: Columbia Disaster

Dear List,

Five hundred years ago, our species trembled at the sounds of the Thunder Gods. One hundred years ago, the idea of flying was a dream.

Today, we select our bravest and best and throw them into space riding on a barely-controlled bombs. The risks involved have always been enormous; the potential reward is the universe itself.

The Apollo moon landings of the 1960's lead to the Digital Revolution of the 1990's, one of the most sustained economic booms in history.

Today's shuttle missions and the International Space Station offer a similiar hope for our children. No frontier humans have challenged was without risk, the cost of success is almost always human life.

Despite the loss of the Space Shuttle and its crew, humanity will one day takes it's place among the stars.

Mourn the loss of seven brave men and women.

Hail Columbia.

Michael J. Woods

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## Space Shuttle Columbia

From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 08:42:44 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 12:40:49 -0500  
Subject: Space Shuttle Columbia

In memory of the Crew of the Columbia

Keep the candle lit

GT McCoy

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## Re: Abduction Question - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 16:57:05 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 13:24:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Bowden

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 14:53:03 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

<snip>

>Simple solution to the research money problem:

>I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to  
>support this CUFOS abduction study with dollars by subscribing  
>to the journal or just as a donation that can be earmarked for  
>use by the abduction project. If you haven't already subscribed  
>to the journal, 'now' is always a good time to do it. The people  
>at CUFOS are doing important, necessary research that should  
>be supported in a practical way by the members of the larger  
>\*UFO community. \*That's means us and our dollars!

>If we can't 'put our money where our mouths are' then we really  
>don't have much right to 'mouth off' in public forums.

>Support CUFOS with greenbacks.

<snip>

If CUFOS is ready to take back the hatchet job they did on Ed  
Walters, then I might consider donating.

Tom B.

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## Runcorn UFO Video

From: Eric Morris <[bufosc@hotmail.com](mailto:bufosc@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 01:02:38 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 13:43:11 -0500  
Subject: Runcorn UFO Video

BUFOSC are showing the black circular discs recorded on video on January 16th near Runcorn, at their monthly meeting on February 11th 2003.

We have received a further 20 reports of sightings from Runcorn. Also some triangular UFO sightings - like the Hudson Valley event - from Abergele, North Wales. A flying-triangle report from Manley Cheshire, which left combustion damage in a field is also being investigated by BUFOSC members.

A video is now available on Eric Morris's historic lecture relating to the Rendlesham 2 crash is now available at [=A310+=A31 p&p](#), from the usual address, all profits, as usual, to charity.

Eric Morris  
Press Release  
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## Re: Corso - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 17:05:06 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 13:45:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso - Bowden

Listers, please! Corso has been dead for years.

Can we please stop beating on his corpse?

I hope to have heard the last about this unfortunate episode.

Please. No more about Corso!

Thanks,

Tom B.

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## Re: Abduction Question - Velez

From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:44:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 13:49:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Velez

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 14:53:03 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

<snip>

Hi John-

Before I make a quick comment below, I wanted to mention that George Filer had a story last year of a tractor-trailer driver whose GPS apparently stopped moving in the middle of the Interstate highway between Williamsburg and Richmond in Virginia. If I recall correctly, he allegedly had no idea that his rig had stopped moving and other truck drivers with his company were talking about it and mystified.

Unfortunately, this tale turned out to be the invention of some of those truck drivers to provide a strange tale around a malfunctioning GPS tracking device. Since this occurred in our backyard, some of the Fund members began checking into the story and were once again reminded that stories appearing on the Internet are often not what they seem.

But, that's not why decided to respond.....

>FYI for interested Listmembers:

>Dr. Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney of CUFOS have been  
>conducting an ongoing, long-term study. The intent is to  
>electronically monitor a select group of 'abductees' over  
>time. This is the single most important 'scientific' study  
>into the abduction phenomenon to date.

>I wonder if they know about these \$400. GPS units? If used in  
>conjunction with the other monitoring equipment they are already  
>employing, the inclusion of these individual GPS devices would  
>be an ideal way to track the individuals 24 hours-a-day. And,  
>without adding any new demands on the individual subjects  
>already compromised privacy. Adding the device to the ones they  
>are already using shouldn't prove to be a problem on that level.  
>At the end of the day it would all be about \$. (Funding)

>Simple solution to the research money problem:

>I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to  
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>to the journal or just as a donation that can be earmarked for  
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>'put our money where our mouths are' then we really don't have  
>much right to 'mouth off' in public forums.

>Support CUFOS with greenbacks.

>One more... regarding diagnostic criteria in abduction cases:

>Dr. Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney have used a set of criteria  
>to determine which 'abduction' cases qualified for inclusion in  
>the study. I am going to wait for their formal report on the  
>CUFOS abduction study to be released to see if the criteria they  
>used can be applied by all researchers when evaluating possible  
>abduction cases. No need to reinvent the wheel (create a set of  
>diagnostic criteria) if competent and qualified people like Dr.  
>Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney have already taken the time to  
>do it.

>I wish them the best of luck and I look forward to reading the  
>results of this important inquiry.

Unless there's a second project that I've not heard about, I believe you're referring to the Abduction Monitoring Project (AMP) that has been funded through the UFO Coalition. This joint effort of CUFOS, MUFON, and the Fund has been extended several times to gather more data. Little has been said about this project publicly, and it has been ongoing for the past four or five years.

Unfortunately, finding suitable subjects for this project has proven to be very difficult. As you noted, there is a certain criteria that must be met, and it takes a certain amount of commitment by the individual being monitored.

Let me concur with your comment regarding the need for funds to continue this type of research. I would urge that everyone become a CUFOS Associate and subscribe to IUR, and also that they support MUFON by subscribing to the MUFON Journal. The Internet can provide a vast amount of free information, but as shown by the tale of the abduction tractor trailer driver I mentioned above, you often get exactly what you pay for.

Steve

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:39:38 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 13:52:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:40:57 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>Listerions, don't hold your breath  
>but it may take until the end of this year for me to issue my  
>final report along with the statistical computations and a  
>Jungian Psychologist's analysis of the pattern of my lay lines.

Josh,

While realizing this message was directed to Amy, I for one await this report with great eagerness. It will be interesting to see if you determine if your lay lines are based on actual a-posteriori experiences, or are further evidence of Budden's morphogenic fields or EM acting upon cerebral synapses and generating internal experiences, perhaps due to the presence of unusually high EM field such as that produced by, say, an electric motor one might find in any number of battery-driven devices in close (or too close) physical proximity.

One thing is for certain - there is more evidence for the terrestrial nature and origin of UFOs than there has ever been for them being extraterrestrial. Interestingly, I know of no examples of E.T. excrement being left, unless one counts the Raelian sect.

As for Jung, his name almost certainly rhymes with dung in fitting synchronicity, which of course draws the flies you mention. So somehow I feel you have answered your own question.

FYI, more on Budden's research:

<http://www.karenlundegaard.com/Questions/Psi&EH/Budden.html>

--Mike

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 21:40:00 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 13:57:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:40:57 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

Josh, I nearly forgot:

>Other than speculation I don't know of any factual evidence for  
>"ley lines". If anyone knows of such evidence I would also like  
>to see it.

<http://www.albertbudden.info/>

<http://www.webbuilders.co.uk/budden/credo.html>

Actually, it was Sheldrake who coined the term "morphogenic fields", but the research is possibly related, as there is some speculation that living organisms generate a morphogenic form of an EM field which interacts with localized natural fields, or is affected by them (in fact, intense EM fields do have an effect on the brain and awareness):

<http://www.mgtaylor.com/delphi/sheldrake.html>

Devereaux has made some interesting finds-perhaps the most interesting - along these "lines," (pardon the pun):

<http://www.acemake.com/PaulDevereux/leylines.html>

<http://www.acemake.com/PaulDevereux/>

<http://www.acemake.com/PaulDevereux/earthlights.html>

<http://www.acemake.com/PaulDevereux/ufoabducts.html>

While I don't agree with the 'non-physicality' of all reported UFO occupants, the possibly overlap of his research with that of Budden, Sheldrake, and Cathie (below) is very interesting, particularly if UFO technology 'rides' or otherwise utilizes the EM fields of planetary bodies in order to maneuver and achieve instantaneous bursts of speed.

Bruce Cathie may have a broader grasp of this concept, in terms of the overall EM field of our planet:

<http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~brucelc/>

<http://www.crystalinks.com/grid.html>

[https://slider-secure.vendercom.com/Science/Social\\_Sciences/Archaeology/Alternative/Planetary\\_Grids\\_and\\_Ley\\_Lines.h](https://slider-secure.vendercom.com/Science/Social_Sciences/Archaeology/Alternative/Planetary_Grids_and_Ley_Lines.h)

David Childress also:

<http://www.hiddenmysteries.com/item300/item353.html>

There seems to be an interconnection here in terms of EM, and the EM field of the Earth. There also seems to be an undeniable connection between EM field manipulation and UFOs.

--Mike

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## Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Morton

From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 22:43:27 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 13:59:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Morton

>From: Jim Houran <[JHouran@siumed.edu](mailto:JHouran@siumed.edu)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 11:51:40 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Houran

>>From: Thomas Carey <[TCarey1947@aol.com](mailto:TCarey1947@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 10:14:42 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

>>>From: Jim Houran <[JHouran@siumed.edu](mailto:JHouran@siumed.edu)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 28 Jan 2003 14:25:53 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

<snip>

>As I have said repeatedly, I urge anyone  
>that has issues with my study or proposals to submit a formal  
>Letter to the Editor of the JSE, as well as submit their own  
>work to a peer-reviewed, scientific journal, and allow others to  
>independently attempt to replicate and validate that work. That  
>is what we academics call the scientific method.

>Good luck to you, Tom, and all other researchers on your work on  
>the Ramey Memo. I look forward to seeing it published in  
>scientific journals.

>Sincerely,

>Jim Houran

Well, at least we know one thing: If Tom or David do decide to submit their work to a peer-reviewed, scientific journal, they won't have to be bothered with the irritating formality of submitting the data supporting their main conclusions. We now have a precedent for that streamlined procedure with JSE!

What a wonderful gift - and it saves on postage, too!

Dave Morton

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## Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 23:00:32 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 14:03:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Gates

>From: Tom Carey <[TCarey1947@aol.com](mailto:TCarey1947@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 10:58:37 -0500  
>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>From: Brad Sparks  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 29 Jan 2003 23:18:17 EST  
>>Subject: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>I have received more discrepant coordinates for the Debris Field  
>>and even the site where the UNM did the archaeological  
>>excavation. My thanks to Larry Bryant for "digging" out the  
>>email copies from the packet of UNM documents that he pressed  
>>them to release.

>>For discussion see my post on Jan 27 and don't pretend you  
>>couldn't find it or I will just re-post it all:

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jan/m27-010.shtml>

>>Latitude N Longitude W

><snip>

>Hello List:

>We are periodically asked the question, "Why can't all you  
>Roswell investigators just work together?" The readers need look  
>no further than the above post from Brad Sparks. Brad had  
>e-mailed me requesting the GPS coordinates of the Foster Ranch  
>debris field site.

Tom, List,

When people ask "Why can't all you Roswell investigators just work together?" the answer is because like other scientific disciplines, the investigators have differing theories and differing interpretations of the evidence and what is important, and what is not. Take Roswell. We have the debris field which is pretty well agreed upon. Then we get into the 6 or more impact sites that various people tout as 'the site' and suggest all the reasons why the other sites are no good/invalid/bogus.

Some folks think the site 2.5 miles away from the debris field (by some accounts) was where the bodies were found. During the early 80s I was chasing some Cold War research and as many folks know Roswell hosted Atlas missiles in the early 60s. I spoke to a number of folks in the area and spoke to one person who later in the call was telling me about this crash site and the bodies/craft that he ran across in 1947. We spoke some more then he showed me on a topo map where he saw the bodies/craft at. I suggested that he contact one of the other researchers who were more involved (I gave him phone numbers and names) ....and he said he wanted to think about it before he did. He did ask me to not release his name...a wish that I have honored and will continue to do so.

I don't know if he every contacted other researchers... my

suspicion is that he didn't because the location he provided me has not been mentioned I mentioned it (the location) to a couple of researchers who said that it couldn't be. From what I gathered it didn't fit the story/scenario they put together at the time.

As to the coordinates themselves, they have been publicly available from various individuals for years. The Roswell museums had sent them out to various people. At one point I asked and got a set of coordinates from the local Roswell BLM office, not to mention a host of others. Point being is these coordinates are not some super secret, "only I and a few select researchers know" but have been available if a person asked. One set of coordinates running around (supposedly to the site 2.5 miles away from the debris field) was sourced to Don Schmitt. Again its not like it was some big secret that people weren't talking about.

>Thinking that he was researching something related to the  
>subject at hand, I attempted to be of assistance and, in good  
>faith, provided Brad with the only co-ordinates that I had.  
>Having been to the site a half-dozen times or so, I never have  
>paid much attention to what the GPS readings were. Like Don  
>Schmitt, Kevin Randle and a very few others, I don't need GPS  
>coordinates to get to the site.

Were not the GPS readings available in the publicly available package from the UNM? Again, its not some big secret.

>As Kevin has stated in another post, we are certain of the  
>site. All Brad has done is to try to create a false sense of  
>confusion regarding the location of the debris field where there  
>is none to those of us who have been there.

He and Kevin have pointed out the discrepancies on where the site was. Kevin points out that Don Schmitt puts the location a little 2 or 3 hundred years west then he does although you could say in the same area. One also gathers from Kevins post that location information that came from Loretta Proctor (although she apparently is a nice person) may not be accurate.

>Even more damaging, he has provided points of reference for  
>every crazy and wannabee within driving distance of the site to  
>try to become a 'hero' or worse. We are not finished with the

Any more damaging then what folks at the Roswell museum have put out, that Don Schmitt supposedly put out, that other researchers put out, long before this?

The site has been known about for 24 years, or more precisely known since the CUFOS dig. How much more time do folks need?

Reminds me on the discussion about the location of where the Travis Walton abduction took place. Note this was after the entire area burned to the absolute ground, yet the location was still guarded because of some research somebody was going to do at the site some day and they hadn't gotten around to it since 1975 \_but\_ now that it had burned to the ground they thought they ought to get out there...

As to the Roswell site, folks are probably more interested in going out to the NIDS/Bigelow ranch in Utah to look for dimensional doorways, creatures and other interesting things then they are to go out to the desert and see absolutly nothing...and find absolutly nothing.

>site, and still have plans for further research there. If the  
>owner of the ranch in question starts to play 'host' to visitors  
>on his property looking for the debris field site, we run the  
>risk of having our access to it shut down.

True with any site. Thats also a risk you take when Sci/Fi splatters it all over nation wide TV, not to mention the public documentation they had to file in order to do the dig.

>Brad Sparks has done a dis-service, not only to the on-going  
>investigation, but to himself. In the future, I will no longer  
>provide him with any information whatsoever regarding Roswell.

Don't know how Brad did any kind of dis-service here. If Brad

did a disservice here then the UNM and Sci/FI did a huge disservice because of all the documentation that a person could publicly get, not to mention the video tape where any person with time and money could go out into the sticks of NM in the general area and probably find the site within a day or two. As to the the coordinates, they have been around for awhile to anybody who asked, or visited.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Abduction Question Omission/Correction

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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 14:12:40 -0500  
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>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 07:25:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 05:03:27 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

<snip>

Hi All,

A 'correction' for my last post. I wrote:

>FYI for interested Listmembers:

>Dr. Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney of CUFOS have been  
>electronically \_monitor\_ a select group of 'abductees' over  
>time. This is \_the\_ single most important 'scientific' study  
>into the abduction phenomenon to date.

One minor correction to my post on UFO Updates about the  
abduction study. It is a UFO Research Coalition project (CUFOS,  
FUFOR & MUFON) not just CUFOS.

And in the spirit of 'giving credit where it is due':

Dick Hall was involved in the organizing and planning of it and  
in obtaining the initial funding to go forward.

So, rather than limiting my 'thank you' to CUFOS, I would like  
to publicly acknowledge and thank \_all\_ of the organizations  
involved in the abduction study.

Regards to all,

John Velez

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## Re: Necessary Speculation - Velez

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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 14:17:16 -0500  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 15:07:43 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 02:35:40 -0500  
>>Subject: Necessary Speculation

>>We are always endlessly debating whether UFOs represent anuts  
>>and bolts reality or something else. As a result, it is anathema  
>>to ever speculate about what may be the reason or purpose of  
>>these craft/beings. Not without running the risk of having your  
>>head chopped off.

><snip>

>John,

>This was a great post.

>My thoughts on this issue, in a nutshell, are in this article:

><http://home.earthlink.net/~mottimorph/Earth.html>

>More data which supports this (I believe overwhelmingly), can be  
>found in my book.

Hi Mike,

I know naught about subterranean civilizations or the like. What I do know is; there are enough credible reports of UFOs entering and leaving bodies of water to raise legitimate questions about the possible existence of underwater bases.

My own personal theory is; that \_all\_ evening news weathermen/women are aliens living among us. Watch the 'Weather Channel' for more than a half-an-hour and it'll trigger more severe brain seizures than ten flickering Japanese cartoons all playing simultaneously! ;)

Regards,

John Velez

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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 14:32:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Hebert

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>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:40:57 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 00:45:16 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

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>>>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 15:05:00 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs  
><snip>

>>>You are right to some extent, of course. My main theory here is  
>>>that there may be an planetary grid of electromagnetic energy,  
>>>of which ley lines and such are just a subset, which facilitates  
>>>travel for them, when close to the planet's surface.

>>Can you point me to scientific studies that have established the  
>>existence of "ley lines"?

>I will be in Northern California near my good friend Larry Hatch  
>this May and after we have had enough beers (burp) and artichoke  
>soup I will then try to compare my lovemaking locations and "lay  
>lines" with Larry's map plots. I take all of Larry's plots of  
>UFO sightings seriously but if Larry does not have enough beers  
>he will not like my efforts. Listerions, don't hold your breath  
>but it may take until the end of this year for me to issue my  
>final report along with the statistical computations and a  
>Jungian Psychologist's analysis of the pattern of my lay lines.  
>It would help if other serious researchers plot their own "lay  
>lines" and send those patterns to me.

>Amy, what does this mean?

It means you have too much free time on your hands. <grin>

Amy

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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 14:36:06 -0500  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 09:02:39 -0600 (CST)  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

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>>Can you point me to scientific studies that have established the  
>>existence of "ley lines"?

>Paul Devereaux has done some extensive work in this area.  
><http://www.acemake.com/PaulDevereux/leylines.html>

According to Paul Devereux at the URL you list:

"The first thing I can assure you is that what is talked about in New Age journals, workshops and groups today about 'leylines' is mainly a combination of misunderstanding, old falsehoods, wishful thinking and downright fantasy."

"Ley lines" may exist as a result of fringe groups but this is not scientific evidence that ley lines have anything to do with the electromagnetic field of the earth and/or flight paths of UFOs.

>>Combine this with the extremely hostile conditions of the polar  
>>regions and other areas of the planet as well, and it may answer  
>>many questions about who they really are, as well as indicate  
>>that they have been here all along.

>Who are "they"?

>I'm referring to those who pilot the UFOs which look like  
>physical, manufactured aircraft of some sort (as opposed to  
>blobs of light, for instance). In other words, a technologically  
>advanced race or hominid species with whom we share this planet,  
>and always have.

You make a lot of assumptions about who 'they' are with so little data to go on.

>>When it comes to claims of being from Zeta Reticuli, we should  
>>remember that disinformation is a powerful tool. We ordinary  
>>human beings utilize it all the time.

>Yes, and may unwittingly promote it.

>Yes, they do.

No, you do.

>What has always amazed me is that abductees, contactees, and  
>others (even "channelers") buy into or swallow, hook, line, and  
>sinker, anything that they're told by UFO occupants, in terms of  
>who they are, where they come from, and what they're up to.

>It seems to me that if you won't buy a bridge from the first

>human con-artist you meet on the street, why in the world would  
>you assume that information from a seemingly non-human source is  
>truthful or factual? It's simply not sound, logically speaking.

You should take your own advice.

1. You don't seem to understand what "ley lines" really are.
2. You refer to polar regions as if some clear link has been established between these regions and UFOs.
3. You refer to UFO pilots as a "technologically advanced race or hominid species with whom we share this planet, and always have" when you don't know who or what "UFO pilots" really are... or are not.
4. You warn of disinformation yet fall for it... hook, line and sinker.

Mike, I know where you are coming from because I've been there myself. Now go slap some cold water on your face, look yourself in the mirror and ask, "What do I really know about UFOs and how much do I only think I know?"

Do this every day until you come to the realization that you don't know squat - then you will begin to search for the truth.

A. Hebert

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## Re: Corso - Bennett

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Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 09:07:12 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 14:50:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso - Bennett

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 00:28:38 EST  
>Subject: Re: Corso

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 14:31:07 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Corso - Peterborough

Hi all List Bears,

I am so glad that there has been such a splendid response to my original suggestion that there be a List musical. I comment here on the replies of Kelly and Robert Gates. List Bears might wish to send in further sketches and characterisations, suggestions for scenes and titles of books. It would be a change from doom-laden "objective" factoids, which are enough to make warthogs weep with boredom and whales turn over and die through grief.

Kelly,

Let me see if I get this right..... "What is Corso" is on third, "Who is Corso" is on Second, and "Where is Corso" is on first..... So is the short stop "That is Corso":)

The movie on this players life will be titled: The Legend, the Man

The sound track will feature such hits as:

"In the mine with ET.." (with the Grey chorus)  
"Fly me in your time machine" (with Crash Landing and the Nazi's)  
"J Edgar and Me" (with the Black Bags)  
"I worked for IKE" (with the Secret Agent Chorus)

Any suggestions for the title of the book? :)

>>Robert! It was my idea! The book would be entitled: That  
>>Enigmatic Corso Thing. And the chapters would be entitled 1. Who  
>>is Corso? with the subtitle Hint: He is Not Colin Bennet. 2.  
>>What is Corso? Hint: It is not Colin Bennet. Where is Corso?  
>>Hint: Dead. When is Corso? Hint: One Minute to Midnight. Why is  
>>Corso? Hint: Speculation allowed. How much is Corso? Hint: You  
>>get what you pay for.

Well Kelly and Robert,

Thank you for your great and extremely amusing suggestions! More, please. But I do hope that you are aware Kelly that in opening my posts you are are visiting those parts of the List that your mother warned you about. This is the dark side of town darling, where, like Alice's Queen, most Bad Folk believe in a dozen impossible things before breakfast.

We could have another scene in our musical:

The killers of Easter Bunnies on the straight side of town, that

is a gang of "factuals" (nice phrase don't you think Kelly) led by Iron Age Master, Mother Hall, capture and eat "unscientifics" and who go back to Straight town where they drape all the legs of their grand pianos lest they become too inspirational and imaginative as art objects.

Kelly you say that you have just proved that Postmodernism fails as an art form.. But the terms failure and success in postmodern thinking are largely meaningless. These are analogue terms, and largely cancel one another out in any postmodern evaluation. For instance, Leslie and Adamski's Flying Saucers Have Landed and Corso's The Day After Roswell may not amount to much in old aesthetic "literary" evaluation. But on the contrary, I can tell you this - these two books tell you more about modern society than thousands of so-called "literary" novels, now forgotten almost completely. This is the very crude outline of the postmodern view of a "text". A text in this postmodern sense can include everything from the faces of Garbo or Dietrich to the blitzed face of the Ramey memorandum, through engineering manuals and even wiring diagrams. They are all connected through symbol and image, inference, shape and form. They are all stories in the way, mythological journeys. They form a family of complex multi-faceted responses by means of which we reason, navigate, and discover, and don't let the Nazi shrink and the Stalinist mechanicals tell you otherwise.

In many posts, I have outlined this view as an approach to what I myself have called the New Ufology. I intend send a series of UFOupdates List posts very soon outlining the origins and theory of postmodernism. They will bring screaming furies about my head from the Stalinist and steam footplate pre-moderns, but I love dining off their fried entrails, as previous posts have proved. There were so many entrails lost that I was left with no contenders in the ring. I thought to myself as I stood there alone with the equally puzzled referee, is their something I thought wrong with the water supply in America, or aren't they glad to see me?

Unfortunately these views are far too sophisticated for the nuts and bolts crowd, most of whom have an extremely limited "scientific" education, that is if science can ever be regarded as a liberal education in any sense at all. Little do they realise the the idea of a nut and bolt as metaphor is a social text in itself, derived from old industrial equations long turned to virtual dust by a media society. Example: input=finite poster of Marilyn Monroe by finite artist. Output? Infinity!

This is where postmodernism comes in. We simply must give New Ufology a nes classy poise and intellectual sophistication, recsue from the railway minds of the factual. I am preparing a post entitle Deconstructing Fact. I cannot see for the life of me why, given the present state of the world, good minds still stick to input-output mechanical assumptions familiar to a few generations of pre-Planck 19th century grocers and none else in all history.

In this respect, every culture sooner or later comes across problems it cannot solve. Examples are the 17th century problem with accelerated kinematics until Newton's Prncipia Mathematica and the Calculus came along. On a much smaller scale of course, reasoning by analogy, Ufology has a similar crisis with MJ12 and what might be called the Corso Syndrome. Ufology has failed to solve these things, and this is exactly the finite historical moment of the need to create a new paradigm. The MJ12 problem alone (likeY2K) means that we need to create a whole new theory concerning the nature of what we call information. I call this New Ufology (my term, see my post Fourth Day Like Four Long Months of absence) The nut and bolters see information as the pancake-piling of what they called "facts" (harpies let lose by Sir Francis Bacon after being under ice for a thousand years)and this has almost brought Ufology to its knees weighed under by such filing cabinets, document boxes, and security classifications as have never been seen since the fossilised monarchies of the Europe of old Franz Joseph. Kafka himself died of this bureacratic dust.

Meantime, please read my Fourth Day Like Four Long Months of Absence post. But I trust you Kelly, though you will never be the same you won't bolt for the undergrowth as some I could mention (Now Mistress Wendy Connors, and Mother Hall, you're not to peek at this post, now - I will know if you have done!).

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

Let Colin's Combat Diaries make you a star!

Politics of the Imagination: "For sheer ability Colin Bennett probably has no equal\_a marvellous work."  
Kate Miller, UFO Magazine UK, September 2002  
Colin Bennett's "Metaphysics of the Moving Image" coming in Fortean Times 168, now just gone to press. Don't miss the story of NASA and James Oberg's attack on hoax accusations

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>>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 06:27:20 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Re: Laughlin Conference

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>>Sean David Morton, indeed. It really is amazing the confernces  
>>this guy winds up getting invited to despite the amny times he's  
>>been exposed as a liar. I'm equally amazed by the success of  
>>these "conferences" each year. It really is a quandary for the  
>>credible and serious researcher/investigator to find a forum to  
>>present legitimate information.

>>Here you have some people who have worked extremely hard,  
>>dedicating their time, energy, finances and other resources. On  
>>the other side, you have a lot of morons out there either  
>>creatively producing 'research', simply making up the absurd,  
>>ripping off everyone else under the sun and telling everyone  
>>exactly what they want to hear.

>>Guess I could on, but I'd be rehashing much of what I've been  
>>saying for some time now and much of what a number of people on  
>>this List already know.....

>Royce and List,

>Something that galls me about these circus conferences full of  
>demagogues and frauds is that all too many "name" ufologists on  
>the side of the good guys insist on participating, thereby  
>giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

>I am talking about some people whom I consider to be friends and  
>colleagues who ought to know better. Apparently they consider  
>themselves to be Teflon-coated, but they only tar themselves by  
>participating and further the news media misperceptions that  
>there is no difference between allegedly scientific researchers  
>and the kooks and crazies, and/or opportunists.

Hi Dick,

You wrote:

>They ought to boycott and help to isolate and marginalize these  
>scumbags.

'Sometimes' the quality or level of work that someone can produce  
is not in direct proportion to their level or quality of personal  
character.

And... you remember what happened to the 'Teflon Don' don't you?  
Sooner or later the public will begin to see these individuals  
for the self-serving, money-grubbing, self-aggrandizing mis-



fires that they are.

Let nature take its course. It's all a part of 'cleaning house.'  
Something that the field of 'ufology' is in dire need of. My  
mother used to say (in Spanish) "Tell me who you associate with,  
(who your friends are) and I'll tell you who you are."

Mom was a wise lady.

Royce... you keep in there kicking ass on these low-lives. It's  
a public service of the highest order.

Regards,

John Velez

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<snip>

>Other than speculation I don't know of any factual evidence for  
>"ley lines". If anyone knows of such evidence I would also like  
>to see it. However, I reflected on my own life and have  
>discovered empirical evidence of my "ley lines". I looked back  
>through my diary and using aeronautical charts I found the exact  
>geographical locations of every location where I have had sexual  
>intimacy on this planet.

Hello Josh:

Hahahahahaha! [burp!]

'Lay lines'. Why didn't I think of that?

Heck, I used to play bass in a pickup joint in San Mateo. Villa Hotel lounge, Charlie Blackwell Trio. Drummer was Tom Widdecomb who played with some of the biggest jazz bands ever.

Blackwell looked and sounded, well, black. He had a terrific voice, something like Nat King Cole only more powerful. Dumb as a sack of rocks and kinda bull-headed, but not a bad guy.

Widdecomb was a psychological mess, but funny at times. Blackwell maintained he was of American Indian descent... he looked like he could be 10.3% indian, but his brother looked like Amos and Andy.

Speaking of which, one time some lady asked Charlie if he was really Indian. "That's what my mother told me" he replied. Tom and I went to the coffee shop.

Out of the blue, Tom turns to me and says, in classic George Kingfish Stevens style:

"Mmmmmooooaaah, Kowabunga Andy!"

Knocked me over.

Best

- Larry

PS: I once asked what "ley lines" were, myself. Pretty simple really. Somebody took various locations of myth and legend, drew lines on a map, and built a new mythology out of that. Standard air-head fodder with a British twist.

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## Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 03:27:08 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:00:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Hatch

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 00:38:40 EST  
>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>From: Brad Sparks  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 29 Jan 2003 23:18:17 EST  
>>Subject: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>I have received more discrepant coordinates for the Debris Field  
>>and even the site where the UNM did the archaeological  
>>excavation. My thanks to Larry Bryant for "digging" out the  
>>email copies from the packet of UNM documents that he pressed  
>>them to release.

<snip>

>Hi Brad,

>Awhile back I received the following:

>Coordinates for the various sites associated with the Roswell  
>Incident:

<snip>

I don't want to repost the same sets of numbers here, but just to crow a little bit.

Taking a mental average of the various highly similar coordinates, I found that my earlier estimate was only off by a few miles at most.

While that sounds pretty far off, all I had to go on were various text descriptions of the travails of the earlier researchers (Friedman, Randle and others) just trying to get to the place, plus what little clues I could get from old maps; dirt roads etc.

Good maps are a wonderful thing really. I don't know of any other printed media that puts as much information onto a single page, and in a graphical form that anyone can visualize. For these studies, they are indispensable.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Necessary Speculation - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 10:42:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:03:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation - White

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 15:42:48 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 21:07:46 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

<snip>

>Maybe if it happened to enough 'professionals and researchers'  
>they would get up off their judgmental asses and start  
>investigating a phenomenon that is affecting thousands of  
>their neighbors. Which may one day affect them!

Hmmm. From what I've heard on the 'Strange Days... Indeed' show, Errol Bruce-Knapp hosts on CFRB Toronto, abductees are fairly numerous. Kind of makes you wonder why there \_haven't\_ been mainstream scientists among them, right?

Or mainstream high-ranking military officers, politicians, corporate executives, judges, police, TV evangelists, movie stars, you name it. Maybe the aliens have been doing some screening?

Or is it that big name professionals learned early on to keep their mouths shut. I wonder too if any big name professionals who have been abducted may have contacted Dr. Greer, and been rejected by Dr. Greer's project, and may be ready to 'come out' at some point, perhaps upon successful disclosure of the UFO craft themselves.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Runcorn UFO Video - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.hale@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 18:54:33 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:08:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Runcorn UFO Video - Hale

>From: Eric Morris <[bufosc@hotmail.com](mailto:bufosc@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 01:02:38 +0000  
>Subject: Runcorn UFO Video

>BUFOSC are showing the black circular discs recorded on video on  
>January 16th near Runcorn, at their monthly meeting on February  
>11th 2003.

>We have received a further 20 reports of sightings from Runcorn.  
>Also some triangular UFO sightings - like the Hudson Valley  
>event - from Abergele, North Wales. A flying-triangle report  
>from Manley Cheshire, which left combustion damage in a field is  
>also being investigated by BUFOSC members.

Hi,

I am presuming you have had this footage for a few weeks now,  
can you tell me what the official BUFOSC opinion is on these  
"black circular discs" and the "triangular UFO sightings - like  
the Hudson Valley event".

Thanks,

Roy..

Roy Hale is the Owner of The Lost Haven  
<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk>

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## EW: Space Shuttle Columbia Lost

From: Kurt Jonach - The Electric Warrior <[eWarrior@electricwarrior.com](mailto:eWarrior@electricwarrior.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 11:08:45 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:10:36 -0500  
Subject: EW: Space Shuttle Columbia Lost

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The Electric Warrior : Web Log February 1, 2003  
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/>

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>> SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA LOST  
space exploration

photo: Shuttle Columbia as seen over Dallas, Texas

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/img/ShuttleColumbiaLost.jpg>

(The Electric Warrior) - NASA's space shuttle Columbia was lost during reentry on February 1, breaking up over Texas minutes before its scheduled landing in Florida. Seven astronauts on board are presumed dead in a tragic setback for human exploration of space, a stark reminder of the risks involved in this endeavor.

"This is indeed a tragic day for the NASA family", said NASA director Sean O'Keefe Saturday morning. O'Keefe went on to say, "At this time there is no indication that this mishap was due to anyone or anything on the ground."

Human Flight Administrator Bill Readdy stated, "They loved what they were doing and thought what they were doing was extremely important." O'Keefe said the crew had dedicated their lives to pushing scientific objectives for us here on Earth.

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## Re: Necessary Speculation - Mott

From: **Wm. Michael Mott** <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 13:36:16 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:12:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation - Mott

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 03:13:15 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

>My own personal theory is; that \_all\_ evening news weathermen/  
>women are aliens living among us. Watch the 'Weather Channel'  
>for more than a half-an-hour and it'll trigger more severe brain  
>seizures than ten flickering Japanese cartoons all playing  
>simultaneously! ;)

John,

ROTFL!

You mean the "Fertility Channel?"

Hybridization before our unsuspecting eyes?

--Mike

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## Re: Necessary Speculation - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 15:04:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:14:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation - Velez

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 12:08:41 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: by way of UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 10:58:14 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

>>It's always puzzled me why "MILABs" are often lumped  
>>in with UFO abductions in popular literature.

>Because supposedly people have been abducted by joint teams of  
>apparent aliens and military personnel.

>One theory that might account for some of these accounts is that  
>the witness is indeed abducted, and the "aliens" are a bit of  
>theatre introduced to make the experience sound totally spurious  
>to anyone who might listen.

>Why would the military abduct citizens? I can think of any  
>number of reasons. Given the staggering intelligence black  
>budget and the very real history of MK-ULTRA, it would be naive  
>to dismiss the idea out of hand.

>In the "Purple Justice" case in France, Frank Fontaine was  
>abducted by an intelligence unit and "vanished," only to appear  
>days later thinking he had been snatched by aliens (shades of  
>Travis Walton).

>Dr. Jacques Vallee's excellent book "Revelations" has the  
>details.

Hi Mac,

I couldn't agree more with your following statement:

>Needless to say, this is disturbing territory. While I think  
>most of it is self-perpetuating myth, I think there is indeed  
>something real going on.

While we're 'speculating' here... I think the Intelligence  
community would be remiss in its duty if it was not monitoring a  
selected few individuals who are reporting 'abduction' events.

And...

In consideration of the clandestine LSD and syphilis experiments  
of the past that were inflicted on unwitting human participants,  
I wouldn't put anything past the military/gubbamint.

The CIA while working in conjunction with the military was  
busted smuggling cocaine into the country not so very long ago.  
A more pertinent question at this juncture might be, "What  
wouldn't they try to do using the American people as lab  
rats?"

Sadly, It'd be a shorter list, that's for sure.

Warm regards,

John Velez

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## Re: Abduction Question - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 15:06:18 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:16:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Velez

>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 16:57:05 -0800 (PST)  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 14:53:03 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

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>>Simple solution to the research money problem:

>>I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to  
>>support this CUFOS abduction study with dollars by subscribing  
>>to the journal or just as a donation that can be earmarked for  
>>use by the abduction project. If you haven't already subscribed  
>>to the journal, 'now' is always a good time to do it. The people  
>>at CUFOS are doing important, necessary research that should  
>>be supported in a practical way by the members of the larger  
>>\*UFO community. \*That's means us and our dollars!

>>If we can't 'put our money where our mouths are' then we really  
>>don't have much right to 'mouth off' in public forums.

>>Support CUFOS with greenbacks.

><snip>

>If CUFOS is ready to take back the hatchet job they did on Ed  
>Walters, then I might consider donating.

Hi Tom,

I can respect your withholding of support from CUFOS based on an issue that you have problems with. But as I mentioned in my post, you can 'earmark' a donation to go specifically to the Abduction Monitoring Project. A study that I'm sure you'll agree is worthy of our support.

Far be it for me to question a man who is taking a stand based on his sensibilities and principles. If you can steer your way clear to separate the two issues in your mind, I'm sure that any support you can give to the Abduction Monitoring Project will be greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Faded Disc Research Update

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 13:06:17 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:34:39 -0500  
Subject: Faded Disc Research Update

I am please to announce the acquisition of a previously unknown recorded interview of Major Donald E. Keyhoe. This recording was made in the studios of Mutual News on December 27, 1961 and broadcast on January 2, 1962. The quality of the recording is exceptional.

A pristine copy of the recording from the NICAP Press Conference of March 28, 1966 has also been obtained. Speakers were Major Donald E. Keyhoe and J. B. Hartranft.

In 1964 a television show entitled, "Community Dialogue" hosted by Harry Clarkson, was broadcast. It was a panel discussion regarding the UFO phenomenon, government views of UFOs and Adamski's photographs. Panelists included: George Adamski, Dr. Mark Harrison, Chairman of the American University Physics Department, Dr. B. L. Clark, Director of the U. S. Naval Observatory and Dr. Norman L. Trot, Theologian.

Wendy Connors

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## Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 15:10:07 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:38:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Velez

>From: Jim Houran <[JHouran@siumed.edu](mailto:JHouran@siumed.edu)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 14:52:38 -0600  
>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>From: Tom Carey <[TCarey1947@aol.com](mailto:TCarey1947@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 10:58:37 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>>From: Brad Sparks  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Wed, 29 Jan 2003 23:18:17 EST  
>>>Subject: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>Brad Sparks has done a dis-service, not only to the on-going  
>>investigation, but to himself. In the future, I will no longer  
>>provide him with any information whatsoever regarding Roswell.

>Hello, List and Tom:

>I find your reaction to Brad Sparks' post shocking and basically  
>hypocritical, Tom.

>You recently portrayed me as bailing out of a debate with David  
>Rudiak, and yet you now portray Mr. Sparks as a traitor of sorts  
>because he is initiating a debate.

>Further, that debate is on an issue that is most relevant to the  
>subject at hand... a geographical verification of the debris  
>field.

>I do not know Brad Sparks personally or professionally, but if  
>his accounting of his negative experiences re: asking for data  
>is reliable (and I have had similar ones myself), then he raises  
>legitimate questions.

>Perhaps he has his numbers wrong (and is simply looking for  
>clarification and education), or worse, perhaps some researchers  
>have their location wrong.

>Brad Sparks deserves the benefit of the doubt re: his motivation  
>for asking his questions.

>I, for one, congratulate him for taking an empirical approach  
>and attempting to cross-check "facts" of the case. In my  
>opinion, that is a typical and responsible action of a careful  
>researcher.

Hi Jim, All,

I just wanted to chime in for a second to add my own 'ditto' to the sentiments expressed by Jim. Unlike Jim, I have interacted with Brad in the past and for many years now via this List. I am appalled at, and resent the way Tom has tried to impugn his character. Brad has always shown himself to be an honest and straight arrow. I have nothing but the highest respect for our Mr. Sparks.



Rage on Brad. Ask your questions and damn the torpedoes.

BTW Jim, your thoughtful, rational voice has been a welcome addition to the List. I have read and enjoyed all of your contributions thus far and I look forward to hearing more from you in future.

Sincerely,

John Velez,  
UFO UpDates List member speaking strictly for myself

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## Re: Necessary Speculation - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 15:11:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:41:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation - Velez

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 23:54:12 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

Hiya Josh,

You wrote:

>I respect that John Velez and others certainly believe they  
>have been abducted by aliens but the nature of their belief has  
>not been thoroughly studied by a multidisciplinary team of  
>professionals. I feel that must happen before we can get any  
>closer to the true nature of their claims.

First let me say that I agree. I have been calling for just such a multidisciplinary investigation for years. As for the basis of my "belief" that I have been abducted... I ran into a a large UFO back in 1977 while on my way home from a friend's house. The 'object' was no more than 50 ft or so away from me.

It was silent.  
It had no wings or 'engine' that I could see.  
It was 'hovering,' completely stationary when first observed.  
It was shaped like a slightly flattened (American) football.

It wasn't a...  
plane  
balloon  
bird  
kite  
helicopter  
or anything else that is usually observed in the sky. Ergo,  
'UFO'.

That, plus about a hundred other such events, experiences and physical manifestations has convinced me beyond doubt that I am dealing with a very real, nuts and bolts phenomenon. So much so that is impossible for me to ignore it all. It would mean denying my own life.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: Laughlin Conference - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 15:14:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:44:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Laughlin Conference - Velez

>From: Tom King <[tomking2030@hotmail.com](mailto:tomking2030@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:33:32 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Laughlin Conference

>>From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 29 Jan 2003 13:31:21 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Laughlin Conference

<snip>

>>I have issued statements on Planet X to help distinguish this  
>>fiction from the facts, but for some mysterious reason I am not  
>>one of those to appear on the Panel. Humph! I would like to  
>>suggest Bob Young. Maybe he could bring something to the table.

>Bill,

>I hope you're kidding about Bob Young. I'm still waiting for his  
>response to John Velez's post from weeks back. Until Bob can  
>respond to those direct questions by Velez he can stay away from  
>UpDates with this garbage talk.

Hi Tom,

You wrote:

>Since Bob didn't respond to those questions. His silence proves  
>to me he doesn't investigate anything he's talking about.

Don't hold your breath. I didn't expect to get a straight answer  
when I asked those questions. He has never done it for anybody  
else who asked him specific and legitimate questions in the  
past. I have no reason to expect him to suddenly 'change colors'  
and answer/respond to, mine. (Directly, without the side-  
stepping and run-around.)

The thing that gets me is; when everybody on the List was  
calling for his head on a silver platter, I was one of the few  
who defended his right to have his equal say on the List. I  
almost regret that now.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 14:20:35 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:55:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 02:37:48 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>According to Paul Devereux at the URL you list:

>"The first thing I can assure you is that what is talked about  
>in New Age journals, workshops and groups today about 'leylines'  
>is mainly a combination of misunderstanding, old falsehoods,  
>wishful thinking and downright fantasy."

>"Ley lines" may exist as a result of fringe groups but this is not  
>scientific evidence that ley lines have anything to do with the  
>electromagnetic field of the earth and/or flight paths of UFOs.

Amy,

"Fringe" or not, there is evidence for these electromagnetic anomalies. Just as there is for the "fringe" topic of UFOs.

The problem is not with the data, but with the interpretation. I see nothing mystical here, but it would seem that there is enough information out there which would support a proposition of a hypothesis that UFOs utilize the EM field of the Earth to some degree, at least when they are in the near vicinity of it. However, there are probably several things going on:

- 1) New Age delusion
- 2) Misinterpretation of plasmas and other natural anomalies as UFOs, and the confusing of them with aerial craft of unknown origin
- 3) The interaction of intense EM fields (perhaps naturally occurring and Earth-generated in certain regions) on unwitting human beings, and resultant "real" experiences which are actually internal
- 4) Real UFOs (aircraft) coming and going from and along the same areas of heightened EM fields, for purposes of propulsion and navigation, not to mention speed.
- 5) Top secret military aircraft which are thrown into the mix from time to time.

It's quite possible that number 4 on this list might represent the rarest of all these occurrences.

>You make a lot of assumptions about who 'they' are with so  
>little data to go on.

Read my book and you'll see just how much data I have about who "they" are. There is considerable data to indicate a more-or-less native presence of an ancient humanoid culture on this planet that predates our own. This data dates back into the utmost antiquity of human knowledge, experience, and traditions.

You can check out the research, bibliography and sources then, before you make the "assumption" that there is little data to go

on.

>>>When it comes to claims of being from Zeta Reticuli, we should  
>>>remember that disinformation is a powerful tool. We ordinary  
>>>human beings utilize it all the time.

>>Yes, and may unwittingly promote it.

>>Yes, they do.

>No, you do.

No, I do not. What exactly is your point of view here? Eternal agnosticism on this topic?

>>What has always amazed me is that abductees, contactees, and  
>>others (even "channelers") buy into or swallow, hook, line, and  
>>sink, anything that they're told by UFO occupants, in terms of  
>>who they are, where they come from, and what they're up to.

>>It seems to me that if you won't buy a bridge from the first  
>>human con-artist you meet on the street, why in the world would  
>>you assume that information from a seemingly non-human source is  
>>truthful or factual? It's simply not sound, logically speaking.

>You should take your own advice.

First, of all, my theories in this matter are based on real data. Like I said, read the book and you'll get a better idea of what this data is. Or don't. BTW, do you have any published research on this topic? I'm not being facetious here (e-mail is vocally inflectionless, after all), but I'd like to see and evaluate *your* point of view.

>1. You don't seem to understand what "ley lines" really are.

You don't seem to comprehend the connection I'm making between the Earth's naturally occurring energy fields and the way they may be utilized by an advanced technology.

>2. You refer to polar regions as if some clear link has been  
>established between these regions and UFOs.

I don't know how old you are, nor how long you've been researching, but a polar connection to UFOs has been speculated upon for many decades (and outside of "hollow earth" circles). UFO sightings in the Arctic and Antarctic were quite numerous among sea-going vessels and seafarers of earlier times, and these events were recorded in much detail and with great fascination.

Expand your mind a little bit and check into Cathie's world grid theories. Then get back to me.

Aside from this, there is undeniable evidence of a hidden source for this phenomenon, on our own planet. This evidence points not solely to remote regions such as the polar ones, but also to subterranean and suboceanic places of origin.

>3. You refer to UFO pilots as a "technologically advanced race  
>or hominid species with whom we share this planet, and always  
>have" when you don't know who or what "UFO pilots" really  
>are... or are not.

And you do - or do not? Do you believe that dozens of described humanoid forms all come to this one tiny planet, more or less simultaneously, from a hundred different planets in interstellar space? Do you really think the odds favor such a thing?

Given that, despite the outlandishness of their "first impression" made upon witnesses, such beings exhibit something in common in almost every case - they conform to an Earthly\_Vertebrate\_Template, one head, two eyes, two legs, two arms, central trunk, phalanges, essentially mammalian, reptilian, or hominid, and HUMANOID.

Occam's razor would indicate that this is most likely not the case, and all of these forms spring from the biodiversity of the Earth:

'Pluralitas non est ponenda sine necessitas.'

or

Plurality should not be posited without necessity.

>4. You warn of disinformation yet fall for it... hook, line and  
>sinker.

Respectfully, I submit to you that I'm in all likelihood more on guard against disinformation than you yourself may be. In fact, I refute it in a variety of venues, quite often.

>Do this every day until you come to the realization that you  
>don't know squat - then you will begin to search for the truth.

Amy, I submit to you that you haven't got a clue, and your mind is so closed with a self-deluded non-scientific method masquerading as the scientific one, i.e. Consider all the possibilities and evaluate all evidence, without dismissing anything out of hand. Theories are to be proved, and not disproved.

In terms of circumstantial evidence and logical analysis, I assure you that my point of view in terms of the origin and nature of UFOs and their occupants is at least on a par with your own, and quite possibly much more informed and well-researched.

I guess I'd have to see your data to make that determination in the final analysis. You might want to try that yourself.

Best regards,

--Mike

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## CI: Space Shuttle Columbia Disintegrates Over Texas

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 12:20:58 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:13:51 -0500  
Subject: CI: Space Shuttle Columbia Disintegrates Over Texas

Cydonian Imperative  
2-1-03

Space Shuttle Columbia Disintegrates Over Texas  
by Mac Tonnies

<http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

This morning a friend called to let me know that the space shuttle Columbia had disintegrated before a scheduled landing. Somehow, this news came as more of a punch in the face than when I learned of the terrorist attacks of 2001. Flawed and short-sighted as it is, NASA is a uniquely American institution capable of doing truly awe-inspiring things given the budget and initiative. The recent announcement of Project Prometheus, a long-overdue effort to use nuclear energy in space in the peaceful pursuit of knowledge, is an example.

The loss of Columbia is a profound loss that raises important questions about the future of our already tenuous manned presence in space. It could be argued that better technology could have prevented this setback; the shuttle program utilizes hardware that, if operated in the private sector, would be considered laughably obsolete. But no one is to blame, and the loss of the Columbia's crew remains a monumental waste of human potential that transcends national boundaries. The seven astronauts killed in the mishap were humanity's envoys, avatars of our inherent exploratory spirit. We badly need more people like them.

I argue that the demise of the Columbia and its crew shouldn't hold us back. Their death should be a rallying call for new, more efficient and more reliable space transportation systems. In my opinion, the space shuttle concept, as manifested by NASA, begs replacement. The time has surely come to broaden our conception of space and the definition of our role in its uncompromising vastness.

Let's continue to expand, establishing a permanent beachhead in the sky.

-end-

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## Re: Corso - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:22:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:15:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso - Gates

>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 17:05:06 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Corso

>Listers, please! Corso has been dead for years.

>Can we please stop beating on his corpse?

Not beating the corpse, but because Corso told the story  
it is open to discussion

>I hope to have heard the last about this unfortunate  
>episode.

Corso's story will be around for many years... like AA, like  
MJ-12, like Billy Meir and others, and will be talked about for  
years. Remember Corso told storys, (seeded ET technology) that  
in the final analysis, cannot be verified. He told storys about  
NAZI time machine, told storys about meeting ET in a mine at  
White Sands, and told storys about an ET time machine vehicle in  
1959.. again, not verifiable.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: EW: Space Shuttle Columbia Lost - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 15:27:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:18:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: EW: Space Shuttle Columbia Lost - Velez

All,

I'd just like to express my deepest sympathy for the families who lost loved ones that were near and dear to them. My heartfelt prayers are with them.

An International tragedy.

John Velez

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

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## Re: Abduction Question - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:28:04 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:24:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Gates

>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 16:57:05 -0800 (PST)  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 14:53:03 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

><snip>

>>Simple solution to the research money problem:

>>I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to  
>>support this CUFOS abduction study with dollars by subscribing  
>>to the journal or just as a donation that can be earmarked for  
>>use by the abduction project. If you haven't already subscribed  
>>to the journal, 'now' is always a good time to do it. The people  
>>at CUFOS are doing important, necessary research that should  
>>be supported in a practical way by the members of the larger  
>>\*UFO community. \*That's means us and our dollars!

>>If we can't 'put our money where our mouths are' then we really  
>>don't have much right to 'mouth off' in public forums.

>>Support CUFOS with greenbacks.

><snip>

>If CUFOS is ready to take back the hatchet job they did on  
>Ed  
>Walters, then I might consider donating.

Only when somebody shows me the Jewel encrusted helmet from  
Roswell..... :) Parphrasing somebody recently, "why are we  
beating the dead corpse of Gulf Breeze... enough already... :)  
Only kidding Tom.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Canadian UFO Toll Free Hotline

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Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 12:28:39 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:28:45 -0500  
Subject: Canadian UFO Toll Free Hotline

Canadian UFO Toll Free Hotline  
1-866-262-1989

Hi List Members

I am happy to say I have finally got the Canadian UFO Toll Free Hotline up and running. The Toll Free line is for Canadian residents only to make their UFO sighting reports. What I am going to try to do is to gather '\_New\_ UFO Reports Only' on the free line, but I would encourage witnesses to still make their UFO sighting reports for prior years, buy using e-mail, fax or snail-mail.

Any and all reports in which I receive through the Hotline, email, fax or any other means will go to an investigator in which the sighting took place in. Such as, AUFOSG will get all the Alberta cases to work on if they choose to, and work this way right across Canada.

The URL provided below is a page within my site which holds many of the Canadian UFO Groups. If you are not on it, would you please be kind enough to supply your contact information so I can update my page, plus know where to send any cases which come my way.

<http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo/CanOrganization.html>

Thank you, and lets hope that the new phone will be good for us all across Canada.

Take care

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## Re: Loss Of Space Shuttle Columbia - Bott

From: Murray Bott <[murrayb@win.co.nz](mailto:murrayb@win.co.nz)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 09:58:11 +1300 (NZDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:41:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Loss Of Space Shuttle Columbia - Bott

Greetings List

Today is a sad day for the American Space program and for those  
Astronauts lost

My deepest sympathies go out to the families of the astronauts.

Regards  
Murray Bott

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## Re: Corso - Bennett

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:57:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:42:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso - Bennett

>From: Colin Bennett <[colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 22:43:17 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Corso

>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 00:28:38 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Corso

>>Let me see if I get this right..... "What is Corso" is on third,  
>>"Who is Corso" is on Second, and "Where is Corso" is on  
>>first..... So is the short stop "That is Corso?" :)

>Yes, I got the original Bud Abbot and Lou Costello tape  
>"Whose in Goal" some years ago. Robert, I'm glad you  
>publicly admit to opening my posts and have exhibited a  
>sense of humour rare on this po-faced list of mechanicals.  
>These day they get up to all kind of tricks to give people  
>the impressions that they are not reading my posts. To make  
>sure they are not seen doing such a thing, the mechanicals open my  
>posts on the top of telegraph poles (along side dead deer),  
>in airplane loos, whilst diving under the sea, and by torchlight  
>under the blankets.

>One woman just out of trauma room after reading Fourth  
>Day Like Four Long Months of Absence, goes for long walks  
>in isolated areas and reads my posts on her Nokia after  
>looking round carefully to see that there is no one in the vicinity,  
>including airplanes overhead.

>>The movie on this players life will be titled: The Legend, the Man

>>The sound track will feature such hits as:

>>"In the mine with ET.." (with the Grey chorus)  
>>"Fly me in your time machine" (with Crash Landing and the Nazi's)  
>>"J Edgar and Me" (with the Black Bags)  
>>"I worked for IKE" (with the Secret Agent Chorus)

>>Any suggestions for the title of the book? :)

>Yes, Robert. Try these for size:

>Mother Hall's enemy  
>Brother Aldrich's Anathaema  
>Mistress Connor's Flight From the Enchanter

Nah, those titles have as much corelation to facts as Corsos  
story... thus far.

>>>Who is Corso?

>Now you know a liittle more, darling. Watch this space!

>>>>And I take this opportunity, for the first time, to announce  
>>>>that soon his diary "Dawn of a New Age" will be out in Italy  
>>>>and, subsequently, in several other countries.

>>>>I'm available to discuss it with anybody interested.

Keep in mind that Corso "diary" is totally different then the 14 hours of video tape with Birnes, and the entire manuscript that Corso and Birnes put together which supposedly would equate to three or so books. The next book Corso was going to release was called "A New Day If You Can Take It." and he had segments of it out.

>Sir,

>Welcome to the most exclusive club in the world, sir. The Corso  
>List Club! It is good to hear from you. I have been defending  
>Lieutenant-Colonel Corso's honour on this List for several

We should avoid defending honor and discuss what is truth, what is verifiable and so forth. The bottom line is other then "Corso said.." we have no verifiable information that ET technology was seeded to the private sector between 1960 and 62, we have no verifiable information that Corso met with ET in a mine, saw a Nazi time machine, or ET time machine. We know that Corso came up with the story, then as he got challenged over it, apparently kept a book in which he was correcting all the errors.

If you want to discuss defending honor, read Stolen Valor wherein it is documented about people from high ranking officers on down to enlisted have stroked their military record, service, told storys that weren't correct, claimed medals that were not correct and so forth.

We should look at facts...and that is other then "Corso said.." we don't have anything else at this point.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Faded Disc Research Update - Addendum

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Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 14:41:31 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:43:45 -0500  
Subject: Faded Disc Research Update - Addendum

Listers,

My apologies for the incompleteness of the research update.  
Here's the part left off of the last paragraph in my previous  
posting:

"This recording has also been obtained in pristine condition and  
will be preserved on audio CD.

All of these recordings will be made available to interested  
researchers at a later time.

Wendy Connors

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## Re: Magonia Supplement 45 - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 16:20:20 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:44:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 45 - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 23 Jan 2003 21:28:17 +0000  
>Subject: Magonia Supplement 45

>MAGONIA SUPPLEMENT 45  
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>22 January 2003

>TRINDADE  
>Gentle Reminder No. 1

>In our previous issue we revealed that Jerome Clark had  
>announced that new evidence would soon become available which  
>would prove that the Trindade photographs were definitely not a  
>hoax. So far the promised evidence has not been forthcoming. We  
>realise that Jerome Clark is a busy man and that this is perhaps  
>not his most urgent priority at present, so we issue this first  
>and, we hope, last reminder in case it has slipped his mind.

I just now found this helpful reminder from the kindly, if  
Jerome Clark-obsessed, folk at Magonia. I will gently remind  
them in turn that the new Trindade findings are not mine to  
announce and describe and that the individual who made them --  
who is on this List -- will release them when he feels inclined  
to do so. He is a busy man, involved in several projects at  
once, but in my long experience of him, he always delivers the  
goods even if it takes him awhile. Patience, good Magonians, is  
the soul of virtue.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Necessary Speculation - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 17:59:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:47:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation - White

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 23:54:12 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: by way of UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 10:58:14 -0500 Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

<snip>

>Eleanor, I have seen no evidence other than anecdotal testimony to claim  
>that these days there is a project like MKULTRA or bona fide satanic abuse  
>taking place beyond the claims that have not been proven. Do you have such  
>evidence? I feel that on this list you are somewhat disingenuous regarding  
>your own motivations. You have personally let me know of the nature of your  
>own research and I have examined your website. I don't know whether you  
>feel it is not UFO related or have some other reason for not posting a link  
>on this List. I would suggest you reconsider, place a link, and let those  
>interested come to their own questions or conclusions, as you are raising  
>some parallels to abduction claims. If there are other reasons for  
>nondisclosure you are certainly entitled to your privacy.

Josh -

First, I've been interested in UFOs since childhood - way before  
I got involved with MKULTRA and its current-day sequel.

I don't post a link, generally (actually, Errol did post a note  
I had sent him off list which did have a link to the mind  
control survey in it) because this is a UFO list, and I don't  
wish to try to pull the conversations away from UFOs on to mind  
control. My site is organized as a pushy, attention-grabbing  
site similar to those of the U.S. Patriot Movement, which  
attempt to get the public's attention on a wide range of  
government crimes. I don't think my site itself would be of  
interest to serious UFO researchers.

But there are parallels between UFO and abduction cases and the  
more advanced mind control effects. Personally, I think there is  
a very strong possibility that today's covert mind control  
experimenters got their advanced technology from aliens or  
downed alien craft. The leap in technology appears to be well  
beyond what one would expect from conventional scientific  
progress.

One small sidelight is that we've had about a dozen of our members  
feel certain they have seen the three abductee symbols on John  
Velez' Abduction Information Center web site. Some don't know  
where, but they feel strongly they have.

Our group's scholarly site is that of Cheryl Welsh, founder of  
Citizens Against Human Rights Abuse:

<http://www.dcn.davis.ca.us/~welsh>

Our members do in fact have physical evidence too, just as  
abductees do. A couple of pages along that line:

<http://www.raven1.net/sabotage.htm>  
<http://www.raven1.net/bcanomal.htm>  
<http://www.mindcontrolforums.com> (implants)

But like abductees, and apparently because the signal types in use today are well beyond conventional electromagnetic, we can't prove the painful and debilitating signals themselves exist. We do know these signals penetrate shielding which stops conventional electromagnetic signals.

Theoretically, signal types called 'scalars' might have the shielding penetrating characteristics of today's mind/body weapons, but we don't know of any hands-on demonstration of such signals. The web sites claiming to demonstrate scalars are bogus, in my opinion. (Being an engineer and life long ham radio operator, I can see that those experiments would work simply on their conventional signals.)

The Paul Bonacci and Johnny Gosch (use a search engine) cases show a small hint at MKULTRA like abuse, outside the MKULTRA programme itself. You have to realize that cults are usually sponsored by the wealthy, and such groups are very good at covering up their activities. If you talk to professionals who counsel and treat MKULTRA and ritual abuse survivors, you will they have no doubts such activities are continuing.

Just look at the epidemic of pedophilia covered up by people in high places who lead double lives in the following short article, if you have doubts about the extent of cover up efforts:

<http://www.raven1.net/pedexample.htm>

It doesn't take too many instances of the very potent mind/body effects, up to and including being slammed around physically and levitated, your sleep constantly disrupted, and having your home, car and workplace broken into and sabotaged, before the target understands that something very real is going on - not just "bad luck" or "faulty perception".

Eleanor White

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 17:20:02 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:52:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Hebert

>From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 14:20:35 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 02:37:48 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>>According to Paul Devereux at the URL you list:

>>"The first thing I can assure you is that what is talked about  
>>in New Age journals, workshops and groups today about 'leylines'  
>>is mainly a combination of misunderstanding, old falsehoods,  
>>wishful thinking and downright fantasy."

>"Fringe" or not, there is evidence for these electromagnetic  
>anomalies. Just as there is for the "fringe" topic of UFOs.

Hi, Mike:

Your references clearly indicate your orientation and where you have gathered your "evidence" and information. I have yet to see any scientific evidence that supports your contentions and you have not provided such.

>The problem is not with the data, but with the interpretation. I  
>see nothing mystical here, but it would seem that there is  
>enough information out there which would support a proposition  
>of a hypothesis that UFOs utilize the EM field of the Earth to  
>some degree, at least when they are in the near vicinity of it.

Mike, if you are only proposing a hypothesis, that I can understand. It's the "information" and "evidence" you use to support your hypothesis that I question.

This same hypothesis has been proposed for decades but still no clear scientific data has been presented to support the contention that UFOs utilize the EM field of the earth to any degree. You direct me to URL's which contain only more hypotheses and conjecture but you have yet to point to any scientific data that supports your thesis. Do you know the meaning of "scientific data"?

>However, there are probably several things going on:

>1) New Age delusion

>2) Misinterpretation of plasmas and other natural anomalies as UFOs,  
>and the confusing of them with aerial craft of unknown origin

>3) The interaction of intense EM fields (perhaps naturally occurring  
>and Earth-generated in certain regions) on unwitting human beings, and  
>resultant "real" experiences which are actually internal

>4) Real UFOs (aircraft) coming and going from and along the same  
>areas of heightened EM fields, for purposes of propulsion and  
>navigation, not to mention speed.

>5) Top secret military aircraft which are thrown into the mix from  
>time to time.

Anything is possible.

>It's quite possible that number 4 on this list might represent the  
>rarest of all these occurrences.

Same for number 2 and number 3.

>>You make a lot of assumptions about who 'they' are with so  
>>little data to go on.

>  
>Read my book and you'll see just how much data I have about who  
>"they" are.

I am sick-and-tired of people telling me to read their books instead of putting their evidence where their mouths are. This is a discussion List, you got something to say, say it. If you don't have the time or inclination to discuss and/or defend your contentions, then I don't have the time or inclination to read your book.

>There is considerable data to indicate a more-or-  
>less native presence of an ancient humanoid culture on this  
>planet that predates our own. This data dates back into the  
>utmost antiquity of human knowledge, experience, and traditions.

No, Mike, you and others have interpreted archeological finds as supporting the presence of an ancient humanoid culture that predates our own. This is not the same as scientific data that actually supports the contention that such beings existed/exist.

It all depends on who is interpreting the data and their motives.

>You can check out the research, bibliography and sources then,  
>before you make the "assumption" that there is little data to go  
>on.

Since you have yet to present anything that even remotely resembles scientific research or data, I would not assume your book contains anything more.

>No, I do not. What exactly is your point of view here? Eternal  
>agnosticism on this topic?

Nope, scientific inquiry and research.

>>You should take your own advice.

>First, of all, my theories in this matter are based on real  
>data. Like I said, read the book and you'll get a better idea of  
>what this data is. Or don't.

I might read your book if you can give me something more substantial than mere conjecture and speculation.

>BTW, do you have any published  
>research on this topic?

You've got to be kidding?! Wouldn't touch it with a ten foot pole unless there was some kind of scientific data to support such research. You have yet to produce anything that gives me the slightest interest in such an endeavor. I'd rather study angels dancing on the head of a pin than any proposed connection between electromagnetic grids, "ley lines" and UFOs.

Just because you wrote a book on this topic does not mean it is based on research as in scientific study.

>I'm not being facetious here (e-mail is  
>vocally inflectionless, after all), but I'd like to see and  
>evaluate *\*your\** point of view.

This *\*is\** my point of view, Mike. What you see is what you get (see above).

>>1. You don't seem to understand what "ley lines" really are.

>  
>You don't seem to comprehend the connection I'm making between



>the Earth's naturally occurring energy fields and the way they  
>may be utilized by an advanced technology.

The earth has naturally occurring energy fields and there may be "advanced" technologies here, there, out there- but you have yet to demonstrate a clear connection between these variables.

>>2. You refer to polar regions as if some clear link has been  
>>established between these regions and UFOs.

>I don't know how old you are, nor how long you've been  
>researching, but a polar connection to UFOs has been speculated  
>upon for many decades (and outside of "hollow earth" circles).  
>UFO sightings in the Arctic and Antarctic where quite numerous  
>among sea-going vessels and seafarers of earlier times, and  
>these events were recorded in much detail and with great  
>fascination.

I'm 49 years young. I've been studying UFOs and related phenomena since the age of 12 - about 37 years. I began researching abduction phenomena in 1992 and military technology in 1997 (and psychology in 1972).

I've probably read most of the materials you reference but have yet to find anyone able to establish a definitive link (supported by sound scientific research and data) between UFO sightings and the earth's polar regions. Just because UFOs have been sighted over the Arctic and Antarctic does not mean there is a connection between polar regions, UFOs and/or non-human, "advanced" technologies. Since it is your contention there IS a connection, the burden of proof is on your shoulders.

>Expand your mind a little bit and check into Cathie's world grid  
>theories. Then get back to me.

>Aside from this, there is undeniable evidence of a hidden source  
>for this phenomenon, on our own planet. This evidence points not  
>solely to remote regions such as the polar ones, but also to  
>subterranean and suboceanic places of origin.

This is your interpretation of the information you have reviewed, Mike. I do not agree with your interpretation.

>>3. You refer to UFO pilots as a "technologically advanced race  
>>or hominid species with whom we share this planet, and always  
>>have" when you don't know who or what "UFO pilots" really  
>>are... or are not.

>And you do - or do not? Do you believe that dozens of described  
>humanoid forms all come to this one tiny planet, more or less  
>simultaneously, from a hundred different planets in interstellar  
>space? Do you really think the odds favor such a thing?

I don't believe much of anything, Mike, and I am very careful to distinguish between speculation and fact. How well you support your contentions determines the validity attributed to the hypothesis. You have yet to scratch the surface.

>Given that, despite the outlandishness of their "first  
>impression" made upon witnesses, such beings exhibit something  
>in common in almost every case - they conform to an  
>\_Earthly\_Vertebrate\_Template, one head, two eyes, two legs, two  
>arms, central trunk, phalanges, essentially mammalian,  
>reptilian, or hominid, and HUMANOID.

These "first impressions" are based on witness testimony. Human witnesses are complex beings. To assume everything they describe actually exists in physical reality is not scientific nor logical.

>Occam's razor would indicate that this is most likely not the  
>case, and all of these forms spring from the biodiversity of the  
>Earth:

You apply "Occam's razor" to your own theories and beliefs - circular logic.

>'Pluralitas non est ponenda sine necessitas.'

>or

>Plurality should not be posited without necessity.

What are you trying to say, Mike?

>>4. You warn of disinformation yet fall for it... hook, line and  
>>sinker.

>Respectfully, I submit to you that I'm in all likelihood more on  
>guard against disinformation than you yourself may be.

We will see... ;> The focus of my current research is deception,  
disinformation and psyops.

>In fact,  
>I refute it in a variety of venues, quite often.

Congratulations.

>>Do this every day until you come to the realization that you  
>>don't know squat - then you will begin to search for the truth.

>Amy, I submit to you that you haven't got a clue, and your  
>mind is so closed with a self-deluded non-scientific method  
>masquerading as the scientific one, i.e. Consider all the  
>possibilities and evaluate all evidence, without dismissing  
>anything out of hand. Theories are to be proved, and not  
>disproved.

You, sir, have yet to "prove" anything.

>In terms of circumstantial evidence and logical analysis, I  
>assure you that my point of view in terms of the origin and  
>nature of UFOs and their occupants is at least on a par with  
>your own, and quite possibly much more informed and well-  
>researched.

You think rather highly of yourself, Mike. At least you have  
good self-esteem.

>I guess I'd have to see your data to make that determination in  
>the final analysis. You might want to try that yourself.

I'm waiting.

A. Hebert

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 18:28:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:55:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Stanford

>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 02:37:48 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>>From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 09:02:39 -0600 (CST)  
>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

<snip>

>Mike, I know where you are coming from because I've been there  
>myself. Now go slap some cold water on your face, look yourself  
>in the mirror and ask, "What do I really know about UFOs and  
>how much do I only think I know?"

>Do this every day until you come to the realization that you  
>don't know squat - then you will begin to search for the truth.

Thanks, again, Amy for getting a fuzzy thinker told to shape up.  
Alas, again, it falls on deaf ears. Yikes!

Ray

"You know my method. It is founded upon the observance of trifles." --  
Sherlock Holmes in The Boscombe Valley Mystery

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## Re: EW: Space Shuttle Columbia Lost - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 16:40:05 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 23:59:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: EW: Space Shuttle Columbia Lost - Bowden

>From: Kurt Jonach - The Electric Warrior <[eWarrior@electricwarrior.com](mailto:eWarrior@electricwarrior.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 11:08:45 -0800  
>Subject: EW: Space Shuttle Columbia Lost

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>The Electric Warrior : Web Log February 1, 2003  
><http://www.electricwarrior.com/>

>Space Shuttle Columbia Lost

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>>>SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA LOST  
>space exploration

>photo: Shuttle Columbia as seen over Dallas, Texas

<http://www.electricwarrior.com/img/ShuttleColumbiaLost.jpg>

<snip>

On the heels of this tragedy, I would like to express the hope that NASA would realize that they must put more resources into developing (or discovering) an alternative technology to the current means of space travel. Even the newer developments which have been publicized are rooted in the same ballistic rocketry that has been used since the beginning.

It is difficult to understand how an agency like NASA can steadfastly refuse to pay any attention to the potential of discovering a new space technology by conducting an in-depth scientific study of UFOs.

Regardless of the many internecine squabbles in the ufological community, the one thing that unites us is the realization that we are dealing with something that is real, and that is unexplained, and which at least seems to represent a flight technology beyond our conventional aerodynamics and rocketry.

In the wake of the Challenger tragedy, NASA re-engineered their policies to allow one voice to stop a planned launch if that one voice brought up a good reason for the delay or cancellation.

No one can doubt the wisdom of the new policy.

The next step should be for NASA to allow a minority voice to be heard on unconventional approaches to new development, such as the study of UFOs as a potential source of new ideas. They should not allow the voice of "conventional wisdom", a la James Oberg, to put blinders on all the thought processes that might otherwise lead to some radical new approach with potential for a real improvement.

I sincerely hope that no more tragedies such as the loss of the Columbia and crew must occur before NASA wakes up and realizes that they need to do some serious thinking about their approach to space travel.

Tom Bowden

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## Re: Necessary Speculation - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <[bdenzler1@email.msn.com](mailto:bdenzler1@email.msn.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 21:14:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 12:03:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation - Denzler

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 10:42:13 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 15:42:48 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

<snip>

>>Maybe if it happened to enough 'professionals and researchers'  
>>they would get up off their judgmental asses and start  
>>investigating a phenomenon that is affecting thousands of  
>>their neighbors. Which may one day affect them!

>Hmmm. From what I've heard on the 'Strange Days... Indeed' show,  
>Errol Bruce-Knapp hosts on CFRB Toronto, abductees are fairly  
>numerous. Kind of makes you wonder why there \_haven't\_ been  
>mainstream scientists among them, right?

>Or mainstream high-ranking military officers, politicians,  
>corporate executives, judges, police, TV evangelists, movie  
>stars, you name it. Maybe the aliens have been doing some  
>screening?

>Or is it that big name professionals learned early on to keep  
>their mouths shut. I wonder too if any big name professionals  
>who have been abducted may have contacted Dr. Greer, and been  
>rejected by Dr. Greer's project, and may be ready to 'come out'  
>at some point, perhaps upon successful disclosure of the UFO  
>craft themselves.

You think there haven't been mainstream scientists among them?

Kerry Mullis, a Nobel Prize winning chemist, has had an  
experience that sounds very much like an abduction. He writes  
about it in his book, 'Running Naked Through the Mind Field'.

Brenda

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## Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 22:34:46 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 12:21:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Randle

>From: Brad Sparks  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 21:36:17 -0500  
>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 11:00:48 EST  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 16:38:11 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Randle

>>>From: Brad Sparks  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Wed, 29 Jan 2003 20:38:42 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

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>Hi Kevin, List,

>You quoted the wrong posting of mine. It's not the one on "Flight-Paths."

>The correct posts are at:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jan/m30-005.shtml>

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jan/m27-010.shtml>

Good Morning, Brad, List, All -

I don't know what happened there, Brad, All, because the top of the post, from which I was allegedly quoting is not what I had forwarded before.

>>>Far be it for me to defend Don Schmitt (especially since I am >>>routinely accused of "ranting" about his various deceptions) but >>>this latest takes the cake.

>>>Let's see if I understand this. Brad is suggesting that Schmitt >>>had the wrong site because Loretta Proctor (who said she hadn't >>>accompanied Mack Brazel down to the debris field) suggested it >>>was some place else.

>>No that is not correct -- I listed Don Schmitt's site >>coordinates, in fact half my list comes from Schmitt in some way >>including your own.

First, it's not "Don Schmitt's site", it is the site as identified by Bill Brazel who took both of us there in 1989. My information about the location does not come from Schmitt... it comes from Bill Brazel.

>>As I understand it from Karl Pflock, others besides Loretta >>Proctor identified the BLM survey marker as within the Debris >>Field.

Which doesn't explain how she came into possession of that information because she told me, repeatedly, that she had not gone out there with Mack Brazel.



>>By the way, Mack Brazel did not take Schmitt out to the site  
>>either.

Didn't say that he had. Didn't mean to imply that he had. We, Schmitt and I went out there with Bill Brazel who said he found bits of debris, who described for us the gouge in the debris field and who provided us with an orientation for the debris field.

><snip>

>>>And I gave the information on a map based on what Don Schmitt  
>>>had said, if I interpret the last statement correctly.

>>And I greatly appreciate your help. You said Schmitt took you to  
>>the site.

Schmitt didn't take me to the site. Bill Brazel took me there in his pick up truck. He drank beer the whole time. I drank one of them, which was warm and Don Schmitt refused to drink any beer. I can't conceive of a situation in which I would say that Schmitt took me there. In fact I have slides of Bill Brazel on the debris field... I have slides of Don Schmitt with Bill Brazel on the debris field.

><snip>

>>>Bud Payne, a New Mexican judge who said he had been chased from  
>>>the debris field by military police took us out to the site.  
>>>When he stopped his truck, we were about three quarters of a  
>>>mile from the stone cairn that marked the western end of the

>>debris field, but inside that last little flag. In other words,

>>>another eye witness had just taken us to that very same three  
>>>quarter mile stretch of New Mexican desert.

>>Indeed, some of the Schmitt-derived coordinates are indeed  
>>spread across 0.8 mile from W to E, but almost exactly W to E.  
>>Is that Schmitt's flight path scenario or yours or Frank  
>>Kaufmann's? I don't think so. I understand the flight path  
>>scenario is supposedly heading SE or ESE -- contrary to the  
>>original scenarios of the object heading NW.

Let's leave Frank Kaufmann out of this since he was not involved in the discussion of the debris field. One of the flight path scenarios, however, came from Arthur Exon who flew over the sites in 1947.

I will also note you mention Schmitt derived coordinates. Have you gotten anything from Schmitt specifically, or are these coordinates filtered through another party?

>>(The azimuth of the Schmitt coordinates turns out to be 83  
>>degrees rather than the 125 degrees that Bill Doleman of UNM  
>>told me was Schmitt's Roswell scenario. That's between ESE and  
>>SE.)

I'll let you fight that out with Dr. Doleman and Don Schmitt because I wasn't involved in that.

><snip>

>>>On the other side,  
>>>we have Loretta Proctor, a very nice lady, who did not accompany  
>>>Mack Brazel to the scene, but provided a general location.

>>Again, Mack Brazel didn't take Schmitt out to the Debris Field either.

And again, I didn't say that. I refer to her comments that Mack was going to take them out (meaning her and Floyd) but they declined. So, Mack didn't take her out there and neither did Bill Brazel who did take Don Schmitt and me out there.

><snip>

>>>That [Loretta Proctor] site, as near as I can  
>>>tell is about a mile to two miles from the debris shown to me by  
>>>Bill Brazel.

>>That is incorrect. The coordinates are only about 1/4 mile away

>>from your Schmitt Debris Field. Look it up yourself in my table  
>>(below). These are simply listed in order of latitude sothern to  
>>northern, that's why the Bill Brazel/Vic Golubic figures come  
>>first.

Again, it's not Don Schmitt's debris field.

Loretta Proctor identified a site, down past two twin windmills,  
with a small third standing nearby, down along a dirt road, down  
among hills and cliffs and beyond a couple of fence lines, to a  
point that is a mile or two from the debris field shown to Don  
Schmitt and me by Bill Brazel. You seem to indicate another site  
identified by Loretta Proctor some time later... Great! Now we  
have another location, as if we didn't have enough already.

>>Latitude N Longitude W

>> \* \* Kevin Randle approx. marking of  
>> site map based on Schmitt's ID  
>> (Randle Aug. 2002)

This last I still don't understand... Why am I relying on  
Schmitt and why am I relying on it in 2002?

>>>I have been questioned repeatedly about the precise location of  
>>>the debris field and have been reluctant to supply the exact  
>>>coordinates. Why? Because it is on private property with no  
>>>roads that lead to it.

>>Apparently the Debris Field site(s) is on US Government land and  
>>the Bureau of Land Management has seen fit to suppress the site  
>>coordinates used by the Sci Fi Channel/University of New Mexico  
>>project. See Larry Bryant's message soon to be posted based on  
>>information that Roswell investigators have had for months if  
>>not years.

Yes, it's on BLM land, but it is surrounded by private property.  
You can't get to it without crossing private property which  
might be why the BLM is reluctant to supply the information. The  
land around it is a working ranch and the owners might not be  
thrilled with everyone and his or her cousin trying to get to  
it.

><snip>

>>>The point is that while Brad has collected precise information,  
>>>he has collected it from those who have not been taken to the  
>>>spot by those involved.

>>Half the data come from Schmitt and you Kevin -- who were taken  
>>to the spot by "those involved" either family members of  
>>witnesses or witnesses.

><snip>

>>>but we have the right location...

>>Well, which one?

The one on which Bill Brazel stood and said it was here, with  
the gouge over there.

><snip>

>>>and who is to say that Jess Marcel's claim that the field was three  
>>>quarters of a mile long is precise. Maybe it was only half a  
>>>mile, or maybe it was just over a mile, which, of course, puts  
>>>both ends of the debris field as marked in the right location.

>>>KRandle

>>Which claim should we believe? Mack Brazel's estimate of 600  
>>feet for the Debris Field, published on July 9, 1947? Or  
>>Marcel's from 30+ years later? Or others'? Does Marcel's 3/4-  
>>mile figure include two sites separated by a gap? Etc.

Well, is Mack Brazel's interview coerced? If so, would that  
render it inaccurate? Is Marcel's memory accurate? Bill  
Brazel's? I myself mentioned that Marcel's three quarters of a

mile might not be accurate. All I'm saying is that the site that Dr. Doleman, et.al, surveyed is the same site that Bill Brazel showed us, the same site that Bud Payne showed us, and the same site that Tommy Tyree showed us. Period.

KRandle

[\* Co-ordinates removed by Moderator --ebk]

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## Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 22:43:08 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 12:22:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Randle

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 23:00:32 EST  
>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>From: Tom Carey <[TCarey1947@aol.com](mailto:TCarey1947@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 10:58:37 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>>From: Brad Sparks  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Wed, 29 Jan 2003 23:18:17 EST  
>>>Subject: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>As Kevin has stated in another post, we are certain of the  
>>site. All Brad has done is to try to create a false sense of  
>>confusion regarding the location of the debris field where there  
>>is none to those of us who have been there.

>He and Kevin have pointed out the discrepancies on where the site  
>was. Kevin points out that Don Schmitt puts the location a  
>little 2 or 3 hundred years west then he does although you could  
>say in the same area. One also gathers from Kevin's post that  
>location information that came from Loretta Proctor (although  
>she apparently is a nice person) may not be accurate.

Good Evening, All -

First, I did not say two or three yards, but two or three  
hundred feet too far to the west. I have also suggested that Don  
Schmitt might claim I put it two to three hundred feet too far  
east. But I also suggested that if Jess Marcel's estimate of  
size was wrong and the field was a mile long, then both ends  
would have been on the right site. I also said that the  
archaeological dig was on the right site and the disagreement,  
slight though it is, is about the precise east-west edges and  
nothing more.

Tom is right here. It is the same place. It really boils down to  
the location of the borders, but it is the same place.

KRandle

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## Thoughts On Columbia

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 21:39:03 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 12:28:38 -0500  
Subject: Thoughts On Columbia

As an aviator (former aviator) we all are lessened by the crash in the Texas plains of a space shuttle that didn't complete her mission. Note I use "Her" in the nautical sense, also Columbia is female as I understand. As a student of history and one who would be on the next Shuttle (even if it were fueled up on the next pad today.)

We, as a spacefaring people must not give up. To give up is to die, to not look at the night sky and wonder, to not ask, are we all that exists, is this just for us? Maybe not, as also are we the result of a Cosmic crashout?

I believe in the God who is there, but I also believe in the Human nature to question, to sometimes defy, to quarrel, to be defying, to fight. That is Human nature, that stubborn, bullheadedness, sometimes, that is not good, but we still are. We stand at the threshold, are we or aren't we spacefarers.

The Russians (whom I admire,) say "Light the candle " for the supply ship to the space station is going up there tomorrow. it is up to all of us:

Light the Candle.----GO!

GT McCoy

Speaking as someone who'd ride the next rocket out of here.

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 01:40:59 EST - Goldstein  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 12:31:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Gates

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:40:57 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 00:45:16 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

<snip>

>Other than speculation I don't know of any factual evidence for  
>"ley lines". If anyone knows of such evidence I would also like  
>to see it. However, I reflected on my own life and have  
>discovered empirical evidence of my "lay lines". I looked back  
>through my diary and using aeronautical charts I found the exact  
>geographical locations of every location where I have had sexual  
>intimacy on this planet.

Apparently an extensive list of locations...

>I next plotted the lines between those locations and found a  
>strange abstract pattern. Most locations are in the United  
>States but a number are located in Vietnam and Europe. A number  
>in the US were within the restricted areas on the aeronautical  
>charts and several were within the prohibited flight zone near  
>the White House. Note - these were prior to President Clinton's  
>romps in that zone. I also have two locations where in the early  
>nineties we camped out overlooking Area 51. We were not observed  
>by the "cammo dudes" but may have been picked up on sensors. It  
>may rank with the Groom Lake UFO video in popularity amongst the  
>range personnel. A few years ago an archeologist somehow snuck  
>through the Tikaboo valley and got away with it. Perhaps when I  
>am back in California my girlfriend and I will attempt the same  
>expedition but the objective will be to veer to Area S4 and make  
>love at night in front of one of the hidden saucer entrances. Of  
>course I will ask Bob Lazar for expert advice.

Just make sure that none of Bob Lazar's alleged female friends  
are around....

>For some strange reason, in making love we were always naturally  
>drawn to being aligned north to south. I don't know what that  
>means. As a matter of fact I don't know the meaning of anything.

Sounds polarizing if you ask me.

>I just have empirical data of the locations and lines but I  
>don't know what that strange pattern indicates. Tomorrow I will  
>go outside and observe flies to see if they approach poop in a  
>north - south flight plan. Looking out my window I can see that  
>by the curb there are many fly feeding stations. Perhaps I will  
>place some of my own poop along the curb and observe if the  
>flies prefer human or dog waste and if there is any difference  
>in their flight paths. This may require numerous observations in  
>various countries and the plotting of fly flight pattern lines.

>Perhaps I will present the data at the Laughlin, Nevada UFO

>Conference next year if they will cover my expenses and pay my  
>hefty fee for public presentations. I'll bet that lots of folks  
>there will be eager to buy my book linking fly lines with my  
>"lay lines". I am sure they will also purchase samples of the

Some of the Laughlin crowd would go absolutely beserk over the presentation and there would be a wild public chorus wanting you invited back next year.

However timing is everything. First you would prime the crowd with the the latest in UFO chart topping music:

"In the mine with ET.." (with the Grey chorus)  
"Fly me in your time machine" (with Crash Landing and the Nazi's)  
"J Edgar and Me" (with the Black Bags)  
"I worked for IKE" (with the Secret Agent Chorus)

Followed by the latest revelations from unnamed intel community sources, and a Reed/Raith update.

Lastly your presentation on "Lay lines" (or was that Banging on the Door of S4?) and poop research, all of which would whip the crowd into a frenzy which would cause rioting in the streets of Laughlin.... :)

After something like that you can bet you will be asked to come back next year, although you would have to top that the next time.

<snip>

>Amy, what does this mean?

Sounds like you are on the right track to a 5 million dollar govt grant or an expense paid trip to Laughlin..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Abduction Question - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 05:43:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 12:34:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Velez

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:32:08 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 14:53:03 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 07:25:00 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>>I'm in touch with an abductee who hasn't seen this info.

>>>Because it was posted on Christmas Eve, and I believe it was in  
>>>fact the only posting you sent out that day, would you be  
>>>willing to post it again? I really think this idea has merit for  
>>>abductees.

>>>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>>>Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 05:03:27 -0500  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto: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...

>>You have reminded us about an important case here. When it was  
>>first made public I thought that finally, here is some rock  
>>solid physical evidence that corroborates an abduction report.  
>>It ended up being ignored and relegated to the dust heap.

>>IF GPS data that shows a boat travelling over ground isn't  
>>enough to demonstrate that something truly odd transpired, then  
>>I don't know what is. Here, in this report, is the physical  
>>evidence that everyone has been looking for. Yet no one has made  
>>any fuss over it at all. Boggles the mind how solid evidence  
>>like this can be overlooked and forgotten.

>Just one thing here re the GPS anomaly. His computer connected  
>the dots from the positions the boat was in. But there is an  
>update that occurs occasionally with GPS-usually advertized-  
>because the satellites don't stay in hard fixed positions in  
>space and the whole GPS system goes offline for some time while  
>it resets itself to those new positions. This doesn't happen  
>with the military sats because they now have other sats that  
>use the regular GPS as slaves while some 8-12 satellites are

>purley dedicated to the military function. The US can  
>discontinue GPS at any time it wishes but of course doesn't do  
>so because there are literally hundreds of thousands of users at  
>a given moment including airliners, private aircraft and vessels  
>at sea.

Hola Dandy Don,

You wrote:

>I wonder if the GPS system didn't glitch at the point noted and  
>the computer just picked up the last known position and the  
>"present" position and just connected the dots between those two  
>because there was no information to plot in between the two  
>positions.

Excellent question. I only have the information that was released by George Filer. Like all of those preliminary reports, it wasn't very comprehensive, nor did it provide enough detailed information to answer your question properly.

It was probably another one of the many cases George passes on that was originally handled and reported by NUFORC. (National UFO Reporting Center) Maybe Peter can tell us who the original investigator was (if any) on this case.

Does anybody within earshot know who investigated this case? Peter, if you're reading this, could you point us at the right person(s) to contact?

>This is just a thought because it happened to me while flying  
>through to Sherbrooke, Quebec over northern Maine from  
>Fredericton [where Stan lives], New Brunswick in 2000. The whole  
>system was down for maybe 15 minutes while it updated. That  
>includes the time it took my GPS to re-acquire the satellites  
>and update itself.

My guess is that a flock of those supersonic Pelicans were cruising along in low gear at 189 mph, they got between you and the satellite signal and cut off your feed. ;)

>The person affected can probably check back and see if there was  
>an update.

Again, it's an excellent question Don. Maybe we can find out who 'may have' worked on this case and then we can all look into it a little further. Give it the old 'hairy eyeball.'

Because GPS data is involved, it's worth the effort. If the GPS system was 'up and running' the report becomes a whopper of an anomaly.

Last I heard, boats can't fly.

Warmest regards,

John Velez

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## Re: Abduction Question - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 05:50:46 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 12:36:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Velez

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:44:49 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 14:53:03 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

><snip>

>Before I make a quick comment below, I wanted to mention that  
>George Filer had a story last year of a tractor-trailer driver  
>whose GPS apparently stopped moving in the middle of the  
>Interstate highway between Williamsburg and Richmond in  
>Virginia. If I recall correctly, he allegedly had no idea that  
>his rig had stopped moving and other truck drivers with his  
>company were talking about it and mystified.

>Unfortunately, this tale turned out to be the invention of some  
>of those truck drivers to provide a strange tale around a  
>malfunctioning GPS tracking device. Since this occurred in our  
>backyard, some of the Fund members began checking into the story  
>and were once again reminded that stories appearing on the  
>Internet are often not what they seem.

>But, that's not why decided to respond.....

>>FYI for interested Listmembers:

>>Dr. Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney of CUFOS have been  
>>conducting an ongoing, long-term study. The intent is to  
>>electronically monitor a select group of 'abductees' over  
>>time. This is the single most important 'scientific' study  
>>into the abduction phenomenon to date.

>>I wonder if they know about these \$400. GPS units? If used in  
>>conjunction with the other monitoring equipment they are already  
>>employing, the inclusion of these individual GPS devices would  
>>be an ideal way to track the individuals 24 hours-a-day. And,  
>>without adding any new demands on the individual subjects  
>>already compromised privacy. Adding the device to the ones they  
>>are already using shouldn't prove to be a problem on that level.  
>>At the end of the day it would all be about \$. (Funding)

>>Simple solution to the research money problem:

>>I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to  
>>support this CUFOS abduction study with dollars by subscribing  
>>to the journal or just as a donation that can be earmarked for  
>>use by the abduction project. If you haven't already subscribed  
>>to the journal, 'now' is always a good time to do it. The people  
>>at CUFOS are doing important, necessary research that should  
>>be supported in a practical way by the members of the larger  
>>\*UFO community. \*That's means us and our dollars! If we can't  
>>'put our money where our mouths are' then we really don't have  
>>much right to 'mouth off' in public forums.

>>Support CUFOS with greenbacks.

>>One more... regarding diagnostic criteria in abduction cases:

>>Dr. Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney have used a set of criteria  
>>to determine which 'abduction' cases qualified for inclusion in  
>>the study. I am going to wait for their formal report on the  
>>CUFOS abduction study to be released to see if the criteria they  
>>used can be applied by all researchers when evaluating possible  
>>abduction cases. No need to reinvent the wheel (create a set of  
>>diagnostic criteria) if competent and qualified people like Dr.  
>>Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney have already taken the time to  
>>do it.

>>I wish them the best of luck and I look forward to reading the  
>>results of this important inquiry.

Hi Steve,

You responded:

>Unless there's a second project that I've not heard about, I  
>believe you're referring to the Abduction Monitoring Project  
>(AMP) that has been funded through the UFO Coalition. This joint  
>effort of CUFOS, MUFON, and the Fund has been extended several  
>times to gather more data. Little has been said about this  
>project publicly, and it has been ongoing for the past four or  
>five years.

Yeah, they were keeping it quiet and under wraps for quite awhile.  
However, both 'Marks' (Rodeghier and Chesney) appeared on EBK's  
'Strange Days... Indeed' a couple of months ago and spoke about  
the study openly. I don't think I've let any cats out of the bag.

Not everyone who reads the List listens to SDI. It was the two  
Marks who first made a public appeal for funds. (on SDI) I was  
just reiterating it here on-list. Hopefully some folks will  
subscribe to the journal or donate \$ directly to what is a  
worthwhile research project.

>Unfortunately, finding suitable subjects for this project has  
>proven to be very difficult. As you noted, there is a certain  
>criteria that must be met, and it takes a certain amount of  
>commitment by the individual being monitored.

A few years ago I was asked if I wanted to participate via Greg  
Sandow. The reason I chose not to was because of the privacy  
issue. It would have been ok if it was just me. I would have let  
them set up an TV studio in my bedroom if it would help to catch  
the little bastards 'in the act.' I just thought it would have  
been a terrible imposition for my wife. She is, by nature, a  
very private person. I 'reluctantly' passed. I do believe in  
what they are doing though.

I admire and respect the ones who accepted the conditions for  
participation. It does take commitment - and courage.

>Let me concur with your comment regarding the need for funds to  
>continue this type of research. I would urge that everyone  
>become a CUFOS Associate and subscribe to IUR, and also that  
>they support MUFON by subscribing to the MUFON Journal. The  
>Internet can provide a vast amount of free information, but as  
>shown by the tale of the abduction tractor trailer driver I  
>mentioned above, you often get exactly what you pay for.

Sad but true. Caveat emptor!

Regards,

John Velez

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

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

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## The Anomalist Book Awards 2002

From: Loren Coleman <[lcolemal@maine.rr.com](mailto:lcolemal@maine.rr.com)>  
Date: Sun, 02 Feb 2003 08:12:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 12:52:34 -0500  
Subject: The Anomalist Book Awards 2002

The Anomalist Book Awards & Book List 2002 has been announced.

Top winners in the following categories have been awarded:

Best Reference

Most Original

Best Science

Best Autobiography

Best Biography

For details, please go directly to them at:

<http://www.anomalist.com/books/awards02.html>

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## Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Houran

From: Jim Houran <[JHouran@siumed.edu](mailto:JHouran@siumed.edu)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 09:41:57 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 13:09:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Houran

>From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 22:43:27 EST  
>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

>>From: Jim Houran <[JHouran@siumed.edu](mailto:JHouran@siumed.edu)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 11:51:40 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Houran

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>>that has issues with my study or proposals to submit a formal  
>>Letter to the Editor of the JSE, as well as submit their own  
>>work to a peer-reviewed, scientific journal, and allow others to  
>>independently attempt to replicate and validate that work. That  
>>is what we academics call the scientific method.

>>Good luck to you, Tom, and all other researchers on your work on  
>>the Ramey Memo. I look forward to seeing it published in  
>>scientific journals.

>Well, at least we know one thing: If Tom or David do decide to  
>submit their work to a peer-reviewed, scientific journal, they  
>won't have to be bothered with the irritating formality of  
>submitting the data supporting their main conclusions. We now  
>have a precedent for that streamlined procedure with JSE!

>What a wonderful gift - and it saves on postage, too!

Hi, Dave and List,

I thought it might be helpful if I provided the contact info for the JSE, so that you and/or other investigators of the Ramey document may individually or collectively prepare a formal Letter to the Editor in re: to my paper with Kevin Randle. In this way, the various points of view about the conceptual and methodological issues surrounding research on the document may be properly documented in the scientific literature.

Send to:

JSE Managing Editor  
Allen Press  
810 E. 10th St.  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Please be specific in the criticisms you raise so that Randle and I may properly respond to your objections. Do not be overly concerned with the length of the Letter, as the JSE is typically generous with the amount of space devoted to correspondence (they might edit a bit for clarity and space, however). I am sure Kevin Randle would agree with my when I say that this has the potential for being an extremely productive exchange, and one that we certainly look forward to.



Sincerely,

Jim Houran

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 13:43:49 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 13:27:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clark

>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:39:59 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 22:35:15 -0000

Dave,

>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>When I left them they were laughing about their sudden baptism  
>of fire in the world of Ufology, which they had perceptively  
>recognised was full of competing egos, petty bitchiness and  
>empire-building.

As opposed, I suppose, to what happens in other human subcultures. I love it when critics pretend to believe that what occurs inside ufology is somehow fundamentally different from what goes on in any other human enterprise, where ordinary failings are equally in view. Maybe these critics ought to get out of the house more often. If nothing else, the experience should teach them a little about humility. Or, if not that, at least something about perspective.

>It was nice, they said, to find someone who stuck to the facts  
>and agreed with me that the people involved in Ufology are more  
>interesting than the UFOs themselves.

Could you be any more condescending?

If you really believe that - and aren't, as I suspect, merely engaged in an egotist's chest-thumping - maybe it's time for you to find something else to do.

In my years in ufology, I've met all variety of men and women, but none of them, sane or crazy, virtuous or venal, has ever struck me as anything other than purely human, with his or her counterpart easily findable elsewhere in life. If I want to learn about my fellow Homo sapiens, all I have to do is go out and meet them. The UFO phenomenon presents far more complex and interesting challenges. Maybe all you're telling us is that you're just not up to them.

Jerry Clark

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## History Channel 'The UFO week'

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Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 15:07:02 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 14:01:30 -0500  
Subject: History Channel 'The UFO week'

It started on Monday January 27 and continued all week long. The History channel presented two UFO documentaries every day and yesterday Saturday February 1 they decided to broadcast a UFO Marathon all day long starting at 2.00 PM.

More than 12 hours of continuous UFO documentaries was certainly a precedent rarely seen these days since the major networks are always cold to the UFO subject. This was an important impulse for Ufology and the History channel proved that UFOs are still a fascinating subject for the people. Are you hearing CBS, NBC, ABC and FOX ?

These are the documentaries presented during saturday's marathon:

- UFOs In The Bible
- UFOs Aliens And Contact
- UFO Hot Spots
- When UFOs Arrive
- Roswell: Final Declassification
- Other World: Area 51 The Real Story
- UFOs Nightmare Abduction
- UFOs The Innocent Years
- The Crop Circle Connection

Santiago

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Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 14:02:53 -0500  
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Contents:

- At Risk: The SOS-OVNI Archives
- "UFOs & The CIA": A New Book by A. Lissoni
- The New Issue of "Clypeus"

At Risk: The SOS-OVNI Archives

The international UFO community is mobilizing an attempt to rescue one of the largest French ufological archives from dismantlement.

It concerns the archives and library of the association SOS-OVNI, under the management of Perry Petrakis, which is heavily in debt as a result of the slump in sales of its journal "Phenomena", for many years the only UFO magazine on sale in French newsstands.

Its creditors have initiated legal proceedings, and there now exists the very real risk that hundreds of (very rare) books, thousands of UFO magazines from all over the world, audio-visual materials, and case investigations files, are headed for the auction block.

In order to avert this risk, a European "pool" is being formed of organizations which have among their objectives the recovery and the preservation of UFO archives, coordinated by an anonymous Franco-Swedish alliance between Arkivet for UFO-Forskning (AFU) and the group Sauvegarde et Conservation des Etudes et Archives Ufologiques (SCEAU). This alliance has issued an appeal for the gathering of proposals from the international ufological community.

For Italy, the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU), which already has come to the rescue of some ufological archives and libraries, is offering itself as a collection center for proposals and donations from our nation, via the postal checking account of Cooperativa UPIAR.

[Communication by Bruno Mancusi, Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, Perry Petrakis and Clas Svahn; EuroUfoList, 20 January.]

UFOs & The CIA: A New Book by Lissoni

MIR Edizioni is sending bookstores a new literary work from Alfredo Lissoni: it's entitled UFOs & The CIA and represents the updated version, in book form, of a text previously published only in electronic format in CD-ROM installments, in 1996.

From Majestic 12 to alien retro-engineers; animal mutilations

to Area 51; the "shadow government" to the revelations of Corso; and "Men In Black" to "villainous pacts" with the aliens none of the arguments relating to the UFO conspiracy theory are left out here.

The volume totals 224 pages and costs 12 Euro, plus postage. The Cooperativa UPIAR has purchased a stock of it, on sale beginning next week at the e-commerce Website of Upiar Store, ([www.upiar.com](http://www.upiar.com)), at a price of 16 Euro (13 for CISU subscribers).

[Communication by Alfredo Lissoni; Chucara2000, 23 January.]

Just Out: The New Issue Of Clypeus

Shipment is underway to all members of Issue No. 111 of Clypeus Chronicles Of The Unusual.

The historic journal, directed by Gianni Settimo, is the oldest Italian publication covering topics including the "ufological": it was actually conceived in December 1963 as a "journal of flying saucers," a body of the Centro Studi Clipeologici (Center for Media Clip Studies). Subsequently, after having led the way in 1965 in the creation of a "Unique National Center for the study of phenomena believed to be of an extraterrestrial nature" e.g., the CUN it continued as an independent journal devoted to the unusual, available by subscription but with some occasional installments sent to newsstands (in 1964, 1972 and then in '76). In 1991, it promoted the formation of an Italian Fortean Society to work alongside the monumental cataloguing project of Umberto Cordier.

In the new issue: a UFO in an epic manifesto; Hessdalen in Val del Lys; the dragon of Finale Ligure; and the miracle to the north of Scotland.

Membership (for 3 issues) costs 8 Euro. As always, subscribers to the CISU receive a 20% discount.

[Communication by and Gianni Settimo; [web.tiscali.it/clypeus](http://web.tiscali.it/clypeus).]

Collaborators on this edition were: Alfredo Lissoni, Bruno Mancusi, and Gianni Settimo.

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## Re: Necessary Speculation - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 18:08:39 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 14:05:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation - Maccabee

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 02:35:40 -0500  
>Subject: Necessary Speculation

>Hi All,

>We are always endlessly debating whether UFOs represent a nuts  
>and bolts reality or something else. As a result, it is anathema  
t>o ever speculate about what may be the reason or purpose of  
>these craft/beings. Not without running the risk of having your  
>head chopped off.

>Just for the 'halibut' I'd like to speculate a bit and I'd like  
>to invite anyone else who may wish to do so, to please chime in.  
>If UFOs represent 'somebody else's' technology... this exercise  
>is some thing we need to do. It's also a healthy psychological  
>workout. Stretches the mind and it's boundaries a bit.

>Speculation:

<snip>

>"For the first time in our history we are studying something  
>that's studying us!"

>And there's the rub... this time, we are what is in the Petrie  
>dish. Not the other way around. This time we are the Indians  
>not the Conquistadors.

>If this study includes following the genetic/biological and  
>social evolution of our species, then the whole abduction  
>phenomenon becomes clear and takes on a new meaning. It makes  
>sense that certain blood-lines would be monitored over time. It  
>would also make sense that they would need to keep themselves as  
>hidden from view as necessary in order not to tip their presence  
>too early on in the 'experiment' (study).

>There may have been times in our history when these beings have  
>lived openly among us. That they may have "found the daughters  
>of men to be fair and taken them as wives." Thereby  
>introducing/mixing their own genetic material with ours. That  
>would make us, all of us, a hybrid-race.

>Just about all of the implications of the UFO phenomenon are  
>nothing short of earth-shattering. To further speculate, the  
>modern increase in UFO activity and UFO awareness may be a  
>prelude to the re-introduction of the presence and reality of  
t>hese beings into our history and our daily lives. It might not  
>hurt some of us to begin to seriously entertain these  
>possibilities. If nothing else it would serve to lessen the  
>psychological shock should 'they' make their presence known in  
>some sudden, dramatic or surprising fashion.

>'If you stay ready... you won't have to get ready!' ;)

>I've just been spending some time trying to make sense of it  
>all. It's an exercise that helps me to maintain my equilibrium



>and sanity in the face of what I know is happening to me and  
>mine. And to many others as well. I honestly don't think that we  
>need to 'fear' the possibilities. I do think it's necessary that  
>we are at least (internally) prepared to face any eventuality.>

>It's better than getting caught with your psychological nickers  
>down around your ankles.

>Just speculating.

>Anyone?

Yup.

Reread the last full chapter of Abduction In My Life.  
Also, see "Future, Ugh" at:

<http://brumac.8k.com>.

IMHO it is the obvious stupendous implications of UFO reality  
which powers the "chosen ignorance" which I call the "self -  
cover up."

Most people realize that if UFOs/aliens are real our  
understanding of our position/status in the universe will go to  
hell in a handbasket very fast. IThe realization of UFO reality  
introduces yet another uncertainty into our lives and into  
society in general.... and society does not like uncertainty  
because uncertainty means a loss in control... and all life is  
about "control."

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## Marcello Truzzi RIP

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 18:12:56 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 14:07:25 -0500  
Subject: Marcello Truzzi RIP

Late this afternoon (Sunday) I received a call from Kris Truzzi, informing me that his father, Marcello Truzzi, died at around 3 p.m. EST today. The cause of death was the cancer Marcello had been battling off and on for seven years. Kris informed me that around the middle of the week his father suddenly took a turn for the worse, and his health declined rapidly after that.

Marcello, a sociologist at Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti), was a dear friend of mine. We last spoke when he called me a week ago this afternoon. He was bedridden but reasonably optimistic, though realistic, about his condition. He was not a religious man, but he remarked calmly that he was not afraid to die. My impression, however, is that he did not expect to go so quickly, because he talked at length about his thoughts for a personal and intellectual autobiography. It would have been a fascinating, original book.

But then Marcello was a fascinating and original man. I first met him in 1977, around the time he left the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), which he co-founded with Paul Kurtz. It soon became apparent to Marcello (as well as to Kurtz and many others who were looking on) that he and Kurtz had fundamental philosophical differences. Kurtz and other hard-liners in the organization suspected that he was soft on anomalous claims and insufficiently committed to the crusade against "irrationalism," in CSICOP's often-used characterization of contrary opinion. For his part Marcello felt he was a true skeptic, who doubts, rather than a debunker (he later preferred "scoffer"), who denies.

In an interview J. Gordon Melton and I conducted with him in his home in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1979, he eloquently laid out those views. The interview appears in the September and October 1979 issues of Fate. He wrote and published frequently, his writings reflecting his wide range of interests, including stage magic, music, carnivals and circuses (he was born into a prominent European circus family), the sociology of science, folklore, anthropology, psychology, popular culture, politics. Perhaps the paper that best summarizes his views on subjects closest to List members is his "Zetetic Ruminations on Skepticism and Anomalies in Science," which appeared in his own journal, Zetetic Scholar 12/13 (1987). Unfortunately, he never did expand that essay into a full-length book, though from time to time he talked about it.

To the end he doubted, but he did not deny. He thought that whether or not they were ultimately proved to be as extraordinary as they seemed, the issues raised by anomalous experiences, and investigated by serious, critical-minded ufologists, cryptozoologists, and parapsychologists, are legitimate ones which science dismisses or ignores to its own detriment. In our last conversation he spoke of the fundamental uncertainty that underlies all existence and understanding.

I might note here that it was Marcello, not Carl Sagan, who coined the often-misattributed maxim "Extraordinary claims demand extraordinary evidence." In recent years Marcello had come to conclude that the phrase was a non sequitur -- meaningless and question-begging -- and he intended to write a

debunking of his own words. Sad to say, he never got around to it.

No single human being influenced my thinking on UFOs and other anomalies as Marcello did. Over the years we spoke, usually over the phone, dozens and dozens of times. Sometimes his ideas provoked or even annoyed me, but he never failed to force me to think deeper and harder because of that. He was smarter than any five other humans combined. I suspect that every day that passed by, he had at least one insight that had never occurred to anybody else. It is sad to reflect that that wonderful, unceasingly creative intelligence is now lost to this world. My last words to him were, "Take care of yourself. There's only one of you."

Beyond that, he was a good and valued friend, a warm and funny man, whom it was an honor and a delight to know. I loved him. I will miss him forever.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Morton

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Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 14:10:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Morton

>From: Jim Houran <[JHouran@siumed.edu](mailto:JHouran@siumed.edu)>  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 11:51:40 -0600  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 16:47:42 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Houran

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>>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

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>>>Date: Tue, 28 Jan 2003 14:25:53 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

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>that has issues with my study or proposals to submit a formal  
>Letter to the Editor of the JSE, as well as submit their own  
>work to a peer-reviewed, scientific journal, and allow others to  
>independently attempt to replicate and validate that work.  
>That is what we academics call the scientific method.

<snip>

>Sincerely,  
>Jim Houran

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Dear Scientific, Learned, and Honorable JSE Editor:

Why did you approve Mr. Houran's paper on his "Roswell telegram" study for publication in your journal, when he does not possess, and never did possess, the raw data supporting his main conclusion?

Also, could you write to Mr. Houran and ask him how he was able to draw his main conclusion if he didn't have the data to support it, and apparently never even saw it?

Thank you, kind Sir, for taking the time to read this, and I apologize for consuming your valuable time.

I look forward to your most generous reply.

Gratefully,  
Dave Morton

(Poor, uneducated non-scientist, with no clue as to how the scientific method is supposed to work).

PS: Be sure to click on "Send" to send your reply.

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## A. J. & The Brazilian UFO Magazine

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 08:26:59 -0200  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 14:14:39 -0500  
Subject: A. J. & The Brazilian UFO Magazine

Dear Colleagues:

I am glad to inform that we have been able to re-establish the circulation of the Brazilian UFO Magazine. The publication is the only one existing in Brazil and is 19 years old, what makes it one of the long-lasting in the world, however written in Portuguese only. Its circulation became irregular in 2001, due to the increase of Brazilian economy crisis. But since last October we have managed to get it printed again on a monthly basis, totally in color and with much more pages.

With the "rebirth" of the Brazilian UFO Magazine a new agenda of UFO conferences is being gradually planned in this country, including an second edition of the World UFO Forum. For this reason we are searching also to re-establish contact with some of our old friends, whose addresses are uncertain to us now. So, please, if any of them is in UFO UpDates, please contact me in private ([gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)). And if anybody here knows the whereabouts of them, in case they are not on the List, I would thanks any help.

A. J. Gevaerd, editor  
Brazilian UFO Magazine

Here is the list:

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Ariel Sanchez  
August Meessen  
Barry Chamish  
Bob Brown  
Bob Shell  
Boris Shurinov  
Brian O'leary  
Bruce Maccabee  
Budd Hopkins  
Candida Mammoliti  
Carlos Alberto Iurchuk  
Chris Rutkowski  
Colin Andrews  
Cristian Riffo Morales  
Daniel Munhoz  
David Jacobs  
Don Waldrop  
Donald Ware  
Duncan M. Roads  
Edoardo Russo  
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Enrique Castillo Rincon  
Enrique De Vicente  
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## Marcello Truzzi Dies

From: Loren Coleman <[lcolema1@maine.rr.com](mailto:lcolema1@maine.rr.com)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 10:40:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 14:16:50 -0500  
Subject: Marcello Truzzi Dies

Marcello Truzzi, 67, Always Curious, Dies

Marcello Truzzi died rather suddenly February 2, 2003. As recently as a week before his death, he was talking with his friends about his excitement in working on his planned personal autobiography. Truzzi's swift passing, thus, is a surprise to his friends and his family. He had been suffering from colon rectal cancer during the last seven years, but would go in and out of remission.

Truzzi was associated with the beginnings of the intellectual understandings of skepticism in America, first with his association with the Resources for the Scientific Evaluation of the Paranormal, whose members included Martin Gardner, Ray Hyman, James Randi, and Marcello Truzzi, all magicians. Also during the early 1970s, Truzzi was also publishing a privately circulated newsletter called the Zetetic. In 1976, Truzzi was the co-founder, with Paul Kurtz, of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), but he would later break from Kurtz and CSICOP. In 1978, he began publishing the Zetetic Scholar, and created the Center for Scientific Anomalies Research. He was a sociologist at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Marcello Truzzi's family was a rather famous Russian Italian circus family, being part of Circus Truzzi in Russia. Indeed, Truzzi was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on September 6, 1935, when his family was there on tour. His family moved to the USA in 1940. He continued, throughout his life, to have a passionate and intellectual interest in magic, juggling, sideshows, carnivals, and circuses, as well as sociology, anthropology, psychology, and folk culture. I shall always recall our frequent email exchanges on everything from hoaxing and anomalistic phenomena, to ice falls and cryptozoology. He loved to coin words like "pseudoskepticism" and "cryptometeorology."

An extraordinary wordsmith, Truzzi edited books on a variety of topics (criminal life, anthropology, sexism, revolution, sociology, police law), as well as coauthoring several books. Some of these include Caldron Cookery: An Authentic Guide for Coven Connoisseurs (with illus. Victoria Chess; 1969), The Blue Sense: Psychic Detectives and Crime (with Arthur Lyons; 1992), UFO Encounters (with Jerome Clark; 1992), and The Complete Idiot's Guide to Extraterrestrial Intelligence (with Michael Kurland; 1999).

He will be deeply missed.

Loren Coleman

Portland, Maine

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## Re: Abduction Question - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 08:56:18 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 14:18:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Bowden

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2003 15:28:04 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 16:57:05 -0800 (PST)  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto  
><[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

<snip>

>>If CUFOS is ready to take back the hatchet job they  
>d>id on Ed Walters, then I might consider donating.

>Only when somebody shows me the Jewel encrusted helmet from  
>Roswell..... :) Parphrasing somebody recently, "why are we  
>beating the dead corpse of Gulf Breeze... enough already... :)  
>Only kidding Tom.

Robert,

Hey, I deserved that. GB is dead, too.  
Sorry for the outburst.

Tom B.

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## Re: Magonia Supplement 45 - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 17:05:06 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 14:20:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 45 - Hall

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 16:20:20 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 45

>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Jan 2003 21:28:17 +0000  
>>Subject: Magonia Supplement 45

>>MAGONIA SUPPLEMENT 45  
>>Edited by John Harney ([magonia@harneyj.freeseerve.co.uk](mailto:magonia@harneyj.freeseerve.co.uk))

>>22 January 2003

>>TRINDADE  
>>Gentle Reminder No. 1

>>In our previous issue we revealed that Jerome Clark had  
>>announced that new evidence would soon become available which  
>>would prove that the Trindade photographs were definitely not a  
>>hoax. So far the promised evidence has not been forthcoming. We  
>>realise that Jerome Clark is a busy man and that this is perhaps  
>>not his most urgent priority at present, so we issue this first  
>>and, we hope, last reminder in case it has slipped his mind.

>I just now found this helpful reminder from the kindly, if  
>Jerome Clark-obsessed, folk at Magonia. I will gently remind  
>them in turn that the new Trindade findings are not mine to  
>announce and describe and that the individual who made them --  
>who is on this List -- will release them when he feels inclined  
>to do so. He is a busy man, involved in several projects at  
>once, but in my long experience of him, he always delivers the  
>goods even if it takes him awhile. Patience, good Magonians, is  
>the soul of virtue.

>Jerry Clark

John,

As in our patient waiting for the long overdue expose of the  
Lakenheath case that certain of your countrymen swore was going  
to blow us out of the water. Oh, where we flailed with hints and  
promises of a rather gloating nature. We are waiting patiently.  
Our boats are still afloat. Fire away!

- Dick

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 10:11:11 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 14:29:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 17:20:02 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>>"Fringe" or not, there is evidence for these electromagnetic  
>>anomalies. Just as there is for the "fringe" topic of UFOs.

>Hi, Mike:

>Your references clearly indicate your orientation and where you  
>have gathered your "evidence" and information. I have yet to see  
>any scientific evidence that supports your contentions and you  
>have not provided such.

You have yet to examine the research. I'm certainly not going to post a book's worth of data here for you to nit-pick in what seems to be a meaningless desire for argumentation for its own sake--without factual basis on any point from your side, I might add.

>>The problem is not with the data, but with the interpretation. I  
>>see nothing mystical here, but it would seem that there is  
>>enough information out there which would support a proposition  
>>of a hypothesis that UFOs utilize the EM field of the Earth to  
>>some degree, at least when they are in the near vicinity of it.

>Mike, if you are only proposing a hypothesis, that I can  
>understand. It's the "information" and "evidence" you use to  
>support your hypothesis that I question.

Again, what do you know here? Everything you express is either assumption, or based on assumption.

>This same hypothesis has been proposed for decades but still no  
>clear scientific data has been presented to support the  
>contention that UFOs utilize the EM field of the earth to any  
>degree. You direct me to URL's which contain only more  
>hypotheses and conjecture but you have yet to point to any  
>scientific data that supports your thesis. Do you know the  
>meaning of "scientific data"?

Strong circumstantial evidence is admissible in a court of law. Patterns of behavior, parallels of description, etymology from a wide range of sources, and dozens of other types of data (including scientific--medical, evolutionary, archeological, and from physics) can be contrasted, compared, and evaluated. One or two patterns may be meaningless; dozens or scores of matching patterns indicates something more.

Scientific evidence *does* exist as well. Re-read the list below and consider what is being said.

>>However, there are probably several things going on:

>>1) New Age delusion

>>2) Misinterpretation of plasmas and other natural anomalies as UFOs,  
>>and the confusing of them with aerial craft of unknown origin

>>3) The interaction of intense EM fields (perhaps naturally occurring  
>>and Earth-generated in certain regions) on unwitting human beings, and  
>>resultant "real" experiences which are actually internal

>>4) Real UFOs (aircraft) coming and going from and along the same  
>>areas of heightened EM fields, for purposes of propulsion and  
>>navigation, not to mention speed.

>>5) Top secret military aircraft which are thrown into the mix from  
>>time to time.

>Anything is possible.

You mean that UFOs originate from the rectums of blue whales?  
Anything is certainly not possible. Make up your mind, after  
all--this is not a scientific point of view. Again, this  
indicates you argue just to read your own words on the list.

You can't have it both ways, after all. Either you're a self-  
styled hyper-critic and skeptic, or you're malleable whenever  
convenient. Which is it?

>>It's quite possible that number 4 on this list might represent the  
>>rarest of all these occurrences.

>Same for number 2 and number 3.

Sure. You miss the point--stretch a little.

>>>You make a lot of assumptions about who 'they' are with so  
>>>little data to go on.

>>Read my book and you'll see just how much data I have about who  
>>"they" are.

>I am sick-and-tired of people telling me to read their books  
>instead of putting their evidence where their mouths are.

Really? I'm sick-and-tired of people who don't do real  
research, or have the guts to put their own thoughts, theories,  
and discoveries out there, still having the gall to lambast  
those who do so, with the gutlessness of their own convictions.

>This  
>is a discussion List, you got something to say, say it.

Apparently I've been pitchin' 'em, but you aren't catchin' 'em.

>If you  
>don't have the time or inclination to discuss and/or defend your  
>contentions, then I don't have the time or inclination to read  
>your book.

I understand completely. Nor are you qualified to do anything  
other than express an apparently baseless opinion. You know, of  
course, about the validity of all opinions and their  
numerological equivalence to specific bodily orifices?

>>There is considerable data to indicate a more-or-  
>>less native presence of an ancient humanoid culture on this  
>>planet that predates our own. This data dates back into the  
>>utmost antiquity of human knowledge, experience, and traditions.

>No, Mike, you and others have interpreted archeological finds  
>as supporting the presence of an ancient humanoid culture that  
>predates our own. This is not the same as scientific data that  
>actually supports the contention that such beings existed/exist.

There you go again with assumptions which simply demonstrate  
your lack of knowledge in a specific area. BTW, archeology is a  
branch of science. Look it up.

There are literally dozens of examples of evidence for the  
culture in question. Since I don't have either the time nor the  
inclination to go out of my way to take you seriously, I  
recommend that you look up the Eltanin Antenna. Since the  
planting of this object, in the location where it was  
discovered, surpasses even our current capabilities, why not  
bless the list with your personal theories as to its origin and

nature?

Be sure and regale me with some vacuous statements as to "coincidence," "junk," or something equally inconclusive and dismissive.

>It all depends on who is interpreting the data and their motives.

Yes, you demonstrate this well.

>>You can check out the research, bibliography and sources then,  
>>before you make the "assumption" that there is little data to go  
>>on.

>  
>Since you have yet to present anything that even remotely resembles  
>scientific research or data, I would not assume your book contains  
>anything more.  
>

There you go with assumptions again--seems to be your substitute for critical thinking and evaluation.

>>No, I do not. What exactly is your point of view here? Eternal  
>>agnosticism on this topic?

>Nope, scientific inquiry and research.

Really? Please be so kind as to point me to the journals, magazines, or other publications which contain your research and inquiry in any of the matters under discussion.

>>>You should take your own advice.

>>First, of all, my theories in this matter are based on real  
>>data. Like I said, read the book and you'll get a better idea of  
>>what this data is. Or don't.

>I might read your book if you can give me something more  
>substantial than mere conjecture and speculation.

Speculation, if conducted logically, leads to theory. Factual, verifiable evidence--scientific and circumstantial--is then examined for both pro and con evaluation.

>>BTW, do you have any published  
>>research on this topic?

>You've got to be kidding?! Wouldn't touch it with a ten foot  
>pole unless there was some kind of scientific data to support  
>such research. You have yet to produce anything that gives me  
>the slightest interest in such an endeavor. I'd rather study  
>angels dancing on the head of a pin than any proposed connection  
>between electromagnetic grids, "ley lines" and UFOs.

The electromagnetic connection to UFOs and the interest of non-human beings in EM and power sources is well documented. But go ahead and study pinheads.

>Just because you wrote a book on this topic does not mean it is  
>based on research as in scientific study.

Whatever.

>>I'm not being facetious here (e-mail is  
>>vocally inflectionless, after all), but I'd like to see and  
>>evaluate *\*your\** point of view.

>This *\*is\** my point of view, Mike. What you see is what you get (see  
>above).

It would seem that your point of view is to actually offer no real point of view, other than argumentation.

>>>1. You don't seem to understand what "ley lines" really are.  
>>

>>>You don't seem to comprehend the connection I'm making between  
>>the Earth's naturally occurring energy fields and the way they  
>>may be utilized by an advanced technology.

>The earth has naturally occurring energy fields and there may be  
>"advanced" technologies here, there, out there- but you have yet



>to demonstrate a clear connection between these variables.

See the "whatever" above.

>>>2. You refer to polar regions as if some clear link has been  
>>>established between these regions and UFOs.

>>I don't know how old you are, nor how long you've been  
>>researching, but a polar connection to UFOs has been speculated  
>>upon for many decades (and outside of "hollow earth" circles).  
>>UFO sightings in the Arctic and Antarctic where quite numerous  
>>among sea-going vessels and seafarers of earlier times, and  
>>these events were recorded in much detail and with great  
>>fascination.

>  
>I'm 49 years young. I've been studying UFOs and related  
>phenomena since the age of 12 - about 37 years. I began  
>researching abduction phenomena in 1992 and military technology  
>in 1997 (and psychology in 1972).

Really? From your argumentative tone it seemed that you were  
still in college--no offense meant!

>I've probably read most of the materials you reference but have  
>yet to find anyone able to establish a definitive link  
>(supported by sound scientific research and data) between UFO  
>sightings and the earth's polar regions. Just because UFOs have  
>been sighted over the Arctic and Antarctic does not mean there is  
>a connection between polar regions, UFOs and/or non-human,  
>"advanced" technologies. Since it is your contention there IS a  
>connection, the burden of proof is on your shoulders.

Just because any data has been recorded or reported or verified  
in any way, doesn't mean anything at all--according to your  
philosophy. This is ultimately how your point of view breaks  
down.

>>Expand your mind a little bit and check into Cathie's world grid

>>Aside from this, there is undeniable evidence of a hidden source  
>>for this phenomenon, on our own planet. This evidence points not  
>>solely to remote regions such as the polar ones, but also to  
>>subterranean and suboceanic places of origin.

>This is your interpretation of the information you have  
>reviewed, Mike. I do not agree with your interpretation.

Now that is the first honest, logical response you've given  
me. Simple and factual. Everything else was ad hominem and a-  
priori- -unless of course you are omniscient, in which case you  
can fill us all in on the facts.

>>>3. You refer to UFO pilots as a "technologically advanced race  
>>>or hominid species with whom we share this planet, and always  
>>>have" when you don't know who or what "UFO pilots" really  
>>>are... or are not.

>>And you do - or do not? Do you believe that dozens of described  
>>humanoid forms all come to this one tiny planet, more or less  
>>simultaneously, from a hundred different planets in interstellar  
>>space? Do you really think the odds favor such a thing?

I note that you did not answer the question? You avoided it:

>I don't believe much of anything, Mike, and I am very careful to  
>distinguish between speculation and fact. How well you support  
>your contentions determines the validity attributed to the  
>hypothesis. You have yet to scratch the surface.

See that "whatever" again. Do some research, have the courage  
to think beyond your carefully-constructed self-image as  
habitual scoffer, and you might learn something that will blow  
you away.

>>Given that, despite the outlandishness of their "first  
>>impression" made upon witnesses, such beings exhibit something  
>>in common in almost every case - they conform to an  
>>\_Earthly\_Vertebrate\_Template\_, one head, two eyes, two legs, two  
>>arms, central trunk, phalanges, essentially mammalian,  
>>reptilian, or hominid, and HUMANOID.

>These "first impressions" are based on witness testimony. Human  
>witnesses are complex beings. To assume everything they describe  
>actually exists in physical reality is not scientific nor  
>logical.

Yeah? So what? What does this have to do with the statement?  
\_Nothing\_.

Either 1) All witnesses are delusional or hallucinating, 2) Some  
witnesses are delusional or hallucinating, 3) All witnesses are  
telling the truth about real experiences, 4) No witnesses are  
telling the truth about real experiences, or 5) Some witnesses  
are telling the truth about real experiences.

Can you tell which accounts fit which categories? Again, this  
can be determined through comparison and parallels between  
witness accounts and accounts from a variety of traditional,  
historical, folk, mythical, religious, and scientific sources.

If you select 4) No witnesses are telling the truth about real  
experiences, then you need to find a new hobby because you're  
wasting your time, and everyone else's time as well.

>>Occam's razor would indicate that this is most likely not the  
>>case, and all of these forms spring from the biodiversity of the  
>>Earth:

>You apply "Occam's razor" to your own theories and beliefs -  
>circular logic.

Wrong. This statement is meaningless. Apparently what I'm saying  
is beyond your understanding in this instance (revisit the  
question you dodged, above).

>>'Pluralitas non est ponenda sine necessitas.'

>>or

>>Plurality should not be posited without necessity.

>What are you trying to say, Mike?

>>>4. You warn of disinformation yet fall for it... hook, line and  
>>>sinkers.

>>Respectfully, I submit to you that I'm in all likelihood more on  
>>guard against disinformation than you yourself may be.

>We will see... ;>The focus of my current research is deception,  
>disinformation and psyops.

And you are quite good at it. Obfuscation is part of the mix you  
mention, after all. As I said, I'm on guard as well, as our  
exchange should indicate.

>>In fact,  
>>I refute it in a variety of venues, quite often.

>Congratulations.

Thanks. The case at hand is a good example.

>You, sir, have yet to "prove" anything.

You have yet to prove or disprove anything. You're simply making  
noise. Generation of obfuscation, and wasting time and energy.

>>In terms of circumstantial evidence and logical analysis, I  
>>assure you that my point of view in terms of the origin and  
>>nature of UFOs and their occupants is at least on a par with  
>>your own, and quite possibly much more informed and well-  
>>researched.

>You think rather highly of yourself, Mike. At least you have  
>good self-esteem.

I'm apparently in good company in that regard.

>>I guess I'd have to see your data to make that determination in  
>>the final analysis. You might want to try that yourself.

>I'm waiting.

As am I. At least read a book to tear apart. I'm certainly not going to transcribe it here for you. In the meantime, have the guts to express your own beliefs on these matters, or just say that you don't know, rather than assault research you know nothing about.

The reviewer for FATE seemed to find the research quite sound, so your assessment is really of little consequence to me. The last line said something about "a fascinating, informative, groundbreaking work."

On the other hand, put up or shut up. Prove or disprove something. Make a bold revelation. Demonstrate whatever your convictions are. Eternal scoffing and skepticism is not scientific, enlightened, or even meaningful. It's a cop-out.

--Mike

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## Bush Backs Alien Evidence

From: **Karl Rotstan** <[krotstan@bfdmail.com](mailto:krotstan@bfdmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 13:22:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 14:31:30 -0500  
Subject: Bush Backs Alien Evidence

Source Ananova

[http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm\\_746860.html?menu=](http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_746860.html?menu=)

George W Bush says there is mounting evidence to suggest there is alien life on other planets.

The US President used his budget document to declare that there may be "space aliens" to be discovered.

A passage entitled, "Where are the Real Space Aliens?", states that important scientific research over the last 10 years indicates that proof of "habitual worlds" in outer space is becoming more of a reality.

Evidence for the current or previous existence of large bodies of water, an essential element for life, has already been found on Mars and on Jupiter's moons.

Astronomers are also discovering planets outside of our solar system, including around 90 stars with at least one planet orbiting them.

The document says: "Perhaps the notion that 'there's something out there' is closer to reality than we have imagined."

Story filed: 16:29 Monday 3rd February 2003

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## Re: Abduction Question - Davenport

From: Peter Davenport <[ufocntr@nwlinc.com](mailto:ufocntr@nwlinc.com)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 10:32:46 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 16:17:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Davenport

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 05:43:13 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:32:08 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

<snip>

>>I wonder if the GPS system didn't glitch at the point noted and  
>>the computer just picked up the last known position and the  
>>"present" position and just connected the dots between those two  
>>because there was no information to plot in between the two  
>>positions.

>Excellent question. I only have the information that was  
>released by George Filer. Like all of those preliminary reports,  
>it wasn't very comprehensive, nor did it provide enough detailed  
>information to answer your question properly.

>It was probably another one of the many cases George passes  
>on that was originally handled and reported by NUFORC. (National  
>UFO Reporting Center) Maybe Peter can tell us who the original  
>investigator was (if any) on this case.

>Does anybody within earshot know who investigated this case?  
>Peter, if you're reading this, could you point us at the right  
>person(s) to contact?

GPS/Boat Case

The case could be from NUFORC, or it could have originated with  
George Filer. If someone could please provide me with the date  
and location of the case, I will see if it is in the NUFORC  
database.

Regards to All,

Peter

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## Re: Thoughts On Columbia - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 14:40:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 16:21:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Thoughts On Columbia - Ledger

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 21:39:03 -0800  
>Subject: Thoughts On Columbia

>As an aviator (former aviator) we all are lessened by the crash  
>in the Texas plains of a space shuttle that didn't complete her  
>mission. Note I use "Her" in the nautical sense, also Columbia  
>is female as I understand. As a student of history and one who  
>would be on the next Shuttle (even if it were fueled up on the  
>next pad today.)

>We, as a spacefaring people must not give up. To give up is to  
>die, to not look at the night sky and wonder, to not ask, are we  
>all that exists, is this just for us? Maybe not, as also are we  
>the result of a Cosmic crapshoot? I believe in the God who is  
>there, but I also believe in the Human nature to question, to  
>sometimes defy, to quarrel, to be defying, to fight. That is  
>Human nature, that stubborn, bullheadedness, sometimes, that is  
>not good, but we still are. We stand at the threshold, are we we  
>or aren't we spacefarers.

>The Russians (whom I admire,) say "Light the candle " for the  
>supply ship to the space station is going up there tomorrow. it  
>is up to all of us:

>Light the Candle.----GO!

Hi GT,

I'm betting that there isn't an astronaut in any of the 6 or 7  
countries, including this one, that participate - who wouldn't  
climb aboard the STS-108 tomorrow if they had it ready and  
cleared to go - and go. Like you, I would go, but at grand a  
pound they'd probably insist I leave \$60,000.00 of me behind.

This latest disaster has the the feeling of that one sees when  
an airliner crashes rather than the feeling surrounding the  
Challenger disaster. There's no hesitation about getting up and  
running again, and pressing the edge of space. Even Bush said  
that on Saturday.

It's sad that what happened, happened, but even NASA has said in  
the past that they want space travel to be seen as routine and  
not a Hollywood production each time a shuttle goes into space.  
We tended to take the launches and returns for granted until  
Saturday, despite how dangerous it was. But the safer and more  
mundane it gets, the closer we will get to going back to the  
Moon and off to Mars.

Bless 'em all.

Keep 'em flyin'

Don Ledger

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## Re: Necessary Speculation - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 13:46:26 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 16:30:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation - Kaeser

>From: Brenda Denzler <[bdenzler1@email.msn.com](mailto:bdenzler1@email.msn.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 21:14:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Necessary Speculation

<snip>

Eleanor White commented:

>>Hmmm. From what I've heard on the 'Strange Days... Indeed' show,  
>>Errol Bruce-Knapp hosts on CFRB Toronto, abductees are fairly  
>>numerous. Kind of makes you wonder why there \_haven't\_ been  
>>mainstream scientists among them, right?

<snip>

>You think there haven't been mainstream scientists among them?

>Kerry Mullis, a Nobel Prize winning chemist, has had an  
>experience that sounds very much like an abduction. He writes  
>about it in his book, 'Running Naked Through the Mind Field'.

>Brenda

A quick search failed to show any reference to this event in his life, but I did find that he was one of many Nobel prize winners to experiment with LSD. As a child of the 60's I'm no angel in that regard, but that would likely limit his value as an abductee. I don't have details regarding his "experience", but I think that facet of his past would cloud this issue.

I would add that there most likely have been a number of professionals that have reported abduction events in their lives, including some who work in the medical, legal, and law enforcement areas. Unfortunately (and IMO), it will probably take more than that to initiate the paradigm shift necessary for society to acknowledge the alien abduction phenomenon. As noted by John in an earlier comment in this thread, the MIT Abduction Conference should have had far more impact than it did, and yet it remains the only major forum where medical professionals and researchers could compare notes and present their findings.

Steve

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## Nobel Prize Winner Kary Mullis' Abduction

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Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 16:40:52 -0500  
Subject: Nobel Prize Winner Kary Mullis' Abduction

'The OZ Files - The Australian UFO Story Tour'

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2000/mar/m31-011.shtml>

by Bill Chalker

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Source: CUFOS

[http://www.cufos.org/iur\\_Spring99\\_addendum.html](http://www.cufos.org/iur_Spring99_addendum.html)

An Interesting Aside

by  
Bill Chalker

On a Friday night in April 1983, Dr. Kary Mullis, a biochemist, was driving up to his cabin in Mendocino county in northern California. During that drive to his Anderson Valley cabin Mullis conceived one of the great discoveries of modern chemistry - the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), a surprisingly simple method for making unlimited copies of DNA, thereby revolutionizing biochemistry almost overnight. Kary Mullis described his discovery in Scientific American ("The Unusual Origin of the Polymerase Chain Reaction, April, 1990). He was awarded the 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his discovery.

Two years later, on a Friday night, during the summer of 1985, Kary Mullis drove up to his cabin. Arriving around midnight after driving for about three hours, Mullis dumped groceries he bought on the way, switched on the lights (powered by solar batteries) and headed, with flashlight in hand, to the outside toilet located about 50 feet west of the cabin. He never got there that night. Quoting from his 1998 book Dancing Naked in the Mine Field, Mullis encountered something extraordinarily weird on the way. "...at the far end of the path, under a fir tree, there was something glowing. I pointed my flashlight at it anyhow. It only made it whiter where the beam landed. It seemed to be a raccoon. I wasn't frightened. Later, I wondered if it could have been a hologram, projected from God knows where."

"The raccoon spoke. 'Good evening, doctor,' it said. I said something back, I don't remember what, probably, 'Hello.' The next thing I remember, it was early in the morning. I was walking along a road uphill from my house."

Mullis had no idea how he got there but he was not wet from the extensive early morning dew. His flashlight was missing. He was never able to find it. He had no signs of injury or bruising. The lights of the cabin were still on, along with the groceries on the floor. Some six hours had gone by unaccounted for. Later in the day he found that an area of his property - "the most beautiful part of my woods" - had inexplicably become a place of dread. A year or so later Mullis exorcised this fear John Wayne-style by shooting the wood up. While his attempt at psychotherapy proved successful it did not help him find out what had happened that night in the summer of 1985. Mullis would become the only known Nobel prize laureate to claim an experience of what might be an alien abduction.

Kary Mullis describes himself as "a generalist with a chemical prejudice." Others have described him as "Hunter Thompson meets Stephen Hawking" or "the world's most eccentric and outspoken Nobel Prize-winning scientist." It is not easy to dispose of Mullis's experience as a drug or alcoholic hallucination. For one, he was not affected by either that midnight. Plus, he has not been the only one to have experienced strange events at the cabin.

His daughter, Louise, disappeared for about three hours after wandering down the same hill. She also reappeared on the same stretch of road. Her frantic fianc=DAe was about to call the local sheriff. Mullis had told no one of his experience until his daughter called to tell him to buy Whitley Strieber's Communion. She was ringing to also tell her father about her strange experience. By coincidence when she rang, Mullis had already been drawn to the book and was up to the point where Strieber reports strange "owls" and little men entering his house.

In his own book Mullis concluded, "I wouldn't try to publish a scientific paper about these things, because I can't do any experiments. I can't make glowing raccoons appear. I can't buy them from a scientific supply house to study. I can't cause myself to be lost again for several hours. But I don't deny what happened. It's what science calls anecdotal, because it only happened in a way that you can't reproduce. But it happened."

Kary Mullis confirmed all this and more when I spoke with him recently. Another person encountered a "glowing raccoon" between the cabin and the toilet. This was a friend of Mullis who did not know of the "raccoon" story and was a first-time visitor, during a party at the cabin after the announcement of the Nobel Prize win in 1993. This man did not stick around and fled up the hill towards the house. On the way he encountered a small glowing man, which then suddenly enlarged into a full sized man who said something like, "I'll see you tomorrow." The man, who was not experiencing a drug or alcohol-induced hallucination left with a friend without informing anyone. They returned to their hotel at a nearby town. That night the man inexplicably found himself outside in the hotel car park troubled and terrified by the impression he had somehow been back at the Mullis cabin. He and his friend returned the following night to the cabin. The celebratory party was carrying on from the previous night. As the man arrived he was shocked to see the "full-sized man" seen as an enlarging apparition the night before drive up in a car. This was too much for the first time visitor. He left in a panic, holding Mullis somehow responsible for the previous nights events. Sometime later in tears he revealed the full story to Mullis, who identified the man his friend he had seen as his elderly neighbor. Mullis checked with his neighbor and sure enough he had come to the party on the second night, arriving to be seen by the terrified visitor. However he was certain he was not there on the first night, not in person and not lurking as a glowing raccoon or a small glowing man that enlarged into a vision of himself. There is more but that can perhaps wait for another more detailed telling.

Given this sort of activity on his property it perhaps isn't surprising that Kary Mullis told me he thinks the nature of his experience is even stranger than abducting ETs. Instead he speculates about multi-dimensional physics (a la Michio Kaku's Hyperspace, 1994) at a macrocosmic level, "like anything can god-damn happen and the speed of light is not really the limit in terms of interactions with other cultures or whatever. This stuff about grabbing people or subjecting them to all kinds of experiments - it's just anthropology at a level we don't understand quite yet." As for PCR testing of biological samples from abductee experiences he indicated, "You might imagine that I thought of that myself. As for instance in 'you can have some of mine, if I can have some of yours.'" He would like to look at this work, however he feels that the idea of an alien culture needing our DNA to survive is very unlikely and a program on the scale and nature of David Jacobs's The Threat improbable. Any culture that could conquer the barrier of space-time could have easily conquered the far simpler problems of complex biochemistry and would not need us in the manner described in the grey alien-human "hybrid" agenda theories.

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See also:

Dancing Naked In The Mind Field  
by  
Kary Mullis

1998 - Vintage Books  
A Division of Random House Inc, N.Y.

ISBN 0-679-77400-9

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## Re: History Channel 'The UFO Week' - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 14:48:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 17:52:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: History Channel 'The UFO Week' - Velez

>From: Santiago Yturria <[syturria@aol.com](mailto:syturria@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 15:07:02 EST  
>Subject: History Channel 'The UFO week'

>It started on Monday January 27 and continued all week long. The  
>History channel presented two UFO documentaries every day and  
>yesterday Saturday February 1 they decided to broadcast a UFO  
>Marathon all day long starting at 2.00 PM.

>More than 12 hours of continuous UFO documentaries was certainly  
>a precedent rarely seen these days since the major networks are  
>always cold to the UFO subject. This was an important impulse  
>for Ufology and the History channel proved that UFOs are still a  
>fascinating subject for the people. Are you hearing CBS, NBC,  
>ABC and FOX ?

>These are the documentaries presented during Saturday's  
>marathon:

>UFOs In The Bible  
>UFOs Aliens And Contact  
>UFO Hot Spots  
>When UFOs Arrive  
>Roswell: Final Declassification  
>Other World: Area 51 The Real Story  
>UFOs Nightmare Abduction  
>UFOs The Innocent Years  
>The Crop Circle Connection

Hola Santiago, All,

I sat glued to the TV for five nights in a row, taking in all of the programs that aired. Although some segments were better than others, overall I'd say it was an excellent presentation. They managed to recruit some of the best people available for the commentaries.

Stan Freidman, Dick Hall, Kevin Randle, Dick Haines and Mark Rodeghier were among those who handled the UFO-related segments. Appearing in the abduction segment was Ray Fowler, Budd Hopkins (along with myself and another of his cases, Rosemary, both of us from New York City) and David Jacobs. Dick Hall also contributed some commentary.

I was shocked to see myself!

Although the clips of me that were used were eight years-old, (and they were used without asking me/securing my permission) I have decided not to make an issue of it because of the quality of the presentation and the other cases that were selected. They focused the whole segment on cases where the witnesses were fully conscious/awake and had a close-up encounter with a UFO that developed into an abduction. That, along with reporting all the attendant details such as; 'missing time' and the physical/psychological sequelae of these events, made a strong case for the reality of the UFO abduction phenomenon. The cases that I appeared along-side of are all people/cases I am comfortable with, and confident in.

The abduction segment featured the Betty and Barney Hill case, the Allagash four case along with my own and that of Rosemary. (Rosemary and myself were presented by Budd Hopkins.)

They did a good job elucidating on the phenomenon although I wouldn't have minded if they hadn't included Michael Persinger and his electric football helmet. Other than that, it was a well balanced and informative documentary. The four cases presented were solid and representative of what is being reported by people from all over the globe.

All in all, very well done. Kudos to all the Listmembers who participated. The series as a whole was an excellent primer for anybody who was unfamiliar with the subject of UFOs and UFO abduction. I'm only sorry that our Canadian friends were unable to watch the series on their cable system. It was a goodie.

Regards,

John Velez

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

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

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## Re: Marcello Truzzi RIP - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 15:13:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 18:00:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Marcello Truzzi RIP - Sandow

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 18:12:56 -0600  
>Subject: Marcello Truzzi RIP

I second everything that Jerry said. In the last couple of years, I had the chance to get to know Marcello. We met once, and then kept in occasional touch with e-mail. He was an extraordinary man. Certainly he's one of the clearest thinkers I've ever known. He had his preconceptions, as we all do, but he kept a rigorous distance between what he might believe, and what the facts might indicate. That made him open-minded. He's perhaps best known for his criticism of organized skeptics, but I discussed UFOs with him, and as I'm sure Jerry will confirm, Marcello could be just as hard on ufologists. I never felt, though, that I was up against an enemy, someone who was out to destroy anything I thought, and would assume from the start that my position was worthless. Instead, as Jerry so eloquently noted, Marcello thought UFOs and other out-there subjects were worth taking seriously. The questions he'd ask were invaluable. In the unlikely event that I ever write a UFO book, I'll miss Marcello, because I'd think he would have been the best possible person to read it, and find its weaknesses. Any point he raised - any criticism he made, any hole he found in the evidence or reasoning - I'd take very seriously.

And he was lots of fun. He loved jokes, both to tell them, and to study them academically. So hanging out with him meant a barrage of jokes. Sometimes they were wonderful, sometimes you'd groan, often he'd apologize, or seem a little sheepish, because he just couldn't resist telling one more, and then another, and another. His enthusiasm was contagious, though, and life was always a little more enjoyable when he was around. One of his enthusiasms was music. He'd e-mail me from time to time, to tell me about music he'd discovered, and I always thought his views of it were valuable. He'd also bombard me, once in a while, with ideas for operas I should compose. They were his kind of ideas, not mine, but that was why they were wonderful. I don't need anyone to think of my ideas, and he'd always give me a different view. I doubt I'm alone in this - I'm sure he sent off e-mails with ideas to many people. And that's beyond the regular stream of mail I and many others got from him, alerting us to interesting websites (which really were interesting).

I didn't know Marcello well, but he touched my life, and I'll really miss him. Thanks, Jerry, for writing such a true and heartfelt eulogy.

Greg Sandow

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## BBC Seeks Info On UK Alien Encounters ASAP

From: Will Bueche <[info@centerchange.org](mailto:info@centerchange.org)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 15:26:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 18:02:54 -0500  
Subject: BBC Seeks Info On UK Alien Encounters ASAP

Center for Psychology and Social Change

If any List members are aware of any UK abduction cases, a BBC reporter has just contacted us looking for info, for background to accompany discussion of Spielberg's TAKEN miniseries which is currently showing in the UK.

Regrettably most of the usual sources are away in Laughlin NV at the moment so he's in a bit of a bind. He's not finding many UK cases on the net.

If you are reading this message on Monday 2/3/02 please contact him with any info on good cases that would show that the UK has alien encounters too.

Contact him at:

[matthew.oconnell \[at\] bbc.co.uk](mailto:matthew.oconnell@bbc.co.uk)  
-replace [at] with @-

Thank you.

Will Bueche

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## EW: Columbia: How You Can Help

From: Kurt Jonach - The Electric Warrior  
Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 12:36:58 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 18:06:07 -0500  
Subject: EW: Columbia: How You Can Help

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The Electric Warrior : Web Log February 3, 2003  
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/>  
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Columbia: How You Can Help. We Must Go On

>> COLUMBIA (UPDATE)  
space exploration

photo: Shuttle Columbia as seen over Dallas, Texas  
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/img/ShuttleColumbiaLost.jpg>

>> HOW YOU CAN HELP

02-Feb-03  
NASA Asks Public for Shuttle Photo Uploads  
<http://weblog.siliconvalley.com/column/dangillmor/archives/000769.shtml#000769>

DAN GILLMOR (Silicon Valley) - NASA is asking the public to help in the investigation of the shuttle tragedy. The agency has set up this page giving instructions on how people with photographic evidence - photos and video - can upload it to NASA servers for further investigation...The Internet goes in both (many) directions. It isn't read-only. NASA gets this.

Instructions for Uploading Images and Video Related to the Columbia Accident

<http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/instructions.html>

JOHNSON SPACE CENTER (NASA) - For anyone who has recorded video or taken photos that they believe may be of aid in the investigation of the Space Shuttle Columbia accident, NASA has established a special location on the Web where Internet users may upload their media files to be reviewed by NASA.

>> WE MUST GO ON

01-Feb-03  
Shuttle Astronauts, RIP; Space Program, Too?  
<http://weblog.siliconvalley.com/column/dangillmor/archives/000768.shtml#000768>

DAN GILLMOR (Silicon Valley) - We can feel little but sadness for the men and women who perished this morning as their space shuttle broke into pieces on re-entry into the earth's atmosphere..... A re-examination of the entire space program - and maybe turning it into a truly global affair - would be smart at this point. But we would dishonor the memory of the astronauts, and take away from our own future, if we let this tragedy turn us away from the heavens.

01-Feb-03  
Space Shuttle Columbia Disintegrates Over Texas  
<http://www.mactonnies.com/imperative36.html>

TONNIES (The Cydonian Imperative) - Columbia's disintegration is

a profound loss that raises important questions about the future of our already tenuous manned presence in space. It could be argued that better technology could have prevented this setback..... The demise of the Columbia and its crew shouldn't hold us back. Their death should be a rallying call for new, more efficient and more reliable space transportation systems. The space shuttle concept, as presently manifested by NASA, begs replacement. The time has surely come to broaden our conception of space and the definition of our role in its uncompromising vastness.

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## Re: Bush Backs Alien Evidence - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 21:33:06 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 18:10:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush Backs Alien Evidence - Hall

>From: Karl Rotstan <[krotstan@bfdmail.com](mailto:krotstan@bfdmail.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 13:22:15 -0500  
>Subject: Bush Backs Alien Evidence

>Source Ananova

>[http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm\\_746860.html?menu=](http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_746860.html?menu=)

>George W Bush says there is mounting evidence to suggest there  
>is alien life on other planets.

>The US President used his budget document to declare that there  
>may be "space aliens" to be discovered.

>A passage entitled, "Where are the Real Space Aliens?", states  
>that important scientific research over the last 10 years  
>indicates that proof of "habitual worlds" in outer space is  
>becoming more of a reality.

>Evidence for the current or previous existence of large bodies  
>of water, an essential element for life, has already been found  
>on Mars and on Jupiter's moons.

>Astronomers are also discovering planets outside of our solar  
>system, including around 90 stars with at least one planet  
>orbiting them.

>The document says: "Perhaps the notion that 'there's something  
>out there' is closer to reality than we have imagined."

>Story filed: 16:29 Monday 3rd February 2003

Karl,

This is an example of utterly irresponsible internet alleged news reporting by Ananova (who the hell are they? Their web site was not terribly enlightening). The source is given as Pres. Bush's budget; having held some of those in my hands during my abstracting days at Congressional Information Service, that's like saying the source is there somewhere among the grains of sand on the beach. What volume, section, page? Furthermore, the reported content sounds very far-fetched. Count me as highly skeptical until someone verifies an actual quote.

- Dick

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## Bush Backs Alien Evidence

From: Kelly Peterborough <[kellymccg@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymccg@attcanada.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 17:24:40 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 18:12:17 -0500  
Subject: Bush Backs Alien Evidence

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/usbudget/budget-fy2004/nasa.html>

Despite all the space aliens that appear in science fiction movies and books, we have yet to find conclusive evidence for life, even microbes, anywhere in the universe besides Earth. Through the early 1990s, research showed that the universe, except for the Earth, was possibly inhospitable to life. However, in the past 10 years, a number of important discoveries indicate that habitable worlds may be much more prevalent than previously thought. Researchers have found life in very harsh environments on Earth, which expands the possible kinds of places where life might exist. In our solar system, scientists have discovered evidence of currently or previously existing large bodies of water, a key ingredient of life, on Mars and the moons of Jupiter. Astronomers also have begun to find planets outside our solar system, identifying approximately 90 stars with at least one planet orbiting them. Perhaps the notion that 'there's something out there' is closer to reality than we have imagined.

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 18:27:24 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 18:33:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

>>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:39:59 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>>From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2003 22:35:15 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>Dave,

>>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>When I left them they were laughing about their sudden baptism  
>>of fire in the world of Ufology, which they had perceptively  
>>recognised was full of competing egos, petty bitchiness and  
>>empire-building.

>As opposed, I suppose, to what happens in other human  
>subcultures. I love it when critics pretend to believe that what  
>occurs inside ufology is somehow fundamentally different from  
>what goes on in any other human enterprise, where ordinary  
>failings are equally in view. Maybe these critics ought to get  
>out of the house more often. If nothing else, the experience  
>should teach them a little about humility. Or, if not that, at  
>least something about perspective.

>>It was nice, they said, to find someone who stuck to the facts  
>>and agreed with me that the people involved in Ufology are more  
>>interesting than the UFOs themselves.

>Could you be any more condescending?

>If you really believe that - and aren't, as I suspect, merely  
>engaged in an egotist's chest-thumping - maybe it's time for you  
>to find something else to do.

>In my years in ufology, I've met all variety of men and women,  
>but none of them, sane or crazy, virtuous or venal, has ever  
>struck me as anything other than purely human, with his or her  
>counterpart easily findable elsewhere in life. If I want to  
>learn about my fellow Homo sapiens, all I have to do is go out  
>and meet them. The UFO phenomenon presents far more complex and  
>interesting challenges. Maybe all you're telling us is that  
>you're just not up to them.

Hi Jerry,

It seems David borrowed this line from his and Andy's missive in  
the Fortean Times, from some self-satisfied quack who was  
looking at the reporters and witnesses to UFO sightings. The  
whole piece was simply a grouping of insults rather than  
anything of meaningful contribution to the phenomenon. And this  
mind you after Andy advised that all serious UFO investigators  
should read this.



Self-serving at best.

To borrow one of his lines, I was rather amused and it seems rather silly to me in light of the overwhelming number of qualified witnesses from many professions and persuasions to continue on this path of denial.

I spent last Friday afternoon talking to a decorated Army officer here in Canada about his daylight encounter, along with his driver, of a monstrous object not more than a few hundred feet away from them. Yet I'm supposed to care what some silly, apparently unqualified, and seriously negligent doctor has to say or quip about. I would think any doctor who talked about his patients this way should be deprived of his license.

Another Attack of the Clones. Come on boys, produce hard evidence to the contrary or shut up. Yourselves and several others are just wasting time.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@earthlink.net](mailto:DRudiak@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 20:44:54 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 08:57:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Rudiak

>From: Jim Houran <[JHouran@siumed.edu](mailto:JHouran@siumed.edu)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 11:51:40 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

>>From: Thomas Carey <[TCarey1947@aol.com](mailto:TCarey1947@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 10:14:42 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

>>>From: Jim Houran <[JHouran@siumed.edu](mailto:JHouran@siumed.edu)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 28 Jan 2003 14:25:53 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

>>>I cannot speak for Kevin Randle, but I will leave this now non-  
>>>constructive debate on this final note. It seems that Rudiak  
>>>neither understands the rationale for my arguments on bias or  
>>>the influence of preconceived notions, nor the implications of  
>>>the various statistical findings in my JSE paper with Randle.  
>>>Suffice it to say, we must agree to disagree. I strongly suggest  
>>>to Rudiak, however, that he submit his study of the Ramey Memo  
>>>to a peer-reviewed, scientific journal, as I have done. I will  
>>>continue my work on the problem in the way I feel it should be  
>>>handled, and I will disseminate the results (be they pro or  
>>>con) in said forums.

>>In case you missed it folks, what Jim Houran just executed  
>>is known in debating and debunking circles as the "discreet  
>>withdrawal". Congratulations, David.

>Reality check, Tom. As I have said repeatedly, I urge anyone  
>that has issues with my study or proposals to submit a formal  
>Letter to the Editor of the JSE, as well as submit their own  
>work to a peer-reviewed, scientific journal, and allow others to  
>independently attempt to replicate and validate that work. That  
>is what we academics call the scientific method.

Here's a real reality check. The "scientific method" demands  
that conclusions follow logically from data. In the case of the  
Houran/Randle paper, the scientific method has been turned on  
its head. The primary conclusion ("very significant" context  
"priming" effect) has no data to support it. When asked for the  
data by one of the referees of JSE, it turns out there was no  
data because the research assistant had tossed it in the trash.

At that point, the paper should have been automatically rejected  
by the peer reviewers for lack of proper supporting data. But  
it wasn't, another serious failing of the "scientific method"  
and the process of peer review.

The "scientific method" also demands that data reduction be done  
properly. It turns out that in at least one instance that I  
just discovered, this wasn't done either, and should have been a  
big red flag to at least one author of this paper or at least  
one JSE peer reviewer. In the "Results" section, the average  
words deciphered per person for each of the 3 testing conditions  
was discussed: the Roswell context condition with a mean of 4.6  
words, the atomic testing condition with 4.8 words, and the

context-free control condition with 1.6 words.

What struck me as odd on my first read-through was that the standard deviations for all three groups were identical at 0.23 words. The odds of that happening by chance are pretty slim, probably much less than 1%. Furthermore, these SD's seemed much too small. We're talking about 2/3's of the readers being within about "quarter of a word" of the mean in number of words read, and 95% being within about "half a word" of the mean.

When I finally looked at it more closely yesterday, it turned out to be more than odd -- it was impossible, unless they were scoring fractional words or syllables. E.g., in the Atomic testing group, one could obtain a mean of 4.8 words by 47 of the 58 subjects reading 5 words and the remaining 11 reading 4 words. But the standard deviation is 0.40, not 0.23, even in this best-case scenario. The minimum possible SD's are even larger for the Roswell and control groups, where the means are further removed from being whole numbers.

This isn't opinion on my part. This is just math, correct math, another key component of the scientific method.

Thus on top of a conclusion with no supporting data, we now have some rather obviously bogus standard deviations. Where did these come from? Are these just innocent typos? Did somebody not know how to calculate SD's? Or did somebody just make them up after the paper was submitted? Without the raw data, it would be impossible to calculate them if later requested by a referee. So maybe somebody just pulled them off a hat but didn't have the sense to make them mathematically possible much less plausible.

All I know is that this is another instance of where JSE's peer review process failed miserably. It doesn't take that much smarts to realize that something was probably wrong with those standard deviations. It certainly took me only a few minutes to verify that they were impossible.

There are other oddities in the numbers, such as the Atomic testing group reading so-called "exclusive" words with nearly three times the frequency as the Roswell group despite spending 20% less time on average (200 words vs. 75). That makes no sense, nor do other numbers in the test results, all of which should be raising red flags that maybe the experiment wasn't carried out properly. But there is no way to check any of this because the raw data got tossed in the dumpster. Incredible!

I guess what present-day "academics" call the "scientific method" has changed somewhat since I was in the academic community.

>Some of the comments I have read make me, an outsider to  
>ufology, think that selected ufologists and researchers have  
>never heard of it, or have no practical knowledge re: research  
>methods and study design. I don't hide from criticism or debate,  
>nor I do refrain from giving it where I see it should be  
>applied, as anyone who knows me and my work record can attest.  
>Indeed, there is nothing discreet about me.

James Houran's psychological experiment has completely bogus standard deviations. There is no data to support the main conclusion. Allegedly the research assistant threw it out. Or maybe Houran's dog ate it. How can one reach a conclusion without the proper data and write a paper about it? And why would the peer reviewers OK such a paper for publication? The whole point of peer review is to screen out such obviously deficient research.

Under the circumstances, James Houran's statements about how he understands the scientific experimental process while his critics don't are supercilious and hypocritical, if not laughable. Instead, pretending to be above it all is his rather transparent way of avoiding embarrassing questions.

>My impression is that my work on the Ramey problem scares people  
>who have clear vested interests in particular interpretations of  
>the Ramey Memo.

My impression is that James Houran is scared to answer questions about his work on the "Ramey problem." Some of his reported data

is clearly invalid (the standard deviations), perhaps even fabricated, and his primary conclusion has no supporting data. He stated in his paper that their "expectations" were that they would find a "very significant" "priming" or biasing of readings based on context. Lo and behold, that's what they found, or so they claim. When a referee asked to see the relevant data, they claimed it had been thrown away by the research assistant.

Supposedly it's this unsupported expected conclusion from data that does not exist that has those of us with "vested interests" so "scared." Houran has the emotion wrong. It is not fear that I feel. It is anger and outrage that this study with it's sham results could possibly be considered "scientific" or that anybody would take it seriously.

That a paper with so many serious and obvious deficiencies got through the peer review process at JSE is also highly disturbing. There is no way to describe the peer review on this paper other than it being shoddy and inept. Maybe some "peer" back-scratching was involved. JSE needs to take a very close at its peer review process if it wants to develop credibility as a journal of alternative science.

>Tom, the person you should really congratulate is Kevin Randle, >who has had remarkable fortitude in resisting participation in >this thread. That is what we call in certain circles "class".

Kevin Randle has obviously put in an enormous amount of time into the Roswell case. He has also always been very helpful to me when I've asked him questions concerning Roswell. So I am very sorry to see him associated with this train wreck of a "scientific" study. Nonetheless, he is the coauthor of the paper and shares responsibility, even if maybe he didn't handle the psychological experiment portion with the imaginary standard deviations and missing supporting data of the primary conclusion.

>Good luck to you, Tom, and all other researchers on your work on >the Ramey Memo. I look forward to seeing it published in >scientific journals.

>Sincerely,

>Jim Houran

I look forward to Jim Houran answering questions for a change instead of stalling and dodging. I asked him for the numbers supporting his primary conclusion. No answer. Instead I get his evasive response that if I have problems with the paper I should write a letter to the JSE. Why, do they have the missing data? Why won't the primary author answer a simple question?

To the list of questions, I would now like to add where he got those obviously bogus standard deviations for words deciphered? However, I seriously doubt we will get any answers from this not-so-sincere sincere academician. Instead he pretends to be taking the high road and representing the scientific process, which has actually been very badly corrupted in this study.

David Rudiak

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## Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 00:25:36 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 09:00:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Gates

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 22:43:08 EST  
>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 23:00:32 EST  
>>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>>From: Tom Carey <[TCarey1947@aol.com](mailto:TCarey1947@aol.com)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 10:58:37 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

<snip>

>>>As Kevin has stated in another post, we are certain of the  
>>>site. All Brad has done is to try to create a false sense of  
>>>confusion regarding the location of the debris field where there  
>>>is none to those of us who have been there.

>>He and Kevin have pointed out the discrepancies on where the site  
>>was. Kevin points out that Don Schmitt puts the location a  
>>little 2 or 3 hundred years west then he does although you could  
>>say in the same area. One also gathers from Kevin's post that  
>>location information that came from Loretta Proctor (although  
>>she apparently is a nice person) may not be accurate.

>Good Evening, All -

>First, I did not say two or three yards, but two or three  
>hundred feet too far to the west. I have also suggested that Don

Evening, all,

One should note that when I wrote this, I said two or three  
hundred years, not yards... a keyboard mistake on my part, and  
in fact I meant feet.

>Schmitt might claim I put it two to three hundred feet too far  
>east. But I also suggested that if Jess Marcel's estimate of  
>size was wrong and the field was a mile long, then both ends  
>would have been on the right site. I also said that the  
>archaeological dig was on the right site and the disagreement,  
>slight though it is, is about the precise east-west edges and  
>nothing more.

The point I get out of all this is we have the area correct.  
Obviously we don't have "the exact" location of the debris field  
as that could be dependent on the testimony of the witnesses,  
i.e. 600 feet long in 47, 3/4 of a mile long years later.

One wonders on what basis Don Schmitt moves the debris field  
over 2 or 3 hundred feet.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 23:31:33 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 09:02:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Hebert

>From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 10:11:11 -0600 (CST)  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 17:20:02 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

<snip>

>You have yet to examine the research. I'm certainly not going to  
>post a book's worth of data here for you to nit-pick in what  
>seems to be a meaningless desire for argumentation for its own  
>sake--without factual basis on any point from your side, I might  
>add.

Hi, Mike:

On Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, you wrote:

>>>>You are right to some extent, of course. My main theory here is  
>>>>that there may be an planetary grid of electromagnetic energy,  
>>>>of which ley lines and such are just a subset, which facilitates  
>>>>travel for them, when close to the planet's surface.

You proposed your theory.

I asked for scientific data/evidence that this "grid" and "ley  
lines" existed and that they were connected to UFOs - as per  
your contentions.

You referred me to URL's that were nothing more than futher  
theory and speculation (and your book).

Now you jump up and down trying to put the burden of proof on my  
back.

Mike, it's your theory, not mine. I am asking for clear,  
scientific data/research that supports the physical reality of  
this "planetary grid of electromagnetic energy" and "ley lines"  
which you claim facilitates travel for "them". I have not said  
these things do not exist. I said I want to see some kind of  
scientific data from scientific research that supports your  
claims.

Until you can provide the data/research you claim supports your  
claim, we have nothing to discuss.

A. Hebert

PS- As for me being still in college, you're sort of right. I  
will soon be working on my Ph.D.

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## Loch Ness UFO Video To Be Screened By Fox

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4 February 2003

U.S. and world screening for Loch Ness UFO video

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A VIDEO of a mysterious light seen near Loch Ness is set to be seen by millions of television viewers across the USA after being snapped up by Fox News.'

The video, taken by Ian and Liz Gresham of Drumnadrochit, has already been screened on BBC Scotland after featuring in The Inverness Courier two weeks ago.

The light was seen above the village over successive nights, prompting a number of UFO researchers to announce plans to visit Drumnadrochit and investigate the phenomenon for themselves.

Mr Gresham expects the video to be screened sometime next week on the Fox Channel "E2=C7" the network which produced "The X-Files".

He hopes showing it in the USA, and around the world on cable and satellite, will produce an explanation for the unidentified object.

"There are bound to be a lot more people interested in UFOs and know about them over there than there are in this country," he commented.

Possible explanations suggested so far include a man-made object or an electrical discharge created by tectonic forces in the Great Glen geological faultline, but Mr Gresham remains to be convinced by these.

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## Timothy Good Backs Up Neighbour's Sighting

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Proof UFOs are out there

By Richard Simcox

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A UFO expert reckons his neighbour has vital new evidence for the existence of aliens.

Author Timothy Good, 60, believes a mysterious circular object moving across the sky spotted by neighbour Chris Taylor, could be a genuine and important sighting.

Postman Mr Taylor, 44, saw the object from his bedroom in The Avenue, Beckenham.

He said "I looked out of the window and saw this thing, like a light moving very quickly, going against the usual direction of air traffic.

"It was going way too fast to be a hot air balloon, and seemed very high up. I couldn't say what it was.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life. I've seen unusual things but nothing like that."

Mr Good, who claims to have seen a UFO above Orpington back in 1980, is a world-renowned expert on UFOs.

He believes there are several different species of aliens living on earth and has been invited to The Pentagon to discuss his research.

He said: "It sounds like this could be a genuine sighting, and I was very interested in what Mr Taylor said."

Have you seen an unfamiliar flying object? Email [swarden@london.newsquest.co.uk](mailto:swarden@london.newsquest.co.uk)

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## Otherworldly Questions From Burnt Circles

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Saturday, February 1, 2003=C2

Otherworldly questions rise from burnt grass circles

DAMAGED FIELD: Agriculture experts say rings could be result of fungus.

Ericka Pizzillo, The Bellingham Herald

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Two local farmers are speculating that otherworldly visitors may be responsible for the various-sized rings of dead grass in a Whatcom County pasture. But some Washington State University researchers say that the only thing that may be among us is fungus.

There are a number of fungi that could have caused the rings on farmer Gary Gansler's leased grass pasture south of Lynden, said Tim Miller, a weed specialist with the Washington Cooperative Extension Service in Mount Vernon.

One is a disease commonly known as a "fairy ring." Fairy rings produce mushrooms in a circular pattern on highly fertilized areas, but the mushrooms can die back quickly. The rings spread out in circles in search of more food and sometimes leave behind circles of dead grass, although healthy grass is left in the middle of the circle, creating a doughnut shape.

The bigger the circle, the longer the fungus has been on the ground, Miller said. Some fairy rings are more than a hundred years old and 100 feet in diameter.

Gansler said he finds Miller's explanation hard to believe. His rings didn't sprout the telltale mushrooms that signal a turf disease.

Appeared in November

Gansler first noticed his rings in November. The rings, one at least 40 feet across and others between 5 and 9 feet across, were covered in black soot.

In the weeks afterward, the rain washed away the soot, leaving behind dead grass and bare ground to create the rings' doughnut shape.

Miller said one type of fungus called "inky cap" produces

mushroom that disintegrate into a black goo, although it's not typically known to produce circular shapes.

The black soot could have also been the decomposing grass after it died, said Steve Fransen, a forage specialist at the WSU Cooperative Extension Service in Prosser.

Friend has UFO info

Gansler grows hay and grass for silage that he sells to other farmers and to feed his herd of a dozen beef cattle. He fertilizes the ground with chicken manure he gets from friend Russell Simonson, who was excited to hear about Gansler's rings.

Simonson, a member of the Bellingham UFO group called Contact, said he's seen stories about crop circles which are intricate patterns pressed into crop fields, but where no damage is done to the plants, unlike the circles on Gansler's land.

Several years ago two men in England demonstrated how they hoaxed local citizens by creating crop circles with a rope and a board. But belief in crop circles still exists among some who believe in alien visitation to Earth. And Simonson said he's seen documentation about burned circles in farmland that could be alien-related.

Burnt by hand?

Simonson's son-in-law suggested that someone might have burned the grass in circular shapes, but Simonson brought out a propane torch to show that isn't possible in a short period of time.

"It would take maybe six months to produce these," Simonson said as he burned a spot of grass.

Gansler said he's still skeptical about the existence of aliens, but said he saw an unidentified object with purple lights and an orange glow, lift up off a Van Dyk Road farm several years ago.

Gansler didn't talk about the sighting for years.

"I thought people would think I was crazier than a loon," Gansler said.

Simonson said he's had several sightings, including the first in 1978 when he was featured in a Herald article about his experience.

Whatcom County-based cooperative extension agent Craig MacConnell said the university lab can do soil tests on samples of the rings to really figure out what caused the rings, which he also said were likely fungal.

But MacConnell said he wouldn't diagnose the problem without seeing it first hand.

"This is the kind of stuff we see regularly," MacConnell said.

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## George Knapp Interviews John Mack

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Knappster: Harvard prof takes alien abduction seriously

By George Knapp

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I first met Dr. John Mack in 1993 at a tiny UFO conference in the Ozarks. The publication of Dr. Mack's book about alleged alien abductions was still a year away, but the fact that a professor from the Harvard Medical School was taking the phenomena seriously was big news in the UFO field. Mack was an immediate celebrity, although he seemed to wear the mantle with some reluctance.

Mack wasn't exactly your run-of-the-mill, leather-patches-on-the-elbows, stuffy academic. He had founded the Department of Psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital, had logged 30-plus years as a board-certified psychoanalyst and even won a Pulitzer Prize for his biography of T.E. Lawrence, better known as Lawrence of Arabia. He had an impeccable reputation as a man of science, but clearly had other talents and interests as well. Of course, all that went out the window when he went nuts. Oh, he went crazy all right. In 1992, Mack was co-chair of a conference held at MIT, a conference focusing on the scientific investigation of alleged encounters with aliens. And in 1994, his landmark book *Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens* hit the stands, verifying the view among his colleagues that he had gone loony.

Harvard Medical School responded to the publicity about Dr. Mack's book by launching a 15-month inquiry into his professional ethics and standards. Because he was tenured, they couldn't simply fire him, but a committee of skeptical peers made his life as miserable as they could. Harvard honchos were aghast, they said, when they tuned into the Oprah Winfrey show and saw one of their professors talking about people being abducted by little green men.

"I doubt the dean had actually watched the show," Mack recalls. "I said nothing about little green men, but the nature of the administration's anxiety was apparent."

Although his Harvard colleagues had little or no familiarity with the case studies of alleged abductees, they already "knew" that none of this malarkey could be true, so they put Mack through the ringer for more than a year. He eventually had to hire famed Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz (the same legal whiz who helped represent local murder defendants Sandy Murphy and Rick Tabish) to defend his integrity. In the end, Harvard backed off, and Mack continued his research.

In the beginning, Mack says, he focused on trying to prove that



abductions were "really taking place in a literal, physical sense." He studied dozens of cases, ruled out psychosis or hallucinations as the root cause, and was left with some very disturbing data in the end, information that challenges our most fundamental beliefs about the nature of reality itself. It is very heavy stuff, and not everyone is ready to hear it.

"Behind the nervous efforts to discredit the encounter reality lies a deeper concern," Mack says. "This phenomena does not stand alone, but is one anomaly among many. Others include near-death experiences, spirit manifestations, shamanic journeys and others. All of these challenge our understanding of reality and suggest the presence in the universe of other intelligences that may reach into our world under particular conditions."

Mack does not adhere to the simple notion that aliens from other planets are visiting Earth in spaceships. This new reality he's been exploring goes a lot deeper than that, suggesting there are other intelligences in the world, maybe other worlds or dimensions, and that we don't know diddly about how the cosmos really operates. Not your typical "I was ravished by beautiful aliens from Venus" claptrap.

"Our understanding of reality is extremely limited, the cosmos is more mysterious than we have imagined," Mack says. "There are other intelligences all about, consciousness itself may be the primary creative force in the universe, and our knowledge of the physical world is far from complete."

This is really only a thumbnail sketch of what Dr. Mack has to say. He has dared to challenge our accepted view of reality and has already been ripped to shreds for having the audacity to speak his mind. Anyone interested in hearing his full take on the nature of reality might want to check out the International UFO Congress, set for Feb. 2-8 at the Flamingo Hotel in Laughlin. In addition to Dr. Mack, speakers of note include Budd Hopkins, whose best-selling books about alleged abductions are what got Mack interested in the first place; Jaime Maussan, a journalist who worked for Mexico's "60 Minutes" but who quit to work full time on UFO disclosure; Graham Birdsall, a British magazine publisher known for coming up with fascinating UFO videos that are tough to explain; and Jim Marrs, an investigative reporter who has written popular books about government secrecy and hidden agendas. (For further info, check out [ufocongress.com](http://ufocongress.com))

Knappster can relate somewhat to being dubbed a UFO nutcase. There are many among us who do not welcome open and honest inquiry into matters that might upset our basic beliefs and foundations. Admittedly, much of what you see and read in the UFO field is a bunch of crap. Likewise, not everything you will hear at the Congress could be considered to be literal truth. Some if it promises to be downright wacky. But rest assured that at least some of the speakers will knock the socks off of anyone who attends with an open mind.

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## UFO Wisconsin Reports 10 Sightings In New Year

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05:23 a.m. January 29, 2003

UFO Wisconsin reports 10 sightings in new year

By Molly Snyder Edler

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Although many of us are skeptical of anyone who claims to have seen an unidentified flying object, UFO Wisconsin ([www.ufowisconsin.com](http://www.ufowisconsin.com)) has already received 10 reports of supposed UFO sightings.

The first report came on New Years Day, from Lodi. "It was hovering over the Badger Ordinance area moving very slow with a hissing sound and blinking lights when it jetted off just like that and it was gone."

A week later, on Jan. 8, a report was filed by a man in Wauwatosa who claims, "I was driving down the street. I saw a bird flying along about 50 feet above the ground. It was just flying swiftly -- then BAM! -- it stopped in dead flight. Like it hit a wall and then fell and hit the road. Whatever it hit, it was transparent. The streetlights at this intersection where this occurred have been messed up for three days now."

Three reports came in on Jan. 14, from Wisconsin Rapids, West Bend and Greenwood. One came in on the 15th from Wisconsin Dells and three sightings were reported on the 16th from Sturgeon Bay, Vesper and again from the Dells.

"At 6:15 p.m. I was driving west on Griffith Avenue towards town," reads one of the reports filed from Wisconsin Dells. "I was driving along and I saw five bright lights in the southwestern sky. They were very bright and circle shaped. It didn't appear to be moving at the time, but after five seconds, they started to flash. One by one they disappeared."

Finally, on Jan. 17, a report was filed from Cudahy. "My neighbor and I were looking out her picture window when I saw two silver-type objects in the sky. One seemed to be motionless, the other one was traveling in a westerly direction. It hovered for a bit and then went higher. It then hovered again and moved southward. Within a few seconds after this, it disappeared. It was an extremely bright white color. It seemed to have a slightly curved top."

John Hoppe and his wife started [ufowisconsin.com](http://ufowisconsin.com) in September of 2001, and since then, almost 80,000 people have visited the site. The site has two goals: to further the awareness of the UFO phenomena and to track the UFOs in our state's skies.

The idea for the web site was born in July of 2001 when the Hoppes attended the annual UFO Daze event at Benson's Hide-away on Long Lake. According to Hoppe, on the evening of July 21, 2001, approximately 50 witnesses saw UFO's fly over the lake.

"The site was created for Wisconsinites to be able to report Unidentified Flying Objects and get the attention that the sightings deserve," he says.

Hoppe, who lives in Sheboygan, claims to have experienced three UFO sightings since he was a child. "The term UFO doesn't necessarily mean alien driven space craft; it simply means 'Unidentified Flying Object,'" says Hoppe. "Sometimes a simple-looking object at night can be easily misidentified. So take some extra time to gather as much information as possible."

After high school, Hoppe joined the Army where he became a mechanic. He later earned a diploma to be an Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic and continues to take classes in computer programming, leadership and psychology. He currently works in Sheboygan as an offset pressman.

As for the existence of aliens, Hoppe is unresolved in his beliefs. He says he has never seen an alien, but is empathetic to those who have reported abductions and believes that someone -- or something -- must be driving the crafts. He also thinks, possibly, aliens are responsible for crop circles. "On another note maybe it's the government doing all this in the first place, " he admits.

UFO Wisconsin doesn't claim that these sightings actually happened, rather they provide a place for people to file reports and to have them published. The site also features a photo and video gallery, a UFO library, discussion groups and UFO news. It also cites Milwaukee's Flying Saucer Cafe as a UFO- friendly place to hang out.

UFO Wisconsin's next monthly meeting is scheduled for Sat., Feb 1 at the St. Francis Library, 4230 S. Nicholson Ave. The meeting is free and open to everyone: believers, non-believers, those who have seen a UFO and those who are simply curious.

"We respect everyone's opinions," says Hoppe. "I have learned early on that once a firm belief exists in someone, it is hard to change that belief."

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## Re: History Channel 'The UFO week' - Bowden

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>Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 15:07:02 EST  
>Subject: History Channel 'The UFO week'

>It started on Monday January 27 and continued all week long. The  
>History channel presented two UFO documentaries every day and  
>yesterday Saturday February 1 they decided to broadcast a UFO  
>Marathon all day long starting at 2.00 PM.

>More than 12 hours of continuous UFO documentaries was certainly  
>a precedent rarely seen these days since the major networks are  
>always cold to the UFO subject. This was an important impulse  
>for Ufology and the History channel proved that UFOs are still a  
>fascinating subject for the people. Are you hearing CBS, NBC,  
>ABC and FOX?

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Dear List,

I was very impressed with this series on the whole. While it did give the skeptical or alternative views on many cases, it did not always wrap up with the skeptics having the last word, as has been the case with many of these documentary programs.

Now if we could just stop people from making ludicrous, twisted science statements such as what was said about the heavy hydrogen, "H30" (egad!) coming from volcanoes, we might be able to get some credibility. If that gentleman is reading this posting, I hope he would please have a chat with his friendly neighborhood chemist or physicist to get some help with sorting out the difference between the isotopes of hydrogen and the true, existing compounds containing hydrogen.

I also did not care for the publicity given to James Gilliland. I have been to his Sattva Sanctuary a couple of times, and although I do not doubt that some UFOs have been seen and perhaps photographed there, most of the things seen there are misperceptions of explainable events. Personally, I find James very likeable, but I don't think his mystical beliefs have any actual relationship to UFOs. Someday I may be proven wrong, though. What do I know, really?

I am planning to write to the History Channel and congratulate them for a job well done. I hope anyone else who enjoyed and appreciated this series will do likewise.

Sincerely,

Tom Bowden

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## Re: Abduction Question - Velez

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Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Velez

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>Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 10:32:46 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

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>>Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 05:43:13 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

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>>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:32:08 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

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>>>I wonder if the GPS system didn't glitch at the point noted and  
>>>the computer just picked up the last known position and the  
>>>"present" position and just connected the dots between those two  
>>>because there was no information to plot in between the two  
>>>positions.

>>Excellent question. I only have the information that was  
>>released by George Filer. Like all of those preliminary reports,  
>>it wasn't very comprehensive, nor did it provide enough detailed  
>>information to answer your question properly.

>>It was probably another one of the many cases George passes  
>>on that was originally handled and reported by NUFORC. (National  
>>UFO Reporting Center) Maybe Peter can tell us who the original  
>>investigator was (if any) on this case.

>>Does anybody within earshot know who investigated this case?  
>>Peter, if you're reading this, could you point us at the right  
>>person(s) to contact?

>GPS/Boat Case

>The case could be from NUFORC, or it could have originated with  
>George Filer. If someone could please provide me with the date  
>and location of the case, I will see if it is in the NUFORC  
>database.

Hello Peter,

Thank you for the speedy reply. Below I have included a copy of  
George's initial report in 'Filer's Files', along with all  
pertinent attributions. George 'usually' mentions you (credits  
NUFORC) when he is forwarding one of your reports. There is no  
mention in this one so it may well have originated somewhere  
else. He credits a "Paul S."

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. It is  
appreciated. Hopefully we will all be able to take a closer look  
at what is a very intriguing case. I look forward to your  
response. I hope that you can help to point us in the right  
direction.

Regards,

John Velez, 'Inquiring minds want to know!' ;)

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Excerpt from Filer's Files post at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/jan/m31-001.shtml>

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Webmaster Chuck Warren <http://www.cewarren.com>

UFOs were observed over Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Louisiana, Arkansas, California, New Hampshire, Hawaii, Mexico, Brazil, England and Italy A new UFO Museum opens in Ankara, Turkey.

#### ARKANSAS ABDUCTION

CARLYLE -- Paul S. wrote, I was abducted October 28.1999, on the north side of the railroad bridge while boating in Carlyle. That was my third known abduction that year. Two were from The Lake of the Ozarks. I remember very little of the actual abduction, but I was able to recall the position changes. It took some time to figure out what happened and I am still remembering only bits and pieces. I remember boating under the bridge near the railroad embankment when I paused to open a map in order locate the main channel. The next thing I remember is being one quarter of a mile into the stumped filled northern section of the lake. I was understandably confused and disorientated. I figured out where I was with a map and compass, which is normally not needed there. I then proceeded to explore and fish the area totally forgetting the position change. I was reminded by what I think is an unusual trigger using the GPS equipment in my boat. I found a way to put my saved GPS trails on a computer map. When I put the saved trail from that fishing trip on the map I got a shock.

The trail went over the railroad embankment and back in a rapidly moving narrow parabolic curve. Somehow the boat had to be flying in the air. Then there is a gap and the spot the trail starts again is the spot I remembered, "appearing" at. When I saw the evidence, the memory of the position change came back as if I had never forgotten it. The same thing occurred at the second Lake of the Ozarks abduction. I went to a therapist in St. Louis and in eleven sessions was able to get no further. I kept blocking up when I got to the point of the abductions. I do have a memory of a gray alien and a structure on the craft. I have some other mental pictures, but I am not sure of them. Predictably I began to remember some things from my childhood that indicates a possible history of these things. I have been writing a narrative of the events as I recall them with my opinions and thoughts on it. It seems to be good therapy. I seem to be affected less than many abductees. Thanks to Paul S.

Editor's Note -- I encourage abduction reports particularly when some evidence such as this Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking is found. The GPS system provides accurate time and location within fifteen feet giving credibility to an alleged abduction. In recent years the science as made amazing strides and interest in abductions has been hurt by the lack of supporting evidence. Here is a case that provides some key evidence. For a thousand dollars anyone can put a satellite tracking system into their vehicle that is about the size of a pound of margarine. The only way this tracking data could have occurred is with a hovering craft.

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

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## Re: Magonia Supplement 45 - Clarke

From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 09:28:54 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 10:26:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 45 - Clarke

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 17:05:06 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 45

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>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Thu, 23 Jan 2003 21:28:17 +0000  
>>>Subject: Magonia Supplement 45

>As in our patient waiting for the long overdue expose of the  
>Lakenheath case that certain of your countrymen swore was going  
>to blow us out of the water. Oh, where we flailed with hints and  
>promises of a rather gloating nature. We are waiting patiently.  
>Our boats are still afloat. Fire away!

Dick,

Watch out for the "Lakenheath-Bentwaters Collaboration" URL arriving soon - featuring contributions from just about everyone who has something to say on the case. All sides of the belief spectrum will be represented, along with the factual evidence, compiled by Martin Shough and myself.

It might not "blow you out of the water" but I predict you will be staggered by the amount of new material now uncovered. And no, it's not a debunking exercise, but hopefully a peer-reviewed presentation for all to read, digest and make up their own minds about, following the tradition set by Kevin Randle's excellent work on the Mantell case.

As soon as the site is uploaded we will post the link. But in the team several hundred thousand words have to be processed. As someone who runs an archive of his own, I'm sure you appreciate the logistical problems this entails.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:39:59 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>It seems David borrowed this line from his and Andy's missive in  
>the Fortean Times, from some self-satisfied quack who was  
>looking at the reporters and witnesses to UFO sightings.

Don,

The "self-satisfied quack" you refer to is Alex Cassie, an RAF pilot who was shot down by the Germans and spent several years incarcerated in the notorious Stalag Luft POW camp.

It was here that the experiences that eventually made him a respected defence psychologist were honed. His story of was later used as the basis for Donald Pleasance's character in the film 'The Great Escape.'

He spent two years in the late '60s interviewing UFO witnesses on the payroll of the Ministry of Defence. His considered opinion was: "...that the people who reported sightings of UFOs were far worthier of research than the reports themselves."

That opinion can be interpreted in whichever way you like. The fact that you interpret it in the way that you do says more about you than it does about Cassie.

>The whole piece was simply a grouping of insults rather than  
>anything of meaningful contribution to the phenomenon.

And what is "self serving quack" if it is not an insult?

The article reported the opinions of those people we interviewed, and those who left their views to history in the form of public documents. Perhaps we should have just ignored what they said, in case it upset anyone?

I'd be interested to know what you feel is "a meaningful contribution to the phenomenon." Surely you mean, a "meaningful contribution to the study of the phenomenon." Is not a study of the MoD's investigations not a "meaningful contribution"? Perhaps it only qualifies for such if it reaches the conclusions you want to hear.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 09:41:42 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 10:30:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 13:43:49 -0600  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 20:39:59 -0000  
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>Could you be any more condescending?

Jerry,

Sometimes the most appropriate response to nonsense is the application of sarcasm.

>In my years in ufology, I've met all variety of men and women,  
>but none of them, sane or crazy, virtuous or venal, has ever  
>struck me as anything other than purely human, with his or her  
>counterpart easily findable elsewhere in life.

On that point, we are in agreement. This is why the 'UFO phenomenon' is so fascinating from the human viewpoint. We all approach the subject within in the context of our own interests and specialities. Why should 'UFology' be any different from say archaeology, which employs both physical scientists and anthropologists? Indeed in this country, we even have post-modernist viewpoints on archaeology....

>If I want to  
>learn about my fellow Homo sapiens, all I have to do is go out  
>and meet them. The UFO phenomenon presents far more complex and  
>interesting challenges. Maybe all you're telling us is that  
>you're just not up to them.

Is it OK if I leave you to study the complex and interesting challenges of the UFO phenomenon, while I concentrate upon those "sane, crazy, virtuous and venal" people you refer to?

Best,

Dave Clarke

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## Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 08:43:25 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 10:33:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Randle

>From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 20:20:10 EST  
>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

<snip>

>Dear Scientific, Learned, and Honorable JSE Editor:

>Why did you approve Mr. Houran's paper on his "Roswell telegram"  
>study for publication in your journal, when he does not possess,  
>and never did possess, the raw data supporting his main  
>conclusion?

<snip>

Good Afternoon Dave, List, All -

I confess that I do not understand the animosity being exposed here. Our study did not suggest that those engaged in research on the Ramey memo had made an errors that invalidated their work, that continued study would reveal nothing of value, or that nothing could be learned here. It did suggest that priming might be a confounding variable and should be taken into consideration. It did not say that those studying the memo had made that error. We suggested a method for furthering the scientific study of the memo, and I have suggested to others that I believed that we could gain validation in independent studies of the memo. If that could be accomplished, then we would have moved this study forward. Instead we learn all the reasons that validation should not be attempted and how no one other than one or two specific people are capable of understanding the Ramey memo.

There are those who were worried because we don't have the raw data from our study. Well, that's not exactly the truth. In fact, we do have a computerbase of the raw quantitative data, just not the actual score sheets (This is stated in our article). This is how we know the average number of words each group perceived and their correlations with the various cognitive variables (including prior knowledge about Roswell and the Ramey document). And confounding effects aside, we can also turn our study around and ask how well can people replicate the findings of Rudiak et al? That is, if their assertions about the clear legibility of the key text in the document is valid, then a significant portion of our sample (if not the ENTIRE sample) should have seen it. Some words did seem to be reliable but other key text was not validated by our sample. However, the clear finding is one that should not be controversial to those well-versed in research design... and that is we need more stringent control procedures in further work on the document in order to properly control for the effects of belief and expectation, which are well-known in scientific circles.

I will make just one more comment about this lack of "raw" data. As I was working on my dissertation, I converted the data from the interviews onto score sheets and into a spreadsheet. Did I make any mistakes in that conversion? Possibly, but I was careful to check and recheck that data. Any mistake made would

not alter the overall results. It is the same case here. Yes, the score sheets are gone, but not the raw data. I make this point only because some of that earlier information has been lost but not the "raw" data.

It would seem to me that if we turned all these energies to a scientific study we would be farther along. And, no I'm not suggesting that the studies conducted to this point are less than scientific or credible, only that other work must be done, and those who began the study cannot work for the validation or the confirmation. When, and if, others do that, then the pioneering work of the first researchers will become even more valuable.

I might suggest that some of us reread the psychological journals dealing with conformity. Seems that we have another example of it being used here. If I shout loud enough and long enough, everyone will conform to my opinion which must be right because it is mine.

KRandle

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## Re: Marcello Truzzi RIP - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 06:03:17 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 10:36:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Marcello Truzzi RIP - Hamilton

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 15:13:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Marcello Truzzi RIP

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 18:12:56 -0600  
>>Subject: Marcello Truzzi RIP

<snip>

>I didn't know Marcello well, but he touched my life, and I'll  
>really miss him. Thanks, Jerry, for writing such a true and  
>heartfelt eulogy.

I did not know Marcello Truzzi, but his writing was enlightning.

Here is one of his articles on psuedo-skepticism:

<http://www.anomalist.com/commentaries/pseudo.html>

In one line he says, "Since "skepticism" properly refers to doubt rather than denial - nonbelief rather than belief - critics who take the negative rather than an agnostic position but still call themselves "skeptics" are actually pseudo-skeptics and have, I believed, gained a false advantage by usurping that label."

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 08:09:21 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 19:56:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 23:31:33 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>On Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, you wrote:

>>>>You are right to some extent, of course. My main theory here is  
>>>>that there may be an planetary grid of electromagnetic energy,  
>>>>of which ley lines and such are just a subset, which facilitates  
>>>>travel for them, when close to the planet's surface.

>You proposed your theory.

Yes.

>I asked for scientific data/evidence that this "grid" and "ley  
>lines" existed and that they were connected to UFOs - as per  
>your contentions.

>You referred me to URL's that were nothing more than futher  
>theory and speculation (and your book).

I referred you to considerably more. It's up to you to follow  
through, I'm certainly not going to do it for you.

What do you have to offer, or to bring to bear on this topic, in  
a meaningful, considered, or well-thought-out manner or example?

>Now you jump up and down trying to put the burden of proof on my  
>back.

No, I'm simply pointing out that both your statements and your  
arguments are filled with flaws, holes, and outright fallacies  
of fact.

>Mike, it's your theory, not mine. I am asking for clear,  
>scientific data/research that supports the physical reality of  
>this "planetary grid of electromagnetic energy" and "ley lines"  
>which you claim facilitates travel for "them". I have not said  
>these things do not exist. I said I want to see some kind of  
>scientific data from scientific research that supports your  
>claims.

Obviously you are stumped. You can neither answer the question  
you dodged, nor respond in a thoughtful manner to my answer to  
you query about proof of non-human culture on this planet. I  
provided you with an example, which of course would require  
further research on your part--and you did not respond.

Look into the mystery of the Eltanin antenna. You might learn  
something.

>Until you can provide the data/research you claim supports your  
>claim, we have nothing to discuss.

And of course, I think you're just making noise for the sake of  
doing so. Or is there another agenda at work with your posts?

What was your area of study again? Disinformation? You've said as much, at any rate.

Amused regards,

--Mike Mott

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## Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 11:11:39 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 19:57:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Randle

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 00:25:36 EST  
>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Sat, 1 Feb 2003 22:43:08 EST  
>>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 23:00:32 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>>>From: Tom Carey <[TCarey1947@aol.com](mailto:TCarey1947@aol.com)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>>Date: Fri, 31 Jan 2003 10:58:37 -0500  
>>>>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

<snip>

>>>>As Kevin has stated in another post, we are certain of the  
>>>>site. All Brad has done is to try to create a false sense of  
>>>>confusion regarding the location of the debris field where there  
>>>>is none to those of us who have been there.

>>>He and Kevin have pointed out the discrepancies on where the site  
>>>was. Kevin points out that Don Schmitt puts the location a  
>>>little 2 or 3 hundred years west then he does although you could  
>>>say in the same area. One also gathers from Kevins post that  
>>>location information that came from Loretta Proctor (although  
>>>she apparently is a nice person) may not be accurate.

>>Good Evening, All -

>>First, I did not say two or three yards, but two or three  
>>hundred feet too far to the west. I have also suggested that Don

>Evening, all,

>One should note that when I wrote this, I said two or three  
>hundred years, not yards... a keyboard mistake on my part, and  
>in fact I meant feet.

>>Schmitt might claim I put it two to three hundred feet too far  
>>east. But I also suggested that if Jess Marcel's estimate of  
>>size was wrong and the field was a mile long, then both ends  
>>would have been on the right site. I also said that the  
>>archaeological dig was on the right site and the disagreement,  
>>slight though it is, is about the precise east-west edges and  
>>nothing more.

>The point I get out of all this is we have the area correct.  
>Obviously we don't have "the exact" location of the debris field  
>as that could be dependent on the testimony of the witnesses,  
>i.e. 600 feet long in 47, 3/4 of a mile long years later.

>One wonders on what basis Don Schmitt moves the debris field

>over 2 or 3 hundred feet.

Good Morning Robert, List, All -

First let me point out where it said two or three feet, it should have been two or three hundred feet.

Second, this discussion is a non starter. We know the exact location given the information we have gathered. We do not know the exact dimensions which is a totally different proposition.

Third, as we stood on the hill side with Bill Brazel, him holding one of those warm beers, he pointed to another hill across a shallow little valley and said that the debris started up near there. My impression was that he was pointing to a place about two hundred feet from the place that Schmitt thought he was pointing. We didn't realize this problem until later... no, it's not a problem, just a matter of interpretation. He thought Brazel was pointing to a point a little farther up the hill than I did, but when we did the archaeological research in 1989, we incorporated both ends in that research so that no parts were left out.

So, this is of little consequence. It sort of a question of how much territory to include on the debris field but we never left out any that should have been included.

This is a tempest in a teapot.

KRandle

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 20:00:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 20:00:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Roberts

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 18:27:24 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

Don wrote:

>It seems David borrowed this line from his and Andy's missive in  
>the Fortean Times, from some self-satisfied quack who was  
>looking at the reporters and witnesses to UFO sightings.

>Self serving at best

As Bobby says "You gotta serve somebody"

>To borrow one of his lines, I was rather amused and it seems  
>rather silly to me in light of the overwhelming number of  
>qualified witnesses from many professions and persuasions to  
>continue on this path of denial.

>I spent last Friday afternoon talking to a decorated Army  
>officer here in Canada about his daylight encounter, along with  
>his driver, of a monstrous object not more than a few hundred  
>feet away from them. Yet I'm supposed to care what some silly,  
>apparently unqualified, and seriously negligent doctor has to  
>say or quip about. I would think any doctor who talked about his  
>patients this way should be deprived of his license.

Ahh, bless, the myth of the credible witness gets out of its  
crib for the first time this year, rather like the first cuckoo.  
I can provide you with many cases, Don, where such people as you  
quote above have been verifiably proven to have been victims  
of radical misperception. Our books, and indeed ufology, are  
full of them. How about the old favourite of two policemen who  
stood, watched and photoggraphed a 'UFO' for an hour only to  
find out it was a complicated rock reflection. Better still this  
very same illusion had been there for the two years they had  
lived in the police house they saw it from yet on one day only  
it became a 'UFO'. These are the real mysteries of ufology -  
not the abductee nonsense or wishful thinking with which this  
List is full. The myth of the credible witness doesn't state  
that all witnesses are misperceiving but it does prove that  
many are. And as no case has yet been identified as anything  
which is a genuine 'structured craft of unknown origin' I'm  
afraid that, whether you, Jerry, Dick or whoever has to live  
with the fact that radical misperception is the best  
demonstrable theory we have.

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Happy Trails

Andy

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 18:07:36 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 20:03:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Reason

>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 09:31:55 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

I hope you'll both excuse me for interrupting, but this sounds definitely odd to me.

>The "self-satisfied quack" you refer to is Alex Cassie, an RAF  
>pilot who was shot down by the Germans and spent several years  
>incarcerated in the notorious Stalag Luft POW camp.

>It was here that the experiences that eventually made him a  
>respected defence psychologist were honed. His story of was  
>later used as the basis for Donald Pleasance's character in the  
>film 'The Great Escape.'

>He spent two years in the late '60s interviewing UFO witnesses  
>on the payroll of the Ministry of Defence. His considered  
>opinion was: "...that the people who reported sightings of UFOs  
>were far worthier of research than the reports themselves."

Well whoever he was, "respected defence psychologist" or not (what is one of those, by the way?) - this was an extremely ill-considered remark.

As it happens, I also find the psychosocial dynamics surrounding UFOs and their investigation more interesting than the UFOs themselves, but saying that is one thing, and asserting that "the people who report sightings of UFOs are far worthier of research than the UFOs themselves" is quite another. The first is an explicitly subjective statement about my own areas of interest, whereas the second purports to be an objective statement of fact.

The problem is, if one is going to be scientific about this, there is no way one can do research on the people who report UFOs without taking into account the reports they have made, the enviromental context in which the reports were made (including the likely stimulus to which the reports refer); the social context in which the reports were made, and the social context in which the reports are being discussed and investigated - and that includes the social context in which the people who make the reports are discussed and investigated.

Any attempt to isolate one aspect of this complex web of relationships risks being scientifically very dubious indeed, because it creates an artifactual boundary between who or what is being studied, and who or what is doing the studying. Bear in mind that these aren't physics-lab type experiments in which this boundary can be explicitly defined and controlled - whatever assumptions and misconceptions lie on "our" side of the boundary are likely to be unjustifiably insulated from skeptical scrutiny.

This is a long-standing problem in psychological research (as in all social science research, and also medical, psychiatric and much medical research as well).

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood@fas.org](mailto:saftergood@fas.org)>  
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## COLUMBIA AND NASA INFO POLICY

NASA's investigation of the fiery disintegration of Space Shuttle Columbia on February 1 has been marked to date by a degree of candor and responsiveness that contrasts sharply with the agency's handling of the 1986 Challenger disaster.

"We're still poring over a lot of data," noted Shuttle program director Roger Dittmore at a remarkably detailed press briefing on February 2 adding, with uncommon humility, "It's certainly possible that we'll contradict ourselves from day to day."

NASA has established a web site to "collect and distribute information about the crew, the mission, and the ongoing investigation" here:

<http://www.nasa.gov/columbia/index.html>

## HOMELAND SECURITY AND FOIA

"The Freedom of Information Act language [in the Homeland Security Act] has got to be clarified," said Senator Carl Levin at the January 17 confirmation hearing of Tom Ridge to be the new Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. "We are denying the public unclassified information in the current law which should not be denied to the public."

Furthermore, Senator Levin said, "There could be some very unintended consequences there, which could give protections for wrongdoing that threaten our health and environment which we should not be giving to wrongdoers."

In response, Governor Ridge expressed a willingness to correct the problem. "It certainly wasn't the intent, I'm sure, of those who advocated the Freedom of Information Act exemption to give wrongdoers protection or to protect illegal activity," he said. "And I'll certainly work with you to clarify that language." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2003/s011703.html>

Senator Levin reiterated his concerns on January 22 when the Senate voted to confirm Gov. Ridge, and added: "I am hopeful that Governor Ridge will help us to remedy some of the FOIA problems caused by the Homeland Security Act and restore the

bipartisan compromise worked out in our committee." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2003/s012203.html>

Meanwhile, the Justice Department Office of Information and Privacy provided an interpretation of the requirements of the Homeland Security FOIA exemption in a January 27 posting here:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2003foiapost4.htm>

#### USS PUEBLO MOBILIZED FOR PROPAGANDA WAR

As tensions between the United States and North Korea have escalated in connection with the DPRK's nuclear weapons program, both sides have invoked the U.S.S. Pueblo, the American intelligence vessel that was attacked and captured by North Korea in 1968.

In case anyone had forgotten, the North Korean Central News Agency boasted on January 20 that "The spy ship Pueblo, a trophy captured by Korean seamen from the U.S. imperialists, is on display on the river Taedong in Pyongyang." See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/01/dprk012003.html>

In Washington, Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell reintroduced his resolution from last year demanding the return of the Pueblo to the U.S. Navy.

"It is important to note that even to this day the capture of the USS Pueblo has resulted in no reprisal against North Korea, demonstrating remarkable restraint by the United States," Senator Campbell said on January 29. See:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/sr29.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/sr29.html)

#### DOD BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS MAY GO TO OPM

Background investigations that are conducted in support of security clearances at the Department of Defense may soon be performed by Office of Personnel Management (OPM) instead of the Pentagon's Defense Security Service.

See "OPM - DoD Announce Consolidation of Background Investigation Services," February 3:

<http://www.opm.gov/pressrel/2003/EG-Investigations.asp>

The Defense Department personnel security program has suffered for years from huge backlogs, management problems, and related defects that cumulatively cast doubt on the integrity of the security clearance system.

Under Secretary of Defense Dov Zakheim explained the move as a way to eliminate needless redundancy at a February 3 press briefing:

"We [DOD] do security clearances. The Office of Personnel Management does security clearances. Sometimes they both do them at the same time for the same people. I was one. I had investigators coming to see me within several days of each other. And they went to their bosses and said, 'Why are we both wasting the government's money and the taxpayers' money interviewing the same guy? His address hasn't changed in two days.' And the answer was, because you have to. We're trying to move that out to the Office of Personnel Management," Zakheim said.

#### NEW RELEASES AND ACQUISITIONS

The early history of the National Reconnaissance Office is examined in new detail by Jeffrey T. Richelson in a National Security Archive monograph entitled "Civilians, Spies, and Blue Suits: The Bureaucratic War for Control of Overhead Reconnaissance, 1961-1965" here:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/monograph/nro/>

In recent years, a more standardized classified document marking system has been adopted by U.S. intelligence and defense agencies. The development and application of that system are described in "Intelligence Community Classification and Control Markings Implementation," a 1.5 MB PowerPoint document available here (thanks to B):

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/icmarkings.ppt>

Director of Central Intelligence Directive (DCID) 6/9 on "Physical Security Standards for Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities" was adopted on November 18, 2002, and replaces the former DCID 1/21. A copy is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/dcid6-9.htm>

Senators John Edwards and Charles Schumer last week introduced a bill to provide access to classified information on terrorist threats to qualified State and local government personnel. See S. 266, the "Antiterrorism Intelligence Distribution Act of 2003," here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/s266.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s266.html)

"Left-wing extremism continues... to be a potential threat to U.S. government agencies," according to an assessment performed for the Department of Energy Office of Safeguards and Security in April 2001. See "Left-Wing Extremism: The Current Threat" here (thanks to MJR):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/para/left.pdf>

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## Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Morton

From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 15:59:25 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 08:50:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Morton

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 08:43:25 EST  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 10:33:39 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Randle

>>From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 20:20:10 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

<snip>

>>Dear Scientific, Learned, and Honorable JSE Editor:

>>Why did you approve Mr. Houran's paper on his "Roswell telegram"  
>>study for publication in your journal, when he does not possess,  
>>and never did possess, the raw data supporting his main  
>>conclusion?

<snip>

>Good Afternoon Dave, List, All -

Good afternoon Kevin,

>I confess that I do not understand the animosity being exposed  
>here.

I was simply taking Jim Houran's repeated recommendation to write a letter to the Editor of JSE, and posted my rough draft here. I have not yet sent it. The sarcasm was directed towards the Editor of JSE for apparently failing in his duties to exercise journalistic integrity, and towards Houran for suggesting the seemingly pointless exercise of asking the Editor questions which should be directed to the author(s). I have no bones to pick with you, Kevin. Maybe I should, but I don't. I respect your prior work on Roswell too much, often done at great personal expense, as I'm sure we all do.

<snip>

>There are those who were worried because we don't have the raw  
>data from our study. Well, that's not exactly the truth. In  
>fact, we do have a computerbase of the raw quantitative data,  
>just not the actual score sheets (This is stated in our  
>article). This is how we know the average number of words each  
>group perceived and their correlations with the various  
>cognitive variables (including prior knowledge about Roswell  
>and the Ramey document).

<snip>

I'm snipping your good points simply to zero-in on 1 important issue: the conclusions and the data supporting them.

From your database of raw, quantitative data:

1. How many "hits" did each Exclusive word (UFO, flash, etc) have?

<snip>

Sorry for the many snips, but I just want to address that 1 point, for the moment.

>KRandle

Dave Morton

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## Soho Pictures

From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 20:48:14 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 09:02:04 -0500  
Subject: Soho Pictures

Soho pictures small selection (some folk may not have seen them). Just a note to inform you of my efforts over the past few days see:

<http://www.colsweb.com/ETatTheBeach.htm>

see Candyfloss cartoon.

Feel free to send on this information wherever.

Camera, pixelation faults and smudging -I dont think so! Look at the center picture to discover why they've been stamped on one of many pictures analyzed my myself. A vertically compressed mono chrome to bring out detail, especially in the UK.

I have published the way I have to try and avoid the onslaught if I did it in the usual way.

I know, I know. Bring on the lambasting and dont forget to mention the 'fluffy bunny gray alien' etc. I had on the site a few years ago ( grimace, it was real I tells ya.

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This may also be of interest in regard to this tragic accident;

Photos show odd images near shuttle

David Perlman, Chronicle Science Editor  
Sunday, February 2, 2003

A San Francisco amateur astronomer who photographs the space shuttles whenever their orbits carry them over the Bay Area has captured five strange and provocative images of the shuttle Columbia just as it was re-entering the Earth's atmosphere before dawn Saturday.

The pictures, taken with a Nikon 8 camera on a tripod, reveal what appear to be bright electrical phenomena flashing around the track of the shuttle's passage, but the photographer, who asked not to be identified, will not make them public immediately.

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"I couldn't see the discharge with own eyes, but it showed up clear and bright on the film when I developed it," the

photographer said. "But I'm not going to speculate about what it might be

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It would seem that it's not just the Soho camera which is faulty?  
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Also, thank you Will Bueche for your post and I will send on my abduction and ET interference account to:

matthew.oconnell [at] bbc.co.uk

-replace [at] with @- as I do live in the UK with many ties abroad.

Best Wishes to all and condolences to the bereaved

Col

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## Photos Show Odd Images Near Shuttle

From: **Rajesh Kumar** <[rkumar1@hotmail.com](mailto:rkumar1@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 23:46:00 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 09:14:59 -0500  
Subject: Photos Show Odd Images Near Shuttle

Source: San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2003/02/02/MN221641.DTL>

February 2, 2003

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E-mail David Perlman at [dperlman@sfchronicle.com](mailto:dperlman@sfchronicle.com).

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This incident was mentioned again in subsequent article in the San Francisco Chronicle:

"And a San Francisco amateur astronomer has shown The Chronicle -- but not released publicly -- a photograph of a vivid, lightning-like discharge apparently crossing through the contrail's left side. The image is one of five snapped in sequence at 5:53 a.m., when the shuttle's sensors began to fail."

The full article is entitled:

Breakup may have begun above California - Caltech astronomer noted 'debris shedding' as Columbia passed overhead

It is located at:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2003/02/03/MN33624.DTL&type=science>

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 19:25:14 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 09:16:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clark

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>SDate: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 16:59:39 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 03 Feb 2003 18:27:24 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>Ahh, bless, the myth of the credible witness gets out of its  
>crib for the first time this year, rather like the first cuckoo.  
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>quote above have been verifiably proven to have been victims  
>of radical misperception. Our books, and indeed ufology, are  
>full of them. How about the old favourite of two policemen who  
>stood, watched and photoggraphed a 'UFO' for an hour only to  
>find out it was a complicated rock reflection. Better still this  
>very same illusion had been there for the two years they had  
>lived in the police house they saw it from yet on one day only  
>it became a 'UFO'. These are the real mysteries of ufology -  
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>List is full. The myth of the credible witness doesn't state  
>that all witnesses are misperceiving but it does prove that  
>many are. And as no case has yet been identified as anything  
>which is a genuine 'structured craft of unknown origin' I'm  
>afraid that, whether you, Jerry, Dick or whoever has to live  
>with the fact that radical misperception is the best  
>demonstrable theory we have.

>If you know - and can prove differently - I'd be interested to  
>hear. Otherwise I'll leave you and your chums to rant until you  
>have something worth replying to.

Don,

If ever there was a post not worth replying to, this is it. Andy pulls out an anecdote out of the air, uses it as proof that "radical misperception is the best demonstrable theory we have" (love that emphasis), says that he has to prove nothing and you have to prove all, and signs off with a patented Robertsonian adolescent sneer. He's telling us, of course, that whenever a witness reports something Andy is too smart to take seriously, no problem -- just scream "radical misperception" and the wascally wabbit will go away.

One doesn't know whether to laugh or cry, but I vote for the former. At least that's the one I'm engaged in at the moment.

Jerry Clark

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 22:31:35 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 09:21:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
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>Don wrote:

>>It seems David borrowed this line from his and Andy's missive in  
>>the Fortean Times, from some self-satisfied quack who was  
>>looking at the reporters and witnesses to UFO sightings.

>>Self serving at best

>As Bobby says "You gotta serve somebody"

>>To borrow one of his lines, I was rather amused and it seems  
>>rather silly to me in light of the overwhelming number of  
>>qualified witnesses from many professions and persuasions to  
>>continue on this path of denial.

I spent last Friday afternoon talking to a decorated Army officer here in Canada about his daylight encounter, along with his driver, of a monstrous object not more than a few hundred feet away from them. Yet I'm supposed to care what some silly, apparently unqualified, and seriously negligent doctor has to say or quip about. I would think any doctor who talked about his patients this way should be deprived of his license.

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>you and your chums to rant until you have something worth  
>replying to.

Your above contribution just re-enforced my original point.

Two cops shot pictures of a reflection and that makes all the

other reports mistaken identification of known phenomenon, eh  
Andy?

Psycho-social or psycho-babble. It must be an experience to live  
in your world.

Roy Rodgers to you as well.

Don

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### Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

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>>It seems David borrowed this line from his and Andy's missive  
>>in the Fortean Times, from some self-satisfied quack who was  
>>looking at the reporters and witnesses to UFO sightings.

>Don,

>The "self-satisfied quack" you refer to is Alex Cassie, an RAF  
>pilot who was shot down by the Germans and spent several years  
>incarcerated in the notorious Stalag Luft POW camp.

>It was here that the experiences that eventually made him a  
>respected defence psychologist were honed. His story of was  
>later used as the basis for Donald Pleasance's character in the  
>film 'The Great Escape.'

>He spent two years in the late '60s interviewing UFO witnesses  
>on the payroll of the Ministry of Defence. His considered  
>opinion was: "...that the people who reported sightings of UFOs  
>were far worthier of research than the reports themselves."

Yeah I know who he is/was and I know the point you were trying to make by association. Anyone who looks into the phenomenon, or as you call it 'flying saucers'-ad nauseum- [incidentally do you and Andy giggle every time you get to slip in that appellation]- and as you said below I can take his comment any way I want-but since it was meant only to be taken ONE way, an arms length slap at and a distancing technique [see Condon-Corning Glass Works and the Low Memorandum] from any of us who chose to look at it-it was and is insulting. There were literally hundreds of other RAF, RCAF, RAAF, USAAF and enemy pilots who encountered these so-called natural phenomenon. And since then there have been many thousands more pilots who have also encountered these phenomena who would likely take umbrage at Cassie

>That opinion can be interpreted in whichever way you like. The  
>fact that you interpret it in the way that you do says more  
>about you than it does about Cassie.

>>The whole piece was simply a grouping of insults rather than  
>>anything of meaningful contribution to the phenomenon.

>And what is "self serving quack" if it is not an insult?

It was meant to be an insult! Tit for tat. Consider his profession-a psychologist-and then his remark. He couched his insult in more socially acceptable terms. That doesn't make it any less self serving and belittling of those who have chosen to look at the phenomenon. I'm just more blunt than your war hero.

>The article reported the opinions of those people we  
>interviewed, and those who left their views to history in the  
>form of public documents. Perhaps we should have just ignored  
>what they said, in case it upset anyone?

>I'd be interested to know what you feel is "a meaningful  
>contribution to the phenomenon." Surely you mean, a  
>"meaningful contribution to the study of the phenomenon."

Yes. Thanks for correcting me-but I'm sure you knew what I meant.

>Is not a study of the MoD's investigations not a "meaningful  
>contribution"? Perhaps it only qualifies for such if it reaches  
>the conclusions you want to hear.

Sure it is if you can leave out the jabs. And another thing. It doesn't end with the MOD or DND [here] or DOD in the US. Just remember if we are looking at this from the point of view of the aviation community, know that the armed air forces are the tiniest percentage of it. There are working professionals out there reporting these things with a hell of a lot more airtime than most air force pilots can ever hope to have. They work there, putting in tens of thousands of hours in a lifetime. 99 percent of air force pilots are lucky to get more than 2,000 hours of air time.

It gets to be a phenomenon with a high degree danger when you don't know what the hell these things are. I don't really care what the air force thinks. They aren't the ones responsible for civilian airspace and the control of hundreds of thousands of commercial traffic and their millions of passengers every day.

Putting the air force in charge of investigating the UFO phenomenon was to my mind akin to astronomers employed to study snowflakes- because they fall from the sky. Their resources should have been used but then scientists such as Paul R. Hill and others like him who understood the dynamics should have been brought in to run the investigation[s].

But to get back to what annoyed you, let me answer by saying that to try and make this phenomenon the provenance of those lacking full psychological facilities is patently unfair not to mention untrue. This ploy has been used throughout the last 50 plus years and all it has served to do is stymie the reporting of, and the scientific study of, the phenomenon.

Your piece was interesting but dragged down by the veiled and oft alluded to jabs at the investigators - the same people Andy urged to read the article.

Yours,

Don Ledger

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## The Times On Official French UFO Department

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Reportage

Salut, Earthlings

By Adam Sage

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If the truth really is out there, the French are taking serious steps to find it

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ON A cold Monday morning 22 years ago, Jean-Jacques Velasco was sitting in his office when a gendarme rang to tell him about a strange incident. Renato Nicolai, a retired technician, had been working in his garden in Trans-en-Provence, near Nice, when he saw a dark, round object come down from the sky, settle on the ground and take off again, the gendarme said. Over the years, Velasco has heard many such stories, and disproved most of them. But this one was different - "E2=C7" this one was credible, he believes. Something seems to have landed in Trans-en-Provence, he says, and that something has never been identified.

But who is Velasco? Another crackpot determined to find a flying saucer? A follower of Claude Vorilhon, the Frenchman who founded the Raelian sect amid claims that he was the son of an extraterrestrial being? No, he is a scientist working for the state-run National French Centre for Space Studies (CNES), where he heads a department responsible for analysing what are commonly called unidentified flying objects (UFOs) but what are officially known as unidentified aerospace phenomena (UAP).

It is a unique department, the only permanent government-financed scientific project set up by a developed country to unravel fact from fiction in the debate about UFOs.

In an area that draws the deranged and the dreamers, this is a serious research programme. "We have shown that there is a category of events that are not part of the classical physical scheme of things," says Velasco. These may be a light, or an object moving across the sky on "an abnormal trajectory", sometimes noiselessly.

"In some cases, there is a feeling that the phenomenon is adapting its behaviour to the environment. In others, people claim to have seen small material objects very close to them, which may even land. In the most extreme cases, people claim to

see objects with beings next to them."

A neatly-dressed, bespectacled man, Velasco talks with the careful precision of an academic who is keen to be understood. He is not saying that he has come across visitors from another planet; he is saying merely that events occur for which science has yet to find an explanation, and which merit further inquiry.

"Two hundred years ago, the French Academy of Science said meteorites did not fall to Earth, that the phenomenon did not exist," he says. "Now we know it does."

Velasco's department was set up in 1977, the year that Close Encounters of the Third Kind was released amid a global UFO fever. Across the world people thought they saw strange figures, flying saucers and bright lights. Sects such as the Raelians claimed to be in contact with extraterrestrial life. And amateur associations pledged to shed light on the burning question: are we alone? But there were few serious attempts to probe the issue. The US authorities had studied it ten years earlier and concluded that it was a waste of taxpayers' money. Most other countries, including Britain, thought likewise. Only France took the matter seriously, partly because it has the centralised state apparatus necessary to do so, and partly, no doubt, because of a vainglorious belief that if a UFO is to be found, France should be the one to find it.

The CNES duly set up the Service for Expert Appraisal of Atmospheric Re- entry Phenomena (Septra). Based in Toulouse, the department is as pedantic as its title sounds: the staff are state-employed scientists, shaped by a prudent, rigorous and somewhat bureaucratic culture. In France such bureaucracy can often be cumbersome and painfully rigid. Yet in this domain at least, this rigidity offers a guarantee of impartiality that is rare as far as UFOs are concerned.

Last year, when the CNES was told to reduce its 1.3 billion franc (=A3853 million) budget, the organisation's president, Alain Bensoussan, ordered an audit into Septra's work. A wide range of French scientists was asked whether it was worth continuing research; almost all said yes.

One reason is because, unlike most other UFO-hunters, Septra's staff are neither seeking publicity nor peddling an obscure belief in extraterrestrial civilisation. They say they do not know whether extraterrestrial beings exist or not, and look disparaging when you ask them to voice their hunches on the question.

They do not have hunches, only statistics. Yet the statistics that Velasco has made public are eloquent. Since, 1977, Septra has received some 6,000 reports of alleged UFO sightings. Of these, 110 are from civil or military aircraft crew, and the rest from ordinary French people who have almost invariably contacted their local gendarmerie. In 21.3 per cent of cases there is a clear, indisputable and banal explanation: a firework display, a novel lighting system involving a luminous balloon, a cloud above the Pyrenees that is shaped like a flying saucer. In 24.9 per cent there is a probable explanation, and in 41.3 per cent the information is too vague to be of use. But in 12.5 per cent of cases "about 750 sightings since 1977" the evidence is precise, detailed and inexplicable, and is thus categorised as an unidentified phenomenon.

Before reaching such a conclusion, Velasco conducts an extensive investigation using a method dubbed exemplary by Peter Sturrock, a British academic who founded the Society for Scientific Exploration. It involves inquiring into the psychological and social background of the person claiming to have seen a UFO, checking the initial witness statement against all other available evidence and working with different branches of the French administration. For instance, Septra has a formal procedure to be followed by every gendarmerie that deals with an alleged sighting. Officers seal off the area, take ground samples and ask pre-established questions to weed out the mad and the drunk.

But most alleged UFOs are spotted by the sober and sensible, says Velasco. "In all our statistics on the personalities of the people who see these phenomena only one in 1,000 is not credible because of alcohol. People go to gendarmerie spontaneously; in

99 per cent of cases it is because they genuinely want to know what they have seen."

Yet a witness's good faith is not enough, and the story must be corroborated. "What interests the scientist is not so much the tale that is told, but to go further and check the tale against objective data, to measure these phenomena," says Velasco. So he has established links with laboratories that analyse samples found at the scene, and an agreement with the civil and military aviation authorities to provide radar details of any unidentified flights.

Consider, for instance, a case reported in 1994, when the crew of an Air France flight from Nice to London saw a dark, 300m (1,000ft) long object over the Paris region. The object disappeared before the aircraft had got near it, and the flight continued without difficulty. A few days later Velasco travelled from his office in Toulouse to the military aviation control centre outside Paris, where he was given a read-out of the radar information from the day in question. It revealed that an unknown object had indeed flown over the French capital.

Consider, too, the Trans-en-Provence case. Velasco went through the usual checks with the gendarme who had rung him. Was the witness, Nicolai, reeking of alcohol or babbling incoherently? The answer was no. Was there any evidence to back up his story? The apparent answer was yes, since there were marks in the grass where the object had supposedly landed.

Velasco drove to Trans-en-Provence and took ground samples. These showed that the area had been heated to between 300C and 600C, that it had been compressed by something weighing up to a tonne and that the plants there had been affected by a strong electromagnetic field. Velasco concluded that Nicolai had indeed witnessed a strange happening.

So should we conclude that little green men were taking a look at Provence from their spaceship? Velasco dismisses such ideas. "We cannot say whether there is a link between the question of extraterrestrial life and that of non-identified aerospace phenomena," he says adding: "But we can show that UFOs exist. The problem is interpreting them, and I hope that scientists, and other people, look at this question more seriously."

A guide to alien French:

Un OVNI (objet volant non identifi=C3=A9): a UFO (unidentified flying object).

Une soucoupe volante: a flying saucer.

Les extraterrestres sont parmi nous: the aliens are among us.

Rencontres Rapproches du Troisieme Type: Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

C'etait un petit bonhomme vert: it was a little green man.

C'est quoi, cette etrange lumiere dans le ciel?: what's that strange light in the sky?

Les extraterrestres essaient de communiquer avec nous: the aliens are trying to communicate with us.

Amenez-moi =C3 votre chef: take me to your leader.

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## Poster Entries Sought For Aztec UFO Symposium

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Aztec UFO poster entries sought

By Darren Marcy/Staff writer

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AZTEC - The Aztec Public Library is hosting its annual art contest to determine what image will appear on this year's poster for the sixth-annual Aztec UFO Symposium.

The Aztec UFO 2003 Space Art and Writing Contests gives anyone with a creative bent a chance to challenge themselves on the topic of space.

People of all ages can enter the contest in one or more categories of: Written work, bookmarks, art (painting, drawing or mixed media), electronic space art, or 3-D imaging.

First and second place prizes will be awarded in each category and age division.

Adults compete among themselves while children will compete in age classifications of: kindergarten to third grade, fourth to sixth, seventh to ninth and high school.

Each entrant will get a certificate of participation and the winners will be awarded prizes. The entry deadline is March 1.

The contest is growing in popularity with entries coming in from all over the United States as well as 14 foreign countries.

"It's becoming more of an international contest," said Librarian Leanne Hathcock.

Hathcock said the Internet is allowing Aztec's library fundraiser to grow through "digital world of mouth."

She said the UFO Web site is receiving 500 hits a week.

"There just seems to be so much interest in this phenomenon," Hathcock said.

In addition to the Internet, information about the contest has been sent to school children in Aztec, Bloomfield and the Central Schools. UFO officials will speak with the Farmington School District about the Farmington schools soon.

But anyone wanting to enter can find a form on the Web site at:

aztecufoc.com or at the Aztec Library.

This is the fifth year for the art contest with the winning piece selected to for the commemorative poster each year.

Hathcock said the plan is to turn the event into a juried art show somewhere down the line. This year, the winner will be chosen by the Northwest New Mexico Arts Council.

There is no requirement that the art depict UFOs, only that it have a space theme.

The art show always brings in a wide variety of art proving that the UFO topic is one that dwells deep in some people's minds and often comes out differently depending on the person. "It's a visual imprint of the consciousness of this topic," Hathcock said. "Subconsciously, it's what people are thinking of this topic. We get a good variety."

Information: aztecufoc.com, Aztec Public Library (505) 334-7658, UFO Center (505) 334-9890, or (505) 326-2226.

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## CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

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"Martian Genesis" and "The Atlantis Enigma" by Herbie Brennan  
(reviewed by Mac Tonnies)

<http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 36)

"Martian Genesis":

In this quick, highly readable volume, Brennan suggests that the human race originated on Mars and cites archaeological anomalies that may eventually lead our species to a profound redefinition of who and what we are. "Martian Genesis" contains many "ancient astronaut" cliches, but remains thought-provoking. The question Brennan addresses cannot be comfortably brushed aside: If the Martian "Face" is artificial, then what does it say about our evolutionary heritage?

"The Atlantis Enigma":

Continuing in the same archaeological vein as "Martian Genesis," Brennan's "The Atlantis Enigma" is a thought-provoking reappraisal of human history. Taking Plato's poetic description of the lost civilization of Atlantis as a starting point, Brennan subjects orthodox anthropological theories to late-breaking findings including (but by no means limited to) the construction of the Pyramids and Sphinx, convergent world mythologies, tectonic upheaval, and meteor collisions. Brennan argues that the Ice Age was preceded by a technologically sophisticated global civilization that was obliterated by a "supernova fragment." Brennan's book is open to argument, but it's incisive, well-cited and potentially illuminating.

For related titles, see Mars/Cydonia Book Reviews at:

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<snip>

>And what is "self serving quack" if it is not an insult

Gosh, I thought it was referencing skeptibunkers...oops,  
saying that in pelicanese its a "self-serving squawk.." :)

Cheers,

Robert

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>>One wonders on what basis Don Schmitt moves the debris field  
>>over 2 or 3 hundred feet.

>First let me point out where it said two or three feet, it  
>should have been two or three hundred feet.

Kevin,

Isn't it about this time that one of us start blathering about  
false and misleading claims made by the other.. :)

As you once mentioned in jest (as I recall) there is this notion  
around that there are no honest mistakes, just false and  
misleading claims, blah blah blah...

>Second, this discussion is a non starter. We know the exact  
>location given the information we have gathered. We do not know  
>the exact dimensions which is a totally different proposition.

>Third, as we stood on the hill side with Bill Brazel, him  
>holding one of those warm beers, he pointed to another hill

Isn't drinking warm beer like drinking cold coffee?? That was a  
burper... sorry.

>across a shallow little valley and said that the debris started  
>up near there. My impression was that he was pointing to a place  
>about two hundred feet from the place that Schmitt thought he  
>was pointing. We didn't realize this problem until later... no,  
>it's not a problem, just a matter of interpretation. He thought  
>Brazel was pointing to a point a little farther up the hill than  
>I did, but when we did the archaeological research in 1989, we  
>incorporated both ends in that research so that no parts were  
>left out.

I appreciate the above. The one observation I would make about  
the research line of trying to determine a trajectory is it  
depends if there was any in flight course changes that the  
object took before it went boom and crashed.

Cheers,

Robert

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31 January 2003

Police probe UFO sightings

BY HOWARD WILLIAMSON

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Police are quizzing UFO hunters over several incidents of lights in the sky off the east coast.

Full-time researcher Russell Kellett has been interviewed by officers after a strange incident near Filey Brigg.

And he claims fellow UFO enthusiasts have also been quizzed by officers.

"It is all very strange," said Mr Kellett at his Filey home. "Two officers interviewed me after I reported an experience I had at Filey Brigg last summer.

"I was looking out to sea when I suddenly saw five saucer-shaped objects flying in a row. I turned away to get my camera and the objects were gone, but then I heard a bang and saw a flash and an RAF plane came flying over the area.

"I phoned RAF Leeming about it and they sent the police officers round to interview me. They told me I had seen and heard a heat-seeking flare.

"But they are usually fired to ward off incoming missiles. And this was over a built-up area."

Graham Birdsall, editor of UFO Magazine, which is produced at Stourton, Leeds, said: "We have information that many police forces are now told to take all UFO sightings seriously.

"Since the demise of the Royal Observer Corps, the UFO people who watch the skies are the eyes and ears of the nation and can alert the authorities to anything suspicious. This is particularly important at a time of heightened security."

A spokesman for North Yorkshire Police said: "If someone reports an incident which could impinge on public safety then we take it seriously. If something looks worrying, it is our job to do something about it."

Sky watches have been planned at Filey, Whitby and Scarborough. Anyone interested can phone 07901 597743.

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>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 23:31:33 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

<snip>

>>You referred me to URL's that were nothing more than futher  
>>theory and speculation (and your book).

>I referred you to considerably more. It's up to you to follow  
>through, I'm certainly not going to do it for you.

Play your cards, Mike, or leave the table.

Either provide the scientific data/research that (according to your claims); 1) clearly establishes the existence of electromagnetic energies flowing through the earth along "grid lines" and "ley lines", plus 2) data which clearly links flight paths of UFO's to these alleged electromagnetic energies flowing along grid-lines and ley lines - or fold.

Put up or shut up.

(I am taking the advice of others, who have told me I am wasting my time with you, and moving on to much more important matters.)

A. Hebert

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 07:53:14 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 09:54:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

>From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 18:07:36 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 09:31:55 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>I hope you'll both excuse me for interrupting, but this sounds  
>definitely odd to me.

>Well whoever he was, "respected defence psychologist" or not  
>(what is one of those, by the way?) - this was an extremely ill-  
>considered remark.

Hi Catherine,

A defence psychologist is exactly what it says: a psychologist employed by the Ministry of Defence, in this case the Royal Air Force (responsible to the Chief Scientist).

>As it happens, I also find the psychosocial dynamics surrounding  
>UFOs and their investigation more interesting than the UFOs  
>themselves, but saying that is one thing, and asserting that  
>"the people who report sightings of UFOs are far worthier of  
>research than the UFOs themselves" is quite another. The first  
>is an explicitly subjective statement about my own areas of  
>interest, whereas the second purports to be an objective  
>statement of fact.

>The problem is, if one is going to be scientific about this,  
>there is no way one can do research on the people who report  
>UFOs without taking into account the reports they have made, the  
>enviromental context in which the reports were made (including  
>the likely stimulus to which the reports refer); the social  
>context in which the reports were made, and the social context  
>in which the reports are being discussed and investigated - and  
>that includes the social context in which the people who make  
>the reports are discussed and investigated.

But hold the bus a minute: who is suggesting that Cassie did not take into account "the enviromental context in which the reports were made (including the likely stimulus to which the reports refer); the social context in which the reports were made, and the social context in which the reports are being discussed and investigated" etc etc ?

Unless you have spoken to Cassie, and had access to the reports he produced during his assignment, you cannot know the basis for his conclusion. All you have is his statement, and the reactions to it witnessed on this list, which are interesting in themselves.

Until we have a 'UFO' to examine the only subjects we have to study are the people who make the reports of UFOs. That is how I interpret Cassie's remarks, and it is common sense rather than

psychology.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Bennett

From: Colin Bennett <[colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 11:34:18 +0000 (GMT Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:01:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Bennett

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 20:00:24 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 20:00:24 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Roberts

Hello all good List Bears,

Andy says of course, as he almost always says, that most UFO reports are misconceptions. I am not going into a rant saying this opinion is a misconception in itself. If I did that, Andy would dine off me for breakfast, and I would dine off him for dinner the next day. And so on. Judging from my private mail, these List confrontations with Andy (including those I have had with Dick Hall and Josh Goldstein) have been the cause of considerable planet-wide wonder and amusement. A published version is to be available next year, only the names have been changed to protect the guilty.

I wish to suggest a way out of the affliction of binary colonization of real and false, perception and misperception that holds us in thrall. That is to see the whole Ufological debate as art form. That way (as Jimmy Durante put it before Warhol) Everybody gets into the act. For example, we have the constant state of denial of our Andy (a wonder in itself), mixed with the screams of the queens (no names, I am in a good mood this morning ebk, so you can post this in safety), and the cool loftiness of the web intellectuals, mortally afraid of mixing it in a brawl, unlike Andy, Dick, and myself. Mixed with the wondrous certainty is the magical nature of that continuous process industry that produces fast-food facts beyond number for junk intellectual consumerism. Yes, this post is such junk Andy, I saw that coming, but then so are your misconceptions and indeed mine own. As a Fortean, I see my mind as a junk-fuzzy mess, like yours. That's the way it works. That's the way it worked with Corso. Please List Bears don't pick me up on that name, that's my other planet-sized mailbag, and very possibly next year's book, when I have a title. I always know a book is coming when I have a title.

This List art form is built of visions and the quest for knowledge just as much as it is built of have frustration and envy, and often savage anger and insults. Should one of Matthew Arnold's children of Nature wander into the List by mistake they would see a genuine 21st century art form that makes the "proper" art form of the great big outer world look camp, limp, and positively pre-electric by comparison. Ufology is not dead, it is very much alive in this sense.

These List debates are just not going on anymore in the world. In one day we can jump from cave painting to quantum theory, from mediaeval mysticism to the pure postmodern artform of Roswell. This rich complexity has vanished from the common central culture. A modern Arthur Koestler say, would no longer have major reviews in the Sunday Times. He would be wrestling with Andy and Dick.

Now Andy will come back and say that all this is long-worded long winded artyfarty fancy crap from fancy ponce Bennett, but we've been through all that before, Andy, so don't lets bore

everybody stiff with it again. Dick will complain (if he ever speaks to me again) that art form gives him nothing to measure. I say to him (if he will ever listen to me again) is there a need to measure Hamlet or the Paradise Lost? They are eternal sources of wonder, as will be this List. In Entertainment State, this dimension is one of our narrowing list of evolutionary options.

The Ramey Memorandum and the MJ12 matter are examples of science and technology both working towards pure art form, and I mean that sincerely (Dick's favourite word). The List, like Project 1947, is modern pyramid culture, no more no less. That the pyramid is virtual is our own way of doing it. The case histories are secondary functions of the pyramid culture. Go for the culture, that's the heart of the paradigm. Find that, and the case histories largely solve themselves. The other way around, and as we have seen, heads can be lost forever smothered in document boxes, one Dickensian death-and-a-half to my mind.

Is that postmodern enough for you, Andy?

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

PS I am preparing a long and detailed post on a postmodern interpretation of the Ramey Memorandum.

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Combat Diaries <http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>  
Politics of the Imagination: The Anomalist Award for Best  
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Article on Oberg and NASA now running in Fortean Times  
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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 17:06:07 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:03:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Roberts

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 19:25:14 -0600  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

Jerry wrote:

>If ever there was a post not worth replying to, this is it. Andy  
>pulls out an anecdote out of the air, uses it as proof that  
>"radical misperception is the best demonstrable theory we  
>have" (love that emphasis), says that he has to prove nothing  
>and you have to prove all, and signs off with a patented  
>Robertsian adolescent sneer. He's telling us, of course, that  
>whenever a witness reports something Andy is too smart to take  
>seriously, no problem -- just scream "radical misperception" and  
>the wascally wabbit will go away.

>One doesn't know whether to laugh or cry, but I vote for the  
>former. At least that's the one I'm engaged in at the moment.

Well, the usual highly predictable believer knee jerk reaction.  
A post which explains how UFO sightings work and have been  
proven to work and yet not worth replying to!

Jerry, as you would bombastically say "you have made my case  
for me"

Let's do it again listers and if any of you can find genuine  
fault in this argument without resorting to Jerry Jerk reactions  
I'd be pleased to hear them.

\* People see UFOs

\* Many people believe there is something highly unusual about  
these sightings. Some even claim they are structured craft not  
built on earth

\* Many of those above use the myth of the credible witness to  
justify those beliefs on the grounds that just because pilot/  
police/judge etc sees and reports therefore it they must be  
reporting what they saw because they are experienced observers/  
unimpeachable human beings/whatever

Now, none of you can argue with that so far, can you? Especially  
as it is one of the main tenents of the religion of Don and  
Jerry (sounds like Tom and Jerry doesn't it - no similarity  
intended!)

But.....

\* Many cases of UFO sightings which have been made by these  
'credible witnesses have been demonstrably proven to be mundane  
objects or natural phenomena radically misperceived. Jer makes  
the point that I use an 'anecdote'. I don't - I use a case  
investigated and solved by myself and Dave Clarke - I can even  
show you the policeman on video explaining how he was mistaken.  
There are many more such cases, all fully documented, if anyone  
doubts this. Read what Jer says again and then realise he is  
talking rubbish.

\* The fact that many hitherto unexplained UFO sightings, including those by 'credible witnesses' have been explained thusly indicates that in future others will also be solved the same way. It does not, as I said but which Don and Jerry can't seem to understand, mean that all cases are resolvable this way. Just that many have been and are, and on that basis it is reasonable that others in the future will be. My personal belief based on 20 years of in the field investigations indicates to me that all cases follow this pattern.

\* Now, if any of you have a better theory for the nature and origins of UFOs - one which has some basis in fact, and one which you can give examples of let's here it then.

But I, and you, know that there isn't one.

I await the anguished howls of the believers - ie Don and Jerry, by return post! Please note that unlike the English sceptics they won't use reasoned argument, nor will they discuss individual cases to prove whatever woolly point they are hunting at. No, hell no. They will use insult and dismissal, for to do otherwise would expose them to having to think, argue and debate and neither can sustain either for very long.

Oh, and incidentally. About two weeks ago Jerry used the phrase 'belief system' in a post to this List. Jerry, please remember your own prejudices. It was only a year or so ago you were ranting that there were no such things as 'belief systems'!. Do they exist now or did you make a mistake?

Unless, yes, I've got it - you were being post-modern like your friend who you admire and agree with so much, Colin. Which is a bit weird as Colin hates and disagrees with Dick and Jan and yet you agree with Dick too! God this is getting so post-modern it's uncanny. Er, or is it you choose to agree with any fuzzy thinker who happens to come along and keep the whole UFO cottage industry in business? Mystery sells, eh kids.

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Re: Abduction Question - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 13:03:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:06:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Maccabee

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 03:27:19 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>From: Peter Davenport <[ufocntr@nwlinc.com](mailto:ufocntr@nwlinc.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 10:32:46 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

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>Excerpt from Filer's Files post at:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/jan/m31-001.shtml>

>From: George A. Filer <[WeeklyFiles@filersfiles.com](mailto:WeeklyFiles@filersfiles.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2002 11:40:28 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2002 04:38:59 -0500  
>Subject: Filer's Files - 05 2002

>ARKANSAS ABDUCTION

>CARLYLE -- Paul S. wrote, I was abducted October 28,1999, on the  
>north side of the railroad bridge while boating in Carlyle. That  
>was my third known abduction that year. Two were from The Lake  
>of the Ozarks. I remember very little of the actual abduction,  
>but I was able to recall the position changes. It took some time  
>to figure out what happened and I am still remembering only bits  
>and pieces. I remember boating under the bridge near the  
>railroad embankment when I paused to open a map in order locate  
>the main channel. The next thing I remember is being one quarter  
>of a mile into the stumped filled northern section of the lake.  
>I was understandably confused and disorientated. I figured out  
>where I was with a map and compass, which is normally not needed  
>there. I then proceeded to explore and fish the area totally  
>forgetting the position change. I was reminded by what I think  
>is an unusual trigger using the GPS equipment in my boat. I  
>found a way to put my saved GPS trails on a computer map. When I  
>put the saved trail from that fishing trip on the map I got a  
>shock.

<snip>

When I read this over year ago I naturally assumed someone would be "all over" this report. Bad assumption, I guess. I wonder if Paul S has ever been located/interviewed by a UFO investigator, if he still has his computer map of the GPD positions, and if he has recalled any more.

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 16:09:56 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:08:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Reason

>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 07:53:14 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>Hi Catherine,

Hello Dave,

>A defence psychologist is exactly what it says: a psychologist  
>employed by the Ministry of Defence, in this case the Royal Air  
>Force (responsible to the Chief Scientist).

I'd gathered that much from the fact that he'd compiled a report for the MoD. But there is no such discipline of study as "defence psychology" - there are various sub-disciplines of psychology which can be applied to defense work, such as ergonomics, aptitude testing and selection, psychological warfare, mulidisciplinary, whatever. By no means all of these involve skills or expertise which would readily transfer to the investigation of UFOs or their reporters, and it would of course be quite typical of the MoD to disregard this (if indeed they were aware of it in the first place).

>But hold the bus a minute: who is suggesting that Cassie did not  
>take into account "the enviromental context in which the  
>reports were made (including the likely stimulus to which the  
>reports refer); the social context in which the reports were  
>made, and the social context in which the reports are being  
>discussed and investigated" etc etc ?

I'm assuming you've quoted him correctly, but this:

"His considered opinion was: '...that the people who reported sightings of UFOs were far worthier of research than the reports themselves.'"

is not a conclusion of any sort, it's an outline for a research program. And as a research program it's untenable - you simply cannot study human beings in this way, divorced from the context in which they live and operate, and expect to get anything other than garbage in, garbage out. Volume upon volume of exceedingly poor research has been published already based on exactly this faulty premise.

Part of the context, inevitably, is the context defined by Cassie himself and the MoD context in which he was operating - with its subcultures, belief systems, internal politics and dynamical group relationships with the wider context of British society at the time - which of course has its own group dynamics and cultural pecking order to consider. One of the most powerful forces in any organization is peer group pressure, and I'm quite sure the MoD is no exception - and academia most certainly is not.

Cathy

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From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 16:52:41 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:09:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Reason

>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 07:53:14 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

Oops, forgot about the second part of this:

>his conclusion. All you have is his statement, and the reactions  
>to it witnessed on this list, which are interesting in  
>themselves.

Yes, I agree - but so is this, which is a rather nice example of  
ingroup formation:

"When I left them they were laughing about their sudden baptism  
of fire in the world of Ufology, which they had perceptively  
recognised was full of competing egos, petty bitchiness and  
empire-building.

It was nice, they said, to find someone who stuck to the facts  
and agreed with me that the people involved in Ufology are more  
interesting than the UFOs themselves."

Cathy

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## Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 12:24:10 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:19:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Randle

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 01:07:57 EST  
>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 11:11:39 EST  
>>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

>>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 00:25:36 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

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>>>One wonders on what basis Don Schmitt moves the debris field  
>>>over 2 or 3 hundred feet.

>>First let me point out where it said two or three feet, it  
>>should have been two or three hundred feet.

>Kevin,

>Isn't it about this time that one of us start blathering about  
>>false and misleading claims made by the other.. :)

Good Morning Robert, List, All -

Yes, it is, so here goes. You made the false claim that the  
western end of the debris field was two or three hundred  
years.....

>As you once mentioned in jest (as I recall) there is this notion  
>around that there are no honest mistakes, just false and  
>misleading claims, blah blah blah...

>>Second, this discussion is a non starter. We know the exact  
>>location given the information we have gathered. We do not know  
>>the exact dimensions which is a totally different proposition.

>>Third, as we stood on the hill side with Bill Brazel, him  
>>holding one of those warm beers, he pointed to another hill

>Isn't drinking warm beer like drinking cold coffee?? That was a  
>burper... sorry.

Listen, I wasn't delighted with drinking the warm beer, but  
Brazel was driving us out there and he was sucking down the suds  
and I thought to be cordial, it demanded that one of us suck  
down one of those cans, not to mention it was about eight in the  
morning, and by drinking it myself, I was keeping it out of him.

>>across a shallow little valley and said that the debris started  
>>up near there. My impression was that he was pointing to a place  
>>about two hundred feet from the place that Schmitt thought he

>>was pointing. We didn't realize this problem until later... no,  
>>it's not a problem, just a matter of interpretation. He thought  
>>Brazel was pointing to a point a little farther up the hill than  
>>I did, but when we did the archaeological research in 1989, we  
>>incorporated both ends in that research so that no parts were  
>>left out.

>I appreciate the above. The one observation I would make about  
>the research line of trying to determine a trajectory is it  
>depends if there was any in flight course changes that the  
>object took before it went boom and crashed.

I think here might be the most important point. The exact  
dimensions of the field aren't all that important, especially  
with a discrepancy that is so small, but the orientation of the  
gouge is what we really need to know and that was oriented NW to  
SE or SE to NW depending on your point of view.

KRandle

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## Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 12:41:59 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:21:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Randle

>From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 15:59:25 EST  
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>>Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 10:33:39 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Randle

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>>>Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 20:20:10 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

><snip>

>>>Dear Scientific, Learned, and Honorable JSE Editor:

>>>Why did you approve Mr. Houran's paper on his "Roswell telegram"  
>>>study for publication in your journal, when he does not possess,  
>>>and never did possess, the raw data supporting his main  
>>>conclusion?

><snip>

Good Afternoon Dave, List, All -

>Good afternoon Kevin,

>>I confess that I do not understand the animosity being exposed  
>>here.

>I was simply taking Jim Houran's repeated recommendation to  
>write a letter to the Editor of JSE, and posted my rough draft  
>here. I have not yet sent it. The sarcasm was directed towards  
>the Editor of JSE for apparently failing in his duties to  
>exercise journalistic integrity, and towards Houran for  
>suggesting the seemingly pointless exercise of asking the  
>Editor questions which should be directed to the author(s). I  
>have no bones to pick with you, Kevin. Maybe I should, but I  
>don't. I respect your prior work on Roswell too much, often done  
>at great personal expense, as I'm sure we all do.

First, let me say that I understood your point, but I do not understand the acrimony.

Second, we do have the raw data, we don't have the individual score sheets which is not the same thing. Once the data had been transferred, the score sheets were mistakenly destroyed. One of the referees of the article had addressed this question and found that (a) our answer was satisfactory and (b) that the original score sheets were not as important because we did have the raw data.

Third, Jim is suggesting here that these questions asked in the pages of the JSE would have a wider audience and permit a wider discussion of the problems that you see. All points, yours, Dave Rudiak's, ours, would be published so that those interested in

the research could decide if we had committed a fatal flaw, or if the existence of the raw data, much of it converted to ANOVA was sufficient.

This, I think, is how science should work. We ask a question, and develop an experiment to answer that question. We gather our data, study it, and then develop a theory about it. We publish our findings in a journal, which tacitly invites criticism of our theories and findings. Maybe someone else has a question related to the first, creates another study that confirms our original work, or suggests where we might have gone wrong. We all look at the data and then say, "Well, yes."

In other words we all progress through a thoughtful discussion. So, Jim was suggesting a way to invoke that discussion.

I hope you don't believe that I'm lecturing here, or my rather simple discussion of science is all there is. I'm merely suggesting that Jim was not dodging the question or refusing to answer, he was suggesting we take it all into the public arena of a science journal which would be a good thing for all of us, a good thing for science and a very good thing for Ufology because we've moved it into the scientific arena.

><snip>

>>There are those who were worried because we don't have the raw >>data from our study. Well, that's not exactly the truth. In >>fact, we do have a computerbase of the raw quantitative data, >>just not the actual score sheets (This is stated in our >>article). This is how we know the average number of words each >>group perceived and their correlations with the various >>cognitive variables (including prior knowledge about Roswell >>and the Ramey document).

><snip>

>I'm snipping your good points simply to zero-in on 1 important >issue: the conclusions and the data supporting them.

>From your database of raw, quantitative data:

>1. How many "hits" did each Exclusive word (UFO, flash, etc) >have?

Those data do exist and some of them were published in the original article..... The ANOVA tables for others are available if you wish to examine them.

<snip>

>Sorry for the many snips, but I just want to address that 1 >point, for the moment.

And I certainly understand your concern, as does Jim. Let me go back and review some of this but please don't think I'm attempting to dodge the situation. Real world considerations are moving to reduce my time for my pursuits.

KRandle

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Hall

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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:22:27 -0500  
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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 09:31:55 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>I hope you'll both excuse me for interrupting, but this sounds  
>>definitely odd to me.

>>Well whoever he was, "respected defence psychologist" or not  
>>(what is one of those, by the way?) - this was an extremely ill-  
>>considered remark.

>Hi Catherine,

>A defence psychologist is exactly what it says: a psychologist  
>employed by the Ministry of Defence, in this case the Royal Air  
>Force (responsible to the Chief Scientist).

>>As it happens, I also find the psychosocial dynamics surrounding  
>>UFOs and their investigation more interesting than the UFOs  
>>themselves, but saying that is one thing, and asserting that  
>>"the people who report sightings of UFOs are far worthier of  
>>research than the UFOs themselves" is quite another. The first  
>>is an explicitly subjective statement about my own areas of  
>>interest, whereas the second purports to be an objective  
>>statement of fact.

>>The problem is, if one is going to be scientific about this,  
>>there is no way one can do research on the people who report  
>>UFOs without taking into account the reports they have made, the  
>>enviromental context in which the reports were made (including  
>>the likely stimulus to which the reports refer); the social  
>>context in which the reports were made, and the social context  
>>in which the reports are being discussed and investigated - and  
>>that includes the social context in which the people who make  
>>the reports are discussed and investigated.

>But hold the bus a minute: who is suggesting that Cassie did not  
>take into account "the enviromental context in which the  
>reports were made (including the likely stimulus to which the  
>reports refer); the social context in which the reports were  
>made, and the social context in which the reports are being  
>discussed and investigated" etc etc ?

>Unless you have spoken to Cassie, and had access to the reports  
>he produced during his assignment, you cannot know the basis for  
>his conclusion. All you have is his statement, and the reactions  
>to it witnessed on this list, which are interesting in  
>themselves.

>Until we have a 'UFO' to examine the only subjects we have to  
>study are the people who make the reports of UFOs. That is how I  
>interpret Cassie's remarks, and it is common sense rather than  
>psychology.

David,

No, that's not common sense; it's a statement of (dis)belief, and exactly the same thing said by psychologists associated early with the Colorado University study. It implies that there is no objective reality to the phenomenon that can be studied. When someone reports an event of any kind that is (at least initially) mysterious, or puzzling, or unexplained, and especially when there are multiple witnesses and various forms of instrumental data, one does not say, "Let's investigate the reporters" rather than what they are reporting without implying that they must all be mistaken, or crazy.

- Dick

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Ledger

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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:24:09 -0500  
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>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 01:03:20 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

<snip>

Hi Amy and all,

I thought Ley Lines were those ancient pathways meandering  
through the southern portions of England and Wales. Am I thinking  
of something else?

Don

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:28:01 -0500  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 22:45:49 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>Anyone who looks into the phenomenon, or  
>as you call it 'flying saucers'-ad nauseum- [incidentally do you  
>and Andy giggle every time you get to slip in that appellation]-  
>and as you said below I can take his comment any way I want-but  
>since it was meant only to be taken ONE way, an arms length slap  
>at and a distancing technique [see Condon-Corning Glass Works  
>and the Low Memorandum] from any of us who chose to look at it-  
>it was and is insulting.

Don,

Given your new found ability for remote viewing, you probably already know what I'm about the say, but here goes anyway:

Like it or not "Flying Saucers" is a legitimate, historically-sound phrase, that appears in John Ayto's Dictionary of 20th Century Words (Oxford University Press 1999, p. 275), viz:

"flying saucer n (1947) a disc-or saucer-shaped object reported as appearing in the sky and alleged to come from outer space."

So whether Don Ledger likes it or not, it remains a fact, and I prefer the phrase to UFO because it removes all the ambiguity of the latter. Flying Saucers - if they exist - are interplanetary craft, nothing wrong with that.

The phrase is used constantly in newspapers and mass media from 1947 until at least the late 60s (in the UK). Any account that refers to this period without the use of the phrase is either culturally ignorant or indulging in some form of historical revisionism.

Thus we get "structured craft of unknown origin" and other such nonsense. I have a lot more respect for people back in the 40s and 50s, because at least they said what they meant and meant what they said.

>There were literally hundreds of other >RAF, RCAF, RAAF, USAAF and enemy pilots who encountered these >so-called natural phenomenon. And since then there have been >many thousands more pilots who have also encountered these >phenomena who would likely take umbrage at Cassie

Yes, and many of those pilots refer to phenomena they saw and heard about from fellow pilots as "flying saucers."

A good example is the Little Rissington report of October 1952 (see my article in UFO magazine UK February 2003); here we have RAF and Royal Navy pilots entering the phrase: "Three Flying Saucers, sighted at height" in their flying logbook. One of them, Air Commodore Mick Swiney, told me how:

"[when I saw them] I immediately thought of saucers, because

that's actually what they looked like."

Mick Swiney believes they saw something unusual, that was not a misidentification of a known object. I happen to agree with him, but I can tell you that despite that fact both men are equally as sceptical as I am. Despite their own experiences, they maintain that the vast majority of reports made by fellow pilots, \*including themselves\* are misidentifications - and that is the same healthy viewpoint I have found in dozens of interviews with aircrew conducted over the past four years.

Aircrew who have, on numerous occasions, actively sought to speak to us because they did not want their stories to be misinterpreted by what one called the "UFO industry."

Swiney in particular recalls a second incident in 1954 where he was scrambled to pursue a UFO over Germany that turned out to be a meteorological balloon. Crofts, the Navy pilot, is of the opinion that the 'flying saucers' he saw could have been advanced Bell X jets misidentified because of the angle of sight. Both can point to pilots who have sworn that objects they have seen \*could not be identified\* only to discover later they \*were\* aircraft or natural phenomena.

So to suggest that all military aircrew who see 'flying saucers' (or UFOs) are utterly convinced what they have seen in unexplainable is simply untrue, and does a disservice to the witnesses themselves. My own remarks are honed from discussions I have had with many of these people.

Yes, I think some of them have seen "flying saucers." But I don't think \*all\* of them have.

>>Is not a study of the MoD's investigations not a "meaningful  
>>contribution"? Perhaps it only qualifies for such if it reaches  
>>the conclusions you want to hear.  
>  
>Sure it is if you can leave out the jabs.

So you're quite happy to edit the honest viewpoints of those who have participated in a historical investigation, simply because you disagree with what they say? That sounds like a cover up to me.

>But to get back to what annoyed you, let me answer by saying  
>that to try and make this phenomenon the provenance of those  
>lacking full psychological facilities is patently unfair not to  
>mention untrue. This ploy has been used throughout the last 50  
>plus years and all it has served to do is stymie the reporting  
>of, and the scientific study of, the phenomenon.

So we've established you don't like psychologists. Well unfortunately Don, until you can deliver one of these flying saucers (oops) to a physicist, or provide some tangible evidence for them to look at, the only scientists you are going to interest in the data are social scientists. Because the data is nothing except narrative and stories of things that people claim to have seen or experienced. There is nothing, not one single thing, that a physicist or chemist can grapple with.

>Your piece was interesting but dragged down by the veiled and  
>oft alluded to jabs at the investigators - the same people Andy  
>urged to read the article.

Have you ever heard of "the investigator effect" in which the investigator of a 'phenomenon' becomes part of the very mystery he or she is investigating?

Best,

Dave Clarke

"The Skeptick doth neither affirm, neither denie any position; but doubteth of it." - Sir Walter Raleigh

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

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>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 01:03:20 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>>>You referred me to URL's that were nothing more than futher  
>>>theory and speculation (and your book).

>>I referred you to considerably more. It's up to you to follow  
>>through, I'm certainly not going to do it for you.

>Play your cards, Mike, or leave the table.

Uh huh.

>Either provide the scientific data/research that (according to  
>your claims); 1) clearly establishes the existence of  
>electromagnetic energies flowing through the earth along "grid  
>lines" and "ley lines",

You've been referred to the theories and research of Bruce  
Cathie, Paul Devereaux, Albert Budden, and others. Do the  
research and demonstrate that you have the ability to do so by  
being able to discuss it in a rational manner.

>plus 2) data which clearly links flight  
>paths of UFO's to these alleged electromagnetic energies flowing  
>along grid-lines and ley lines - or fold.

Again, see the work of Cathie, Budden, and Le Poer Trench, as  
well as Ted Holiday (The Dragon and the Disc and The Goblin  
Universe). Similar evidence is presented in Keel's Operation  
Trojan Horse and The Mothman Prophecies, particularly the  
former.

In particular, locate and read a copy of The Flying Saucer  
Vision, by John Michell.

Look up a little book from the late 17th century, The Secret  
Commonwealth, and see what Robert Kirk had to say about the  
interest of subterrestrial beings in human abduction; their  
ability to 'fly;' and their intense interest in and aversion to  
an "ultimate lodestone" in the far north. There's more about  
this in my book in particular. This is related.

BTW, I can by no means take credit (nor do I seek to do so) for  
the study or theory of world grids, ley lines, or UFOs using  
them for their electromagnetic properties. Others (above) wrote  
extensively on these topics, with data, long before I brought  
them up--not are these things major topics of my book, and if  
mentioned it is only in the briefest manner.

I believe that much of the research is sound, however, and it  
goes far toward supporting my own contention that there is a  
major electromagnetic connection and fascination in regard to  
non-human beings and their technology, not to mention that they  
are native to this planet, and have been here all along.

>Put up or shut up.

I've essentially already said this to you. You generate much bravado in retreat, don't you?

You never answered my (now repeated) question about the odds of recurrent humanoid forms having their origin on other planets. You have nothing to state about the fact that I provided you with an example of "proof" which you requested (the Eltanin antenna). You avoid answering questions or remarking in a meaningful way on data presented to you, because you have no answers. No theories. No original thoughts on this topic whatsoever.

You have, however, admitted that your personal area of "study" is in disinformation and psychology. You did not respond to my observations about this. Why not? What is your personal agenda in regard to promoting any particular UFO origin theory, or disputing others?

Your ad hominem, a-priori statements and tactics represent or certainly resemble the modus operandi of obfuscatory, dis- and misinformation campaigns. I find this very interesting. You offer nothing in terms of original thought, but are certainly glad to blather ridicule and derision. Discussing this topic with you is essentially like discussing sex with a eunuch.

What is your agenda in even discussing these topics? What are your personal theories?

>(I am taking the advice of others, who have told me I am wasting >my time with you, and moving on to much more important matters.)

Good idea. You might want to go expand your library and do a little more research.

Adios,

--Mike

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## Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:37:14 -0500  
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>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 20:29:57 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

>Cydonian Imperative  
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>"Martian Genesis" and "The Atlantis Enigma" by Herbie Brennan  
>(reviewed by Mac Tonnies)

><http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 36)

>"Martian Genesis":

>In this quick, highly readable volume, Brennan suggests that the  
>human race originated on Mars and cites archaeological anomalies  
>that may eventually lead our species to a profound redefinition  
>of who and what we are. "Martian Genesis" contains many "ancient  
>astronaut" cliches, but remains thought-provoking. The question  
>Brennan addresses cannot be comfortably brushed aside: If the  
>Martian "Face" is artificial, then what does it say about our  
>evolutionary heritage?

>"The Atlantis Enigma":

>Continuing in the same archaeological vein as "Martian Genesis,"  
>Brennan's "The Atlantis Enigma" is a thought-provoking  
>reappraisal of human history. Taking Plato's poetic description  
>of the lost civilization of Atlantis as a starting point,  
>Brennan subjects orthodox anthropological theories to late-  
>breaking findings including (but by no means limited to) the  
>construction of the Pyramids and Sphinx, convergent world  
>mythologies, tectonic upheaval, and meteor collisions. Brennan  
>argues that the Ice Age was preceded by a technologically  
>sophisticated global civilization that was obliterated by a  
>"supernova fragment." Brennan's book is open to argument, but  
>it's incisive, well-cited and potentially illuminating.

>For related titles, see Mars/Cydonia Book Reviews at:

><http://www.mactonnies.com/cydoniabooks.html>

>-end-

Hiya Mac,

Off the wall, off-topic question:

While we're waxing 'New Agey' here, I'd like to know what ever happened to Mu and Lemuria? Two (alleged) ancient technological civilizations that supposedly predated Atlantis. For some odd reason Atlantis gets all the modern day press as well as the attention of the New Age community. Maybe because of the Edgar Cayce material. But even old Edgar spoke of Mu and Lemuria.

Any New-ager worth his Couchgrass and St. John's wart tea knows that Mu and Lemuria predated Atlantis. I wonder why it is that those much older civilizations are never mentioned, much less

blamed on "aliens." After all, it's the hip, 'modern' thing to do isn't it? They can at least get the chronological order correct. ;)

Preserving my essence and precious bodily fluids in New York,

tu amigo,

John Velez, reincarnated Lemurian shoe salesman

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
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>>Date: Sun, 2 Feb 2003 20:20:10 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

<snip>

>Dear Scientific, Learned, and Honorable JSE Editor:

>>Why did you approve Mr. Houran's paper on his "Roswell telegram"  
>>study for publication in your journal, when he does not possess,  
>>and never did possess, the raw data supporting his main  
>>conclusion?

>I confess that I do not understand the animosity being exposed here.

The animosity stems from your study with James Houran claiming you've proven that context has a very serious biasing effect in reading the Ramey memo. But when I read the paper, there is no data to back up your primary conclusion. The paper, instead, sheepishly acknowledges the critical data was thrown out.

When I pointed this out and demanded to see the data, James Houran refused to respond directly. He was above it all. I was to write a letter to JSE and publish my results in a peer-review journal. There were lots of condescending remarks and insults about how some of us were biased, being afraid of the results because it ran counter to our agenda, not understanding the scientific method or peer review or experimental science, etc.

But numbers to back up your primary conclusion? Forget it! All I got was the runaround. That sort of attitude and evasion has a lot to do with triggering "animosity."

>Our study did not suggest that those engaged in research  
>on the Ramey memo had made an errors that invalidated their  
>work,

Totally not true. Your paper very clearly implied that there was no agreement and that people were seeing only what they wanted to see. More details further below.

>that continued study would reveal nothing of value, or  
>that nothing could be learned here. It did suggest that priming  
>might be a confounding variable and should be taken into  
>consideration.

You more than suggested it. You said you expected it, you clearly found it, it was a major effect, and this was the primary conclusion of your paper. But you can't back it up with anything, and the numbers you do provide in your paper actually contradict it. Furthermore, you totally ignored a very obvious, robust improvement in readings in the group given the correct



context.

>It did not say that those studying the memo had made that error.

This is completely false. That is exactly what you suggested, repeatedly. You devoted pages to saying this. Sample quotes from the paper are provided further below.

>We suggested a method for furthering the  
>scientific study of the memo, and I have suggested to others  
>that I believed that we could gain validation in independent  
>studies of the memo.

No, what your paper actually said was that the memo as evidence of a UFO crash could never be validated by positive results from further studies, except in the minds of "hardened researchers." But negative results should be accepted at face value, i.e., the memo could be invalidated but never validated. Again, I refer people to quotes further down.

>If that could be accomplished, then we  
>would have moved this study forward. Instead we learn all the  
>reasons that validation should not be attempted and how no one  
>other than one or two specific people are capable of  
>understanding the Ramey memo.

You have deliberately set up a double bind in your paper. No study can ever validate the memo, only invalidate it. How exactly to propose to move anything forward after making such statements?

>There are those who were worried because we don't have the raw  
>data from our study.

We're not "worried." The ones who should be worried are you and Houran and maybe the sleeping peer reviewers at JSE. I am, however, flabbergasted and outraged that you could conclude something and have no data to back it up, in fact stating the relevant data had been tossed out. I'm also flabbergasted and outraged that this didn't cause automatic rejection of the paper by the peer reviewers. Since when does a scientific journal accept papers in which the primary conclusion has no supporting data?

>Well, that's not exactly the truth.

If that isn't the exact truth, then why am I not seeing the relevant numbers, that I have repeatedly requested? James Houran and now you are tip-toeing all around it.

>In fact, we do have a computerbase of the raw quantitative data,  
>just not the actual score sheets (This is stated in our article).

What the article says is:

"One referee requested that we list how many participants in each condition deciphered each word. We contacted our primary research assistant for these numbers, as we only immediately had the computerized data for analysis. We unfortunately learned that the assistant disposed of the actual score sheets thinking they were useless after he prepared his notes on the words common to the three conditions and compiled the computerized database. As a result, we only have detailed data on the deciphered words common across the three suggestions."

That statement says you only had the numbers on the "common" words, but not on the words you call "exclusive" to context. This is the crux of the matter. You need the numbers on those "exclusive" words to support your main conclusion of a "very significant" "priming" effect, and you don't have them.

Without those numbers it is not possible for you & Houran to validly conclude anything about a "priming effect." Certainly you could not write, as you did in your paper abstract, "Many participants indeed claimed to be able to read the document, although their subsequent solutions appeared to follow directly from the experimental suggestions."

Numbers please. What do you mean by "many participants" and "their subsequent solutions?" What percentages of subjects and read words are we talking about here?

As I wrote in a previous post, when I went over the numbers you did provide in the paper for the Roswell context condition (which you and Houran labeled the "pro-UFO condition"), there were 271 words deciphered by the group of 59, 196 of these, or 72%, being in the "common" words group. That left just 75 words, or 28% being assigned to the "exclusive" words.

Only four anecdotal examples of "exclusive" words were given in your Table 3: remains, fundamental, crash, and UFO. Two of these words are quite neutral (remains and fundamental) and have no obvious Roswell contextual connection. That left just 2 words as examples of possible "priming" by the Roswell context (crash and UFO). And, as I also wrote, if we assume that four people saw each of these words, that left just 8 words out of 271, or 3% "primed" by context, hardly "very significant" at all.

Also curiously left out of the data and discussion were the small, common words like "the", "at", "of", etc. that make up about 40% of the message. Many of these are relatively easy to pick out and I can only assume that many subjects saw them. Most of these should have gone into the list of "common" words, but nothing is there mentioning their existence. Instead I further have to assume they got lumped in with the "exclusive" words and make up the vast bulk of them, instead of words like "UFO" and "crash." If that were the case, then the "exclusive" words were "padded out" with words that had nothing at all to do with context.

Thus, not only is there no data to support your main conclusion of significant "priming" due to context, what's left of the data suggests exactly the opposite.

Another thing left out of your paper, which is extremely obvious when examining your Table 3, is that the Roswell group is far better at picking out the "common" words like "Fort Worth, Tex." and "weather balloons." (E.g. the Roswell group picked out 196 of these vs. only 77 for the Atomic bomb condition and 31 for the control.)

This was a very good demonstration of the obvious benefits of knowing the proper context. Knowing that the photo was taken in Fort Worth and knowing that the military's public story was about a mistaken weather balloon obviously makes it a lot easier to pick out such words. It also contradicts Jim Houran's many recent statements about how proper context was "confounding" and made the reading "unreliable." Without a doubt, exactly the opposite happened. But there was zero discussion of this.

It looks to me that the study actually showed that the benefits of knowing proper context greatly outweighed any minor "priming" effect, which was nothing but anecdotal in nature anyway.

Yet, despite never demonstrating any major "priming" effect in your first paper, and after completely ignoring the clear benefits of knowing context that was shown in your study, you are Houran are now claiming that you have laid the groundwork for your next study in which you plan to completely remove context to avoid allegedly biasing the readers and making the readings "unreliable."

>This is how we know the average number of words each  
>group perceived and their correlations with the various  
>cognitive variables (including prior knowledge about Roswell and  
>the Ramey document).

The main point continues to be, how can you and Houran conclude that there was a "very significant" priming effect when you don't have the data to support it?

>And confounding effects aside,

By "confounding" you obviously mean knowing the proper context and knowing something about the Roswell case.

Kevin, you've been in military intelligence. Do you think being personally knowledgeable and given contextual background information was "confounding" and made your judgments less reliable? Or rather, wasn't it enormously helpful in coming to logical, informed decisions, maybe not always right, but still more often right than not?

Would the CIA or NSA use completely ignorant analysts to figure out what was being said in a very noisy cell-phone intercept from a known terrorist? Would they tell them nothing about the circumstances, such as the date, the place, the name, etc., on the theory that it made their interpretations more "objective"? That would be an extremely foolish way to approach the task and would virtually guarantee failure.

Yet that is exactly what you and Houran are proposing for your next study on the pretext that your first study demonstrated some huge priming effect, and that this is severely detrimental to reading the message. In reality, your first study showed nothing of the sort and actually demonstrated that knowing context was not "confounding" but enormously beneficial in reading some of the words (the "common" words).

>we can also turn our study around and ask how well can people  
>replicate the findings of Rudiak et al?

I would suggest using people who are not deaf, dumb, and blind about Roswell and instead using people very knowledgeable about Roswell and providing them all relevant information. Just being computer technicians and knowing how to twiddle dials and enhance images is insufficient background in itself to properly tackle the task.

I would suggest making them adhere to certain strict protocol procedures, the key ones being: 1) making objective letter counts of words (which can be done with most words) and then rigidly adhering to these letter counts words and using correct spelling with their own words, and 2) insisting that whatever they ultimately came up with was both grammatical, made sense, and was internally consistent, instead of sounding like a bunch of disconnected gibberish. It also wouldn't hurt if the readings had some consistency with the known Roswell historical facts.

Any sections of the message with misspelled words, or words of the wrong length, sounding like complete gobbletygook, or completely off-the-charts historically would be sound grounds for rejecting as valid interpretations. Not all interpretations should be treated as equally valid.

I would suggest they use word search engines to look for possible fits, then apply proper context and little common sense to find a best fit or fits.

I would suggest providing them with multiple sources of the best imagery available, primarily first-generation blow-up prints of the message done at multiple levels of exposure, what I have found to be best at maximizing resolution and picking up subtleties in the gray tones, particularly in the very hard-to-read shadowed areas. Direct negative scans are also helpful, but don't provide the maximum level of resolution in pixels or grey levels. (I went back and forth between various images, sometimes picking up different details that showed up better in different images.)

And I would suggest throwing gobs of money at them for "motivation," since they are unlikely to persist at the task for any great length of time without it. Persistence and motivation are huge factors in solving any difficult puzzle. If only a few hours were spent by the analysts, I would declare this to be a sham effort. If the point is to read most or all of the message, I'm looking for an effort in the neighborhood of at least 100 hours over an extended period of time (so they can properly mull things over).

Unfortunately, even if there was replication of results, particularly on the critical words and phrases, your paper states that this still would not constitute acceptable evidence of a UFO crash. In other words, no amount of replication or verification has any value in your opinion. So what's the point? You have already raised the bar of evidence to an impossibly high level.

>That is, if their assertions about the  
>clear legibility of the key text in the document is valid, then  
>a significant portion of our sample (if not the ENTIRE sample)  
>should have seen it.

Total nonsense. You asked your participants to read the entire

message, not key in on certain sections. Your participants were not provided with optimized, enhanced images. Although they could play with the images if they chose, this amounted to double-tasking them, a major "confounding variable" in itself. Now they were supposed to both read as much as they could of the entire message plus do their own image enhancement.

On top of this, the average person in your study spent only 17 minutes looking at the message. Even the most motivated "Roswell group" spent only 20 minutes total on average. Out of the about 70 words "in the open" and not hidden in whole or part by Ramey's thumb or paper curvature or hiding in shadow, the average person devoted only about 15 seconds per word.

How many people could solve a difficult word puzzle, like the N.Y. Times crossword with its many ambiguous and enigmatic clues, devoting only 15 seconds per word? Do we conclude that if people spending such a limited time disagree about various words or that if none get certain words that the words can't be read, or that people are only engaged in "wishful thinking" or "seeing faces in the clouds?"

What if, in addition, a third of the people were deliberately misled with especially ambiguous or enigmatic clues and another third had all the vertical cross-word clues removed as a control to prevent them from applying context from the vertical cross-words to the horizontal cross-words. That might be considered pretty darn "confounding" in itself.

I think the average person is smart enough to realize that this is not a proper test of people's word puzzle solving ability. There would also be the realization that a lot more time needed to be spent on the task, that people usually get better at such a task the more familiar they become with the puzzle and the longer they work at it, that good puzzle-solvers typically change the mind about some initial "takes" when they find inconsistencies later cropping up and then make adjustments, that not everybody is equally knowledgeable or adept at solving such puzzles, that not everybody is equally motivated or persistent, etc. etc., and all this factors into maybe only a small percentage of people who tackle the puzzle finishing it.

Yet you make the statement above, "if their assertions about the clear legibility of the key text in the document is valid, then a significant portion of our sample (if not the ENTIRE sample) should have seen it."

This is another classic example of raising the bar. Despite the extremely difficult conditions that your subjects were presented with and very limited time spent, not only a "significant portion" of your sample should have seen these words, but the "entire sample."

Wow, what a statement! By that logic, I guess you should have rejected the "common" words as being there because not all of the subjects saw them either, not even a big percentage. E.g., in the blind condition, only 2 people out of 59 (3%) saw "balloons" and none saw "weather." Only 5 out of 58 (9%) picked out "weather balloons" in the misleading "atomic bomb" context. And finally 20 out of 59 (34%) saw "weather balloons" in the correct Roswell context. Overall, only 15% of all subjects saw either "balloons" or "weather balloons."

Yet you and Houran concluded that the "common" words were very likely there because people saw them across all experimental conditions (hence the use of the word "common"). There was certainly no statements that the "entire sample" should have seen them, or that the "atomic" or "blind" condition people had to see them in large numbers.

Nobody saw "weather" in the blind condition and only 3% saw "balloons." One could easily conclude, looking at just these numbers, that the words weren't there. Yet this is exactly the same sort of situation you intend to set up in your next study, using totally ignorant readers. If nobody sees "weather" here either, is your conclusion going to be that it isn't there and everybody else is just seeing "faces in the clouds?"

To better understand what the Houran/Randle subjects confronted, I prepared a graphic showing two words from the primary image used by the subjects. (I originally prepared this graphic to

illustrate comments submitted to Vicki Ecker at UFO Magazine for their next issue, but missed the deadline.) I have put this up on my Website for the Listerians to view. See:

[http://www.roswellproof.com/Randle\\_Houran\\_demo.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/Randle_Houran_demo.html)

These words, the alleged keywords "VICTIMS" and "'DISC'", were clipped from the scan done directly off the negative by Stan Friedman. This was the primary image viewed in the Houran/Randle study. The subjects were shown this scan on a video monitor in its raw, unprocessed state. It is of low contrast and very noisy, and there is perspective compression of these two words because of camera/message angle. The subjects were thus confronted with the top two words in my graphic.

The middle part of the graphic shows what happens when one applies a simple contrast enhancement and stretches the words vertically 50% to make the letter proportions more normal. I have also cut away a lot of the surrounding film grain noise. Greatly improves readability, doesn't it? Of course you need to spend a lot of time doing such enhancements. Different parts of the message can be brought out better in different ways. Sometimes you have to stretch the letters. Sometimes you have to rotate them. Sometimes you have to use one image rather than another. 17 minutes average just isn't going to do it, and the subjects should never have been required to do this on top of being asked to read the words. That's just poor experimental design.

(Ironically, they suggested using standardized enhancements in their next study, but never used them in this study. Like many other things, there was no comment about how lack of such enhancements may have "confounded" their experimental results.)

(It also would have been good experimental design to tell the subjects ahead of time that the message was in all caps and the letters were equally spaced. This would have told them nothing about message content or context, but would have helped them greatly in interpreting letters properly. Remember, the experimental task should have been restricted to whether subject reading were significantly affected by the given message context, not saddling subjects with the additional tasks of image processing and determining details like all caps.)

Finally, at the bottom, I have an enhanced, stretched, and isolated the words off a 600 dpi scan of one of my print enlargements (approximately 20X). Note that there is greater overall resolution than can be found on the Freeman scan. It is just plain easier to see some of the letters, but it does help to go back and forth and compare the various scans. (In the Houran/Randle study, subjects could also study a print enlargement through an optical loupe. But this is of very limited use, since this too is unenhanced, and there is no way to perform any enhancements. Furthermore, the average person spent far too little time to be able to go back and forth to compare images.)

I have also included comparison with the actual teletype font of the period, again helpful in making decisions about words and letters. Tick marks above these letters indicate the expected central character positions. (Sometimes knowing these positions can be a big help in distinguishing between letter possibilities. But all this takes a lot of time and analysis, time not spent by these subjects. However, it could have been part of standardized image enhancements made available to the subjects to assist them in their interpretations.)

>Some words did seem to be reliable but other key text was not validated by our sample.

With unenhanced, non-optimum images, multiple tasks to perform, very limited time reading, 2/3rds not knowing the proper context and many unmotivated readers, why is this so surprising?

>However, the clear finding

I thought the clear finding was that people were hopelessly "primed" by the context. But there are no numbers to support this contention, just a few anecdotal word examples, about half of which were very neutral words like "fundamental" or "meaning" and have no obvious "exclusive" contextual connection.

>is one that should not be controversial to those  
>well-versed in research design... and that is we need more  
>stringent control procedures in further work on the document in  
>order to properly control for the effects of belief and  
>expectation, which are well-known in scientific circles.

Again I ask you, where are the numbers to support your claim that "belief and expectation" had any significant effect on word reading? Like Houran, you are just talking all around this point.

And I again raise the point that the only clear finding of your study, actually supported by such numbers, was that correct context greatly improved reading of the "common" words, which you state in the paper are likely there because they are seen across all situations. Why wasn't this flagrantly obvious effect never discussed in your paper?

It is also well-known in scientific circles that belief and expectation can affect experimenters:

Paper introduction: "We expected that each suggestion condition would elicit significant differences in the participants' interpretations."

Paper results: "The findings generally supported our expectations..."

Followed by the anecdotal, not numerical results:

"Table 3 shows that participants primed to notice Roswell-related terms indeed tended to interpret some words in accordance with earlier interpretations of the same words in the same positions by ufologists (e.g., "remains," "weather balloons," "land")."

This is a highly misleading statement of results, since "remains" is a very neutral word, and people knowing nothing about Roswell in the other groups also saw "weather balloons" and "land." What should have been said is that the Roswell group were much better at seeing such words.

Continuing, "Likewise, [for the participants in the Atomic Bomb Conditions], the change of context was accompanied by new interpretations of certain words. Now, we see that participants perceived content that was congruent with the atomic bomb scenario (e.g., "flash," "glasses", "atomic")."

This again is misleading. Two of the six "atomic" "exclusive" words were very obviously neutral: "meaning" and "morning." Furthermore, "meaning" was a consensus word of those earlier "ufologists" approaching this from a Roswell context, and one of those ufologists also entertained "atomic laboratory" at one point. Words like "flash" and "glasses" could also be accommodated from within a Roswell context.

But the key point is that there are no numbers telling us just how many people saw any of these words or what the percentages were out of the total of all words. It's just anecdotal results and author spin.

Then followed the confession that the vital data about the "exclusive" words no longer existed. Only the numerical data on the "common" words existed.

So they expected certain results, claimed they found the results, but when you look closely, the data just isn't there. On top of this, they ignored the results showing how much correct context improved reading of the "common" words. Other important details were also ignored, such as important commonalities in original readings. Double standards were set up, such as the impossibility of every verifying such commonalities. Discussions were one-sided. All this and much more point to rather obvious experimenter bias in my opinion.

>I will make just one more comment about this lack of "raw" data.  
>As I was working on my dissertation, I converted the data from  
>the interviews onto score sheets and into a spreadsheet. Did I  
>make any mistakes in that conversion? Possibly, but I was  
>careful to check and recheck that data. Any mistake made would

>not alter the overall results. It is the same case here. Yes,  
>the score sheets are gone, but not the raw data. I make this  
>point only because some of that earlier information has been  
>lost but not the "raw" data.

I'm sorry, but if the raw data still exists, then why isn't it present in the paper to support the main conclusion that "exclusive" words were "primed" by context. And why is there the comment in the paper that when a referee asked for the relevant raw data, you discovered that the main research assistant had thrown out the score sheets that now you are saying that you yourself had compiled. The R.A. threw out your scoresheets? None of this makes any sense.

>It would seem to me that if we turned all these energies to a  
>scientific study we would be farther along.

A good place to start would be your own study to make it truly scientific, such as providing data to support the main conclusion.

>And, no I'm not suggesting that the studies conducted to this  
>point are less than scientific or credible,

Oh, more nonsense. Your paper is just dripping with such suggestions, e.g. in your introduction:

"Estes (1998) said investigators were seeing the equivalent of 'faces in the clouds.'"

Quoting Don Burlison from the Roswell Daily Record, "A number of attempts have been made to read the Ramey letter. Quite frankly, most of these attempts are amateurish, and even some ufologists have concluded that there is nothing in the Ramey image that advances the case for the Roswell incident. They are MISTAKEN."

Followed by: "Given Carey's objection to what Burlison had written in the Roswell Daily Record and given that Burlison seemed to believe that his interpretation was the only one to make sense while the others were 'amateurish,' what does this say about the **\*\*credibility\*\*** of these attempts to read the document...? Este's suggestion of 'faces in the clouds' begins to carry some credence, as those who seem to have a specific agenda are seeing the memo exactly what they expect (Randle, 2000)."

Followed by: "[Rob] Belyea [working with Stan Friedman] did say, 'They're pulling off all sorts of [readings], but they're making some of it up.'"

Followed by: "There is currently no consensus on either the source or content of the message. One researcher, a champion of the Roswell case, said that it had to be assumed that the message had something to do with the Roswell case because Ramey is holding it while Johnson is taking his picture (Carey, 1998). There really is no reason now to make that assumption. The message could be about almost anything, could be from almost anywhere, and the words and images being seen might be a reflection of what the researcher wanted to see rather than what is actually there."

Over and over again, through careful wording and selective quoting, suggestions are dropped of extreme bias, seeing only what investigators want to see, seeing "faces in the clouds," of the attempts being "amateurish", driven solely by "agendas" or wishful thinking, and definitely not credible.

I would agree there is some limited measure of truth here, but like other parts of the paper, everything is grossly overstated and badly slanted. E.g., I searched in vain for a discussion of the parts of the Ramey message that various investigators do agree on. It is nowhere to be found. (The only exception to this is a summary table, Table 1, compiling various peoples readings and denoting with an "A" on a summary line if there was consensus agreement on any words or phrases.)

But reading only the commentary, the casual reader of this paper would conclude that there was no agreement anywhere in the readings. Yet this is patently not true. There is extremely important agreement on some key words and phrases in the message. This is very important and definitely should have

been discussed in the main body of the paper. The omission of such a discussion appears to be deliberate (just like the omission of any discussion of the enhanced reading by the Roswell group of the "common" words). When I see glaring omissions like this, I think not of scientific writing but of propaganda.

The discussion should have mentioned that literally everybody agrees that the words "weather balloons" are there. However, this would have totally demolished your statement that "the message could be about almost anything." Well obviously not. Given the historical circumstances (the very important context), it has to be about Roswell in some way. Other key words of consensus are "victims" and "'disc'" (or "disk"), again clearly indicating this has to be about Roswell.

There was also the consensus reading of the extremely critical phrase "the victims of the wreck you forwarded to the ?????? at Fort Worth, Tex." Most important here is the word "victims" and the phrase "victims of the wreck." 5 out of 6 people concur on "victims." 4 out of 6 agree on "victims of the wreck."

Wishful thinking? Seeing "faces in the clouds." I again refer people to my enhanced graphics so they can form their own opinion about these very critical words and phrases:

[www.roswellproof.com/victim\\_compare.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/victim_compare.html)  
[www.roswellproof.com/critical\\_phrases.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/critical_phrases.html)

But according to some, whatever you think you might see there is strictly the result of your imagination or personal agendas. In other words, don't believe your own lying eyes.

>only that other work must be done,  
>and those who began the study cannot work for the validation or  
>the confirmation.

Why not? Looks to me like you are making up the ground rules. You can work for validation despite your obvious prejudices concerning the Ramey memo but not me? This sounds like a double standard if I ever heard one.

>When, and if, others do that, then the pioneering work of the first  
researchers  
>will become even more valuable.

"Pioneering work?" Well, that's not exactly how the "first researchers" were depicted as a group in your paper. Collectively we were an amateurish, biased, agenda-driven bunch seeing only what we wanted to see.

Now let's get to the part where you set up a double bind making validation or confirmation basically impossible. In your summary discussion you state:

"We speculate that any positive findings from a blind, triangulated study will only interest hardened researchers of the case. Many people will likely not regard statistical analysis of a computer-enhanced photograph of the document as hard evidence of a UFO crash and retrieval. In short, there is no substitute for having the original or a good verifiable copy of the document."

Followed by:

"Of course, more advanced and systematic triangulated studies of the document could reveal a content that bears favorably on a conventional explanation for the crash debris. The field should be prepared for such a verdict as well, and treat the findings with the same respect as they would if the findings were pro-extraterrestrial."

I would like to know how our "pioneering work" becomes more valuable by doing what you propose? When you cut through all the verbiage, basically what you are saying that positive results verifying our "pioneering work" are worthless as evidence and only of interest to "true believers" (charitably referred to as "hardened researchers"). Negative results, in contrast, should be blindly accepted at face value. Why should positive results be dismissed while negative results be given full credence? Sounds like another classic double standard to me.



>I might suggest that some of us reread the psychological  
>journals dealing with conformity. Seems that we have another  
>example of it being used here. If I shout loud enough and long  
>enough, everyone will conform to my opinion which must be right  
>because it is mine.

Oh brother. I could equally well argue with such psychobabble that if James Houran and Kevin Randle "shout loud enough and long enough," everyone will "conform" to their opinions, which must be right because they are theirs. Huh?

What I (and also Dave Morton) "shouted" for was the authors, either James Houran or you, to provide the actual data that backs up your primary and "expected" conclusion of a "very significant" priming effect.

We are still waiting for those numbers. James Houran weaved and bobbed and told us to write a letter to the Journal of Scientific Exploration with our objections, or in simpler language, "drop dead." Now you are telling everybody that our valid criticisms and demands for data are nothing but an example of "shouting" everybody into "conformity".

At least our collective "shouting" is starting to have an effect. James Houran e-mailed me yesterday and started backing off. He conceded my point that your standard deviations for average words deciphered were completely wrong and indeed impossible. (I must have shouted him into conformity.) He says he will write a letter to JSE (and also UpDates) and correct this. Good for him. Gone for the moment seem to be the condescension and insults about how we don't understand the scientific method or proper experimental processes while he does. Now you are beginning to respond as well, but still not directly on most points. But it's a beginning.

Maybe if we keep "shouting" we'll start getting some straight answers. Dave Morton and I still want to see those numbers supporting your primary conclusion. Without them, everything else is just spin. If the numbers don't exist, then the paper should be withdrawn and the experiment redone. Bummer, I know, but that's how science really should work.

David Rudiak

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## Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:16:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:44:54 -0500  
Subject: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

Hi -

Does anyone involved with abduction research have a generally agreed upon number of abductions to date? If not absolutely verified, a conservative estimate?

Thanks,

Eleanor White

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 22:20:37 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:47:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Roberts

>From: Colin Bennett <[colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 11:34:18 +0000 (GMT Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

Colin wrote:

>Ufology is not dead, it is very much alive in this sense.

As my old Auntie never used to say:

"Ufology - delicious hot, disgusting cold"

>Is that postmodern enough for you, Andy?

It's quite the most modern post I've seen in some while. A tad more creosote might just seal it permanantly though Colin!

>PS I am preparing a long and detailed post on a postmodern  
>interpretation of the Ramey Memorandum.

Well, whoopydoo

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

From: **Wm. Michael Mott** <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 16:36:38 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:50:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 14:24:41 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

><snip>

>Hi Amy and all,

>I thought Ley Lines were those ancient pathways meandering  
>through the southern portions of England and Wales. Am I thinking  
>of something else?

Don,

To some extent you are thinking of the same thing. Look into the research of the writers I mentioned in my last post, particularly Devereaux, Cathie, and John Michell. Ted Holiday and the others also offered some interesting insights along the "lines" of areas of "earth energy" (i.e., areas or conduits of an increased EM field which is part of the planet's overall EM field), and the relationship to the UFO phenomenon.

The problem is - as I said a few days ago - not with the data, but with some of the new age interpretations which are out there. This tends to discredit the factual evidence which exists, at least in the minds of habitual (or professional) scoffers and self-styled debunkers.

--Mike

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clark

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Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 16:59:02 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:58:11 -0500  
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>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 17:06:07 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 19:25:14 -0600

>>One doesn't know whether to laugh or cry, but I vote for the  
>>former. At least that's the one I'm engaged in at the moment.

>Well, the usual highly predictable believer knee jerk reaction.  
>A post which explains how UFO sightings work and have been  
>proven to work and yet not worth replying to!

Uh, where did you "explain how UFO sightings work and have been  
proven to work"? I saw an anecdote, followed by an ex cathedra  
pronouncement, and capped with a sneer. Not very impressive, and  
certainly not very interesting.

>Jerry, as you would bombastically say "you have made my case  
>for me"

Uh huh.

>Let's do it again listers and if \_any\_ of you\_ can find genuine  
>fault in this argument without resorting to Jerry Jerk reactions  
>I'd be pleased to hear them.

>\* People see UFOs

>\* Many people believe there is something highly unusual about  
>these sightings. Some even claim they are structured craft not  
>built on earth

What fools. Tell us what they \_really\_ saw, And.

>\* Many of those above use the myth of the credible witness to  
>justify those beliefs on the grounds that just because pilot/  
>police/judge etc sees and reports therefore it they must be  
>reporting what they saw because they are experienced observers/  
>unimpeachable human beings/whatever

Poor fools. They need to talk with Andy Roberts pronto.

>Now, none of you can argue with that so far, can you? Especially  
>as it is one of the main tenets of the religion of Don and  
>Jerry (sounds like Tom and Jerry doesn't it - no similarity  
>intended!)

My brother's name happens to be Tom. If you find that wildly  
hilarious, I feel sorry for you.

>But.....

>\* Many cases of UFO sightings which have been made by these

>'credible witnesses have been demonstrably proven to be mundane  
>objects or natural phenomena radically misperceived. Jer makes  
>the point that I use an 'anecdote'. I don't - I use a case  
>investigated and solved by myself and Dave Clarke - I can even  
>show you the policeman on video explaining how he was mistaken.  
>There are many more such cases, all fully documented, if anyone  
>doubts this. Read what Jer says again and then realise he is  
>talking rubbish.

You gave us an anecdote, And, and stretched its meaning beyond anything that could be empirically demonstrated. In other words, the usual.

>\* The fact that many hitherto unexplained UFO sightings,  
>including those by 'credible witnesses' have been explained  
>thusly indicates that in future others will also be solved the  
>same way. It does not, as I said but which Don and Jerry can't  
>seem to understand, mean that all cases are resolvable this  
>way. Just that many have been and are, and on that basis it is  
>reasonable that others in the future will be. My personal belief  
>based on 20 years of in the field investigations indicates to me  
>that all cases follow this pattern.

Instead of these sorts of sweeping and meaningless assertions, it would be more interesting if we got some sense of what sorts of cases are more likely to be resolvable into IFOs as opposed to the sorts that are less likely to do so. We may safely assume that cases that are most easily solved, as any ufologist long ago figured out (e.g., Allan Hendry), are those that involve nebulous nocturnal light sources. In other words, the lower the strangeness, the more likely the source is unanomalous. For example, the garden-variety sighting of Venus by Gen. Custer, which you once magically transformed into a "radical misperception" even though from the description alone the stimulus was obvious. In my observation, high- strangeness claims which are solvable in prosaic terms tend -- with, of course, the occasional exception -- to be hoaxes or (more rarely) hallucinations.

>\* Now, if any of you have a better theory for the nature and  
>origins of UFOs - one which has some basis in fact, and one  
>which you can give examples of let's here it then.

>But I, and you, know that there isn't one.

And you alone would know, wouldn't you?

>I await the anguished howls of the believers - ie Don and Jerry,

Since I'm not a believer and neither, from my experience of him, is Don (Ledger, I presume), we may safely assume that you are waiting for somebody else's anguished howls. I, too, await silly pronouncements from believers with anthropological interest, just as I look forward to pronouncements from pelicanists with comparably clinical fascination. Your posts are more informative than you realize.

>Oh, and incidentally. About two weeks ago Jerry used the phrase  
>'belief system' in a post to this List. Jerry, please remember  
>your own prejudices. It was only a year or so ago you were  
>ranting that there were no such things as 'belief systems'!. Do  
>they exist now or did you make a mistake?

My, my, And, no sense of humor or irony, either. If you had a sense of either, you could have figured out how I was using that sorry expression.

>Unless, yes, I've got it - you were being post-modern like your  
>friend who you admire and agree with so much, Colin.

No postmodernism here, And. Just humor and irony. You should become acquainted with them, and no, jeers and sarcasm, the habitual Robertsian prose style, are not the same.

>Which is a  
>bit weird as Colin hates and disagrees with Dick and Jan and yet  
>you agree with Dick too!

Uh huh. Your point being?

>God this is getting so post-modern it's  
>uncanny. Er, or is it you choose to agree with any fuzzy thinker  
>who happens to come along and keep the whole UFO cottage industry  
>in business? Mystery sells, eh kids.

It does? Please tell me where all that money is, And. I've never found it, and I've been at this, uh, "business" for a long time. UFO- bashing, on the other hand, is big bucks, as witness, say, CSICOP's annual budget versus CUFOS'. Even your insults are boringly unoriginal (see "religion" above). And here, after reading the book you and Dave Clarke wrote on MoD and UFOs, I had begun to take you seriously, And. Foolish me.

And Dale Evans to you, too,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Abduction Question - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 18:25:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 19:01:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Velez

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 13:03:24 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 03:27:19 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>>From: Peter Davenport <[ufocntr@nwlinc.com](mailto:ufocntr@nwlinc.com)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 3 Feb 2003 10:32:46 -0800  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

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>>Excerpt from Filer's Files post at:

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/jan/m31-001.shtml>

>>From: George A. Filer <[WeeklyFiles@filersfiles.com](mailto:WeeklyFiles@filersfiles.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2002 11:40:28 -0500  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2002 04:38:59 -0500  
>>Subject: Filer's Files - 05 2002

>>ARKANSAS ABDUCTION

>>CARLYLE -- Paul S. wrote, I was abducted October 28.1999, on the  
>>north side of the railroad bridge while boating in Carlyle. That  
>>was my third known abduction that year. Two were from The Lake  
>>of the Ozarks. I remember very little of the actual abduction,  
>>but I was able to recall the position changes. It took some time  
>>to figure out what happened and I am still remembering only bits  
>>and pieces. I remember boating under the bridge near the  
>>railroad embankment when I paused to open a map in order locate  
>>the main channel. The next thing I remember is being one quarter  
>>of a mile into the stumped filled northern section of the lake.  
>>I was understandably confused and disorientated. I figured out  
>>where I was with a map and compass, which is normally not needed  
>>there. I then proceeded to explore and fish the area totally  
>>forgetting the position change. I was reminded by what I think  
>>is an unusual trigger using the GPS equipment in my boat. I  
>>found a way to put my saved GPS trails on a computer map. When I  
>>put the saved trail from that fishing trip on the map I got a  
>>shock.

><snip>

Hi Bruce,

You wrote:

>When I read this over year ago I naturally assumed someone would  
>be "all over" this report. Bad assumption, I guess.

Who'da thunk it! I'm as surprised as you are. I'm going to e-mail George Filer on the outside chance that this report was sent directly to him from 'Paul S. -Instead of getting it from



his regular source, Peter Davenport at NUFORC. (National UFO Reporting Center)

I pray that one of the 'usual suspect' abductionologists doesn't get their mitts on this guy and hypnotize him into 'un-usability.' If Paul S.'s reading of the GPS data is correct, then we might have a genuine 'smoking gun' that is connected to an abduction report. Although I have reservations about it as a clear-cut "abduction" report. Paul S. is ambiguous about it in his initial report.

I don't recall reading anything in the initial report about a UFO sighting. Or of being 'taken' by its occupants. What he does say is this: "I went to a therapist in St. Louis and in eleven sessions was able to get no further. I kept blocking up when I got to the point of the abductions. I do have a memory of a gray alien and a structure on the craft."

That's not the same as saying, "I saw a UFO, its occupants took me on-board." He 'thinks' he recalls 'Grey aliens' and some 'structure' on the 'craft' and that after eleven therapy sessions. 'Structure' which he does not describe. Was this 'structure' something he saw while he was 'on' the UFO? Or was it 'on' the UFO itself? It isn't as clear cut as it would need to be to pass muster as a clear-cut "UFO abduction case."

But man, if this guy had reported contact with an unknown aerial object and its occupants, and he presented it in conjunction with solid GPS data, Lordy what a case it would be. One for the history books!

>Paul S has ever been located/interviewed by a UFO investigator,  
>if he still has his computer map of the GPD positions, and if he  
>has recalled any more.

I'm going to see if George Filer can help out. Maybe you'll get an opportunity to pose your questions to Paul S. yourself. If this turns out to be a solid case, oh momma, I can't wait to see the song and dance the Pelicanists and psycho-'socialists' will perform in order to explain this puppy away.

Regards,

John Velez

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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 19:19:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clark

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 14:17:24 -0600  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 04 Feb 2003 22:45:49 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>Anyone who looks into the phenomenon, or  
>>as you call it 'flying saucers'-ad nauseum- [incidentally do you  
>>and Andy giggle every time you get to slip in that appellation]-  
>>and as you said below I can take his comment any way I want-but  
>>since it was meant only to be taken ONE way, an arms length slap  
>>at and a distancing technique [see Condon-Corning Glass Works  
>>and the Low Memorandum] from any of us who chose to look at it-  
>>it was and is insulting.

>Like it or not "Flying Saucers" is a legitimate, historically-  
>sound phrase, that appears in John Ayto's Dictionary of 20th  
>Century Words (Oxford University Press 1999, p. 275), viz:

>"flying saucer n (1947) a disc-or saucer-shaped object reported  
>as appearing in the sky and alleged to come from outer space."

>So whether Don Ledger likes it or not, it remains a fact, and I  
>prefer the phrase to UFO because it removes all the ambiguity of  
>the latter. Flying Saucers - if they exist - are interplanetary  
>craft, nothing wrong with that.

With all due respect, Dave, this is nonsense - or, at the  
very least, rank disingenuousness on your part.

"Flying saucer" was a silly term devised by an American  
journalist two days after Arnold's sighting. It should have  
been forgotten along ago. It was a useless phrase then - it  
didn't even accurately characterize what Arnold reported seeing,  
much less the cigars, triangles, spheres, et al., that were  
already figuring in other people's sightings - and it has even  
less meaning now.

UFOs are not "flying saucers." UFOs are not all disc shapes, for  
one thing, and for another, their origin is unknown, the subject  
of purely hypothetical speculation. Except, of course, to  
contactees and saucerians (contactee followers). In that sense,  
the prominent religious-studies scholar J. Gordon Melton has  
made an arguably useful distinction, namely that to ufologists  
UFOs are unidentified and unknowns; to contactees and  
saucerians, they are flying saucers: identified and known to be  
piloted by benign space or paranormal/interdimensional visitors.

(In that sense, even this definition invalidates the puny  
dictionary one that you would have us believe is definitive,  
since not even all saucerians believe flying saucers to be  
necessarily "from outer space".) Or perhaps you wish to blur the  
distinction between ufologists and saucerians, so as to render  
the former as silly as the latter. After all, your pal and  
associate Andy Roberts would label all ufologists mere  
"believers," just like people who accept Adamski's claims as

literally true.

In a forthcoming book, I make the point that "flying saucer" survives as a comic phrase, useful to cartoonists and to those who seek, via rhetorical device as opposed to serious argument, to diminish the potential significance of the UFO phenomenon by assigning it a trivial, humorous name.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma' -

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Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 16:24:38 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 22:35:50 -0500  
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>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 17:06:11 -0500  
>Subject: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

<snip>  
>Hiya Mac,

>Off the wall, off-topic question:

>While we're waxing 'New Agey' here, I'd like to know what ever  
>happened to Mu and Lemuria? Two (alleged) ancient technological  
>civilizations that supposedly predated Atlantis. For some odd  
>reason Atlantis gets all the modern day press as well as the  
>attention of the New Age community. Maybe because of the Edgar  
>Cayce material. But even old Edgar spoke of Mu and Lemuria.

Good point. I always sort of assumed Mu and Lemuria were the same thing as Atlantis... and by "Atlantis" I mean a technically advanced society that predated the ancient Greeks, not necessarily a 'continent' or 'island'.

All I know about Lemuria came from Richard Shaver, and I tend to doubt its, ah, veracity... ;-)

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<snip>

Hi Andy,

You used the terms below. Some of them the same as the ones I mentioned you and David used, for what reasons I can't imagine' in the otherwise decent Fortean piece.

"... believers, religion, "credible" witnesses, myth of the credible witness, religion of Don and Jerry (sounds like Tom and Jerry doesn't it, I await the anguished howls of the believers, you [Jerry] were ranting..."

Can't you get through a sentence without the use of "buzz" words? Did little ol' me get you pissed-off or Jerry?

You also said - which I found strange considering what follows:

"...who happens to come along and keep the whole UFO cottage industry in business? Mystery sells, eh kids."

"Out of the Shadows" by David Clarke and Andy Roberts

BTW - I see Amazon UK has your book partnered up with 'You Can't Tell the People' by Georgina Bruni. You guys friends now?

Don Ledger

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Hi Dave,

Let's cut through all of the defensive drivel. You use the term because it has a connotation that tends to denigrate the whole phenomenon, the witnesses and those of us who investigate it; otherwise you would use the term UFO. I even have an RCAF document somewhere date 1948 using the term Unidentified Flying Object in the report. But you prefer 'flying saucer' because you want to denigrate the phenomenon, the millions of witnesses, me and those like me for whatever reason. You even sign off with it.

[www.flyingsaucery.com](http://www.flyingsaucery.com)

Pretty much says it all.

Don Ledger

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>>Subject: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

Hi, John,

>While we're waxing 'New Agey' here, I'd like to know what ever  
>happened to Mu and Lemuria? Two (alleged) ancient technological  
>civilizations that supposedly predated Atlantis. For some odd  
>reason Atlantis gets all the modern day press as well as the  
>attention of the New Age community. Maybe because of the Edgar  
>Cayce material. But even old Edgar spoke of Mu and Lemuria.

>Any New-ager worth his Couchgrass and St. John's wart tea knows  
>that Mu and Lemuria predated Atlantis. I wonder why it is that  
>those much older civilizations are never mentioned, much less  
>blamed on "aliens." After all, it's the hip, 'modern' thing to  
>do isn't it? They can at least get the chronological order  
>correct. ;)

Well, actually, the Atlantis legend has genuine historical pedigree (albeit, from all available evidence, not historical existence), going back to 355 B.C. and two of Plato's works.

Lemuria was theorized by 19th-Century British biologist Philip L. Schattler, who thought of it as an Indian Ocean land bridge connecting Madagascar and extreme southern India. In the days before continental drift had been hypothesized and then validated, he sought to explain why two widely separated locations shared many of the same flora and fauna. Occultists and mystics soon picked up on this modest notion and transformed Lemuria (also known as Mu) into the Atlantis of the Pacific, holding a vast supercivilization.

The most influential work is Helene Petrovna Blavatsky's The Secret Doctrine (1889), but in the 1920s James Churchward published four books on Mu, "the motherland of man," based on alleged ancient documents whose existence he could never prove. The books are believed to be pure fiction masquerading as fact. In the 1940s, of course, Richard Shaver used Lemuria to riveting effect in the tall tales, remembered as the Shaver Mystery, that he told in the pages of Ray Palmer's SF and fantasy magazines.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Reason

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>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

Oh well, since I'm here:

>List is full. The myth of the credible witness doesn't state  
>that all witnesses are misperceiving but it does prove that  
>many are. And as no case has yet been identified as anything  
>which is a genuine 'structured craft of unknown origin' I'm  
>afraid that, whether you, Jerry, Dick or whoever has to live  
>with the fact that radical misperception is the best  
>demonstrable theory we have.

May I ask a question? What is a "radical misperception", and in what way does it differ from an ordinary misperception?

Is a "radical misperception" consistent with what we know about human visual perception, or inconsistent with that? If the former, then I don't see how radical misperceptions differ from ordinary misperceptions; if the latter, then I don't see how "radical misperception" is any better off as an explanatory hypothesis than the ETH, the Tectonic Strain Hypothesis, or any other miracle-invoking exotic explanation for UFOs.

Cathy

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Friedman

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>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

<snip>

>So we've established you don't like psychologists. Well  
>unfortunately Don, until you can deliver one of these flying  
>saucers (ooops) to a physicist, or provide some tangible  
>evidence for them to look at, the only scientists you are going  
>to interest in the data are social scientists. Because the data  
>is nothing except narrative and stories of things that people  
>claim to have seen or experienced. There is nothing, not one  
>single thing, that a physicist or chemist can grapple with.

What utter hogwash! Ted Phillips 2000 best physical trace cases from 70 countries provide a great deal of opportunity to use physics and chemistry. The observations of color and changes in color with velocity, the analysis of photographs, triangulation of multiple observations from different directions (see Martin Jasek's excellent work on huge flying saucers [used in the generic sense as described above], frame by frame analysis of motion picture footage, review of EM signals as noted by Jim MacDonald in the Gulf of Mexico case, evaluation of stealth characteristics, evaluation of effects on aircraft instrumentation as noted by Dr. Richard Haines, analysis of wreckage such as from Roswell, review of material in the Ramey memo, all of these and a host more provide plenty of opportunity for the use of chemistry and physics.

Where have you been Dave? Science is more than examination of an artifact that I can touch, and the performance of reproducible controllable experiments. The evaluation of sudden unexpected events cannot exclude science even if they can't be rerun again.. witness the Columbia destruction. Meteorites have been found because of eyewitness testimony.

>>Your piece was interesting but dragged down by the veiled and  
>>oft alluded to jabs at the investigators - the same people Andy  
>>urged to read the article.

>Have you ever heard of "the investigator effect" in which the  
>investigator of a 'phenomenon' becomes part of the very  
>mystery he or she is investigating?

Remember the question is not "are all UFOs alien space craft?", it is "are any?". The answer is, yes .

Witness misperception does happen. But I really don't believe that the 2000+ physical trace cases involving observations of strange round craft landing and taking off out in the middle of nowhere, leaving behind peculiar circles of effected soil and flora, frequently accompanied for a bit of time by small beings,

are really misperceptions of silent helicopters disguised as flying saucers and involving midgets hired by the CIA to stand in for aliens.

Stan Friedman

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## Filer's Files #6 -- 2003

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FILER'S FILES #6 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.  
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UFO SIGHTINGS INCREASE WORLDWIDE.

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. This report includes an: Unidentified object near shuttle Columbia, Massachusetts strange white craft with cloaking device, New York cylinder spotted without wings, Pennsylvania teardrop craft flies a few feet over home, West Virginia missing time, South Carolina orange pursued by an airplane, Georgia V formation and flying wing, Florida floating triangle, Alabama glowing plasma, Mississippi light over Gulf, Illinois beam of lights, Wisconsin witness spots six lights in a row, Arkansas light in the sky, Oklahoma huge orange ball, Texas cigar shaped object in eastern sky, Louisiana starlight object sparkles, Colorado video of UFO, California red orbs sighted with chemtrails, Oregon cylinder spotted, Washington flying triangle, Ireland it appeared to be red in color and emitted two fireballs, England diamond definite sighting by two professional people, Spain flower petal UFO, and Malaysia high speed disk shape.

SPACE SHUTTLE DISASTER, METEOROID OR UFO HYPOTHESIS?

TEXAS --The Space shuttle Columbia disintegrated in flames over Texas on Saturday minutes before it was to land in Florida. TV video showed falling debris over Northern Texas and six Americans and Israel's first astronaut lost their lives. People reported hearing "a big bang" at about 9 AM, the same time all radio and data communication with the shuttle was lost. It was at an altitude of 207,000 feet traveling at 12,500 mph when Mission Control lost contact and the shuttle disintegrated.

Bob Beck writes, "If you observe the beginning of the reentry of the Space Shuttle, underneath the contrail is a small bright light. About 12 inches on TV behind the Shuttle. The light suddenly shoots forward towards the Shuttle. Then shoots back again. The Shuttle then appears to break apart. A UFO? Observing? This should be studied! Thanks to Bob Beck

Several others wrote that they saw a bright light behind the shuttle prior to the explosion on CNN. Some feel this may have been a meteor or perhaps a UFO. Some feel the flashes were caused by the tiles coming off. Each time a tile came off the skin of the craft got exposed and you'd see flashes in succession causing a zipper effect that eventually destroyed the craft. Others felt an object trailing the shuttle shot a flash of light towards the shuttle. The CNN videos should be closely examined. Many feel the videos clearly record an electrical discharge like a lightning bolt flashing past the shuttle, just before it started breaking up during re-entry.

Editor's Note: If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to heaven and bring the astronauts home

again. We pray for their families.

#### JUPITER NEARBY

The brightest star rising in eastern sky after sunset is Jupiter, the biggest planet in our solar system. On February 2, the Earth and Jupiter were closer together than at any other time this year. Even a small telescope will reveal the giant planet's cloudy belts and its four largest moons. Jupiter is the brightest "star" in the evening sky.

#### MASSACHUSETTS STRANGE WHITE CRAFT WITH CLOAKING DEVICE

SANDWICH -- My Parks Department coworker and I were speaking to our supervisor, truck to truck, when our supervisor drew our attention to what appeared to be ice crystals falling from the sky on January 21, 2003, at 10:15 AM. They were unusual as they were large but, obviously light. We dismissed this as wind blown ice and we drove off. My partner and I then noticed an object in the southeast sky that was in front of two jets who were both making contrails. The object appeared to be oval and very white or was reflecting the sun to a high degree. It looked to us as if it was traveling away from us as it was getting smaller with no side to side deviation from its course.

We have both seen a lot of aircraft, and this was not a familiar object. We were both watching for several minutes when suddenly it appeared to go out of focus as if it was caught in the shimmer over heat sources. We both said at the same time "did you see that!" The object then began to glow very brightly for 30 seconds then faded again and rapidly dwindled away going up and showing no contrail. My partner said he thought there was a glow around it, but I did not see it except when it was bright. We both watched it till it disappeared in the distance.

We spend a lot of time outside and there is a military air base very close to us and we are used to seeing various aircraft in our skies, but this was very different.

#### NEW YORK CYLINDER SPOTTED WITHOUT WINGS

PORTCHESTER -- I observed one large dark cylinder shaped object heading north on January 16, 2003, flying very slow at 1:34 AM.

The cylinder turned west and started going towards that direction. The object the whole time had no lights. It was dark but appeared to give a slight water shine for maybe half a second. Shortly after that happened, I lost it as if it blended itself with the night sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

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#### PENNSYLVANIA TEARDROP CRAFT A FEW FEET OVER HOME

GLEN MILLS -- The witness woke up at 7 AM, on January 20, 2003, and was sitting on his couch looking out his large window when he witnessed three large teardrop shaped craft floating a few feet over than the top of his house. There was a glare surrounding the outside of the teardrop objects and one was higher than the others. The witness reports, "I could tell they were spinning. All three of them were spinning towards the right of me. I opened my back door and I heard a loud humming sound. I was shocked because this was the second sighting I've seen within two years. The same thing came to my attention perviously. They were also white and had a glow to them. After I gawked for about four minutes they started to fly a little higher and took off at what seemed to be the speed of light up.

They left a trail of a reddish white streak of light that faded away within seconds. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### SOUTH CAROLINA ORANGE PURSUED BY AN AIRPLANE

ISLE OF PALMS -- We live a few blocks from the beach on a barrier island outside of Charleston. Around midnight, several nights a week, I spend an hour or so on our third floor deck listening to the ocean, looking for shooting stars and satellites (wondering about UFO's). On January 17, 2003, at 12:30 AM, I saw a very bright (brighter than the brightest star/planet) orange light in the sky moving from the shore, inland WNW. It appeared lower than a plane when it is on approach and holding. Behind it was a jet. We live near an Air Force base and often see airplanes traveling in tandem, so I assumed it were a pair of Air Force jets although an object moving across the sky with nothing visible but a bright orange light looked quite peculiar. Less than a minute passed when I

realized I was observing a jet in pursuit of the orange light.

The two traveled back and forth and up and down, with the plane clearly following whatever the orange light was doing. It really looked like a rather slow chase. They were both moving at about the same speed of an airplane on approach. After about six minutes, the plane followed the orange light SE and out of my view.

On 23 January at the same time of night, my boyfriend and I saw the same orange light in the sky moving inland from the ocean.

It was a cloudy night and it disappeared behind some clouds in under two minutes. There were no airplanes in pursuit

#### GEORGIA V FORMATION AND FLYING WING

HEPHZIBAH -- The mother and daughter called NUFORC to report a January 7, 2003, at 8 PM, sighting of six yellow white lights in three sets of two lights each, in a V formation, descending vertically in the western sky. The mother and her daughter said they would telephone the local military base, which also was located to the west of their location at the time of the sighting, to see if any pyrotechnic device had been launched there at the time of the sighting.

TUCKER -- The witness reports that on January 16, 2003, at 7:30 AM, "I received a call from a friend, who excitedly urged me to go outside to see the paths the jet traffic was clearing through a low level cloud bank. It was amazing to see a narrow swath of clear sky showing through the clouds as several jets passed overhead, and burned away a clear path. This alone was a phenomenon that I had never witnessed in 54 years. But, as I was watching is fascination, I saw what looked like a shadow moving south through the cloud bank. The shadow was the shape of a "flying wing" spotted over Atlanta. I desperately tried to get my friend to see what I was seeing, but was unsuccessful.

Although the object appeared as if a shadow, it could not have been, in so much as, it was about 5 degrees from the vertical, and the sun was less than 5 degrees from the horizontal.

#### FLORIDA FLOATING TRIANGLE

WELLINGTON -- The witness writes, "My teenage son and I were leaving Wellington High School on January 21, 2003, at 7:30 PM after a JV basketball game when we noticed a floating triangle with three lights on each corner just hovering about 200 meters above the ground." It was north of Forest Hill Boulevard about one mile west of Route 441. I lowered my window and turned off the radio to listen for any sound (to see if it was a helicopter) but I couldn't hear any ascertainable aircraft engine noise. I tried to slow down and study the craft but had to move on as we were in traffic. Previously I've seen a traveling "ball of light" with my wife flying 500 meters above the ground at 70 MPH for two miles in Boca which then hovered over the Boca West development for 30 minutes this past summer.

Thanks to Guy in Boca.

#### WISCONSIN WITNESS SPOTS SIX LIGHTS IN A ROW

WISCONSIN DELLS -- We live in the country where it is very dark, so we had a good view on January 15, 2003, at 7 PM, of objects that were very bright lights that seemed to be round and of numerous beautiful pinks, blues, yellows, purple, greens and white. My husband saw similar objects before, but this was my first sighting, and it was the most remarkable, awe inspiring thing I have ever seen. They were not all lit at once and one would go off and others would come on. After the light went off at each sight, we could see small, dim white lights flowing around that area. Then there would be a break for seven minutes and the round, colored objects would appear again in a different spot in the sky. The most dramatic display was a line of six in a row. They would take turns going on and off and the most lit at one time was three. We could see the shadow of those that were off when the others would light. This went on for maybe 10-20 seconds before they all disappeared. All would be dark and then it would start over with one or two lighting at one time in a different area. We viewed them from about 19:00-20:00 hours. Then there was a half hour before we saw two more. They seemed to dart around, moving very fast from one location to another. We also noticed five airplanes seeming to be following them. The five planes however seemed to try and stay with or near the objects. When all the objects disappeared, so did the

planes. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### ARKANSAS RED LIGHT IN SKY

FT SMITH -- My parents and brothers fianc=E9 was fixing to leave to go get some Ice Cream on January 24, 2003, at 6:15 PM, when they left about ten seconds later they rang the door bell many times. I opened the door and it was my Mom saying get out side quick. I ran out and my Mom said look at the light. It was a red circle in the sky that was not too high, but not to low and it was jerking side to side, vertically and horizontally. It was not jerking too fast and it would not move too far when it did jerk. About 50 seconds later it did what was a quick U-turn and took off as if something was moving to get away. It was very fast. My parents drove one way and I drove the other way to see if we couldn't see what it was. Then after that we saw 7 airplanes flying around in the sky. At Ft. Smith airport isn't that busy, and never has that many airplanes around at once.

Thanks to Peter Davenport

#### LOUISIANA STARLIGHT OBJECT SPARKLES AS STAR

NATCHITOCHEs -- I never thought I'd be reporting ANY UFO sighting. However, I do believe in life beyond our planet. I did not have any alcohol in my system and what I and my fianc=E9e saw was as real as these words I now type. We had extremely cold conditions tonight due to the freeze that has hit much of the south. My fianc=E9e and I were leaving our home at 6:50 PM, to meet a friend for dinner. We are both college professors and live on the east side of the city where there are few street lights. We were walking to my sedan when my fianc=E9e said, "Look up, the stars are so beautiful." I did, and at that moment as I was looking toward the eastern sky, 65 degrees above the horizon we saw a bright star moving. This light (star) moved to the north of the constellation Orion. This star like light moved slowly north and had no trails like a comet, but did not travel quickly, and leave a streak as a meteor or meteorite.

The moving light was as bright as the surrounding stars, but moved awkwardly, but mostly in a straight line. This star stayed aglow and traveled north-northeast, the light diminished in intensity, and then faded as if losing power? Switching itself off or climbing higher out of the earth's atmosphere into space. The light flicked out. There were absolutely no clouds in the sky; and we went to dinner shaking our heads. I truly believe what we saw was not an aircraft, meteor, meteorite, or satellite. This object had none of their characteristics.

Thanks to Peter Davenport

#### TEXAS CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT IN EASTERN SKY.

EL PASO -- On January 20, 2003, at 7:26 AM, I was pulling out of my driveway to take my children to school. As I pulled out I noticed a very bright object in the eastern sky. At first, because of its location directly above the sun, the object appeared to resemble a bright ball of light in the sky. But after a few seconds the object started to move to the northeast revealing its true shape, which resembled a cigar. The object was tilted at a 45 degree angle as it moved through the sky. I can only guess the altitude or distance it was from us, but from what we saw it was a very big object. It continued to move east/northeast and eventually disappeared. I did not literally see it disappear or shoot off towards the eastern sky, I describe it this way because I turned my head to yell at my wife, who was in the garage, to look at the UFO and as I turned back to look at the object it was gone. There was also a plane in eastern sky, but it was far off in the distance. My 12 year old daughter also witnessed the entire event. Thanks to NUFORC

#### COLORADO VIDEO OF UFO

SOUTH PARK -- Tim Edwards reports that his daughter Brandy Edwards, and their cousin Sashay Rauter, first noticed an object in the western sky about 30 degrees above the horizon, that appeared as a very bright tube or cigar of intense white light.

Over a dozen vapor trails in the area were also observed and taped entering on November 22, 2002, on Highway 24 and leaving the area and western horizon during the duration of sighting.

The UFO was 2 to 3 times brighter then illuminated [setting sun] vapor trails in the area and clearly not diffused or exhausting. Object didn't appear to move during the duration of



sighting[ [25 minutes], staying in a fixed horizontal position.

Object was filmed in the western sky from 2 locations on Highway 24 in South Park, the first about 40 miles east of Buena Vista Colorado and then about 30 miles east of it. The object was filmed with a Canon CCD-TRV43 NTSC Hi 8 Video [20 optical zoom] camera for about two minutes. It appeared very distant from the camera, about 1/4 inch long holding your hand out.

Buffalo Peaks are in the video, just to the north of object.

Other objects were observed around the main object but were not real clear with the naked eye and we didn't have binoculars. As close as I could tell the object was 40 to 50 miles away which would have put it over Buena Vista Colorado or west of it. In the video it appears that a plasma field or something was surrounding the object and 2 barbell shaped objects are with it and stationary in conjunction with it. Video did not show the intense white cigar in it but rather a red and tan colored envelope. Object gradually diminished and disappeared before our eyes as a vapor trail approached the location and passed through it and was not visible after that or after dark. Thanks to Tim Edwards

#### CALIFORNIA MULTIPLE ORBS NEAR CONTRAILS

GLENDALE -- Nicholas Jones reports that on Saturday, January 25, 2003, at 4:00 PM, he received a call from a friend in Glendale who was outdoors with 10 witnesses and observing multiple spheres/orbs interacting with each other and newly formed chemtrails. There were at least 3 separate objects -- one a brilliant red, one a white color and the third clear, "Star-like" -- which spontaneously appeared and then disappeared but on several occasions moved closer to each other and then further apart. These objects reversed direction several times but maintained position in the sky more or less at the zenith (directly overhead).

At 4:30 PM, viewing eastward from West Los Angeles, I photographed two (military) jets flying parallel in close noncommercial formation, leaving clear, persistent contrails/chemtrails. These jets appeared from the north horizon and flew southwards, directly overhead, adjusting course slightly westward as they crossed the zenith and proceeded towards the southwest. Immediately following these jets, I spotted a white smaller unmarked commuter jet flying at lower altitude that did not leave a contrail/chemtrail. Slightly to the west, and not far from where this third jet appeared, I noticed a brilliant red light moving gradually toward the east.

At this time, I grabbed my Nikon Coolpix 5700, 5 MB digital camera, with setting on "Fine" (JPG with low compression), using standard zoom lens at 8x telephoto, auto setting and tried to shoot the jet and the red light together but missed. Although, the sequence of photos (Nos. 1 - 6) begin just a minute after the jet left and follow the red object across eastern sky. The light moves near the contrails/chemtrails, at about 60 degrees altitude, in a southerly direction. The object remained a brilliant red, like a "fiery chrome" finish, which was too bright to be the reflecting sunlight. It gradually changed color to a dull, dark hue and then finally into a less formed white, amorphous shape, before disappearing altogether. The sequence records about 5 minutes of elapsed time. The pictures clearly show a circular object with some internal differentiation but no visible, conventional means of propulsion like wings or engine exhaust trail. The object was extremely bright, a very dramatic sight, and hopefully was witnessed by many others. The object was brighter than the brightest star I have seen, and this was broad daylight, and so would have been easily noticed by anyone who happened to look up. Thanks to Nicholas Jones [jones@spincontrol.ca](mailto:jones@spincontrol.ca). Photos are at views: Weekly Files <http://www.georgefiler.com>

Editor's Note: Nicolas also reports the red orbs only appeared when jets were forming contrails. Unfortunately, a shot to define that unique relationship eluded us. Aircraft as they pass through the sky generate static electricity or plasmas.

The sky above Los Angeles is likely charged with a tremendous amount of electrical energy that may develop into something like ball lightning. Two Tesla coils can create this electrical plasma in a laboratory. I suggest it might be possible that fast moving jets generating energy and contrails in an electrically charged atmosphere may be able to form red plasma orbs that were imaged by Nicolas.



OREGON CYLINDER WAS BEEN SPOTTED OVER THE SKIES OF SALEM."

SALEM -- On January 22, 2003, at 5:05 PM, the initial report of this sighting came KPTV NEWS Fox 12, via a call to investigator Ron Wright. He in turn contacted KPTV Reporter Shauna Parsons for the full story that they ran. "A UFO has been spotted over the skies of Salem." The witness grabbed his camera and took these pictures of an unidentified flying object. He stated, "I was sitting in my house, and I happened to look up into the west sky and I saw something real bright. at first I thought it was just a jet with a contrail, but I started looking at it, and came out side and looked at it. and it was just really strange cause the trail was right on the plane, and just real bright -- it was brighter than anything I ever seen before." If you look at these pictures of ordinary jet planes -- you can see the long trail they leave. This UFO is probably not an alien craft -- but it's not any ordinary plane either.

He says he asked a few of his friends in the Army Reserve if they knew what kind of plane it could be -- and they were just as puzzled as he was. On 25 Jan. 2003, I spoke with the witness via land line to get more details on the sighting that occurred in Salem. He said, "It was traveling south 20 degrees off horizon at an altitude of approximately; 20,000 to 30,000 feet at 5 AM. It was partly cloudy with a temperature of 48 degrees.

He videotaped for 45 seconds. The witness description of the object was cylindrical shape, round and long, brightly lit colors of orange/yellow. Object emitted a flame out the rear of the craft unlike any normal commercial a/c would do, to the extent of 6-7 times the length of the object itself. Again witness described the object as rounded cylinder tube shape, dark gray, which was noticed through his Canon Video cam, which had a zoom of 800X power. Witness also claims that object was moving across the horizon faster than a normal commercial a/c would fly, going from the North to the South 20 degrees off the horizon at a very high rate of speed.

Witness called several law enforcement agencies, and some news stations, KPTV Fox News aired the tape 6 AM on the 23rd of Jan. 2003; they still have the original tape, which will be returned to witness soon. I have asked the witness for a copy of the video which will be available soon. Thanks to Peter Davenport Ron Wright, Director, TRIAD RESEARCH Colo. Spurges, CO.  
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WASHINGTON FLYING TRIANGLE OVERHEAD

LYNNWOOD -- My brother and I witnessed a slow steady white light on January 20, 2003, at 6:20 PM, turning off then on many times, he thought it was a radio tower, but after about 30 seconds the light stopped the (SOS) type flashes and steadily moved to the right and out of view. I figured it was probably a news helicopter because of rush hour traffic, but I have never seen a plane or helicopter do a steady SLOW beat, like a large search light going off and on. I got to my house and saw two close yellow lights just over the trees behind our house, that looked like a 747 when they fly towards you. This was not too odd to see because of our location near the airports, but the craft never crested over those trees, it actually went down dropping in altitude. I was about to get into my car with my brother when I saw the same two yellowish white lights coming from the right of the trees. This time I watched it for about ten seconds then noticed no sound and told my brother to get out of the car and look at this, he did and by the time he got out of the car it was over head with three yellowish white lights in a perfect triangle. As it went over head I couldn't hear anything, but as it was past us, we started to hear what sounded like a low frequency jet type sound but very quiet and very low.

I was ecstatic because I have witnessed a triangle craft that to me was a UFO. After we calmed down we started to drive the two miles to our friends house. About halfway, we both witnessed another strobe search like craft. I was a lot closer this time. After I started thinking about it, the first strobe object we saw might have been a craft to clear the way for this huge triangle craft and the last strobe craft was to follow up.

What we saw was probably human craft. But a lot newer than the old stealth bombers! At the time the triangle craft was over our heads my cat jumped into my car and refused to come out. I had to drag him from the back and hold him, he was shaking and appeared scared? Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

IRELAND IT APPEARED TO BE RED IN COLOR AND EMITTED 2 FIREBALLS

DUN LAOGHAIRE, COUNTY DUBLIN -- I looked out of my bedroom window on January 26, 2003, at 7:07 PM, and heading east was a Fireball that was going slightly faster than a normal aeroplane.

It then accelerated to possibly 400 mph plus, and I noticed that it dropped two other fireballs from it that disintegrated.

It was a very reddish color (about the color of Mars), and then it made a turn much sharper than an aero plane or any other craft could. From my eyesight, the thing looked about half a centimeter in diameter and it then disappeared. The duration was thirty seconds.

ENGLAND DIAMOND DEFINITE SIGHTING BY 2 PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE

DOVER -- On a clear starry evening on January 24, 2003, at 6:35 PM, we at first thought it was a shooting star because of the speed. It was a definitely structured craft with four faint lights in a square. That flew from N.E. to S.W. across the sky in about 30 seconds. It was very high and could have been in Earth's atmosphere or in space

GERMANY I SAW A WHITE SPOT UFO

BENSHEIM -- My mother-in-law, my wife, my two kids, and I were driving home on January 25, 2003, at 2:03 PM, when we came to a stop at a traffic light in the middle of town. I saw a white spot in the blue sky. At first I thought it was a plane, but then I noticed it wasn't moving. Further in the distance to the right of the object I saw an airplane flying leaving a white trail behind it. This kind of helped me notice it was not moving, and looked too big for a star. Plus the plane and this were the only two things in the sky that I could see. Looking closely, I noticed there was a sort of white, cloudy smoke around it. The object looked like someone took a pencil, dipped the eraser in some paint, and taped it on the sky. I looked away for only 1 or 2 seconds to make sure my wife was looking in the right direction. The car hadn't started moving yet, and the airplane was still in site. It happened very quick. But it was bigger than the airplane for sure. It disappeared after about 15 seconds.

SPAIN FLOWER PETAL UFO

MARCELLA -- On January 16, 2003, at 4:25 AM, a witness with considerable education and responsibility in his place of employment saw a flying object that was round with three flower like petals around the center. The object was silver, with black circles and silver frames visible in the center. It was at a 40 degree angle over the sea and 250 meters from my bedroom window. The object was stationary.

MALAYSIA HIGH SPEED DISK SHAPE

SKUDAI -- On January 17, 2003, at 9:30 PM, my dad and I saw an orange colored flying object move from east to west above my Dad's house. This object moved fast and was stable when it was moving. It was going up and not going down. I'm sure this is a disk shaped flying object. The UFO slowed a bit as it hovered above us, and seems like it noticed us as we looked at them.

After few minute it continued with a fast and stable speed and disappeared behind the crown. This is fifth time I've seen UFOs in the last two years. The last time it was closer, bigger, and we even saw the "windows" of the UFO.

SOLVE YOUR HEALTH POLLUTION PROBLEMS

Don Kile writes: "I have had allergies or asthma like respiratory problems that seem related to chemtrails/contrails or the general engine burning pollution in our air. I know that if I breathe car exhaust fumes, or get near certain plants, I start sneezing, coughing, my back hurts, and my eyes and my nose runs. Your Isotonix OPC-3 is the only product that has cleared these problems. I thought perhaps it was a fluke so I stopped taking it for a couple weeks. My symptoms appeared again and I remembered that for a dollar a day Isotonix OPC-3 was well worth it. After a couple days I was breathing normal again. Thanks for showing me this product from the Health and Food Store.

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## NASA Rejects Launch Damage Theory

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 20:13:38 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 11:10:14 -0500  
Subject: NASA Rejects Launch Damage Theory

Hello, all.

More surprising NASA News

<http://newsvote.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/2731169.stm>

I have a friend, a former NASA engineer, also who worked for Rockwell. He was surprised that the shuttle breakup started as high as it did, over California. His concern was the atmospheric pressure wasn't quite high enough to cause the breakup that high.

GT McCoy

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## Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 00:49:31 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 11:14:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Gates

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: by way of UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:16:38 -0500  
>Subject: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

>Hi -

>Does anyone involved with abduction research have a generally  
>agreed upon number of abductions to date? If not absolutely  
>verified, a conservative estimate?

Hi Eleanor,

If we look at how many "actual" cases have been reported and investigated I understand the number is less than 1200.

A while back, the MUFON abduction project allegedly had around 600 'actual' cases.

John Carpenter's case files were around 20, or so.

Everybody else combined might stretch it with another 400 cases, although I recall one major abduction researcher saying something about having 35 or so 'actual' cases. These are in the ballpark of what the other researchers had, less the overlap cases.

In terms of "projected" or "estimated" based upon running numbers, I have heard "in the 100s of thousands if not millions." But again a difference between 'actual' and 'projected' or 'estimated'.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Validating the Ramey Memo - Morton

From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 01:01:06 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 11:18:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Validating the Ramey Memo - Morton

For Jim and Kevin when you locate your data on Exclusive words:

Numbers, please.

Please fill in the blanks, below.

Words Exclusive to Groups

Word	# of Times Reported (n)
Remains	_____
Fundamental	_____
Crash	_____
UFO	_____
Glasses	_____
Morning	_____
Meaning	_____
Flash	_____
Atomic	_____
Laboratory	_____
Flew	_____

If you cannot supply the numbers, I will supply them in a future post.

Dave Morton

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 01:04:58 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 11:20:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Gates

>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 14:17:24 -0600  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

<snip>

>>But to get back to what annoyed you, let me answer by saying  
>>that to try and make this phenomenon the provenance of those  
>>lacking full psychological facilities is patently unfair not to  
>>mention untrue. This ploy has been used throughout the last 50  
>>plus years and all it has served to do is stymie the reporting  
>>of, and the scientific study of, the phenomenon.

>So we've established you don't like psychologists. Well  
>unfortunately Don, until you can deliver one of these flying  
>saucers (oops) to a physicist, or provide some tangible  
>evidence for them to look at, the only scientists you are going  
>to interest in the data are social scientists. Because the data  
>is nothing except narrative and stories of things that people  
>claim to have seen or experienced. There is nothing, not one  
>single thing, that a physicist or chemist can grapple with.

Not quite true. Look at the Hubble photographs that allegedly confirmed that the universe was in fact 10-14 billion years old, based on only photographic interpretation as opposed to actually having some of the talked about alleged dark matter in hand, or sent off to various so called scientific labs for verification of age.

So, if we were to pursue the above theory, we should be investigating and checking out the 14 or so core astronomers who were involved in that project, rather than looking at the information and data they came up with....

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 00:51:04 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 11:23:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Hebert

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 14:24:41 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

<snip>

>Hi Amy and all,

>I thought Ley Lines were those ancient pathways meandering  
>through the southern portions of England and Wales. Am I thinking  
>of something else?

Hi, Don:

You are correct.

According to the "Skeptic's Dictionary" at:

<http://skepdic.com/leylines.html>

which happened to be the first web site that came up when I did a Google search and my first time to visit the site:

"Ley lines are alleged alignments of ancient sites or holy places, such as stone circles, standing stones, cairns, and churches. Interest in ley lines began with the publication in 1922 of Early British Trackways by Alfred Watkins (1855-1935), a self-taught amateur archaeologist and antiquarian. Based upon the fact that on a map of Blackwardine, near Leominster, England, he could link a number of ancient landmarks by a series of straight lines, he became convinced that he had discovered an ancient trade route. Interest in these alleged trade routes as sources of mystical energy has become very popular among New Agers in Great Britain.

Today, ley lines have been adopted by New Age occultists everywhere as sources of power or energy, attracting not only curious New Agers but aliens in their UFOs and locals with their dowsing rods. These New Age occultists believe that there are certain sites on the earth which are filled with special "energy." Stonehenge, Mt. Everest, Ayers Rock in Australia, Nazca in Peru, the Great Pyramid at Giza, Sedona (Arizona), Mutiny Bay, among other places, are believed to be places of special energy. There is no evidence for this belief save the usual subjective certainty based on uncontrolled observations by untutored devotees. Nevertheless, advocates claim that the alleged energy is connected to changes in magnetic fields. None of this has been scientifically verified."

So, according to Alfred Watkins, "ley lines" exist. In addition, there are those who claim there are energies connected to these "lines" and that UFOs are attracted to these energies.

Another example of what I call "leap of faith".

Before we can go around claiming "ley lines" and "energy grids"



are used to facilitate travel by UFOs, these alleged "grids" and "lines" of energy must be first be established via scientific means rather than mere conjecture and speculation. Since there has not been any such data forthcoming to date, connecting UFOs to these alleged lines and grids is putting the cart before the horse.

Anyone claiming scientific data which verifies the physical existence of this "electromagnetic grid" and "ley lines" related to said grid needs to produce such data or stop giving UFology yet another black eye.

As for the rest of the gobbley-gook in this thread, just ignore it. We still don't have scientific evidence that these "grids" exist no matter what a few short-sighted individuals may claim.

Sincerely,

Amy H.

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## Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 04:36:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 11:27:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Velez

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: by way of UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:16:38 -0500  
>Subject: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

>Does anyone involved with abduction research have a generally  
>agreed upon number of abductions to date? If not absolutely  
>verified, a conservative estimate?

Hi Eleanor,

About all that anyone can do is to 'guesstimate' the actual number. If you go by the Roper Poll we're talking millions here in the US alone. If you try to extrapolate from the numbers of people that the major abduction researchers have gathered over the last thirty years, you get a number in the thousands.

There is always the nagging 'missing numbers'. We have no idea how many people that have had abduction experiences actually report to a known researcher. Is it one in ten? One in a hundred? One in a thousand? The actual number of "abductees" may indeed be in the millions. We have no way to know what the percentage of those who report is, as opposed to, how many never report. Knowing that percentage, could significantly raise or lower the resulting total.

We have no idea how many people may not have made the connection between what is happening to them and the abduction phenom. I'm sure there are many "abductees" out there who believe that they have been tormented by ghosts for example. The number of individual interpretations that may turn out to be misdiagnosed abduction experiences could be very high. And hiding a large number of cases.

Certainly whatever the actual number turns out to be, there are already enough people reporting to justify an investigation by the professional and academic community. They have really dropped the ball on this one.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 05:49:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 11:30:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 18:56:58 -0600  
>Subject: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 17:06:11 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 20:29:57 -0800 (PST)  
>>>Subject: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

>Hi, John,

>>While we're waxing 'New Agey' here, I'd like to know what ever  
>>happened to Mu and Lemuria? Two (alleged) ancient technological  
>>civilizations that supposedly predated Atlantis. For some odd  
>>reason Atlantis gets all the modern day press as well as the  
>>attention of the New Age community. Maybe because of the Edgar  
>>Cayce material. But even old Edgar spoke of Mu and Lemuria.

>>Any New-ager worth his Couchgrass and St. John's wart tea knows  
>>that Mu and Lemuria predated Atlantis. I wonder why it is that  
>>those much older civilizations are never mentioned, much less  
>>blamed on "aliens." After all, it's the hip, 'modern' thing to  
>>do isn't it? They can at least get the chronological order  
>>correct. ;)

>Well, actually, the Atlantis legend has genuine historical  
>pedigree (albeit, from all available evidence, not historical  
>existence), going back to 355 B.C. and two of Plato's works.

>Lemuria was theorized by 19th-Century British biologist Philip  
>L. Schattler, who thought of it as an Indian Ocean land bridge  
>connecting Madagascar and extreme southern India. In the days  
>before continental drift had been hypothesized and then  
>validated, he sought to explain why two widely separated  
>locations shared many of the same flora and fauna. Occultists  
>and mystics soon picked up on this modest notion and transformed  
>Lemuria (also known as Mu) into the Atlantis of the Pacific,  
>holding a vast supercivilization.

Hi Jerry,

Thanks for the info.

You wrote:

>The most influential work is Helene Petrovna Blavatsky's The  
>Secret Doctrine (1889),

Back in the 70's I plowed through all four of Blavatsky's tomes.  
Secret Doctrine and Cosmogonisis. Keerist! It took months to get  
through it all. I kept a Latin to English dictionary at my side  
the whole time. Her work is, a la Victorian style writing,  
verbose and littered with phrases and axioms that she shares

with her readership in Latin only. Funny, she 'assumed' a knowledge of Latin in her readers. Anyway, it was in Cosmogogenesis that she expounded about Lemuria in what I assume was a 'channelled' telling of human history and development.

For those who aren't familiar with Blavatsky, she was a well known medium and the founder of the Theosophical Society. Her 'philosophy' was later adopted and bastardized by the Nazi's in order to bolster/justify their Aryan superman crapolla. It is now well known that certain high ranking Nazi officials were mystics and actively engaged in securing historical religious artifacts of great significance and other 'objects of power.' Blavatsky's work played a big role in instigating all of that activity.

I was just curious why the 'New-Agers,' who are collectively enraptured with tales of Atlantis, have ignored tales of Lemuria. Just wondering is all.

Back to UFOs. ;)

Warm regards,

John

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## New Runcorn Video Footage

From: Eric Morris <[bufosc@hotmail.com](mailto:bufosc@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 11:10:21 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 11:32:17 -0500  
Subject: New Runcorn Video Footage

Because of demand for tickets BUFOSC (The British UFO Studies Centre) will be using a bigger hall to accomodate the growing army of enthusiasts coming to see the latest amazing UFO footage to be filmed over the UK in many a year.

BUFOSC will be using their video projection machine for the evening to show this extraordinary UFO footage.

NO photograpic equipment will be allowed into the meeting because of the sensitivity of this tape, we already have received threats not to show it, by menacing telephone calls. We are showing it regardlessly.

BUFOSC will not and never be intimidated by these pathetic thinly veiled threats, it makes BUFOSC more determined.

As Part 2 of "Rendlesham 2" after January's amazing lecture by Eric Morris, a video will be shown of the crash site of Rendlesham 2, never shown before to the public.

This night will be a historic one, Morris is quickly formulating his new book on British Ufology, The cases YOU have never heard about.

I would advise people to come along early to get in, once full that is that.

Morris plans to take the footage to UFO Magazine for analysis when time permits, due to Morris's work schedule.

This is an interesting time for British Ufology, BUFOSC hold the 'Smokin Gun' evidence UFO Groups have been searching for, for years.

See you there Tuesday 11th February 2003 at 7:30pm  
Waterloo Community Centre Waterloo Road Ruuncorn, Cheshire.

First in first served, once the room is full no more will be allowed in and under no terms is photographic equipment being allowed into the venue.

Eric Morris

BUFOSC Press Release  
Thursday 6th February 2003 (5 days to go to the 'Smokin Gun'. Forget Colin Powell's 'Smouldering Gun' on Iraq, this is the real McCoy.

You have been warned!

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## Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Rudiak

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>...we do have the raw data, we don't have the individual  
>score sheets which is not the same thing. Once the data havd  
>been transferred, the score sheets were mistakenly destroyed.  
>One of the referees of the article had addressed this question  
>and found that (a) our answer was satisfactory and (b) that the  
>original score sheets were not as important because we did have  
>the raw data.

If you had the raw data all along, then why weren't the numbers  
already provided in your paper? Instead your paper said they  
were thrown out.

Not providing the critical data that supports your main  
conclusion should be automatic cause for rejection of the  
paper. Otherwise peer review is completely pointless.

That the referees let this pass does not serve as vindication of  
your paper. Rather it shows that the peer review process at JSE  
is seriously flawed and not up to the standards of a good  
quality scientific journal (at least in this one instance).

>Third, Jim is suggesting here that these questions asked in the  
>pages of the JSE would have a wider audience and permit a wider  
>discussion of the problems that you see.

UFO UpDates has a wide audience, probably wider, and a number of  
very sharp people fully capable of understanding the arguments.  
Furthermore, such a forum provides a quick back-and-forth that  
submitting objections to the journal does not.

There is typically a 6 to 9 month lead time before publication  
in scientific journals. Editors also exert considerable power in  
such situations, if they choose to exert it. E.g., they could  
simply refuse to publish my letter. Or they could always cut out  
what they find embarrassing, such as my criticisms of their  
journal's peer review. Or they can play favorites by careful  
editing of my remarks, leaving out key components of my  
argument. This isn't just paranoia. I have seen one example of  
this already in JSE. Historian Rich Dolan wrote a detailed  
letter-to-the-editor rebuttal of criticisms by Michael Swords of  
his book ("UFOs and the National State"). The editor chose to  
publish only a few sentences, and left 80+% of the remaining  
page blank rather than publishing the rest. Dolan never did get



his full say.

Even if none of this happens, the authors always get the last word to any criticisms of their work. Maybe they don't adequately respond to the points. If that happens, I'm put in the position of sending off yet another set of questions and objections, waiting another 6 to 9 months, etc., etc. This could go on forever.

Why not just settle it now? Straight answers would help enormously to resolve this in a quick and amiable fashion. Follow-up letters to-the-editor can always be done afterwards to make it "official," but there is no conceivable reason I can think of why the matter can't be first discussed in detail here.

>All points, yours, Dave  
>Rudiak's, ours, would be published so that those interested in  
>the research could decide if we had committed a fatal flaw, or  
>if the existence of the raw data, much of it converted to ANOVA  
>was sufficient.

>This, I think, is how science should work.

If "science" and peer review were working properly, the relevant numbers supporting your main conclusion should have already been published. If peer review were working properly, the paper should have been automatically rejected without those numbers. If the numbers were permanently lost, then the experiment should have been redone. That is how I think science should work.

>We ask a question,  
>and develop an experiment to answer that question. We gather our  
>data, study it, and then develop a theory about it. We publish  
>our findings in a journal, which tacitly invites criticism of  
>our theories and findings. Maybe someone else has a question  
>related to the first, creates another study that confirms our  
>original work, or suggests where we might have gone wrong. We  
>all look at the data and then say, "Well, yes."

>In other words we all progress through a thoughtful discussion.  
>So, Jim was suggesting a way to invoke that discussion.

>I hope you don't believe that I'm lecturing here, or my rather  
>simple discussion of science is all there is. I'm merely  
>suggesting that Jim was not dodging the question or refusing to  
>answer, he was suggesting we take it all into the public arena  
>of a science journal which would be a good thing for all of us,  
>a good thing for science and a very good thing for Ufology  
>because we've moved it into the scientific arena.

I'm sorry, but from over here it does indeed look like more stalling, dodging, and doubletalk. Either you have the relevant numbers or you don't. Everything else strikes me as spin and damage control. Thus high-minded talk about uplifting Ufology and moving this into "the scientific arena" instead sounds like a way you hope to control the situation by moving it into a more friendly venue and also avoid for the moment answering some very hard questions concerning your paper. I have provided many examples in other posts. I don't care to repeat them here.

If the science had been properly done to begin with, we wouldn't even be having this discussion. Flawed scientific research and peer review are not beneficial to Ufology or any other field of knowledge.

<snip>

>>>There are those who were worried because we don't have the raw  
>>>data from our study. Well, that's not exactly the truth. In  
>>>fact, we do have a computerbase of the raw quantitative data,  
>>>just not the actual score sheets (This is stated in our  
>>>article). This is how we know the average number of words each  
>>>group perceived and their correlations with the various  
>>>cognitive variables (including prior knowledge about Roswell  
>>>and the Ramey document).

<snip>

>>From your database of raw, quantitative data:

>>1. How many "hits" did each Exclusive word (UFO, flash, etc)

>>have?

>Those data do exist and some of them were published in the  
>original article.... The ANOVA tables for others are available  
>if you wish to examine them.

Yes, I would very much like to examine them. However, none of this data shows up in your paper, except for the few anecdotal examples. There are no numbers, and the numbers are absolutely critical to supporting your main conclusion. Where are the numbers?

Your statement above also directly contradicts what you wrote in the paper. After the referee requested the numbers, you stated that the research assistant threw out the score sheets. "As a result, we only have detailed data on the deciphered words common across the three suggestion conditions."

If you only have detailed data on the "common" words, then you don't have detailed numbers on the "exclusive" words. But above you say you do. Which is it?

Or to be more specific, exactly how many "exclusive" words total do you have for each experimental situation (Roswell, Atomic Testing, Control), what were the words, and how many instances of each word were there?

There also needs to be an accounting for the simple, common English words like "the", "at", "of", etc. which aren't mentioned at all in your paper. Yet they among the easier words to read and make up about 40% of Ramey's message. How many instances of these words were there and how were they categorized? Were they placed in the "common" words, "exclusive" words, or both? I would like to see the breakdown on this.

<snip>

>>Sorry for the many snips, but I just want to address that 1  
>>point, for the moment.

>And I certainly understand your concern, as does Jim. Let me go  
>back and review some of this but please don't think I'm  
>attempting to dodge the situation. Real world considerations are  
>moving to reduce my time for my pursuits.

Fine, we all have to give priority to real life now and then. I should be doing that too instead of engaging in this endless sparring. Take your time and review what you have. But I don't intend to let this drop. If I seem a bit "snippy", it's because I feel you are Jim Houran are giving us the runaround. I hope you prove me wrong by eventually giving us some straight answers.

David Rudiak

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Denzler

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>Oh well, since I'm here:

>>List is full. The myth of the credible witness doesn't state  
>>that all witnesses are misperceiving but it does prove that  
>>many are. And as no case has yet been identified as anything  
>>which is a genuine 'structured craft of unknown origin' I'm  
>>afraid that, whether you, Jerry, Dick or whoever has to live  
>>with the fact that radical misperception is the best  
>>demonstrable theory we have.

>May I ask a question? What is a "radical misperception", and in  
>what way does it differ from an ordinary misperception?

>Is a "radical misperception" consistent with what we know about  
>human visual perception, or inconsistent with that? If the  
>former, then I don't see how radical misperceptions differ from  
>ordinary misperceptions; if the latter, then I don't see how  
>"radical misperception" is any better off as an explanatory  
>hypothesis than the ETH, the Tectonic Strain Hypothesis, or any  
>other miracle-invoking exotic explanation for UFOs.

OK. I'll come out of 'lurk' mode long enough to ask a question.

Catherine, can you explain how the tectonic strain theory is a  
"miracle-invoking" theory? Or the ETH, for that matter? Just  
curious. I've never thought of either one as particularly  
oriented toward the miraculous. The evidence may weigh more or  
less in each one's favor as possible explanations for at least  
some UFO events, but I have never thought of the evidence for  
either as being so scanty as to qualify them to be termed  
"miraculous" explanations.

Thanks for your help.

Brenda

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## The Inverstigator Effect [was: Re: New Documentary

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>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

><snip>

>>Have you ever heard of "the investigator effect" in which the  
>>investigator of a 'phenomenon' becomes part of the very  
>>mystery he or she is investigating?

>Remember the question is not "are all UFOs alien space craft?,  
>it is "are any?". The answer is, yes .

>Witness misperception does happen. But I really don't believe  
>that the 2000+ physical trace cases involving observations of  
>strange round craft landing and taking off out in the middle of  
>nowhere, leaving behind peculiar circles of effected soil and  
>flora, frequently accompanied for a bit of time by small beings,  
>are really misperceptions of silent helicopters disguised as  
>flying saucers and involving midjets hired by the CIA to stand  
>in for aliens.

Hmmmm... Seems like this List thrives on name-calling and  
assault as much as on calm, rational, friendly exchange of ideas  
among people with different views. I'm not very good at the  
former. I aspire to the latter. In fact, faced with the former,  
I just tend to back away. So... if you all want to attack me for  
anything I say, please don't be surprised if I fade back into  
the wallpaper. Having said \_that\_:

Stan, I'm with you up to the point where you frame the whole  
question in terms of what sounds like the traditional ETH. I  
started out my interest in ufology by being focused on abduction  
accounts.

When I was forced to go back and look at the entire modern-day  
history of UFO events, I gained a lot of respect for and  
interest in the non-abduction stuff, too. (Historical UFO-type  
events is another piece which I will leave to the side here.)

I agree that there are enough sighting reports with tangible,  
physical evidence to make the whole question irreducible to  
\_just\_ misperception, although I also agree that there are large  
numbers of misperceptions \_and\_ some outright hoaxes included in  
the phenomenon. But to say that these cases lead one to say that  
some UFOs are alien spacecraft - well, I can't go that far. I  
think that attributing provenance to these things goes beyond  
the evidence. It's an interpretation \_of\_ the evidence. It may  
well be correct, in the end. But right now, at this point in  
time, I don't think that ufology has enough evidence to be able  
to make that leap.

It is in that leap (or what seems to me like a leap) that you make, that the "investigator effect" cited by David Clarke comes into play. (And in other ways, too, I might add.) As far as I can tell, though, the fact that in any field of inquiry the investigator becomes a part of the system he/she is studying, does not (or should not) be either a cause for alarm or a cause for dismissal of the system/phenomenon.

When some folks study the UFO-subculture, they find study of the system most interesting, including the investigators of UFOs. Of course, if these folks are honest and consistent, they must admit that by studying even just the investigators of UFOs, they have themselves become part of the system they are studying. A delicious piece of reflexivity for the Trickster. (See George Hansen's 'The Trickster and the Paranormal'. Quite a good read, and very apposite for this field of endeavor.)

As for those who do not find the study of UFO investigators of interest, but are more nuts-and-bolts oriented (and even more for those whose field of investigation is abduction-related events) it still behooves them, IMHO, to be aware that by their very interest and activities in this regard, they become a part of the system/phenomenon they are studying.

OK. Let the name-calling begin. "Brenda, you ignorant slut...."  
(Anyone ever watch the old SNL's take-off on Point-Counterpoint?)

Brenda Denzler

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Bennett

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>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham -- Roberts

>Unless, yes, I've got it - you were being post-modern like your  
>friend who you admire and agree with so much, Colin. Which is a  
>bit weird as Colin hates and disagrees with Dick and Jan and yet  
>you agree with Dick too! God this is getting so post-modern it's  
>uncanny. Er, or is it you choose to agree with any fuzzy thinker  
>who happens to come along and keep the whole UFO cottage industry  
>in business? Mystery sells, eh kids.

Hi Andy, all List Bears,

Andy, you must seriously consider changing your position concerning anomalous experience. Perhaps not to believe in little green men (as I do) no, but for goodness sake, surely you now see that you must apply a rather more complex analysis than this metal-bashing yes or no technique, which in a media age makes you look like a very 19th century person indeed. The simple absolute fact versus absolute fiction argument is far too simple a pre-quantum formula to apply willy-nilly in the sense that you are using it. If you don't adapt to new thinking, then you will be left behind both as a thinker and a researcher. This will be a great pity, because you can take it as a compliment that I am saying this to you, since I believe you are the only skeptic worth saving, other than the Blessed Brentford Polonius. You have personality, creative energy, you talk to people, you have a great sense of life and humour, you engage in interactive dramatic communication, and your cursing is an art form in itself. Also, you don't get out of the ring when the going gets very rough indeed, which is a quality I very much admire in you.

All I am asking you to do is at least look at say holistic dimensions and mystical experience, a little more sympathetically. You certainly did this in your beautifully written essay The Big Grey Man of Ben Macdui (Forcean Studies Volume 5) which is a classic essay on folklore, and praised by the brilliant metaphysician Patrick Harpur whose demoniac reality view would appear to be of exactly the opposite opinion to your self. Judging from this work, at this time you were approaching the Coleman/Devereaux/Harpur position which is the royal road to modern anomalistics, but since then you seem to have relapsed into factual mechanistic Stalinism so typical of the many steam footplate persons on this List.

Frankly, your "factual" absolutism is absurd in an age when most poor deprived souls live permanently inside Michael Jackson's brain, to give but one bracing example. Like most old-fashioned mechanistic/deterministic old-industrial absolutes, your binary yes/no simplicity is not sufficient to describe the bewildering anomalistic nature of personality, identity, mental activity and moral experience. Such conservative reactionary views mean stasis, very much like the tank/horse problem in the First World War.

With respect this, I now want to give the very briefest outline of the binary yes/no paradigm as cultural function. Sorting through scores of names at random, if the great historians such as Toynbee, Herodotus, Gibbon, and Lancelot Hogben (the much neglected historian of technology), are read through thoroughly, it will be found that cultures (the Athens of Pericles, the Alexandria of Ptolemy, the England of Chaucer) are essentially problem-solving entities. Whilst the culture is alive and growing, the management of solutions in agriculture, navigation, military affairs, whatever, is largely successful. There may be boundary layer problems, but the major axis of reference and interpretation remains secure (orders of angels, hierarchical mediaeval heavens for Early Middle England, chains of Being and Nature for Shakespeare, atoms and molecules for the 19th century).

But what makes a culture go into decline when its infrastructure and its environment appears to be perfectly stable (Mayan culture for example)? Bar gross climate or geological change, it is not physical attack, or economic decline so much as a particular, very special question comes along which is not answerable in the old terms. If this question is not answered, if this new problem is not solved, then the culture withers on the vine in the midst of prosperity and success. In other words, the culture in the midst of plenty, suffers an acausal nervous breakdown. It goes into shock.

Such a new question is characterized by not being answerable within the old terms of reference. To answer it means making a fundamental change in basic principles of thought itself. The question is thought itself undergoing evolution. In other words, when such a question comes along, it is no use piling evidence upon evidence upon research upon yet more research so much as having to create an entirely new theory of about information and what information means in the new social and intellectual context. The appearance of this new question is the threshold prior to the experience of change of paradigm.

Briefly, examples of such questions are: the late 17th century problem with accelerated kinematics. This could not be solved in existing 17th century terms in the way that this century had solved other practical and theoretical problems. In the 18th century, British expansion would not have been possible without the practical and mathematical solution of Latitude and Longitude. Similarly, the many gross anomalies in radiation and electromagnetism that showed up in 19th century physics were resolved (or almost) only by Planck and Einstein who stood the 19th idea of "solid" matter on its head, although the concept of "solid" still remains as a rather decayed 19th century metaphor in Andy's head in the way that we still "board" an aircraft. Now reasoning by analogy and on a much smaller scale, we have, I contend, Ufology reaching a similar practical and theoretical crisis. There are certain number of such special questions (we'll call them Alpha questions) come up which need, in the historical sense I have described, a quite unprecedented solution. I am preparing a series of List posts to suggest a possible approach to what I call the Four Body Problem. In my argument, I contend that we must abandon the totally unsatisfactory "separate the facts from the fiction" two-state binary culture, and transfer to postmodern thinking involving Fuzzy and Fortean principles as outlined in my recent book. In this sense, the work done by Randle, Rudiak and Friedman is cutting edge. They are postmodernists, though they do not know it yet.

The three problems are:

- (1) MJ-12 problem (needs a new postmodern theory of information)
- (2) The Ramey Text (a postmodern text)
- (3) The Grey Area Problem (intermediate states between old industrial absolutes Fact and Fiction)
- (4) The Corso Problem. (the fantastic claim as Trickster Function)

Postmodernism has now reached the stage where it can be used as a reader-friendly journalistic tool. I have an article about James Oberg and NASA in the current Fortean Times, and to my knowledge, this is the first time that a full postmodern



analysis has been applied to a major theme of our time in a mainstream popular Journal. It has been said quite independently to me that this essay is a model of what the New Ufology is going to look and sound like. My only regret is that it should appear at a time when the whole of the Western World is in mourning for the loss of the crew of Columbia.

You will see immediately in my article that the false/truth paradigm has been discarded and a theory of information flow and media substituted. The result has been described as the replacement of  $v=3Ds/t$  by  $v=3Dds/dt$ . We simply must make experiments of this nature, as I did recently in a 700-line CyberNovel on this List. Millions of mid-grade antennae touches are one thing, inspiration and synthesis quite other things. In Ufology we must move forward. This means controversial experiment or die. The trouble that this causes is in itself part of the defining of the problem.

Which means that the train is about to leave the station Andy, and you'd better get aboard very quickly. Ufology must be brought up to date if only because postmodernism is now taught in almost every university in the world, and has had the most profound effect as regards the entire range of modern literary criticism, literature and philosophy, where the phrase "separate the facts from the fiction" sounds like something from the script of *Arsenic and Old Lace* or *Fanny By Gaslight*. Good texts in their time yes, but not the future of Rock n' Roll exactly.

By comparison, poor Ufology, despite the Herculean efforts of people like Jerry Clark, still remains rooted in its ancient factual Stalinism, and has yet to make a single night school course. The aim of the New Ufology is to try and bring it out of the rusted ruins of old East Germany as it were into an age of media, information, and web virtuality. I can almost hear the sneers at that one from the steam footplate folk.

Now Andy if this post is going to be greeted by abuse and sneering typical British anti-modernism and (surprising to me) American anti-intellectualism, I shall not answer it. We have all had great fun on the List with that crap with Dick and Jan (nice TV show title, there for you Andy, what? I designed it with you in mind), for many months, and that is all over (thinks -- could this be the end of the Bad Man?). Besides I have my Ruppelt (An American Demonology) book to finish and my analysis of the Randle/Friedman dialogues ( pure postmodern protein) to continue, and I haven't time to return a stream of your famous curses, as much as I enjoy them and wear them as a Red Badge of Ufological Courage, along with my Dick and Jan campaign ribbons, and my Wendy Connors War Memorial Badge. At the moment I am only on the second level of expanded metaphor in the Randle/Friedman dialogues, I have a long way to go, and the Tea House in Holland Park is closed, one of my mastiffs has to be taken to the vet, and a riot has broken outside George's Fish Bar, complete with 12-foot water spouts. The spouts demolished two parked invalid chairs and the Salvation Army has had to be abandoned. Walking frames and Social Security Sandwich bags are momentarily stored in a local trendy cocktail bar, and this goes down really well with the smart young yah-yah media folk perched on the chromium stools.

And you think you've got problems, Andy.

Postmodernism is not nearly so difficult or abstract as it sounds. I leave you Andy with a first postmodern equation whose strange geometry leads right out of the old industrial  $input=3Doutput$  configuration:

Input=3Da poster of Marilyn Monroe  
Output=3Dinfinity  
Result? Fourth Day Like Four Long Months of Absence

What is this List but a postmodern conversation? EBK has created the new Gutenberg Galaxy.

I'll be back.

Meantime keep smiling, List Bears!

Colin

(the Bad Man)

PS. You mention names. As regards Jerry Clark, I am proud to claim him as a friend and colleague. He is, I repeat, the Dr. Johnson of Ufology. His Dictionary is one of the very few books that have reached Literary acceptance in the outer world as distinct from the tiny intellectual leper colony you and I write for, Andy. The higher mental and academic level of Clark's Dictionary is what we must all aim for.

Regarding Dick and Jan, we had a battle of Titans and we said absolutely dreadful things about one another. You will understand that I was attacked by them with little cause, and the only claim that I will make about myself is that I thrive on intimidation, as both the gentlemen you name will now both surely bear witness. My hand is now outstretched, but I doubt if they will take it because they do not open my posts, and they are very proud Prussian iron-master men. Unlike your good self, Andy, they do not roll with the punch. I think they will now understand that no writer/journalist can call himself such if he doesn't fight his way into trouble and out again just to get information, if only because information does not come easily. I was the new boy on the block and they tried to strangle me at birth. Parts of my life have been rougher than others and anybody who wants to strangle me at birth or at any other time had better give the idea very serious consideration. In any case, a writer who is not in often outrageous confrontation is no writer at all. If people get hurt on the way, they have my sympathy. I could sit here in London until my gut hangs over my belt making nice people happy. That's not the way I do it, and it's not the way you do it, Andy. I think we'd both rather be dead.

Hallelujah, List Bears!

Combat Diaries <http://www.thewhyfiles>  
Politics of the Imagination: Anomalist Award for  
Best Biography of 2002  
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## Re: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis'

From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 08:29:24 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 12:08:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis'

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 18:56:58 -0600  
>Subject: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 17:06:11 -0500 Subject:  
>>Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

>>While we're waxing 'New Agey' here, I'd like to know what ever happened to Mu

>>and Lemuria? Two (alleged) ancient technological civilizations that  
>>supposedly predated Atlantis. For some odd reason Atlantis gets all the  
>>modern day press as well as the attention of the New Age community. Maybe  
>>because of the Edgar Cayce material. But even old Edgar spoke of Mu and  
>>Lemuria.

>>Any New-ager worth his Couchgrass and St. John's wart tea knows that Mu and  
>>Lemuria predated Atlantis. I wonder why it is that those much older  
>>civilizations are never mentioned, much less blamed on "aliens." After all,  
>>it's the hip, 'modern' thing to do isn't it? They can at least get the  
>>chronological order correct. ;)

>Well, actually, the Atlantis legend has genuine historical pedigree (albeit,  
>from all available evidence, not historical existence), going back to 355  
B.C.  
>and two of Plato's works.

>Lemuria was theorized by 19th-Century British biologist Philip L. Schattler,  
>who thought of it as an Indian Ocean land bridge connecting Madagascar and  
>extreme southern India. In the days before continental drift had been  
>hypothesized and then validated, he sought to explain why two widely  
separated

>locations shared many of the same flora and fauna. Occultists and mystics  
>soon picked up on this modest notion and transformed Lemuria (also known as  
>Mu) into the Atlantis of the Pacific, holding a vast supercivilization.

>The most influential work is Helene Petrovna Blavatsky's The Secret Doctrine  
>(1889), but in the 1920s James Churchward published four books on Mu, "the  
>motherland of man," based on alleged ancient documents whose existence he  
>could never prove. The books are believed to be pure fiction masquerading as  
>fact. In the 1940s, of course, Richard Shaver used Lemuria to riveting effect  
>in the tall tales, remembered as the Shaver Mystery, that he told in the  
pages  
>of Ray Palmer's SF and fantasy magazines.

Oh yeah, I remember Lemuria!

Sorry, couldn't resist.

The name "Lemuria" was invented by an English zoologist, Phillip L. Schlater, back in the early days of Darwinism, in order to explain the fossilized remains of lemurs similar to those that live in Madagascar only today. He proposed the existence of an antediluvian land-bridge or landmass between Madagascar and the Indian subcontinent, and he dubbed this hypothetical continent Lemuria. It may or may not have existed,

but it certainly was not the "Lemuria" or Mu of modern-day mystical and new age thought! This was created later by input from a variety of sources. One source was Madame Helena Blavatsky, who was renowned as a charlatan and caught in the act of perpetrating a fraud more than once. Blavatsky used the scientific concept of Lemuria to create her own cosmology and pseudo-theology from blending elements from a dozen religious and mystical traditions, folklore, and science, calling it "theosophy." The other source of the Mu and Lemuria myth was James Churchward, who provided evidence which was both archaeologically excellent and convincing, or else highly subjective and spurious at best.

Blavatsky was something of a "fake," and she did have a reputation as a con-artist extraordinaire. She is the one who came up with the "story" about Atlantis and Lemuria going to war and destroying one another. This fiction (and it is fiction) of hers was picked up later by Edgar Cayce and others, who have all put their own "spin" on it. Again, this tends to cloud any reality to the situation of ancient, perhaps submerged civilizations, and tends to cause the topic to not be taken seriously--When it probably deserves to be taken very seriously, as recent find of ancient ruins under the world's oceans (the Cuban ruins and the Yonaguni site, and others) demonstrates.

The best research done on the possibility of a missing Pacific civilization has been done, in my opinion, by author and "rogue archaeologist" David Hatcher Childress. Childress sticks to the facts; he conducts in-depth research and verifies everything, and does the field work that an archaeologist has to do. Polynesians tend to remember this ancient civilization as "Mu," or as variants of the name. By chance the name Mu is included in the fabricated word LeMURia, but this is purely coincidental, unless the ancient civilization at hand was founded by time-travelling highly-evolved Lemurs who gave it their name from the future--highly unlikely.

Given the various interpretations of "Lemurian" activity around Mt. Shasta (which I'm not saying does or doesn't occur), I find it interesting to note that to the ancient Romans, the "Lemurs" were the savage ghosts of the unhappy dead, and had to be placated with a yearly ritual called, coincidentally again, "Lemuria".

Britannica.com says:

"Lemures

Encyclopedia Britannica Article

also called Larvae, in Roman religion, wicked and fearsome spectres of the dead. Appearing in grotesque and terrifying forms, they were said to haunt their living relatives and cause them injury. To propitiate these ghosts and keep them from the household, ritual observances called Lemuria were held yearly on May 9, 11, and 13. These Lemuria, reputedly instituted by Romulus in expiation of his brother's murder, required the father of every family to rise at midnight, purify his hands, toss black beans for the spirits to gather, and recite entreaties for the spirits' departure."

My problem is not really with the Shasta phenomena per se, but simply with the use of wholly subjective channeled or astral-travel-obtained information about the unknown, which is often cited as "evidence," particularly when there is no external evidence which supplies verification. This has often been the only source of "esoteric" information about "Lemuria" in general.

Maurice Doreal (Claude Doggins by birth) began teaching, or preaching, a variant of the current theory as expounded by Branton, David Icke, and others, in the mid-nineteen-forties. He spoke about an ancient race of lizard or serpent humanoids with advanced technology, representatives of which were preserved in "Rainbow City," a hidden metropolis somewhere in Antarctica. He also propagated a mythos about Mt. Shasta, and wrote a book called "The Mysteries of Mt. Shasta." His ancient history of the world included blue-eyed, blond-haired Aryan superhumans who came from Mars to Earth, and who warred with the Serpent Race.

The two groups (according to Doreal) eventually nearly destroyed one another with terrible weapons, and then fled underground for survival. Their descendants, according to Doreal, are at war with one another to this day, and he somehow managed to tie this all in with the deros and teros of Shaver's "mystery."

Of course we have to ask: Why would the "Lemurians" call themselves by a name which was not invented until the first half of the 19th century by an English scientist? Unless of course they were naming their country after the much-later Roman holiday of unfriendly dead who must be appeased--but Why? The very fact that they are called "Lemurians," or allegedly refer to themselves in this manner, demonstrates that modern or contemporary human beings are probably responsible for many of the mysterious phenomena at Mt. Shasta, such as the "music," the "ohming," strange lights, sudden visits by people who "disappear" (usually into woods or brush, btw), and so on. I have to wonder if, in the interest of making new age tourist dollars, there isn't some degree of chicanery going on at Mt. Shasta, propagating the myth of ufo-piloting "Lemurians" living beneath the mountain.

It is interesting that this name Lemuria has attached itself, in both antiquity and the present day, to some sort of supernatural, paranormal, ufological, and spectral activity.

--Mike

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TRANSCRIPT SHINES LIGHT ON FISA REVIEW COURT

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review (FISCR), a hitherto unknown branch of the judiciary, was convened last September for the first time. The transcript of that closed session provides new insight into the structure of the Court and its conduct.

At issue was the Justice Department's appeal to overturn a lower court decision that limited the government's ability to share surveillance information between intelligence and law enforcement personnel.

The hearing was extraordinary not only because the Court had never met before, but also because it was an ex parte proceeding, i.e. only Justice Department representatives and the panel of three federal judges were present.

"This is a strange proceeding because it is not adversarial," observed FISCR presiding Judge Ralph B. Guy, Jr. "If one were to just read the transcript of this hearing today, one might think that the adversary, if there was one, is [the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court], the lower body in this matter" whose decision was being appealed. (Transcript, page 100).

Indeed. The record of the hearing suffers substantively from the absence of an articulate opposing view. And despite some sparring on technical issues, the judges generally assumed a servile posture toward the executive branch, even consulting the Justice Department on how to handle its critics.

"Do you have a view what we should do with amicus briefs?" asked Judge Laurence H. Silberman, referring to the unsolicited pleadings submitted by civil liberties groups in support of the lower court decision.

"Our position is we have no objection to the Court receiving amicus briefs," Solicitor General Ted Olson generously responded. "In fact, I think it's probably good that the Court receive amicus briefs." (Pp. 67-68). It did so.

The FIS Court of Review granted the Justice Department appeal in a November 18 decision.

The transcript of the September 9 hearing was declassified at the request of Senator Patrick Leahy. A copy was obtained by

Secrecy News and is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fisa/hrng090902.htm>

#### REPORT ON PATRIOT ACT OVERSIGHT

The Justice Department Office of Inspector General (OIG) received hundreds of complaints alleging "Patriot Act-related civil rights or civil liberties" violations during the last six months of 2002, but narrowed these down to 33 "that raised credible Patriot Act violations on their face," according to a new Inspector General report to Congress.

"These allegations ranged in seriousness from alleged beatings of detainees to INS Inspections staff allegedly cursing at airline passengers," the report said. As a result, several new OIG investigations have been initiated, while others have been closed, as detailed in the new report.

Meanwhile, the OIG is also conducting an ongoing evaluation of alleged civil rights and civil liberties abuses of September 11 detainees. "The OIG is close to completing the draft of its report describing the results of this review [and] intends to issue a public report describing its findings soon."

See the Second "Report to Congress on Implementation of Section 1001 of the USA PATRIOT Act," submitted by Inspector General Glenn A. Fine on January 22, here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/oig/patriot012203.html>

#### POWELL AT THE UN: A LANDMARK IN DISCLOSURE POLICY

Secretary Colin Powell's February 5 presentation to the United Nations Security Council - in which he released U.S. intelligence imagery, audio clips of intercepted Iraqi conversations, and reports of defectors and other intelligence sources - was a landmark in national security information disclosure policy.

Although the circumstances of the brewing confrontation with Iraq are extraordinary, the official decision to disclose information of the highest classification levels in this instance inevitably sets a precedent for possible future declassification actions. It also provides a reference point for evaluating the sometimes fatuous claims of national security sensitivity that are offered in the normal course of affairs.

See "Telling Secrets: Not Just What, but How" by Dana Priest, Washington Post, February 6:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A32107-2003Feb5.html>

#### UK REPORT ON IRAQI SECURITY APPARATUS

The Office of the Prime Minister of Great Britain released a report recently on Iraqi efforts to obstruct the UN weapons inspection process.

The new report contrasts with Secretary Powell's presentation to the UN in that it is completely unsourced and undocumented and, therefore, less compelling. However, the report notably provides a useful, quasi-official description of Iraqi security and intelligence agencies.

See "Iraq: Its Infrastructure of Concealment, Deception and Intimidation," dated January 2003, here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/iraq/uk0103.pdf>

#### CLINTON WAIVES CONFIDENTIALITY

Former President Clinton has waived his right to withhold Presidential records reflecting confidential advice, the Associated Press reported, in a move that should expedite public access to such records.

"I believe that the more information we can make available to scholars, historians and the general public, the better informed people will be about the formulation of public policy and the decision-making process at the White House," Clinton said in response to written questions.

See "Ex-President Clinton to Reveal Advice Info" by Brian Skoloff, Associated Press, January 31:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A7822-2003Jan31.html>

Under Executive Order 13233 of November 1, 2001, however, President Bush asserted a right to block the release of records from prior Administrations even if a past President authorized their disclosure.

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## Mysterious Purple Streak Hit Columbia

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Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 12:17:45 -0500  
Subject: Mysterious Purple Streak Hit Columbia

Source: San Francisco Chronicle

<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2003/02/05/MN192153.DTL>

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

S.F. man's astounding photo

Mysterious purple streak is shown hitting Columbia 7 minutes before it disintegrated

Top investigators of the Columbia space shuttle disaster are analyzing a startling photograph - snapped by an amateur astronomer from a San Francisco hillside - that appears to show a purplish electrical bolt striking the craft as it streaked across the California sky.

The digital image is one of five snapped by the shuttle buff at roughly 5: 53 a.m. Saturday as sensors on the doomed orbiter began showing the first indications of trouble. Seven minutes later, the craft broke up in flames over Texas.

The photographer requested that his name not be used and said he would not release the image to the public until NASA experts had time to examine it.

Although there are several possible benign explanations for the image - such as a barely perceptible jiggle of the camera as it took the time exposure - NASA's zeal to examine the photo demonstrates the lengths at which the agency is going to tap the resources of ordinary Americans in solving the puzzle.

Late Tuesday, NASA dispatched former shuttle astronaut Tammy Jernigan, now a manager at Lawrence Livermore Laboratories, to the San Francisco home of the astronomer to examine his digital images and to take the camera itself to Mountain View, where it was to be transported by a NASA T-38 jet to Houston this morning.

A Chronicle reporter was present when the astronaut arrived. First seeing the image on a large computer screen, she had one word: "Wow."

Jernigan, who is no longer working for NASA, quizzed the photographer on the aperture of the camera, the direction he faced and the estimated exposure time - about four to six seconds on the automatic Nikon 880 camera. It was mounted on a tripod, and the shutter was triggered manually.

In the critical shot, a glowing purple rope of light corkscrews down toward the plasma trail, appears to pass behind it, then cuts sharply toward it from below. As it merges with the plasma trail, the streak itself brightens for a distance, then fades.

"It certainly appears very anomalous," said Jernigan. "We sure will be very interested in taking a very hard look at this."

Jernigan flew five shuttle missions herself during the 1990s,

including three on Columbia. On her last flight, the pilot of the craft was Rick Husband, who was at the controls when Columbia perished.

"He was one of the finest people I could ever hope to know," said Jernigan.

It was an astounding day for the San Francisco photographer, who said he had not had any success in reaching NASA through its published telephone hot lines.

He ultimately reached investigators through a connection with a relative who attends the same church as former astronaut Jack Lousma, who flew 24 million miles in the Skylab 3 mission in 1973.

Lousma put him in direct touch with Ralph Roe Jr., chief engineer for the shuttle program at Johnson Space Flight Center in Houston.

After a series of telephone conversations Tuesday afternoon, the photographer had a veteran shuttle mission specialist knocking at his door by dinnertime. Within hours, he was left with a receipt, and his camera was on its way to Houston.

E-mail Sabin Russell at [srussell@sfchronicle.com](mailto:srussell@sfchronicle.com).

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## Re: Abduction Question - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 11:28:47 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 12:19:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Abduction Question - Maccabee

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 18:25:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
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>>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 13:03:24 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Question

<snip>

>I'm going to see if George Filer can help out. Maybe you'll get  
>an opportunity to pose your questions to Paul S. yourself. If  
>this turns out to be a solid case, oh momma, I can't wait to see  
>the song and dance the Pelicanists and psycho-'socialists' will  
>perform in order to explain this puppy away.

Oh, dear! I'm afraid you have discovered the solution to this event. A pelican grabbed the GPS and flew way with it (that dirty bird!) before flying back and dropping it into the boat (perhaps not all that the pelican dropped into the boat). And this pelican was a psycho-socialist.

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## Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 16:03:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Sandow

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 00:49:31 EST  
>Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: by way of UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:16:38 -0500  
>>Subject: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

>>Does anyone involved with abduction research have a generally  
>>agreed upon number of abductions to date? If not absolutely  
>>verified, a conservative estimate?

>If we look at how many "actual" cases have been reported and  
>investigated I understand the number is less then 1200.

>A while back, the MUFON abduction project allegedly had around  
>600 'actual' cases.

<snip>

Budd Hopkins has had, I think, more than 600 cases. Dave Jacobs must have several hundred, and John Mack a couple of hundred as well. Budd also has letters from likely abductees that he hasn't been able to follow up.

To these numbers we can add those studied by other researchers - John Carpenter, Dick Hall, others. Plus cases that have been published. Eddie Bullard's 1987 abduction study listed all that had been published before then. Plus cases in the MUFON project. Plus cases reported abroad, for example many in the UK. Nick Pope might be able to estimate a number.

Then you have people with abduction experiences who've seen a few therapists who don't do abduction research, but are willing to work with the emotions abductees experience.

Then you have many self-reported abductees, and abduction support groups, which are said to exist all over the country. Here we get into dicey territory, because some of these people might not impress a serious abduction researcher. Not, of course, that we know for sure what abductions are, or how to tell who's really an abductee.

Finally we come to the most controversial numbers. Some years ago a Roper poll surveyed people for indicators of abduction -- experiences that, if you remember having them, may mean you've been abducted. If we take that survey and its interpretation seriously, some 2% (if I remember correctly) of Americans may have been abducted. I have to repeat that these numbers are highly controversial. Do the experiences the poll surveyed (like seeing lights in your bedroom) really indicate abductions? And even if they do, how many of them does someone need to have before they become a reliable indicator? A second Roper poll, some years later, showed lower numbers, further complicating these results.

Leaving the Roper poll aside, it's fair to say, I think, that a

few thousand abduction cases are known to exist. Surely in the low thousands. But we can also assume that for each case known, there are many that aren't known. That's true of UFO sightings; it ought to be true of abductions as well. I myself have met several people who have what sound like abduction experiences, but have never reported them to any UFO or abduction researcher.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: New Runcorn Video Footage - Hale

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Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 16:05:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Runcorn Video Footage - Hale

>From: Eric Morris <[bufosc@hotmail.com](mailto:bufosc@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 11:10:21 +0000  
>Subject: New Runcorn Video Footage

>Because of demand for tickets BUFOSC (The British UFO Studies  
>Centre) will be using a bigger hall to accomodate the growing  
>army of enthusiasts coming to see the latest amazing UFO footage  
>to be filmed over the UK in many a year.

>BUFOSC will be using their video projection machine for the  
>evening to show this extraordinary UFO footage.  
>NO photoggraphic equipment will be allowed into the meeting  
>because of the sensitivity of this tape, we already have  
>received threats not to show it, by menacing telephone calls.We  
>are showing it regardlessly.

>BUFOSC will not and never be intimidated by these pathetic  
>thinly veiled threats, it makes BUFOSC more determined.

Hi BUFOSC,

As I have had no public response on this list, as regards my  
question BUFOSC, and its " extraordinary UFO footage", I will  
ask you again.

As BUFOSC has had this footage for some time, what is the  
professional opinion on what BUFOSC feels is actually on this  
tape?

I hope this will enable other world researchers to ask other  
questions, once they have an idea on where BUFOSC stand on this  
" extraordinary UFO footage" as we all cannot travel to Runcorn  
to view it.

Roy..

Roy Hale is the Owner of The Lost Haven  
<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk>

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 16:09:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Roberts

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

Pilgrims,

As noted in an earlier post Don and Jerry, Dick and Cathy and the rest of those who wish to perpetuate, not solve, mystery gave the usual Jerry-jerk reactions.

I'm happy to comment on a few whilst my tea cooks.

Jerry, bless him, wrote:

>Uh, where did you "explain how UFO sightings work and have been  
>proven to work"? I saw an anecdote, followed by an ex cathedra  
>pronouncement, and capped with a sneer. Not very impressive, and  
>certainly not very interesting.

And displayed his inability to distinguish between a well documented and investigated case and an anecdote. Makes me worry about the content of all those books he churns out.

It was a case, followed by a theory which holds true.

As I said Jerry, if you can disprove the radical misperception theory of UFOs, or of UFO cases then please do so. Take as long as you like. Get Colin to help with the big words.

>My brother's name happens to be Tom. If you find that wildly  
>hilarious, I feel sorry for you.

Feel sorry. It amused me for quite a while. Parents with a sense of humour then?

>You gave us an anecdote, And, and stretched its meaning beyond  
>anything that could be empirically demonstrated. In other words,  
>the usual.

Not an anecdote. The solution to this particular case was empirically demonstrated. Next time you're in the UK come and stay for a few days and Dave and I will take you to see this 'UFO' and the policeman who photographed it. That goes for any other listers who happen to be passing through Yorkshire.

>For  
>example, the garden-variety sighting of Venus by Gen. Custer,  
>which you once magically transformed into a "radical  
>misperception" even though from the description alone the  
>stimulus was obvious.

Glad you raised this Jerry. It wasn't obvious to Custer and his troops who believed it was a flaming Indian arrow shot to warn others of their presence. It may be obvious in retrospect but at the time they genuinely misperceived a planet as a rapidly moving, flaming, arrow. Which answers Cathy's question elsewhere about the difference between radical and ordinary misperception. The latter is when someone sees something out of context and

assumes it's something else - like if you see a hang glider at a distance and wonder what that big bird is etc. The former is when people see things out of context and believe them to be objects for which there is as yet no proof of, ie 'UFO's (and many others things). A sighting is proof of nothing.

>Since I'm not a believer and neither, from my experience of him, >is Don (Ledger, I presume), we may safely assume that you are >waiting for somebody else's anguished howls. I, too, await silly >pronouncements from believers with anthropological interest, just >as I look forward to pronouncements from pelicanists with >comparably clinical fascination. Your posts are more informative >than you realize.

Well thank you.

>And here, after >reading the book you and Dave Clarke wrote on MoD and UFOs, I >had begun to take you seriously, And. Foolish me.

So Jerry, would you say you've been a victim of misperception? And if so, was it radical or ordinary?

And then Don wrote:

>"Out of the Shadows" by David Clarke and Andy Roberts

No money in it old boy, we just write for the fun of it. I can assure you that our research costs far outstrip our income from writing anything. The money merely keeps things going - which is all money is fit for.

>BTW - I see Amazon UK has your book partnered up with 'You Can't Tell the People' by Georgina Bruni. You guys friends now?

Yes, we thought that amusing too. I believe Amazon have organised this deal as an antidote for those foolish to buy 'You Can't Tell The People'.

I'll ignore the rest of the bleatings as Stanton's was tripe - lots of scientists quote Ted Phillips' work don't they Stan? And I'm afraid Don needs to do some reading if he either believes Ley Lines exist (read Devereux on this) or in fact were confined to the South of England.

And I have to say I thoroughly support Dave C and the term 'flying saucers'. We love it. That's what many people say they've seen. It's a great term. I pushed for Out of the Shadows to be called 'Flying Saucer Secrets' but it was vetoed unfortunately. It's a damn sight better than UFOs as no-one has proved they are 'objects' as yet - oh, except of course when they are resolved to be radical misperceptions of known objects. But then of course they are no longer Unidentified.

Anyway, keep up the good work. As long as you lot are replying to Colin and I you aren't out in the real world annoying people!

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Abduction Case Help?

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 18:09:17 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 16:11:58 -0500  
Subject: Abduction Case Help?

I am trying to locate first hand reports or articles about the following abduction or related cases:

1.- According to Magdalena del Amo's "Abducciones" (pp. 101-103), Hynek and Sprinkle investigated the abduction of Daniel Perkins, in the outskirts of Las Vegas (Nevada) on June 12 1974. He saw a light in the sky and had a 5-hour missing time. Under hipnosis by Sprinkle an abduction emerged. Allegedly, the aliens made "some changes in his organism". According to Magdalena del Amo, 3 years later his wife gave birth to a female stillborn and a Dr. John W. Grayson made a detailed autopsy on the deformed creature!

2.- According to Magdalena del Amo's "Abducciones" (p. 223), in the early 1980s, seven doctors from the Genetic Medical Department of the Churchill hospital in Headington-Oxford, under Dr. John Wolstenholme's direction, found a microscopic object like a crossword during a prenatal chromosomic examination. I remember to have seen a photo of this alleged object (maybe in an article in "Nature" that I have been unable to locate)

3.- In September 1984, Walt Andrus wrote an article in the MUFON UFO Journal titled "Close Encounter with possible missing time" about Carolyn Green (35) and her child Timothy (7) who had a close encounter with a UFO on January 26, 1984 near Cedar Creek Lake (Texas). There was missing time and Walt said he was arranging regressive hypnosis. Has anybody publish anything else about this case?

Thanks in advance for any help

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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## Re: New Runcorn Video Footage - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 17:29:12 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 16:13:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Runcorn Video Footage - Roberts

>From: Eric Morris <[bufosc@hotmail.com](mailto:bufosc@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 11:10:21 +0000  
>Subject: New Runcorn Video Footage

Pilgrims,

Eric wrote:

>Because of demand for tickets BUFOSC (The British UFO Studies  
>Centre) will be using a bigger hall to accomodate the growing  
>army of enthusiasts coming to see the latest amazing UFO footage  
>to be filmed over the UK in many a year.

>BUFOSC will be using their video projection machine for the  
>evening to show this extraordinary UFO footage.

>NO photoggraphic equipment will be allowed into the meeting  
>because of the sensitivity of this tape, we already have  
>received threats not to show it, by menacing telephone calls. We  
>are showing it regardlessly.

Eric trots out these fantasies about being threatened every so often as a means of attracting attention to himself. The last time was a few years ago. Strangely, there's never any proof.

>BUFOSC will not and never be intimidated by these pathetic  
>thinly veiled threats, it makes BUFOSC more determined.

Good for them. It must give Eric a warm glow to know his work in ufology is so important as to attract threats.

>As Part 2 of "Rendlesham 2" after January's amazing lecture by  
>Eric Morris, a video will be shown of the crash site of  
>Rendlesham 2, never shown before to the public.

>This night will be a historic one, Morris is quickly formulating  
>his new book on British Ufology, The cases YOU have never heard  
>about.

'Quickly formulating' - Eric apparently doesn't write - he 'formulates'!

>BUFOSC Press Release  
>Thursday 6th February 2003 (5 days to go to the 'Smokin Gun'. Forget  
>Colin Powel's 'Smouldering Gun' on Iraq, this is the real McCoy.

Ahh, so a quite probably tatty video is more important than the possibility of a war in which thousands of people - many no doubt related to people on this list - will die in agony?

Don't make us laugh Eric.

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Re: NASA Rejects Launch Damage Theory - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 14:23:13 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 16:16:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: NASA Rejects Launch Damage Theory - Ledger

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 20:13:38 -0800  
>Subject: NASA Rejects Launch Damage Theory

>More surprising NASA News

><http://newsvote.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/2731169.stm>

>I have a friend, a former NASA engineer, also who worked for  
>Rockwell. He was surprised that the shuttle breakup started as  
>high as it did, over California. His concern was the  
>atmospheric pressure wasn't quite high enough to cause the  
>breakup that high.

>GT McCoy

Hi GT,

I think it's a little too early to move away from any reasonable explanation to the cause of the wing deteriorating and I'm a bit surprised that NASA is doing so so quickly. Since they can't see what happened or what damage occurred with the insulation hitting under the wing why the haste to throw that idea out?

I've seen straws of grass embedded in 2 x 4s during hurricanes. One can imagine the damage even insulation could at Mach one plus.

As for the rarified atmosphere-what happens when a tire [or two] pressurized to 300PSI blows in such a rarified atmosphere in a contained area?

Don Ledger

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

From: **Wm. Michael Mott** <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 12:28:06 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 16:33:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 00:51:04 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>As for the rest of the gobbley-gook in this thread, just ignore  
>it. We still don't have scientific evidence that these "grids"  
>exist no matter what a few short-sighted individuals may claim.

Still waiting for meaningful responses to any number of  
questions, as well as commentary on data provided.

I don't expect to see it, though.

--Mike

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## Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 13:30:19 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 16:35:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - White

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 04:36:33 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: by way of UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:16:38 -0500  
>>Subject: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

>>Does anyone involved with abduction research have a generally  
>>agreed upon number of abductions to date? If not absolutely  
>>verified, a conservative estimate?

>About all that anyone can do is to 'guesstimate' the actual  
>number. If you go by the Roper Poll we're talking millions here  
>in the US alone. If you try to extrapolate from the numbers of  
>people that the major abduction researchers have gathered over  
>the last thirty years, you get a number in the thousands.

<snip>

Special thanks to you and Robert Gates for answering my question.

Does that multi-disciplinary group of professionals in NYC have any idea when they might have something to tell the public about their study?

Eleanor White

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 21:17:44 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 16:37:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Reason

>From: Brenda Denzler <[bdenzler1@email.msn.com](mailto:bdenzler1@email.msn.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 07:20:53 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>OK. I'll come out of 'lurk' mode long enough to ask a question.

Hello Brenda

>Catherine, can you explain how the tectonic strain theory is a  
>"miracle-invoking" theory? Or the ETH, for that matter? Just  
>curious. I've never thought of either one as particularly  
>oriented toward the miraculous. The evidence may weigh more or  
>less in each one's favor as possible explanations for at least  
>some UFO events, but I have never thought of the evidence for  
>either as being so scanty as to qualify them to be termed  
>"miraculous" explanations.

Just as the investigator effect predicts, by commenting on the  
phenomenon I become involved in it :-)

I think of these explanations as "miracle-invoking" because they  
appear to depend on highly speculative mechanisms which would  
need substantial additions to our scientific knowledge before  
they could be validated and understood. The TSH, for example,  
would require some sort of mechanism for creating large,  
relatively long-lasting light-forms capable of independent  
movement high up in the air, and no such mechanism is currently  
known to exist. None of the suggested explanations  
(piezoelectricity, triboluminescence etc) will work, and some of  
the more recent far-fetched suggestions, such as "vorton  
plasmas" which invoke fundamentally new particles of nature,  
have an air of desperation about them.

Actually, I think an ever bigger problem with the TSH is its ad  
hoc nature. It has never actually predicted anything, and yet is  
still sufficiently malleable theoretically to explain almost  
everything after the fact. The assumption that tectonically  
generated light-forms will exhibit the properties of UFOs, for  
example, is entirely ad hoc - no-one knows if tectonically  
generated light-forms, even if they could exist in the first  
place, would really behave in the manner required. Historically,  
this has nearly always been a sure sign of a bad theory, and  
until someone manages to derive some sort of concrete prediction  
from the TSH, and test it (and heaven knows, it's been around  
for decades so there should have been plenty of time to do so) I  
think it must remain scientifically pretty dubious.

As for the ETH, well that obviously depends on the  
multiplication of many separate hypotheses. Just how many can be  
shown by the uncertainty surrounding the terms in the Drake  
Equation, which I'm sure has been discussed here previously -  
and the Drake Equation by no means exhausts the number of  
currently unvalidated assumptions which would be required to  
support the ETH. We would need to make all sorts of assumptions  
about the capabilities of alien technology, for example, which  
could not possibly be tested.

This doesn't necessarily mean I think the ETH is wrong, or even

unlikely - I actually think the ETH (or some version of it) is highly likely. But this isn't because I think the UFO evidence points unambiguously in that direction, rather because I think the Fermi paradox indicates to us that the a priori probability of extraterrestrial intelligence being resident in our solar system is actually pretty high. (BTW the same reasoning also indicates strongly that any such alien presence would probably have arrived many millions of years ago, probably even before the emergence of humanity on earth - a fairly simple statistical calculation.) If extraterrestrial intelligence is present in our solar system, then UFOs would seem to be the most likely visible manifestation of it.

Does that help any?

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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<snip>

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>explanation to the cause of the wing deteriorating and I'm a bit  
>surprised that NASA is doing so so quickly. Since they can't see  
>what happened or what damage occurred with the insulation  
>hitting under the wing why the haste to throw that idea out?

I've heard it said that NASA is in a budget crunch to such an extent that the Shuttle program has been privatized and penny-pinchers. I wonder if hiding shortcuts could explain the haste?

>I've seen straws of grass embedded in 2 x 4s during hurricanes.  
>One can imagine the damage even insulation could at Mach one  
>plus.

I heard that the fuel tank insulation broke loose at two minutes after liftoff. The Challenger disaster occurred at 1:15 after liftoff, and at that time the announced velocity was 2,900 feet per second. The fuel tanks and solid boosters are getting lighter as time passes, and it could be that the airspeed was closer to mach 4 or even 5 at 2 minutes after liftoff.

If local airflow drove the insulation, which was light ceramic, not soft foam, at the observed angle somewhere in the 10 - 15 degree incidence range, at twice the speed of the highest velocity bullets, damage is certainly possible.

>As for the rarified atmosphere-what happens when a tire [or two]  
>pressurized to 300PSI blows in such a rarified atmosphere in a  
>contained area?

Didn't they say that the wheel well temperature itself was within limits for as long as the telemetry lasted?

Eleanor White

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## Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? [was: New

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
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>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 17:03:06 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 16:59:02 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>As noted in an earlier post Don and Jerry, Dick and Cathy  
>and the rest of those who wish to perpetuate, not solve,  
>mystery gave the usual Jerry-jerk reactions.

Not quite, And. We just don't share your breathless enthusiasm for pretending to certainties that don't exist. Nor, while we may question your judgment, do we share your habit of trashing the integrity and motives of someone with whom we happen to disagree.

>>Uh, where did you "explain how UFO sightings work and have been  
>>proven to work"? I saw an anecdote, followed by an ex cathedra  
>>pronouncement, and capped with a sneer. Not very impressive, and  
>>certainly not very interesting.

>And displayed his inability to distinguish between a well  
>documented and investigated case and an anecdote. Makes me worry  
>about the content of all those books he churns out.

What about all those well-documented and -investigated cases that don't end in solutions or magical misperceptions? Lots of those, you know. You are aware of them, aren't you? Many were conducted by individuals with rather more years of investigative experience than yours, and significantly more formal scientific training.

>As I said Jerry, if you can disprove the radical misperception  
>theory of UFOs, or of UFO cases then please do so. Take as long  
>as you like. Get Colin to help with the big words.

Let's see. We get one anecdote, from which you draw a sweeping, empirically unjustified, and finally absurd conclusion which you are able to mount no serious argument for or defense of, only ever more fervent assertion. And then you insist that it's up to us to disprove it?

>>My brother's name happens to be Tom. If you find that wildly  
>>hilarious, I feel sorry for you.

>Feel sorry. It amused me for quite a while.

Unfortunately, I believe you. And since I do, I am forced to ask the inevitable follow-up question: Just how old are you, And?

>Parents with a  
>sense of humour then?

Well, And, they had a fine sense of humor, but it had precisely nothing to do with the naming of their sons. I was named in honor of an uncle who was killed in France in the Battle of the Bulge. He is buried in that country. Lots of laughs there. My brother - younger than I, thus it's Jerry and Tom, not the other way around -- was named after another uncle. My parents, I might add, were teetotalers. (My mother, who is still alive, is still one.)

>>You gave us an anecdote, And, and stretched its meaning beyond >>anything that could be empirically demonstrated. In other words, >>the usual.

>Not an anecdote. The solution to this particular case was >empirically demonstrated. Next time you're in the UK come and >stay for a few days and Dave and I will take you to see this >'UFO' and the policeman who photographed it. That goes for any >other listers who happen to be passing through Yorkshire.

Okay, then I'll take you to see credible UFO witnesses whose sightings have not been solved, even after careful investigation. Lots of those, And. You can read about them in all kinds of places. Starting, for example, with the Condon Report.

>>For >>example, the garden-variety sighting of Venus by Gen. Custer, >>which you once magically transformed into a "radical >>misperception" even though from the description alone the >>stimulus was obvious.

>Glad you raised this Jerry. It wasn't obvious to Custer and his >troops who believed it was a flaming Indian arrow shot to warn >others of their presence. It may be obvious in retrospect but at >the time they genuinely misperceived a planet as a rapidly >moving, flaming, arrow. Which answers Cathy's question elsewhere >about the difference between radical and ordinary misperception. >The latter is when someone sees something out of context and >assumes it's something else - like if you see a hang glider at a >distance and wonder what that big bird is etc. The former is >when people see things out of context and believe them to be >objects for which there is as yet no proof of, ie 'UFO's (and >many others things). A sighting is proof of nothing.

Oh, my. Neither, by the way, is a debunked case, Andy Roberts's fervent claims to the contrary notwithstanding. There is sometimes a difference between what people see and what they think they're seeing, which is a wholly different issue from the red herring you're introducing into the water. The "radical misperception" myth notwithstanding, Custer -- whatever he thought he saw -- described Venus pretty accurately. No radical misperception except, it appears, your own.

>>And here, after >>reading the book you and Dave Clarke wrote on MoD and UFOs, I >>had begun to take you seriously, And. Foolish me.

>So Jerry, would you say you've been a victim of misperception? >And if so, was it radical or ordinary?

Radical misperception (RMP) seems to be a concept even you can't demonstrate as an ordinary and dependable human occurrence, to be trotted out whenever someone reports something that doesn't fit your crabbed worldview.

I'd love, incidentally, to see you go on a tear with RMP and, say, ball-lightning sightings. In no time at all, you'd prove that the alleged witnesses were RMPing the sun, rubber balls, red birds, lighted cigarettes, flashlights, aircraft lights, spots in front of the eyes, red popsicles, and on and on, and demand that the rest of us prove otherwise. There's a job for you. If people RMP about UFOs all the time, they must do the same with other ostensible anomalies such as BL. I look forward to your book on that subject, and I hope you get a healthy advance and big sales, so that the rest of us can pretend to believe you were in it for the money all along.

Meantime, good skeptic that I am, I'll wait for the evidence we haven't seen yet, beyond your by now well-traveled anecdote about your serious investigation.

Finally, in answer to your question:

Mine, I'm afraid, was just an ordinary misperception. In common with the vast majority of misperceptions that give rise to bogus UFO sightings.

>And I have to say I thoroughly support Dave C and the term  
>'flying saucers'. We love it. That's what many people say  
>they've seen. It's a great term. I pushed for Out of the Shadows  
>to be called 'Flying Saucer Secrets' but it was vetoed  
>unfortunately. It's a damn sight better than UFOs as no-one has  
>proved they are 'objects' as yet - oh, except of course when  
>they are resolved to be radical misperceptions of known objects.  
>But then of course they are no longer Unidentified.

I rest my case. You have kindly validated what I said in response to Dave Clarke. Thanks, guy. Those of you who have followed this dreary thread will recall Dave's disingenuous defense of the term "flying saucers," while I pointed out -- as And here demonstrates -- it is in fact a term of derision, and was always so intended by Dave and sidekook.

Jerry Clark

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>>OK. I'll come out of 'lurk' mode long enough to ask a question.

>Hello Brenda

>>Catherine, can you explain how the tectonic strain theory is a  
>>"miracle-invoking" theory? Or the ETH, for that matter? Just  
>>curious. I've never thought of either one as particularly  
>>oriented toward the miraculous. The evidence may weigh more or  
>>less in each one's favor as possible explanations for at least  
>>some UFO events, but I have never thought of the evidence for  
>>either as being so scanty as to qualify them to be termed  
>>"miraculous" explanations.

Cathy,

Before I make a few comments below, I want to thank both you and Brenda for your participation on this List. Both of you are exemplars of rational debate/discussion, staying focused on important issues, asking good questions, and making well-informed comments. Who can ask for anything more?

I think I know why Brenda questioned use of the word "miraculous" in this context. Her excellent book:

Lure Of The Edge: Scientific Passions, Religious Beliefs, And The Pursuit Of UFOs

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[www.trionica.com/bdenzler/lure.htm](http://www.trionica.com/bdenzler/lure.htm)

(which I have reviewed for JSE) approaches the subject from the viewpoint of religious theory or philosophy. I happen to agree with her question and disagree with your answer. See below.

>Just as the investigator effect predicts, by commenting on the  
>phenomenon I become involved in it :-)

>I think of these explanations as "miracle-invoking" because they  
>appear to depend on highly speculative mechanisms which would  
>need substantial additions to our scientific knowledge before  
>they could be validated and understood. The TSH, for example,  
>would require some sort of mechanism for creating large,  
>relatively long-lasting light-forms capable of independent  
>movement high up in the air, and no such mechanism is currently  
>known to exist. None of the suggested explanations  
>(piezoelectricity, triboluminescence etc) will work, and some of

>the more recent far-fetched suggestions, such as "vorton  
>plasmas" which invoke fundamentally new particles of nature,  
>have an air of desperation about them.

I agree with your views on the TSH, and have often wondered why anyone takes it seriously at all. As one who has researched and written extensively (in a data-focused way) about the ETH, and having formally studied scientific method, I am not aware of using any "highly speculative mechanisms" in my argumentation.

>Actually, I think an ever bigger problem with the TSH is its ad  
>hoc nature. It has never actually predicted anything, and yet is  
>still sufficiently malleable theoretically to explain almost  
>everything after the fact. The assumption that tectonically  
>generated light-forms will exhibit the properties of UFOs, for  
>example, is entirely ad hoc - no-one knows if tectonically  
>generated light-forms, even if they could exist in the first  
>place, would really behave in the manner required. Historically,  
>this has nearly always been a sure sign of a bad theory, and  
>until someone manages to derive some sort of concrete prediction  
>from the TSH, and test it (and heaven knows, it's been around  
>for decades so there should have been plenty of time to do so) I  
>think it must remain scientifically pretty dubious.

>As for the ETH, well that obviously depends on the  
>multiplication of many separate hypotheses. Just how many can be  
>shown by the uncertainty surrounding the terms in the Drake  
>Equation, which I'm sure has been discussed here previously -  
>and the Drake Equation by no means exhausts the number of  
>currently unvalidated assumptions which would be required to  
>support the ETH. We would need to make all sorts of assumptions  
>about the capabilities of alien technology, for example, which  
>could not possibly be tested.

To my way of thinking, it is the Drake Equation - not scientifically oriented UFO investigators - that makes an endless series of unwarranted assumptions, but people like Drake are not burdened with the ridicule and offhand rejection that we receive so people tend to accept their ideas uncritically.

More importantly, theory does not take precedence over fact. We are not required to prove that life exists elsewhere within striking distance of the earth in some manner or other in order to argue quite logically and reasonably that the ETH probably is the most likely answer (you acknowledge that it is clearly in the running). In its essential elements but not entirely (some of the evidence directly supports the ETH), it is a reductio ad absurdum argument.

Speaking now of the thoroughly investigated hardcore cases clearly depicting craft-like objects whose performance is far beyond ours, what else could they be? There is always a faint possibility that (a) someone made a fantastic technological breakthrough long ago and has managed to keep it hidden behind a UFO facade for decades, (b) Hitler is alive and well in Antarctica sending flying saucer on missions out of the hole in the pole, or (c) some malicious extragalactic sadist is teasing us with holographic images.

Otherwise, I think we are being visited by beings from elsewhere, be that another planet in space, time travelers, or other-dimensioners.

>This doesn't necessarily mean I think the ETH is wrong, or even  
>unlikely - I actually think the ETH (or some version of it) is  
>highly likely. But this isn't because I think the UFO evidence  
>points unambiguously in that direction, rather because I think  
>the Fermi paradox indicates to us that the a priori probability  
>of extraterrestrial intelligence being resident in our solar  
>system is actually pretty high. (BTW the same reasoning also  
>indicates strongly that any such alien presence would probably  
>have arrived many millions of years ago, probably even before  
>the emergence of humanity on earth - a fairly simple statistical  
>calculation.) If extraterrestrial intelligence is present in our  
>solar system, then UFOs would seem to be the most likely visible  
>manifestation of it.

My understanding of the Fermi Paradox is quite the opposite. Isn't its basic skeptical question, "Where are they?" My answer to that, of course, is "Right under your noses."

- Dick

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SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA  
DESTROYED ON REENTRY

"Space shuttle Columbia, a 21st Century cargo ship carrying a cross-section of America and the first Israeli astronaut, disintegrated in flames Saturday," February 1, 2003, over eastern Texas.

"All seven astronauts died. They never had a chance. Astronauts have no way to escape a shuttle as it glides toward a landing without power at 13,000 miles per hour (20,000 kilometers per hour)."

"The crew included three U.S. military officers, one of the nation's few black astronauts and a woman who immigrated to America from India. Six were married. Among them, the astronauts of shuttle Columbia had 12 children."

"Astronauts depend upon muscular but fragile technology. It let seven of them down on Saturday, but they knew the risks going in."

"'I take the risk because I think what we're doing is really important,' Michael Anderson, 43, Columbia's payload commander, said before Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral on (Thursday) January 16 (2003). He was the son of an Air Force man and grew up on military bases."

"'This day has brought terrible news and great sadness to our country,'" President George W. Bush said, "'The Columbia is lost. There are no survivors. The crew of the shuttle Columbia did not return safely to Earth, yet we can pray they are all safely home. May God bless the grieving families.'"

Crew members included Anderson, a USAF lieutenant colonel from Spokane, Washington (state), who flew on a shuttle mission to the Russian space station Mir in 1998; shuttle commander Rick Husband, 45, a USAF colonel from Amarillo, Texas, an astronaut since 1994, who served aboard the shuttle Discovery in 1999; mission specialist David Brown, 46, a U.S. Navy captain who became an astronaut in 1996; mission specialist Laurel Clark, 41, of Racine, Wisconsin, who joined the astronaut corps in 1996; shuttle pilot William McCool, 41, of Lubbock, Texas, a U.S. Navy commander who graduated second in his 1983 class from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and became an astronaut in 1996; mission specialist Kalpana Chawla, 41, who was born in Karnal, north of New Delhi, India, immigrated to the USA in the

1980s, became an astronaut in 1994 and flew on a shuttle mission in 1997; and payload specialist Ilan Ramon, 48, a colonel in the Israeli Air Force, who flew combat missions in the Yom Kippur War of 1973 and the Lebanon War of 1982 and who participated in the Israeli attack on Saddam Hussein's Osirak nuclear power plant in Iraq in 1981.

Last week's mission was the first space flight for Brown, Clark, McCool and Ramon.

Ramon had four children, who live in Tel Aviv. McCool had three children; Husband had two and Clark had one. All of the astronauts were married except Brown.

"It was the shuttle program's 113th mission and second major disaster, eerily reminiscent of the (January 28) 1986 explosion of the Challenger during liftoff, which also killed all seven astronauts aboard."

"No cause was immediately apparent, but sensors aboard Columbia reported a sudden spike of intense heat, an indication that the ship's heat shield had been breached."

"The temperature at that point of reentry: 3,000 degrees (Fahrenheit). The altitude: 207,135 feet, or 39 miles (63 kilometers) above Earth."

USA "Government officials said nothing indicated terrorism and the shuttle was well out of range of missiles when the accident occurred."

"The president and others vowed that the human space program would continue after a lengthy investigation."

"It's more than a job; this is a passion for us," said Ron Dittmore, 52, NASA's shuttle program manager.

"There's going to be a period of mourning in this community, then we're going to fix this problem, and we're going to get back to the launch pad."

"The shuttle was only 16 minutes from the landing strip at the Kennedy Space Center on Cape Canaveral, Florida when NASA lost communication with it."

"The last word from Columbia came at 8 a.m."

"Temperatures rose (suddenly) in the left wheel well. A sensor above the left wing captured a 60-degree increase. Increased drag on the left wing was sensed, and the shuttle rolled (to the) right in an effort to correct it."

"The final words from aboard Columbia, from commander Rick Husband, came at about the same time officials believe the shuttle was breaking apart nearly 210,000 feet (63,000 meters) over Texas."

"Columbia, Houston, we see your tire pressure messages, and we did not copy your last..."

"Roger, huh," Husband said. And then...silence."

Residents far below reported hearing a loud bang."

Cherokee County Sheriff James Campbell was at home when he and his wife heard the terrible sound."

"I said, 'It's probably the shuttle's entry back into the atmosphere,'" Campbell said. 'She said, 'No, come look at the vapor trail.' It was zigzagging down, and I said, 'Well, something's wrong.'"

Late Saturday, recovery crews prepared to begin the grim, agonizing search for human remains. And NASA engineers and managers launched the first phase of a painstaking search for the accident's cause."

On Sunday, February 2, 2003, "police, firefighters and volunteers walked shoulder to shoulder through fields and woods in east Texas as they searched for the remains of the seven crewmembers of the shuttle Columbia and for debris scattered across hundreds of square miles of piney forests and small towns."

The primary debris field measures 100 miles (160 kilometers) long and 10 miles (16 kilometers) wide and stretches from Anderson County, Texas through the city of Nacogdoches, Texas (population 29,914) southeast to Vernon Parish, Louisiana.

(Editor's Note: In the USA's state of Louisiana, a county is called a parish.)

"Key parts of the wreckage might not be found for weeks, said Sue Kennedy, a Nacogdoches County official responsible for emergency management."

Constable Michael Hightower of San Augustine, Texas, near Nacogdoches, said pieces of Columbia that fell ranged in size from 'as big as a quarter (USA 25-cent coin--J.T.) to a pickup (truck).'"

Debris also fell in Louisiana--a smoldering bundle

of wires in a front yard in Shreveport (population 200,145) and debris about 80 miles (120 kilometers) to the east that authorities said 'might possible be a (landing) parachute.'" (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for February 2, 2003, "'Columbia is lost,'" page 1, and "Clues strewn across Texas," page 35; USA Today for February 3, 2003, "NASA probes 'thermal problem,'" page 1A; "Seven who reached for the stars," page 16A; "Minutes into descent, readings signaled problem," page 7A; "Some remains found in unprecedented search," page 3A and USA Today for February 4, 2003, "NASA's focus: Launch debris," page 1A; "Investigators seek 'missing link' to explain shuttle Columbia disaster," page 2A; and "'That missing link is out there,'" page 4A.)

#### SPHERICAL UFO VIDEOTAPED FOLLOWING COLUMBIA

An amateur astronomer videotaped a strange white object following the space shuttle Columbia as the orbiter passed overhead on its final approach into Cape Canaveral, Florida, a newspaper in Nevada reported.

According to the Reno, Nev. Gazette-Journal, the amateur astronomer, a student working at the Fleischmann Planetarium in Sparks, Nevada (population 66,346), just east of Reno, observed the Columbia via telescope as the vehicle flew high over the Spanish Springs Valley and Shadow Mountain. He also had a videocamera automatically recording his observation.

"'There was a pulse in the trail,' the Reno Gazette-Journal quoted the witness as saying, 'I noticed a smaller object trailing the space shuttle a little after the flash.'"

The witness described the UFO as "a small spherical object" following the orbiter at a close distance.

Eyewitnesses further west, in California, also reported seeing and photographing strange flashes around the space shuttle.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, "An astronomer who regularly photographs space shuttles as they pass over the San Francisco Bay area" in California "has captured five 'strange and disturbing images of Columbia as it was re-entering the atmosphere."

"The Chronicle reports the images 'appear to be bright electrical phenomena flickering around the track of the shuttle's passage.'"

"'They clearly record an electrical discharge like a lightning bolt flashing past, and I was snapping the picture almost exactly...when Columbia may have begun breaking up during re-entry,' the photographer, who asked not to be identified, told the Chronicle."

"The photos were snapped with a Nikon 8 camera using a tripod. Though the space scientist is not making the photos public immediately, he invited the newspaper to view the images on his home computer this weekend."

"David Perlman, science editor of the Chronicle, calls the photos 'indeed perplexing.'"

"'They show a bright scraggly flash of orange light, tinged with pale purple, and shaped somewhat like a deformed L,' Perlman notes, 'The flash appears to cross Columbia's thin contrail, and at the precise point, the contrail abruptly brightens and appears somewhat thicker as if it were wobbling.'"

"A contrail (short for condensation trail--J.T.) is a white trail of condensed water vapor that sometimes forms in the wake of an aircraft."

"'I couldn't see the discharge with my own eyes, but it showed up clear and bright on the film when I developed it,' the photographer said, 'But I'm not going to speculate on what it might be.'"

"Meanwhile, an Australian astronomer working in California says he saw what could be tiles falling off the orbiter as it flew over the Golden State."

"'After the first flashes, I thought to myself then I knew the shuttle lost tiles as it re-entered and quite possibly that was what was going on,' Anthony Beasley told ABC News."

"Beasley was north of Los Angeles when he made his report, indicating that the shuttle possibly began to disintegrate over California."

Beasley "witnessed 'a couple of flashes' and 'things clearly trailing' Columbia."

"I think that after this particularly bright event I started to wonder whether or not things were happening how they should," Beasley said." (See the Reno, Nev. Gazette-Journal for February 3, 2003, and the San Francisco Chronicle for February 2, 2003, "Mystery flashes spotted near shuttle." Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr., Rick Wiles and Loren Coleman for these newspaper articles.)

(Editor's Comment: For the "trailing object" to be visible from the ground, it would have to be a lot larger than a cluster of breakaway heat-shield tiles.)

#### ACCIDENT OR SHOOTDOWN? THE COLUMBIA MYSTERY

The cause of the catastrophic explosion that turned the space shuttle Columbia into a bright fireball streaking across the blue Texas morning sky, as of this writing, is still unknown.

In the debate raging on Internet chatrooms, some feel that the event was "just an accident," while others believe the shuttle was "shot down" by "Iraqis or aliens."

UFO Roundup editor Joseph Trainor talked to a former Navy man who said he thinks the explosion was caused "by a cascading series of disasters."

The source pointed out that the shuttle's liquid oxygen tank is located just in front of the wheel well and behind and beneath the Spacelab module.

The loss of heat tiles caused the temperatures to soar upward by 60 degrees, he explained. The heat increase was concentrated in the wheel well. The rising heat caused the air in the shuttle's tires to expand. The tires burst. Because this took place in the very thin high atmosphere (39 miles or 63 kilometers in altitude), the explosive force radiated outward. "Up there it would have a lot more kick than it would at sea level."

The force of the tires' rupture damaged the area around the wheel well, including the liquid oxygen tank. Oxygen began leaking and, as it made contact with the 3,000-degree "friction aura" around the shuttle, it ignited. This made the oxygen tank explode, creating the catastrophic blast that destroyed the Columbia.

"This is what happens when you have a (tire) blowout at 210,000 feet," he added.

When it was destroyed, Columbia was traveling at an airspeed of Mach 18.1, or about 12 times faster than a speeding bullet. It was impossible for any aircraft or missile to get a "target acquisition lock" on the speeding orbiter, let alone catch up with or intercept it.

At least, it could not have been targeted or intercepted by any known Earth-based technology. Which leads us to "the unusual suspects."

Aliens - The unusual flashes reported in California and Nevada are suggestive of extraterrestrial technology. But it is not understood why any alien race visiting Earth would deliberately destroy an unarmed cargo spaceship.

Aliens of Zarzi, Iraq - Persistent rumor has it that a UFO crashed or landed in Iraq in 1998, and the aliens were given refuge by Saddam Hussein, at a place called Qalaat-e-Julundi in the Little Zab River valley, southeast of Irbil. Some theorize that these aliens ambushed the Columbia and destroyed it as perhaps a favor to their Iraqi benefactor or as a symbolic "black eye" to American technological prestige.

Saddam Hussein - A variant of the above theory has Saddam successfully "back-engineering" the crashed saucer and building one or more of his own. This saucer, flown by Iraqis, carried out the mission, which gave "So Damn Insane" a shot at damaging both the USA and Israel at the same time.

(Editor's Comment: Has anyone else noticed the macabre symbolism of Col. Ilan Ramon, Israel's first astronaut, going down in flames over Palestine, Texas?)

Shambhala - The UFO, called a vimana in the ancient

Hindu texts of Kalpana Chawla's birthplace, left the hidden underground city of Shambhala in Afghanistan and attacked the Columbia as a favor to Osama Bin Laden, who reportedly took refuge there with his son-in-law, Mohammed Mullah Omar, in December 2001.

(Editor's Comment: I don't know if I buy this one. The Sages of Shambhala are above politics. They spend all their time in meditation and pondering the next turn of the Cosmic Wheel. But, then again, the Sages aren't the only people who live in Shambhala. Maybe Osama does have some friends there.)

Saucer Nazis - Whether they came from some secret colony in Antarctica or an Aldebarani armada in deep space, their motive for the attack was obvious--Get Ilan Ramon! The Israeli astronaut's mother and grandmother survived the Nazi Vernichtungslager (German for destruction camp) at Auschwitz, and his father and grandfather both fought the Arabs in the 1948 Middle East war. That would make it a "prestige assassination," sort of like the Luftwaffe's attack on the civilian airliner carrying British actor Leslie Howard in 1943.

Meanwhile, the Columbia disaster has become the hottest topic since the loss of TWA Flight 800 over six years ago.

#### MORE UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED IN UK

On Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at 12:37 a.m., Bob W. noticed a UFO approaching his home from the west in Shrewsbury, England, UK. He reported, "I was by myself looking at the clouds toward the south. It was a triangular-shaped object, and it flew at a high rate of speed to the north of me. The hull was (coloured) a black finish and it then headed east. I could make out two engine things (nacelles--J.T.). There were a million bloody lights on the thing. The strange thing is that it made no sound at all. It was larger than any small (jet) fighter craft but smaller than an airliner." (Email Form Report)

Elsewhere in UK, "a UFO expert reckons his neighbour has vital new evidence for the existence of aliens."

"Author Timothy Good, 60, believes a mysterious circular object moving across the sky spotted by neighbour Chris Taylor, could be a genuine and important sighting."

"Postman Mr. Taylor, 44, saw the object from his bedroom in The Avenue, Beckenham," a suburb of London. "He said, 'I looked out of the window and saw this thing, like a light moving very quickly, going against the usual direction of air traffic. It was going up too fast to be a hot-air balloon and seemed very high up. I couldn't say what it was.'"

"I've never seen anything like it in my life. I've seen unusual things but nothing like that."

"Mr. Good, who claims to have seen a UFO above Orpington back in 1980, is a world-reknowned expert on UFOs."

"He said, 'It sounds like this could be a genuine sighting, and I was very interested in what Mr. Taylor said.'" (See the newspaper This Is London for January 30, 2003, "Beckenham man claims proof of UFOs.")

#### OVAL-SHAPED GOLDEN UFO SIGHTED IN AUSTRALIA

"Local people have reported strange objects in the sky above Dubbo," in Australia's state of New South Wales, "recently, prompting an appeal from the Independent Network of UFO Researchers (INUFOR) for anyone with similar sightings to come forward."

"On Tuesday, January 14 (2003), about 8 p.m., a family on a property between Dubbo and Parkes saw something in the evening sky they couldn't explain, according to INUFOR coordinator Moira McGhee."

"It was one report but several members of the same family witnessed it," she said, "They saw an oval-shaped ball in the sky, glowing gold in colour. The object was roughly the size of a large plane but had no flashing

lights. It was very bright and travelled east to west across the northern sky."

"The man did not embellish the story, or make it fanciful and entertaining,' she said, 'He was very straight in what he said, and he was reluctant to come forward.'"

"It is not the first report of a strange object in the central western sky, with Ms. McGhee recounting a 'spate' of recent sightings about six years ago."

"A Queensland couple was travelling through Dubbo on the Newell Highway, on their way home from a holiday (vacation in the USA--J.T.) in Victoria,' she said."

"They were travelling in a coach (bus in the USA--J.T.) following behind a truck, and they rested in a front seat, in earshot of the UHF radio."

"The truck driver said, 'Can you see that, mate?' And the bus driver replied, 'I sure can!' And the couple looked up to see a giant glowing disc in the sky, much larger than the shops it was passing over."

Parke, N.S.W. is about 150 kilometers (90 miles) south of Dubbo and about 320 kilometers (200 miles) west of Sydney. (See the Daily Liberal for January 29, 2003, "Residents reporting strange sightings." Merci beaucoup a Robert Fischer pour cette article de journal.)

LUMINOUS UFOs HOVER  
WAIHI, NEW ZEALAND

On Tuesday, January 28, 2003, at 10:10 p.m., S.L. was at his home in Waihi, North Island, New Zealand when he spotted "stationary light spheres of bright white colour shining in the west, moved from west to east, then made a sudden sharp turn to the south, gaining altitude and speed and then disappearing."

"It was a clear, star-filled night," he reported, "I noticed a bright sphere in the west rising from the horizon. I thought it was a very bright star, but it suddenly started moving east, gaining altitude and speed. It sharply turned south, still gaining altitude. As it gained altitude, it rapidly faded from sight."

"When first spotted, it was approximately the height (altitude) of a light aircraft. But when it disappeared from sight, its altitude must have been measured in miles." (Email Form Report)

BURNT "SAUCER CIRCLE"  
DISCOVERED IN ARGENTINA

On Sunday, January 26, 2003, residents of San Andres de Giles, in Argentina's Buenos Aires province, discovered "a large circle measuring some 7 meters (23 feet) in diameter, with burned grass and a talc-like ash at its center, on a soybean field south of a cattle ranch."

"Juan Carlos Ferreto was startled upon seeing the perfect circle. All around him, the soybean plants were very green, having a height of 40 centimeters (25 inches) overall, except for the 7-meter section found."

"This event was 'reminiscent of others which occurred in the same spot on September 4, 1981, when another ash-filled circle was discovered. Juan Carlos Mendizabal recalled those events, remembering that, at the time, a large Australian water tank had been drained of water, and the electrical system (fuses, wires and windings--S.C.) had been completely melted."

The 1981 "saucer circle" case was never solved. (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Guillermo Gimenez para eso informe.)

UFO FLOTILLA SEEN OVER  
MEXICO'S YUCATAN

"On Friday, January 17, 2003, Maria Barrera, 42, saw" a flotilla of silvery UFOs "from the port of Progreso," in Mexico's Yucatan state, 30 kilometers (18 miles) north of Merida."

Sra. Barrera saw the objects "over the bridge that crosses the swamp leading to the harbor area--40 glowing

metallic spheres, presenting a rising and descending motion, seemingly unaffected by the prevailing wind. This discounts the possibility that they were balloons or flocks of birds."

"After a brief time period, the spheres disappeared toward the horizon," heading north into the Gulf of Mexico. "Skies were clear," she added, "This is not the first time this event has happened."

"She said that last year (2002), while the (highway's) median strip was being expanded in the same location, both she and the construction company's workers saw more than 80 spheres executing a variety of maneuvers over the same site."

(Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, David Triay Lucatero y el Centro de Analisis de Fenomenos Espaciales A.C. (CAFE) para eso informe.)

That's it for this time. We'll be back next week with 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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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? [was: New

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 00:32:35 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 10:19:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? [was: New

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 17:03:06 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

Oops, I hear my name being mentioned.

>As noted in an earlier post Don and Jerry, Dick and Cathy  
>and the rest of those who wish to perpetuate, not solve,  
>mystery gave the usual Jerry-jerk reactions.

That's very interesting, Andy. How would you happen to know what I do or don't wish to perpetuate or solve, by the way?

>Glad you raised this Jerry. It wasn't obvious to Custer and his  
>troops who believed it was a flaming Indian arrow shot to warn  
>others of their presence. It may be obvious in retrospect but at  
>the time they genuinely misperceived a planet as a rapidly  
>moving, flaming, arrow. Which answers Cathy's question elsewhere  
>about the difference between radical and ordinary misperception.  
>The latter is when someone sees something out of context and  
>assumes it's something else - like if you see a hang glider at a  
>distance and wonder what that big bird is etc. The former is  
>when people see things out of context and believe them to be  
>objects for which there is as yet no proof of, ie 'UFO's (and  
>many others things). A sighting is proof of nothing.

Ok, I think you have probably answered half my question - at least, I think I know what you mean by "radical misperception". It seems to me this raises more questions than it answers, and is somewhat arbitrary from the perspective of psychophysics and vision science, but that's a story for another time I guess.

But I'm still not sure whether you're suggesting that "radical misperceptions" (or some of them at least) violate our current understanding of human visual perception. If you could manage to reply without submerging your answer beneath a thick layer of unsupported assertion, guesswork and spin, that would be helpful. Perhaps you could just stick to the facts, as your friend Dave is said to do.

Cathy  
(who always thought "Radical Ms Perception" meant Andrea  
Dworkin)

[Catherine Reason]

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## EW: Shuttle Sparks High-Altitude Electrophysics

From: Kurt Jonach - The Electric Warrior  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 17:37:03 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 10:24:49 -0500  
Subject: EW: Shuttle Sparks High-Altitude Electrophysics

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>> SHUTTLE SPARKS HIGH-ALTITUDE ELECTROPHYSICS  
space exploration

photo: Red Sprite  
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/img/RedSprite.jpg>

(The Electric Warrior) - An unusual purple lightning bolt that can be seen in a photograph of Shuttle Columbia has sparked discussion about rare forms high-altitude lightning. Strange flashes of colored lightning with names like Red Sprites and Blue Jets are a recent scientific discovery that continue to intrigue scientists. One peculiar thing about the phenomenon is that the discharge travels away from Earth, up from a stormy cloud bank toward the ionosphere.

A purple corkscrew lightning bolt can reportedly be seen in a photograph taken by a Bay Area shuttle buff on the morning of the Columbia accident. NASA experts are examining digital photographs which await public release by the photographer, who at this time remains anonymous.

An expert in high-atmospheric physics at Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico says it is not likely that the electrical phenomenon has anything to do with the Columbia accident, but that it needs to be studied. "I'm highly skeptical they could have had anything to do with Columbia's demise," he told the San Francisco Chronicle. "But somebody needs to see how they interact with spacecraft."

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SAN FRANCISCO (Chronicle) - The images could turn out to be the result of a subtle jiggle of the camera or might depict some rare electrical phenomenon in the zone known as the ionosphere, more than 40 miles above Earth...Should the photograph prove significant, it would open the inquiry into a strange world of high-altitude electro-physics. The field studies a place in the skies once described by physicists as the "ignorasphere," because so little is know about it. It is populated by ghostly electromagnetic effects that the same wags named "blue jets, elves and sprites."

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## Re: Toward The Miraculous [was: Re: New

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Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 20:57:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 10:29:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Toward The Miraculous [was: Re: New

>From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 21:17:44 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: Brenda Denzler <[bdenzler1@email.msn.com](mailto:bdenzler1@email.msn.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 07:20:53 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>OK. I'll come out of 'lurk' mode long enough to ask a question.

>>Catherine, can you explain how the tectonic strain theory is a  
>>"miracle-invoking" theory? Or the ETH, for that matter? Just  
>>curious. I've never thought of either one as particularly  
>>oriented toward the miraculous. The evidence may weigh more or  
>>less in each one's favor as possible explanations for at least  
>>some UFO events, but I have never thought of the evidence for  
>>either as being so scanty as to qualify them to be termed  
>>"miraculous" explanations.

>Just as the investigator effect predicts, by commenting on the  
>phenomenon I become involved in it :-)

>I think of these explanations as "miracle-invoking" because they  
>appear to depend on highly speculative mechanisms which would  
>need substantial additions to our scientific knowledge before  
>they could be validated and understood. The TSH, for example,  
>would require some sort of mechanism for creating large,  
>relatively long-lasting light-forms capable of independent  
>movement high up in the air, and no such mechanism is currently  
>known to exist. None of the suggested explanations  
>(piezoelectricity, triboluminescence etc) will work, and some of  
>the more recent far-fetched suggestions, such as "vorton  
>plasmas" which invoke fundamentally new particles of nature,  
>have an air of desperation about them.

<snip>

>Does that help any?

Sure thing. Thanks for explaining. It's not quite the definition of  
"miracle" that I'm most familiar with, but it works for me.

Brenda

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 22:03:21 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 10:34:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Ledger

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 17:03:06 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>To:  
>><[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 16:59:02 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>Pilgrims,

>As noted in an earlier post Don and Jerry, Dick and Cathy and  
>the rest of those who wish to perpetuate, not solve, mystery  
>gave the usual Jerry-jerk reactions.

>I'm happy to comment on a few whilst my tea cooks.

>And then Don wrote:

>>"Out of the Shadows" by David Clarke and Andy Roberts

>No money in it old boy, we just write for the fun of it. I  
>can assure you that our research costs far outstrip our income  
>from writing anything. The money merely keeps things going -  
>which is all money is fit for.

>>BTW - I see Amazon UK has your book partnered up with 'You  
>>Can't Tell the People' by Georgina Bruni. You guys friends  
>>now?

>Yes, we thought that amusing too. I believe Amazon have  
>organised this deal as an antidote for those foolish to buy  
>'You Can't Tell The People'.

>I'll ignore the rest of the bleatings as Stanton's was tripe  
>- lots of scientists quote Ted Philips' work don't they Stan?  
>And I'm afraid Don needs to do some reading if he either  
>believes Ley Lines exist (read Devereux on this) or in fact  
>were confined to the South of England.

>And I have to say I thoroughly support Dave C and the term  
>'flying saucers'. We love it. That's what many people say  
>they've seen. It's a great term. I pushed for Out of the  
>Shadows to be called 'Flying Saucer Secrets' but it was  
>vetoed unfortunately. It's a damn sight better than UFOs as  
>no-one has proved they are 'objects' as yet - oh, except of  
>course when they are resolved to be radical misperceptions of  
>known objects. But then of course they are no longer  
>Unidentified.

>Anyway, keep up the good work. As long as you lot are  
>replying to Colin and I you aren't out in the real world  
>annoying people!

Hi Andy,

Still don't know what Ley lines are and don't care. I'd thought

they were old trails or pathways used by Celts or Saxons or whoever or whatever.

However you could have just said "yes" several emails ago when I posited that you two had written the Fortean piece to ridicule UFO researchers instead of going through all of this. Now that you have admitted as much, I can tune you out of the serious side of the research community and just class you as a bit of an odd soul and a debunker and not to be taken seriously. Back to my Air Force docs.

Don

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 23:28:09 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 11:13:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Gates

>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 00:51:04 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 14:24:41 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

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>>Hi Amy and all,

>>I thought Ley Lines were those ancient pathways meandering  
>>trough the southern portions of England and Wales. Am I thinking  
>>of something else?

<snip>

>Anyone claiming scientific data which verifies the physical  
>existence of this "electromagnetic grid" and "ley lines" related  
>to said grid needs to produce such data or stop giving UFOlogy  
>yet another black eye.

>As for the rest of the gobbley-gook in this thread, just ignore  
>it. We still don't have scientific evidence that these "grids"  
>exist no matter what a few short-sighted individuals may claim.

Hi Amy,

For whatever its worth over the years I have never seen anything  
about the ley lines that was significant without wading through  
numbers of new age stories and story tellers. Thats not to say  
it doesn't exist, just when I looked at this subject I didn't  
find anything useful.

Laying it on the line further (pun intended) one always wondered  
(after you read some of the discourses on the ley lines) that if  
you somehow hook yourself up to one of these lines, you will  
suddenly get rich, beautiful, and all the wrinkles will  
instantly fall away from your body..... :)

Hmm, wonder if there is some kind of corelation between  
Sasquatch sightings and ley lines..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 23:32:17 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 11:15:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Gates

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 12:24:10 EST  
>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

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>I think here might be the most important point. The exact  
>dimensions of the field aren't all that important, especially  
>with a discrepancy that is so small, but the orientation of the  
>gouge is what we really need to know and that was oriented NW to  
>SE or SE to NW depending on your point of view.

I was thinking after watching the space shuttle tragedy unfold  
that the debris field was 100 or so miles by 10 miles wide  
and breakup happened at 207,000 feet.

Would there be any way to make any educated guess, based upon  
the estimated measurements of the Roswell debris field to  
speculate a guess on what altitude the object was?

Also begs the speculation as to what caused the gouge  
mark..perhaps the craft hitting the ground, breaking up, then  
bouncing off to another location.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 23:46:24 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:06:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Gates

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 00:49:31 EST  
>Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: by way of UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 17:16:38 -0500  
>>Subject: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

>>Hi -

>>Does anyone involved with abduction research have a generally  
>>agreed upon number of abductions to date? If not absolutely  
>>verified, a conservative estimate?

>Hi Eleanor,

>If we look at how many "actual" cases have been reported and  
>investigated I understand the number is less then 1200.

>A while back, the MUFON abduction project allegedly had around  
>600 'actual' cases.

Eleanor,

Slight numbers revisions here based upon email I looked up.

Supposedly the MUFON abduction transcript was around 215 actual names/warm bodys. Plus they received a bundle more from 20-50 abduction researchers. Apparently the transcripts (could have been 4 transcripts from the same person) totaled around 900 or thereabouts. So the 600 number is probably close at least when I received the email from people that worked with it.

John Carpenters case file was in the neighborhood of 140, and as mentioned earlier the actual number from some of these "main stream abduction researchers" may be 20-40 cases per researcher...which alot supposedly were included in the MUFON project.

From what I have reviewed, I suspect that 1200 or less probably represent the "actual" numbers as opposed to estimated, projected, guessed upon numbers based upon people who wouldn't report it etc etc.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: NASA Rejects Launch Damage Theory - Stuart

From: Chaz Stuart <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 23:47:45 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:10:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: NASA Rejects Launch Damage Theory - Stuart

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 16:36:29 -0500  
>Subject: Re: NASA Rejects Launch Damage Theory

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 14:23:13 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: NASA Rejects Launch Damage Theory

Re the insulation foam damage theory:

I heard today that NASA tested it in the lab using twice the weight of the insulation and twice the air speed and still no serious damage resulted. I don't know if this was tested by computer or actual foam and tiles.

Remember though that the velocity of the rocket is not the velocity with which the foam hit the wing because the foam is moving forward at the same speed as the wing until it breaks loose and is slowed by air resistance and gravity. The insulation being light would stop moving forward much quicker than, say a bolt, but I don't think even it would come to a complete stop in a fraction of a second. Am I wrong about this?

--Chaz

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## Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 01:31:44 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:17:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Velez

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 00:49:31 EST  
>Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
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Hi Robert,

I'd like to make a couple of comments. You wrote:

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>investigated I understand the number is less then 1200.

Budd Hopkins alone has personally investigated over 600 cases. That isn't counting Dave Jacobs who was 'at it' ten years longer than Budd. Nor does your number take into account the cases that were investigated by Mack, Fowler, Carpenter, Smith and lord knows how many others. That's only in the USA and doesn't take into consideration how many unreported cases there may be both here and abroad.

>A while back, the MUFON abduction project allegedly had around  
>600 'actual' cases.

>John Carpenter's case files were around 20, or so.

You've touched a live nerve. Major shift in gears ahead...

If John Carpenter only had 20 cases as you say, where did the other 100 cases come from that he sold to Bigelow?

John Carpenter sold Robert Bigelow 120 abductee case files. I made a huge stink about this transaction and violation of ethics here, several years ago. According to several sources, the files were transferred without being redacted for any identifying information about the witnesses. Although one or two lunatics accused me of 'headhunting' John Carpenter, for me it was always an issue of ethics. An issue which, as an 'abductee', effected me directly.

At that time I asked a question which continues to go unanswered, "Has any one at MUFON investigated to determine if any of the case files that were sold to Bigelow by John Carpenter (at \$200. US each) originated in the Abduction Project archives?"

MUFON said, at the time, that they were going to conduct an internal investigation to find out if files from the Abduction Project were sold by Carpenter (who was the 'head' of the Abduction Project) to Bigelow. Not one word has ever been

uttered by MUFON about this "internal investigation" or its results.

Yet you say that Carpenter only had '20' cases.

We know that one year later John Carpenter was fired as the head of the MUFON Abduction Project. Whether his sacking was related to his sale of files to Bigelow... no one knows. MUFON hasn't said beans about it.

MUFON should be held publicly accountable for the results of this publicly promised internal investigation. If it was never conducted, they should just say so and offer a decent explanation as to 'why' they chose not to. If they did conduct an investigation, then they owe it to the witnesses and the general public to assure them that the integrity of the witnesses privacy is intact and that the Abduction Project files/database was not compromised.

Aaand.....

Carpenter wasn't the only one feeding on the Bigelow \$ teat. His transaction was the only one that I had two confirming sources for. I know of others - I just didn't have enough hard evidence to yank their unethical pants down around their money-grubbing ankles in public.

That's a whole other can of worms. I have covered my own back (as best I can) by informing the right people that if my own case file ever turns up at NIDS (un-redacted for personal/identifying information) that I will launch the mother of all law suits against them and their personal property. Ethics must be maintained by abduction researchers even if it is at the point of a loaded gun. I suggest that all 'abductees' whose cases have been investigated by a researcher follow suit. Better yet, get written assurances up front that your privacy and anonymity will be guaranteed. Get it in writing and get it signed. Protect yourself. No one is going to do it for you. Certainly not anyone who is only interested in cashing in on your report.

Also, ponder this Batman... if your files end up at NIDS without your personal information deleted:

That fancy and impressive list of NIDS board members has way too many individuals with deep and long-time ties to the military/industrial complex and the intelligence community. Too many ties for any witness whose identity may have been compromised to be very 'comfortable' with.

This rant was brought to you by a grant from the Chubb Group. :)

Sorry for the rant. These important issues are never, or rarely, aired in public. Everybody involved is too busy protecting their own little piece of carved-out real estate. Their own little 'claim to fame'. Wolves hidden under a cloak of respectability.

Ghod help us all. Poor abductees. Damned if you do, damned if you don't.

Sincerely,

John Velez

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

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

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**Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'-**

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:19:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'-

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 05:49:35 -0500  
>Subject: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 18:56:58 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

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>>>Subject: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

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>>Lemuria was theorized by 19th-Century British biologist Philip  
>>L. Schattler, who thought of it as an Indian Ocean land bridge  
>>connecting Madagascar and extreme southern India. In the days  
>>before continental drift had been hypothesized and then  
>>validated, he sought to explain why two widely separated  
>>locations shared many of the same flora and fauna. Occultists  
>>and mystics soon picked up on this modest notion and transformed  
>>Lemuria (also known as Mu) into the Atlantis of the Pacific,  
>>holding a vast supercivilization.

>Hi Jerry,

>Thanks for the info.

>You wrote:

>>The most influential work is Helene Petrovna Blavatsky's The  
>>Secret Doctrine (1889),

>Back in the 70's I plowed through all four of Blavatsky's tomes.  
>Secret Doctrine and Cosmogonisis. Keerist! It took months to get  
>through it all. I kept a Latin to English dictionary at my side  
>the whole time. Her work is, a la Victorian style writing,  
>verbose and littered with phrases and axioms that she shares  
>with her readership in Latin only. Funny, she 'assumed' a  
>knowledge of Latin in her readers. Anyway, it was in  
>Cosmogonisis that she expounded about Lemuria in what I assume  
>was a 'channelled' telling of human history and development.

>For those who aren't familiar with Blavatsky, she was a well  
>known medium and the founder of the Theosophical Society. Her  
>'philosophy' was later adopted and bastardized by the Nazi's in  
>order to bolster/justify their Aryan superman crapolla. It is  
>now well known that certain high ranking Nazi officials were  
>mystics and actively engaged in securing historical religious  
>artifacts of great significance and other 'objects of power.'  
>Blavatsky's work played a big role in instigating all of that  
>activity.

>I was just curious why the 'New-Agers,' who are collectively  
>enraptured with tales of Atlantis, have ignored tales of

>Lemuria. Just wondering is all.

>Back to UFOs. ;)

>Warm regards,

>John

Hello John:

Just two thoughts before we get back on track.

1) Maybe the new-agers simply never heard about Lemuria.

2) At the other end of the scale, I had a similar experience with a book of poems I had in my teens, some anthology.

One poem went on for some stanzas, and the last line, presumably the punch line, was entirely in Greek!

Yes, greek letters (the typesetters must have been annoyed) so I couldn't even tell if the last word(s) rhymed or not.

I suspect that was an affectation; the author as much as saying "Look how much more literate I am than you are." Sound familiar?

I'm as Lemuria-ignorant as the next guy. It struck me as new-agey too, so I didn't pursue it.

In Blatavsky's case, I suggest a stock gimmick to further befuddle the innocent. Pseudo-scientists do something similar with terminology and equations that don't apply.

Best wishes

- Larry

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## Japanese Observatories Swamped By UFO Calls

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Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 08:04:00 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:23:45 -0500  
Subject: Japanese Observatories Swamped By UFO Calls

Source: Mainichi Daily News - Japan

<http://mdn.mainichi.co.jp/news/20030207p2a00m0fp003000c.html>

Go to the page for photo!

Stig

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Mainichi Shimbun, Feb. 7, 2003

Great balls of fire, is that a UFO?

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Observatories throughout western Japan were swamped overnight with calls from people claiming to have spotted a UFO, the Mainichi learned Friday.

Dozens witnessed the phenomenon at around 8:30 p.m. Thursday night, and though what they saw may have shook their nerves, there was little need for them to rattle their brains as it appears to have been great balls of fire caused by a falling meteor or comet.

Moving from west to east across the sky, the initial fireball split into three before disappearing.

"It was white at first and then turned yellow. It was like watching the headlights of a truck from a long distance. I thought it must have been a meteor, but I was shocked as I'd never experienced anything like this before," said Yoshitaka Hazenoki, a member of the board of education in the Wakayama Prefecture city of Arita.

Shinya Narusawa of the Nishi Harima Observatory in Hyogo Prefecture's Sayo told of receiving many reports about the phenomenon.

"We've received information of sightings in Tanegashima (Nagasaki Prefecture)," he said. "For the moment, we think it was a meteor that dropped into the Pacific Ocean."

Observatories around Fukuoka also reported seeing the flaming balls of fire streaming through the sky. Fukuoka Observatory officials said the fireballs were either a meteor or comet.

Reports from Kitakyushu of a bright red light with a tail traveling across the sky in an easterly direction over Kitakyushu were also forwarded to the Mainichi.

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 03:07:26 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:26:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Ledger

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 00:51:04 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

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>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 14:24:41 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

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>>I thought Ley Lines were those ancient pathways meandering  
>>through the southern portions of England and Wales. Am I thinking  
>>of something else?

>You are correct.

>According to the "Skeptic's Dictionary" at:

><http://skepdic.com/leylines.html>

>which happened to be the first web site that came up when I did  
a Google search and my first time to visit the site:

>"Ley lines are alleged alignments of ancient sites or holy  
>places, such as stone circles, standing stones, cairns, and  
>churches. Interest in ley lines began with the publication in  
>1922 of Early British Trackways by Alfred Watkins (1855-1935), a  
>self-taught amateur archaeologist and antiquarian. Based upon  
>the fact that on a map of Blackwardine, near Leominster,  
>England, he could link a number of ancient landmarks by a series  
>of straight lines, he became convinced that he had discovered an  
>ancient trade route. Interest in these alleged trade routes as  
>sources of mystical energy has become very popular among New  
>Agers in Great Britain.

>Anyone claiming scientific data which verifies the physical  
>existence of this "electromagnetic grid" and "ley lines" related  
>to said grid needs to produce such data or stop giving UFOlogy  
>yet another black eye.

>As for the rest of the gobbley-gook in this thread, just ignore  
>it. We still don't have scientific evidence that these "grids"  
>exist no matter what a few short-sighted individuals may claim.

Hi Amy,

Thanks for the clarification. It was the information in the  
first paragraph that was the subject of my brief intervention on  
this thread-despite inferences by another to the contrary. I  
have no real interest in the subject.

As for any such lines being of interest to UFOs, I think they  
probably go where ever they please - lines or not:)

Best,

Don

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## Air Force Imagery Confirms Columbia Wing Damaged

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Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 04:23:02 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:35:08 -0500  
Subject: Air Force Imagery Confirms Columbia Wing Damaged

This is interesting. Not only the details but the ability of the Mil-sats to keep an eye on the shuttles when they are coming back in from LEO. [Low Earth Orbit]

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Source: Spaceflightnow.Com

<http://spaceflightnow.com/shuttle/sts107/030207avweek/>

Air Force Imagery Confirms Columbia Wing Damaged

High-resolution images taken from a ground-based Air Force tracking camera in southwestern U.S. show serious structural damage to the inboard leading edge of Columbia's left wing, as the crippled orbiter flew overhead about 60 seconds before the vehicle broke up over Texas killing the seven astronauts on board February 1.

<http://spaceflightnow.com/shuttle/sts107/030207avweek/>

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## Secret Shuttle Device Sought

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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:37:20 -0500  
Subject: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

[http://www.torontostar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?GXHC\\_gx\\_session\\_id=f5e8b69388327d94&pagename=thestar/Layout/Article\\_Type1&c=Article&cid=10357775472](http://www.torontostar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?GXHC_gx_session_id=f5e8b69388327d94&pagename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=10357775472)

Feb. 7, 2003. 05:49 AM

Secret Shuttle Device Sought

REUTERS

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.--Hundreds of searchers combed an area in east Texas yesterday for a top-secret object from the shuttle Columbia. They searched block by block and used machetes to hack their way through thick woods that surround the tiny town of Bronson, near the Louisiana border.

They were given a picture of a faceplate from the device, which said "Secret Government Property" in white letters on a black background. Texas state troopers stood guard and told photographers to keep their distance, saying they would be asked to leave the area if searchers found something they did not want photographed.

The Houston Chronicle reported yesterday the object was a communications device that handled encrypted messages between the shuttle and ground. It said the device was in a top-secret government "telecommunications security" category.

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Hmmm..... The "Houston, we have a bogey..." box?

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 08:07:25 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:41:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Friedman

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
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>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 17:03:06 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2003 16:59:02 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>Pilgrims,

<snip>

>I'll ignore the rest of the bleatings as Stanton's was tripe -  
>lots of scientists quote Ted Phillips' work don't they Stan?

How convenient to ignore the comments about the many ways that chemists and physicists can get involved.

Certainly some scientists who have become familiar with Phillips' work, do refer to it. But what kind of test is that Andy?

Remember, as you have just demonstrated, that rule number one for debunkers is "What the public doesn't know, we won't tell them." Because 13 anti-UFO books don't even mention Blue Book Special Report 14, even though they were all aware of it, doesn't mean it isn't important work.

If scientists and journalists who speak out so strongly against UFOs would do their homework instead of displaying their ignorance, we would all be better off.

But then, rule number 4 for debunkers is "Do your research by proclamation, investigation is too much trouble".

Stan Friedman

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## Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 12:15:19 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:49:40 -0500  
Subject: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

Well folks this is it!

Either this radio interview transcript with Dr Steven Greer of the UFO Disclosure Project will prove:

- 1) A pivotal point in history and the answer to the world's energy problems
- 2) Greer has been conned or tricked in some way
- 3) Greer is a trickster, a liar or insane.

If there's just a chance it's the first option, we could all do with some good news right now, so this is worth a read.

Regards

Dave Haith  
[visions@ntlworld.com](mailto:visions@ntlworld.com)

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Source: Disclosure Project

<http://www.disclosureproject.org/transcriptcoasttocoastJan312003.htm>

Transcript of Dr. Steven Greer's Interview  
on Coast to Coast AM Radio with George Noory  
January 30/31 2003

George Noory's web site

[Click Here to read some key excerpts of this transcript.](#)

George Noory (GN): Tonight, this hour, we're going to talk about Zero Point Energy. Welcome, Dr. Greer. How are you today?

Steven Greer (SG): I'm fine, thank you. How are you?

GN: Good. Always a pleasure. Zero Point Energy. Is there an organization or an individual actually working on this?

SG: Well, we are of course. I'm not so sure it's really zero point energy. Some would say it's the quantum vacuum flux field energy. There are a lot of people with different theories about it. But as you know, we have formed a group called Space Energy Access Systems, which is a company that is in the process of identifying and testing technologies, machines, devices that claim to - put simply - put out more energy and electric power than we have to put into it, which of course, supposedly cannot be done, but in fact it can be. The reason I'm speaking with you tonight is that we have apparently - and I'm going to qualify my words very carefully here --

GN: OK

SG: But it appears that we have found such a "Holy Grail"-type device, a very serious invention held by an inventor. My scientific advisor and the board of directors of this group - our group - have recently done an onsite inspection and testing of this system and I can tell you that, except for some of the extraterrestrial devices in UFOs that I've seen, this is the most astounding material object I've ever seen in my life. And that's saying something.

So the reason I am speaking about this at this very early stage of its discovery is that the millions of people listening tonight are our protection. Those of you who are listening to this should tell everyone they know that this is a thing coming down the path. It is our intention to protect this system, get it tested, get it perfected, get it out to the public and terminate the need for gas and oil and coal and start an entirely new sustainable civilization on this planet, and that is long overdue. It could have happened probably fifty years ago or more. But it's now time for us to do it as a people. The people who are hearing this for the first time need to understand that I have considered carefully whether or not to even talk about it at this stage, but we felt for security reasons it's very important to talk about this.

If the testing and development of this holds up, it will be the single most important scientific breakthrough in the history - the recorded history - of the human race, and that is not an overstatement.

Let me describe what I saw, if you have a moment.

GN: Sure, and tell me how big it is, Steven.

SG: It's not very big at all! I picked it up - you can pick it up with one hand. Took it out actually on a sidewalk. This device gathered, very passively, less than one watt of power from the environment - I won't say how it was done, I'm not allowed to at this point - and the machine started up. It generated hundreds of watts of power in usable form, actually running, and we were astonished to see this. We hooked this up ourselves, so it was no mystery about it. We even selected the things to hook up to this thing. It ran a 300-watt light bulb, a 100-watt light bulb, a stereo and an oscillating fan with an electric motor, all at the same time with literally no artificial manmade input of power. So, this is of course an extraordinary scientific breakthrough. The inventor certainly deserves to get the next Nobel prize, or the one that would be awarded after this is fully tested by the scientific community, if indeed what we see holds up.

Now I have to say, our criteria - those who are familiar with our search for this, and we've been doing this for some years because we know that they're not traveling through interstellar space using Exxon Jet-A fuel.

GN: Right!

SG: And we know that these technologies could run our planet without pollution, without poverty, and without any more oil wars forever. So, you know, when we began to look for this, our criteria was that the inventor had to be sane and rational enough to allow it to be transparently vetted or tested, and in fact, this person was exactly that kind of very brilliant, humble, realistic man who allowed us to transparently see this device - look at it in its entirety. There were no hidden power sources. As I said, it could be picked up and taken outside and put on the sidewalk, and there it ran! And this is something obviously which could be put in every home, in every car and every industry and would enable the world to leave the era of want and war and enter an era of abundance and peace for as long as we want to create it. So this potentially is one of the greatest breakthroughs I've ever seen. And one of the things I'm so grateful for is that, you know, we have heard of these things coming and going in the time of Tesla, in the time of Floyd Sweet, in the time of T. Henry Moray, and others, but to actually stand in the presence of a man who could build such a circuit and see it run. If I had to go to my grave tomorrow, at least I would know that such a thing was possible, which shines an enormous ray of hope into the world of humanity as we apparently march off to the next oil war.

So, I think that it's a very significant breakthrough. However, it's preliminary. We are requiring that - we have an agreement with the inventor to have a more robust version of this device made in the coming month or two. It will then go through further research and development and reproducibility studies, meaning we must be able to independently reproduce the effects. It will then be tested in at least three independent government and university labs which we have already pre-selected for their honesty and cooperation, and when all those ducks are lined up and we are certain of what we have - I'm telling you this now in a preliminary way - it will then be massively disclosed to the world in what has to be regarded as one of the most important scientific announcements in our time.

GN: Very good. Is this person, Steven - if you can tell me - is he a physicist by any chance?

SG: Um - no. Well, I guess anyone dealing with this kind of energy would be a type of physicist, but not a formally trained physicist. This is somebody who is what you would consider an innate genius in this area and since childhood had a very deep, almost intuitive knowledge of electromagnetism, electrical circuits and things of this sort.

GN: One of Albert Einstein's  $E=mc^2$  many years ago, his name was John Wheeler, once said about this kind of energy that in the volume of a cup of coffee there is enough energy to evaporate all of the world's oceans. It's that powerful and could provide that much energy to the world and if you are able ...

SG: If you can harness it, yeah.

GN: Yeah, I was just going to say, if you can harness it - my gosh, you're going to save humanity!

SG: Well, this is why I'm talking to you. I returned from this trip, ...and I wanted to be very very clear that this information got out ...because I have to tell you that this is the sort of thing that people have unfortunately in the past been absorbed into operations where these technologies have been suppressed. People have been murdered, people have been imprisoned, people have had these things bought out only to sit on the black shelf at a major corporation.

GN: Mm Hmm.

SG: That is not a conspiracy theory. We can prove this in a court of law that this has happened over and over again. And the reason that we are moving quickly to let the world know that this exists is that the ultimate shield against that happening is two things: Number one - my absolute assurance that I will take a bullet before I will let this be suppressed, and number two - that there is no amount of money, that you cannot put enough zeros after a one, to buy us out and keep this thing from getting out to the public. In addition to that, the public needs to understand if anything is to happen to this prospect that is a suppressive effort, that they should absolutely, if they have to, march in the streets to see that it is released again. This is the time for this nonsense, where these sorts of inventions have been suppressed and where humanity has been left basically in a state of downward spiral of poverty and pollution and what have you. We simply have to reverse that trend.

And of course, you're taking on a five trillion dollar global energy and utility and transportation sector that deals with fossil fuels. But it is really time for that era to close and for another era to open. Even as the President said in his State of the Union address after 9-11, it is a national security imperative that we become energy independent.

GN: Absolutely!

SG: And there's no question that the situation we're facing around the world today and the vulnerability of so many nations is related to our unnecessary addiction and dependence on fossil fuels - oil, coal, things of this sort. And these technologies, which have been so long suppressed, they're almost legendary. But I have to tell you, the other important thing - and anyone technical listening to this will know what I'm talking about - we have seen in the last few years a number of devices that

looked very promising, but they don't put out energy in a form that's usable. This thing, if you can imagine as I've described it operating, put out energy at 60 hertz, 110 volts, correct amperage, ran whatever we wanted to plug into it and did so for as long as we left it to do so. Now this is something which, in all my experience going all over the world studying this, I have never witnessed anything like this!

We can see no explanation in the way of a hoax for this and the scientist is completely without guile, honest, straightforward and it was an honor to be with this person. I felt like I was in the presence of someone like Tesla as I saw this person work and to see my science advisor, Dr. Ted Loder, who is a tenured professor of science at the University of New Hampshire, there working beside the man who very openly showed everything and let everything be hooked up by our scientific team. It was just an extraordinary experience and I just hope and I pray and I hope others will be praying with us that we can be guided aright to get this out as quickly as possible to a world that, at this virtually the twelfth hour, certainly needs to find some way of living on this planet without cannibalizing the Earth that sustains us.

GN: Steven, I sense this air of immediacy coming from you. Have you or has this inventor been threatened at all about this?

SG: No, not at all, and the reason we haven't is that immediately, I have moved this into some very high circles. I mean, you know we have in our network - in the Disclosure Project network and in the corporate entity, the Space Energy Access Systems, which by the way, the website for that is seaspower.com. We have access to virtually anyone of significance in the world today. I mean, literally not six degrees of separation, not really one degree of separation, and we are beginning to notify the correct people that such a thing exists. It would be very very difficult, with me talking on this show tonight and with the phone calls we've made this week, quite frankly, for this thing to disappear. So we have not received those threats.

Remember, in 2001, we had over a hundred military and intelligence witnesses and their testimony put out in book and video form and many of them with top secret SDI-TK clearances, holding very sensitive information. Not a single one of them were ever visited and told to be quiet and the reason they haven't is because we have strategically created security around what we're doing such that it would be extremely dangerous for that group to do that. However, the reason I feel it very important for the public to know this, and everyone listening needs to refer this show to their friends - very important because I think that people need to understand that the kinds of operations that have kept these things secret do so only in the shadows. They cannot do it in a spotlight shining on them. They function only like vampires in the dark shadows and in the darkness of night. And if we put this thing out into the light and the people understand what it's worth to the future of humanity and to our children's children's children, the people will not let it be suppressed again.

GN: All right, Steven. Stay with us because I want to chat with you a little bit about how this kind of energy actually works and how soon you think in terms of it being a reality, could get into households. I'm George Noory. Stick with me. This is Coast to Coast A.M.

(Commercial break)

GN: Welcome back to Coast to Coast. I'm George Noory with Dr. Steven Greer. Steven, because of your heavy involvement in really defining proof of extraterrestrial existence, and what you know, what are the possibilities that this individual who has invented this apparatus might have reverse-engineered it from some source up there?

SG: Zero.

GN: OK

SG: Yeah, I'm very confident that's not the case. In fact, that's one of the criteria we have is that the pedigree, or intellectual property pathway, has to be clean so that it can

safely be brought out to the public without the risk of it being legitimately held back by some interests. In this case, I have high confidence that this is a clean pedigree. And, what's more, that the technology is extraordinarily simple. Now, of course, I guess the genius in all simple things is to understand how to do it. And I don't pretend to know that. This is - I tell people - I remember when I was at the Pentagon doing a briefing for the head of the Defense Intelligence Agency I said, you know, "I'm just a country doctor here in Virginia."

GN: (chuckles)

SG: And you know, really, I don't pretend to be a physicist or theoretician. We have some very good people who are and who would understand that better, but I can certainly say that this particular inventor, I think that there is zero chance that he discovered this from anything other than his own ability to experiment - the good old fashioned empirical scientific method - and came up with this after many many years of looking into it. But the astonishing thing is the relative simplicity of it. I know that this device had to have weighed less than twenty pounds, that it was small, no more than a foot to foot and a half in diameter. We could see straight through it, see all the components of it, no hidden battery or energy sources and it operated as I described it. So, this of course meets the criteria of what we've been looking for and wanting to get protected in our network and get it disseminated and secured and out to the public, we hope at least in terms of it being in a form that would be very stable and functioning and easy to use. If not commercially available, at least something that would be disclosable and transportable to any scientific lab. We hope to have that done in the next few months and known by the public certainly this year and hopefully mid-year. So again, it's hard to say. This is a very very early stage of an important and rather rigorous process on our part, but we're going to go with all due speed.

GN: Why would you rule out its - I don't want to say authenticity - but its use within your organization if something did come from extraterrestrial technologies? So what? If you can get it, and harness it, and use it. What's wrong with that?

SG: Oh no, that would be fine, but if it has been ripped off out of a government lab or out of a classified project....

GN: Ah, I get it!

SG: Which are the ones who are doing all that work, George. We wouldn't want to - we really at this stage wouldn't want to deal with that. Although, because I believe those projects are unconstitutional and illegal, one could probably make the legal case. But it would be an encumbered and difficult pathway and this is why we have been searching for what I call a clean or virginal pathway for these technologies, and indeed this is what I believe we have found. Again, I'm sharing this information very early. Some have said that I shouldn't even be discussing it at this stage. However, I think that for security reasons there's safety in numbers. The thing that has had made most of these inventors disappear and most of these efforts disappear are their obscurity. And so, Coast to Coast A.M. is providing a very important service to humanity by letting the people know about this.

GN: Well, when I was talking to Producer Lisa today, she said, "George, I've talked to Steven before, but I've never heard him this immediate, this energized, where he felt he had to say something and say it now." So I said, "All right, let's set it up. Let's get him on!"

SG: Yeah. No, this was something that was just so astonishing and I have to tell you that I felt like we were walking through history as we saw this thing functioning, and the implications of it - if I can just sort of, in a thumbnail sort of sketch, give you the implications of this. Imagine having free energy so that you could desalinate all the water you need to for agriculture and for returning these vast areas of the Earth that have become desert that used to be lush, could be returned to their original condition. Imagine being able to manufacture things with no cost for the energy component, no fuel costs. Imagine the poverty that could be eliminated and the disease and suffering. Most death and suffering into the world is because

basic sanitation, clean water, refrigeration, etc., is not available. This can change all that without building multi-billion dollar power plants with transmission lines. Imagine civilizations that do not have electrification now. Just like people went from having no land line phones to having cell phones, they could go from having no power lines to having these devices in their villages and their areas where they could then have a growing level of prosperity and abundance. All the studies have shown that when civilizations move into greater abundance, and with that greater educational opportunity, that the birth rates go down remarkably from ten or eleven per woman down to two or three. So the Malthusian dilemma of all these teeming large populations booming areas and poverty could be corrected. I mean the implications of this are just enormous. In addition, we know that all manufacturing effluent is largely related to the high cost of energy. We have had -- Buckminster Fuller and Archibald MacLeish told me back many years ago in the early seventies, that we already have the technologies to scrub to zero pollution all the manufacturing processes, but they use so darn much electricity that it became a point of diminishing return because the energy sources we were using were polluting.

GN: Of course.

SG: So, In this case, where the energy source is clean and non-polluting and free, you could scrub everything to completely and virtually no pollution into the environment. So you're talking about the ability to literally transform the way humans live on the Earth and therefore lay a real foundation for living together peacefully and eventually going out in space together peacefully. So --

GN: Just, just -- go ahead, Steven.

SG: Yes, I mean, so these are the sorts of implications of this kind of breakthrough. Of course, as people say, there will be winners and losers. Well, 99.999 % of humanity will be the winners. The Earth will be the winner. Our children's children's children will be the winners. Now there are people who have very key interests in the fossil fuel area and this is not to be trivialized. But I think that our goal is to do this in a way that would protect and empower those segments by having them have some kind of a cushion as these technologies are phased in and the old smokestack technologies are phased out. This can certainly be done if we're wise about it and if the current holders of the existing technologies are wise in allowing the transition to happen in an orderly fashion.

GN: Tuesday, George Bush in his State of the Union address was pushing for the use of hydrogen fuel in cars, which is something I've been jumping up and down for, for years now. But, one of the problems today with the hydrogen fuel is to generate the kind of electricity in order to generate the hydrogen.

SG: That's right.

GN: And that has been a serious problem, so my two-fold question - my question two-fold is will your zero point energy concept - would that work directly in automobiles or could you use it to create the electricity to make the hydrogen for the cars?

SG: Well, the answer is both. In other words, you already have two hundred million cars on the road in America, and six hundred and some million in the world. Those are using oil and gas. The ideal thing to do initially - because most people are not going to yank the engine out of their car and buy a multi-thousand dollar engine.

GN: No, they can't afford it.

SG: So what you want to do is use this free energy to have a way of cracking the hydrogen off of water and then have that hydrogen run the cars. I have just met with an inventor who has a fuel injector that you can screw into where your spark plug goes and the car will run on hydrogen! So this technology would allow that to be feasible what the President called for. So the existing internal combustion cars and trucks could be converted to clean burning hydrogen until such time that all the cars that are made come out with a purely electric propulsion system that would be running off of this generator. So I think that, you know, this can be done. Again, we intend to get this

information, when we have the final scientific reports in a few months, to the President and to his inner circle. We certainly can get access to that. And I think that this would be an important thing for the National Security Council, the aspect of it that deals with economic security and energy issues, to know about because there's no question. I mean, whether you're on the left or the right, or whatever, everyone acknowledges today that it is in the long term, and even short term interest of the United States to wean ourselves off of this addictive black gold known as oil. And I think that the sooner that can be done, the sooner we can move on to a new and more hopeful phase in our history.

GN: Zero Point energy results from the principals of quantum mechanics, which has to do with the physics of subatomic phenomena. Would you explain that for us so that most of us can understand just what we're talking about here?

SG: Well, as I understand it, if you look at the space around us, not outer space, just the space in the room where you're sitting. That space and the structure of space and the actually fundamental level at which matter and energy is fluxing out of some very potent field of energy. That's in some type of a sort of homeostasis. And what these technologies do is that it sort of perturbs the homeostasis enough to tap into that baseline energy or that energy that's in the quantum vacuum, some would call it, that's around us, that matter and energy are sort of fluxing in and out of and can tap into it and it's almost like pulling energy out of a reservoir of energy that's there all the time but isn't in a form that can actually be used. What these systems do is tap into that energy and in the case of the device that we saw, actually converts it into usable controlled energy on demand, which was the astonishing thing. I have to admit I have seen some other "over unity" systems where there's more energy coming out than put in, but it was in a form that was not electric power that was easily usable or convertible and therefore wasn't really immediately practical and in some cases people were estimating upwards of fifteen million dollars to get it into a form and an access form that this brilliant inventor had in this very simple system that you could literally pick up with one hand and carry out on a sidewalk and turn things on with. So I think that there's such an enormous body of information on this. If you look, there's a new almost thousand page book that Dr. Tom Bearden has put out that's almost encyclopedic in the information on this and he sent me a copy of it. I'm very grateful to him for that and I encourage people to get it if they have the stomach to go through the details. But I think that many people, as I said, Dr. Gene Mallove, Tom Valone, and many people, have studied this and have written about the fact that this has happened and have done sort of an ethnography of this where they've studied where there have been a whole culture of scientists over the last hundred years who have in fact discovered this and have invented devices that worked like this, but they have all met some terrible fate out of, of course, the big special interests and cartels that would like to keep us all metered to the public utility companies and to the gas pumps and while that's certainly understandable, it's no big surprise that people of vast economic and power and geopolitical interests would do such things. We're at the point now that it cannot go forward any further without jeopardizing the entirety of the human future.

GN: How long had your inventor been working on this project?

SG: Seven years.

GN: That's not bad! That's not bad in R & D [research and development]. Did he ever explain to you why this revelation came to him? Why he decided to do this?

SG: Well, this is an individual who has had a passion for electromagnetism and electricity since apparently age seven. By age ten was taking things apart and coming up with just extraordinary innovative little inventions all on his own, as a ten year old person - child. And now, of course, put his focus on this and also did study the - very carefully the study of the early greats like Tesla and Faraday and Maxwell and what have you. And in fact, apparently, between that knowledge and his own experimentation, intuition, insight - a gift if you want to call it - was able to devise this system. I have to say we were stunned.



I know that three of the members of our board of directors were there, and one of them is a very successful businessman who was just completely in a state of - stunned - because of the implications of this thing. Because this particular businessman was telling me how he spends two hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year just in electric utility bills for his business and I went "My god in heaven! I would like to make that much as a doctor!"

He said, "Yes, that's just my electric utility bill."

I said, "Oh my gosh. Imagine what that would do!" And this person is not General Motors, of course, but what ... efficiency it could add to our civilization and the cost reduction it could bring to manufacturing and the ability for each home to have its own - even micro-agricultural greenhouse where you have a computer controlled delivery of water, heat, and what have you, under controlled circumstances. The energy would be free. You could, almost in any climate, have and grow organically almost anything you would need. The rate-limiting thing to most of these developments is the high cost of energy and the very polluting forms of energy. If you change that equation you fundamentally change the way humans live on Earth.

GN: Now realistically, Steven, if you had no obstacles, and you're going to have some, but if you didn't have any, when do you think you might be able to get something like this to market, or at least to a practical test phase?

SG: A practical test phase - we're shooting for two to three months, and out to then a manufacturable prototype after the test phase, perhaps a year or so, and then after that to market. We hope that by the first quarter or mid-2004 these can be made available. Now, of course, we don't know what we're going to encounter and when you get into these sorts of engineering issues you may run into all kinds of disappointments and so I'm speculating here, but this is our intention and we intend to be able to do that. And remember, there are many applications for this. Imagine if you had a power up system for satellites so that you didn't have them failing in their power or having solar panels that had micro-meteorites damaging them, you could extend the life of satellites and save an enormous amount of money. If you had these things, these sort of power systems eventually could be in every appliance so that every appliance wouldn't even need to be plugged in. Eventually you could have construction so homes wouldn't even have wiring. Every lamp and every appliance could have its own power source. This thing is efficient and miniaturizable, if there is such a word - so that you could do this and you would be able to have everything that is made have its own power source and it would completely change the way architecture and construction takes place. Of course the list just goes on and on, but our goal is to be able to do this at least in a generation one stable, usable system, certainly within a year to year and a half. I would like to think sooner, but knowing how things happen in the world, I think it could very well be that long or a bit longer. I would caution we don't want to take too much longer. We are going to be very aggressively capitalizing this, putting the funds into this, so that that can be done and we can collapse the timeframe because, frankly, Tom Bearden and I were discussing this one time just before we were meeting with members of, doing a briefing for, the staff of the senate environment committee. He said that if these new technologies don't begin to roll off of the conveyor belt like sausages by the first quarter, or some time around that, of 2004, given the fact that the biosphere is being so strained, given the geopolitical tensions, we may simply just be out of time. So, I think it's a stroke before midnight and we really need to make this project succeed. I hope that this technology holds up to the scrutiny. I can't say that at this point. I can say that the onsite testing was extremely promising and I'm hopeful that it will hold up to reproducibility studies and to the scientific analysis that are required in our society and which our team requires, so that will be done in the next few months and we will hope for the best.

GN: All right. And you're still going to continue to follow up with your Disclosure Project, I'm sure.

SG: Yes, this is the first part of it and in fact this is one of the big disclosures. Remember, UFOs are secret not because

people are so afraid so much of extraterrestrials but because UFOs themselves are running off of energy and propulsion systems that would replace the need for oil and gas. So, the secrecy has been mostly out of greed, not out of a security.

GN: Very good. Thanks Steven. Keep us in touch! Dr. Steven Greer. Just go to my website and link up to his. He has two websites disclosureproject(.org) and seaspower(.com)...

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By

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FROM: U. S. National Security Agency  
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6000

TO: Larry W. Bryant

FOIA Case No. 42436

DATE: January 22, 2003

Dear Mr. Bryant:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted via the Internet on 26 December 2002, which was received by this office on 7 January 2003 for all NSA-generated and NSA-received records pertaining to a special briefing provided by NSA personnel to President Jimmy Carter on the reality of some UFO's as alien spacecraft. For the purpose of fee assessment, you have been placed into the "all other" category for this request. As such, you are allowed 2 hours of search and the duplication of 100 pages at no cost. Since processing fees were minimal, no fees were assessed, and your request for a fee waiver was not addressed. Your request has been assigned Case Number 42436. Please refer to this case number when corresponding with this office concerning your request.

Regarding your request for information pertaining to a briefing provided by NSA to President Jimmy Carter on the reality of some UFO's as alien spacecraft, a thorough search of our files was conducted, but no records responsive to your request were located. We do however have two (2) documents out on the Internet that deal with the Roswell New Mexico incident of 1947. These documents can be found on the website listed below under items 32 and 39 of the index.

The fact that we were unable to locate records responsive to your request may be considered by you as an adverse determination, and you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures. Any person notified of an adverse determination may file an appeal to the NSA/CSS [Central Security Service] Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. The appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days after the date of the initial denial letter. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority (DC321), National Security Agency, 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248. To aid in processing the

appeal, it should reference the inability of the Agency to locate the records you seek, in sufficient detail and particularity, and the grounds upon which you believe this Agency maintains such records. NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority will endeavor to respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt, absent unusual circumstances.

Since your request relates to UFOs, it may be of interest to you that NSA has reviewed and declassified 461 pages of material related to UFOs and has made the material available on the Internet. You can access the NSA FOIA Home Page at the following URL:

<http://www.nsa.gov/docs/efoia/>

The UFO material is found by clicking on "Frequently Requested Information. Released Records." There is also a listing of UFO terms for which we hold no records.

If you would like this office to provide you with a copy of the released material, please be advised that duplication charges are \$54.15 (461 pages -- 100 free pages = 361 pages x \$.15 per page = \$54.15). Costs are computed in accordance with DoD Regulation 5400.7-R, which assesses \$.15 per page for duplication. There are no search fees since no search is required to locate the material. The material will be released to you upon receipt of your certified check or money order within 60 days of the date of this letter made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, in the amount of \$54.15. If the available material does not satisfy your request, please advise us of the records you require.

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ARE DOD LABS DYING?

The Defense Department's network of research laboratories may be dying, according to a new internal assessment. And that is not good, according to Don J. DeYoung, a senior official at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL).

"Far from being organizational dinosaurs, these laboratories are critical to the government for their independent technical advice and ability to conduct long-term, high-risk R&D, especially in areas not attractive to commercial application," DeYoung told Secrecy News.

"In the span of 18 months, the Department of Defense lost a key part of its 25-year-old ability to perform fiber optics research at NRL, the only site with this world-class defense capability," DeYoung reported in his new assessment.

"The death of this 'canary' sends warning that an ill wind is blowing for the Defense Laboratories. Without reform, their loss of expertise will worsen, eventually to the point where it affects good government and poses significant risks to national security," DeYoung wrote.

See "The Silence of the Labs" by Don J. DeYoung, published by the Center for Technology and National Security Policy at the National Defense University, January 2003, available here:

<http://www.fas.org/man/eprint/deyoung.pdf>

The DoD labs deserve to die, suggested former NSA director Gen. William E. Odom some years ago.

"Major savings could be achieved by abolishing virtually all the Defense Department and military service laboratories. Few of them have invented anything of note in several decades, and many of the things they are striving to develop are already available in the commercial sector," according to Odom.

"Sadly, these laboratories not only waste money on their own activities; they also resist the purchase of available technologies from the commercial sector. Because they are generally so far behind the leading edges in some areas, they cause more than duplication; they also induce retardation and sustain obsolescence," Odom wrote ("America's Military Revolution," American University Press, 1993, p. 159).

But Odom's view is asserted rather than argued, and it is effectively rebutted, at least in part, by DeYoung's plaintive analysis.

#### GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE ARRIVES AT NIMA

The National Imagery and Mapping Agency is promoting the term "geospatial intelligence" to refer to a new, over-arching concept of its mission that stresses fusion of multiple intelligence sources in an all-digital environment.

Advances in intelligence technology and processing are so profound, according to NIMA, that geospatial intelligence amounts to "a new intelligence discipline."

"The union of three technological achievements -- precision geopositioning, advanced imagery and sensor technologies, and low cost ubiquitous digital data processing -- has made possible the convergence of geospatial and imagery analysis into the integrated discipline of geospatial intelligence."

See the new NIMA publication "Geospatial Intelligence: Capstone Concept," January 2003, here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/nima/capstone.pdf>

Incredibly, this PDF document weighs in at a preposterous 16 MB. With its thirty pages of mostly text, it has no business being that large. But it may be an indication that NIMA is now operating in such a bandwidth-rich environment that it can afford to be profligate with its file sizes.

#### FOI CASE COMES TO SUPREME COURT

There is cause for trepidation any time that a Freedom of Information Act matter comes before the Supreme Court since any ruling issued by the Court immediately propagates throughout the system as binding precedent.

One such matter, Department of the Treasury v. City of Chicago, will be heard by the Court next month and, public interest groups warn, it has the potential to significantly narrow the application of the FOIA if the Court sides with the Bush Administration.

For details, see "Supreme Court Case Poses Risk to Freedom of Information" on the web site of the National Security Archive, which filed an amicus (friend of the court) brief on the matter, here :

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/amicus0203/>

Amicus briefs were also filed by the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, with allied press groups:

<http://www.rcfp.org/news/documents/20030205atfvchicag.html>

and, from a slightly different angle, by the Electronic Privacy Information Center and associates:

[http://www.epic.org/open\\_gov/foia/chicago\\_amicus.pdf](http://www.epic.org/open_gov/foia/chicago_amicus.pdf)

#### UK REPORT ON IRAQ PLAGIARIZED

The report on Iraqi efforts to deceive UN weapons inspectors that was published recently by the UK Office of the Prime Minister was "completely unsourced and undocumented," Secrecy News noticed yesterday.

But in fact, it was worse than that. Entire sections of the report were plagiarized -- lifted without attribution from other published sources, including even punctuation errors made by the original, unacknowledged authors.

"The British government's latest report on Iraq's non-compliance with weapons inspections, which claims to draw on 'intelligence material', has been revealed as a wholesale plagiarism of three old and publicly-available articles, one of

them by a graduate student in California," according to an assessment by Cambridge analyst Glen Rangwala that circulated yesterday. See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/02/uk020603.html>

"The dossier may not amount to much but this is a considerable embarrassment for a government trying still to make a case for war," Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman Menzies Campbell told the BBC. See:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk\\_politics/2735031.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/2735031.stm)

Speaking at the UN on Wednesday, Secretary of State Powell praised the UK document as "a fine paper... which describes in exquisite detail Iraqi deception activities".

By this morning, the link to the document on the Downing Street website had disappeared, observed Stephen Fidler of the Financial Times.

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## Strange Ironies & Tragic Mishaps

From: Loren Coleman <[lcolema1@maine.rr.com](mailto:lcolema1@maine.rr.com)>  
Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 11:50:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 13:40:34 -0500  
Subject: Strange Ironies & Tragic Mishaps

Source: Arutz Sheva IsraelNationalNews.com

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/article.php?id=3D1956>

Strange Ironies and Tragic Mishaps  
by Shabtai Alboher

February 07, 2003

The unexpected and shocking explosion of the space shuttle Columbia, killing all seven astronauts on board, including Col. Ilan Ramon, Israel=B9s first man in space, seems to be an event riddled with strange ironies and tragic mishaps. Some of the ironies coming out of the ill-fated mission seem to warrant deeper thought and analysis.

The flight originated as an American gesture to the state of Israel to help boost the doomed Oslo peace process, shortly before it went haywire. Ironically, the news of Ramon burning up on re-entry evoked the horror of a suicide bomb attack, with army rabbinical chaplains rushing to America to search for body parts.

As parts of the Columbia, whose name connotes America, rained down on a tiny, insignificant dot on the map called Palestine, Texas, the whole ordeal took on a surrealistic tone, causing many people to ask themselves whether this was really happening, and, if it was, what could it all mean?

The post disaster revelations of negligence at NASA, of an ageing spacecraft, built back when Ramon was training for his mission to bomb the Iraqi nuclear reactor, put the failed mission into a morbid post-mortem, much like state of the failed peace process it was designed to boost.

Yet, maybe the strangest irony of all was that the Holocaust became a motif of the mission. Ramon, whose mother beat the odds to survive Auschwitz, took with him on the Columbia a drawing depicting the earth as seen from space, sketched by a 14 year old boy, Peter Ginz, who didn=B9t survive the Nazi death camp.

At the same time, the Columbia got off the ground thanks to technology developed by Werner von Braun, the Nazi rocket scientist and former SS officer who was brought to America after the war, in order to form the nucleus of the United States space program. Von Braun=B9s work for NASA (he developed the rocket that propelled man to the moon) was based on his work for Hitler, designing and building a weapon of mass destruction called the V-2 rocket, at Mittelwerk, a German a slave labor camp. Ironically, thousands of Jews died working on the V-2, developing the basic technology that put Ilan Ramon into space. Many of them were incinerated at Buchenwald.

The same America that gave Ramon an opportunity to ride the Columbia, didn=B9t bother to bomb the death camps during the war, something that may have saved the lives of tens of thousands of Jews, including (ironically) the life of Peter Ginz whose drawing became a symbol of the mission. Ironically (again), the U.S. did bomb Mittelwerk, though not because Jews were being



killed there. Rather, they mistook the camp to be a munitions depot of the German army.

One powerful symbol did manage to survive the fiery break up of the Columbia: a blue Star of David on an Israeli Air Force flag that Ramon took up into space.

That flag may be carrying a message of comfort to Israelis that, despite the Holocaust and the tragic death of Ilan Ramon, "the nation of Israel lives."

It may also be, ironically, sending a warning to the millions of Jews still on board the ship called "America".

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Shabtai Alboher is an attorney who formerly served as legal counsel to the IDF Judge Advocate General.

[Thanks RDH]

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## Any Transcript of SciFi's Washington Symposium?

From: Will Bueche <[wbueche@centerchange.org](mailto:wbueche@centerchange.org)>  
Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 11:56:39 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 13:41:40 -0500  
Subject: Any Transcript of SciFi's Washington Symposium?

Did anyone make a transcript for themselves of any of the SciFi Channel's symposium at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., "Interstellar Travel and Unidentified Aerial Phenomena: Science Fiction or Science Fact?"

Actually I am seeking transcripts of all three of their symposiums. So far I've only seen Podesta's remarks in rough form, but that indicates that someone is indeed working on it.

If so please contact me at [wbueche \[at\] centerchange.org](mailto:wbueche@centerchange.org)

Thank you.

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 08:34:11 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 13:44:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 16:15:06 -0600  
>Subject: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Pilgrims,

As usual, Jerry has to respond for the sake of it rather than to make any pertinent points. But I'm waiting for some builders to come so am happy to respond and illuminate his problematic thought processes:

>Nor, while we  
>may question your judgment, do we share your habit of trashing  
>the integrity and motives of someone with whom we happen to  
>disagree.

Thos with the stomach for it should study the list archives to see clearly how Jerry has done exactly that with everyone he disagrees with. Usually using the same stock phrases which gave rise to the 'Jerry Clark Bingo' game. But we can disregard that because the pearls he casts before us swine are well worth the wait.

>What about all those well-documented and -investigated cases  
>that don't end in solutions or magical misperceptions? Lots of  
>those, you know. You are aware of them, aren't you? Many were  
>conducted by individuals with rather more years of investigative  
>experience than yours, and significantly more formal scientific  
>training.

Well, Jerry. Yet again you've made my case for me! I agree with wat you say but the RMP theory in action can produce many cases - 'big' cases, especially in the UK - which were unsolved for years and then were solved as RMP. So, up until the solving of these cases they were being touted as UFOs, best ever cases etc etc, as you note above. I am in total agreement that there are still many 'good' cases which remain as yet unsolved but the history of the subject shows that slowly they fall. Perhaps we have a better track record of investigation than you do in the states?

>My parents, I  
>might add, were teetotalers. (My mother, who is still alive, is  
>still one.)

Why did you feel the need to share that with us Jerry. But hey, what a coincidence, mine are too.

>Okay, then I'll take you to see credible UFO witnesses whose  
>sightings have not been solved, even after careful  
>investigation. Lots of those, And. You can read about them in  
>all kinds of places. Starting, for example, with the Condon  
>Report.

See statments above. See the forthcoming Lakenheath/Bentwaters site which has some new and interesting things to say about that case.

>Custer -- whatever he  
>thought he saw -- described Venus pretty accurately. No radical  
>misperception except, it appears, your own.

Oh dear. Read the book again Jerry. Whatever you may think from the smugness of your 21st century conco, what they saw was Venus. What they believed it to be was a fast moving arrow on fire. If that's not a radical misperception I'll eat your hat.

>Mine, I'm afraid, was just an ordinary misperception. In  
>common with the vast majority of misperceptions that give  
>rise to bogus UFO sightings.

But aren't you leaving out the Radical Misperceptions which give rise to the more stubborn 'good' cases Jerry, as have been described to you?

And at the end Lister please read this para again....

>>And I have to say I thoroughly support Dave C and the term  
>>'flying saucers'. We love it. That's what many people say  
>>they've seen. It's a great term. I pushed for Out of the Shadows  
>>to be called 'Flying Saucer Secrets' but it was vetoed  
>>unfortunately. It's a damn sight better than UFOs as no-one has  
>>proved they are 'objects' as yet - oh, except of course when  
>>they are resolved to be radical misperceptions of known objects.  
>>But then of course they are no longer Unidentified.

and then let your mind wonder and boggle how Jerry misinterpreted it to mean what he writes below.

>I rest my case. You have kindly validated what I said in  
>response to Dave Clarke. Thanks, guy. Those of you who have  
>followed this dreary thread will recall Dave's disingenuous  
>defense of the term "flying saucers," while I pointed out -- as  
>And here demonstrates -- it is in fact a term of derision, and  
>was always so intended by Dave and sidekook.

Lordy me. However, I'm pleased to see that Jerry is still refusing to accept the central tenet of ufology, ie that people don't always describe what they see properly and that no exotic explanation has yet been found for one single UFO case.

Well, better go to work now and deal with some people who haven't got an excuse for being disadvantaged.

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 17:36:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 20:43:11 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 14:17:24 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>You use the term because it has a connotation that tends to  
>denigrate the whole phenomenon, the witnesses and those of us  
>who investigate it; otherwise you would use the term UFO.

What a load of old codswallop. If witnesses feel 'denigrated' by our approach then there must be hundreds of masochists resident in the UK.

As for Ufologists, there are many good, conscientious ones who deserve praise, they know who they are but they don't tend to be very prominent here - probably because they are too busy doing some \*real\* research.

>I even have an RCAF document somewhere date 1948 using the term  
>Unidentified Flying Object in the report. But you prefer  
>'flying saucer' because you  
>>want to denigrate the phenomenon, the millions of witnesses, me  
>and those like me for whatever reason.

Now whose being 'defensive.' You presume to speak for "millions of witnesses" but in reality you are speaking only for yourself and the tiny band of people who shout the loudest.

Ufology as defined by Don and Jerry is a closed, hermetically-sealed system that simply cannot accept critical scrutiny from outside. From those same people we hear lots of anguished hand-wringing about why scientists won't take your data seriously, etc. But when it comes to debating the data, they simply cannot produce the goods. All we get is acres of formulaic rhetoric to distract attention away from difficult questions.

The exchanges on this list over the past few days have underlined what a waste of time formal 'Ufology' is. Jerry suggests I should try something else, but the reality is that my interests in the supernatural field have always ranged far wider than the narrowly defined definition that you place on 'UFOs.'

Colin Bennett is correct about the tired old 'corporate Ufology' on display here. To paraphrase Richard Ashcroft, Ufology don't work.

It requires radical deconstruction and critical analysis, but its high priests won't like the result. I'm off to read some Derrida.

>You even sign off with it

>[www.flyingsaucery.com](http://www.flyingsaucery.com)

>Pretty much says it all.

Sure does!

Best,

Dave Clarke

"...A myth is not a fairy story. It is the presentation of facts belonging to one category in the idioms appropriate to another. To explode a myth is accordingly not to deny the facts but to re-allocate them."

Gilbert Royle (1900-1976) British philosopher

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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 17:38:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 08:07:25 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 17:03:06 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>I'll ignore the rest of the bleatings as Stanton's was tripe -  
>>lots of scientists quote Ted Philips' work don't they Stan?

>How convenient to ignore the comments about the many ways that  
>chemists and physicists can get involved.

Stan,

If Philips' catalogue provided the physical evidence you suggest, then there would be no debate about the reality of flying saucers.

I don't see queues of physicists lining up to order copies, or the appearance of the catalogue in the bibliographies of learned institutions as the conclusive evidence we've all been waiting for.

The sources for Ufological catalogues are predominantly made up of newspaper cuttings and anecdotes copied from the works of earlier UFO authors whose original sources were newspaper cuttings and the writings of still earlier authors.

There may be some scientifically challenging data hidden there, but you would have a job to find it among the 'anecdotes.' This is where the lack of critical thinking becomes a factor once again - the signal is drowned out by the noise.

What you have is a body of testimony, not of scientific evidence. It is of interest to folklore, but not to physics. You can huff and puff all you like, but I return to my point: if your physical trace catalogue was worth the paper it was written on, we would not be having this debate.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

Pilgrims,

Stanton, eh, what to make of him?

>How convenient to ignore the comments about the many ways that  
>chemists and physicists can get involved.

Well why aren't they and if they are where is their peer reviewed evidence. All the 'hard' scientists I either know (several in the research labs of Leeds University) or have spoken to in passing claim that if they are sent something 'hard' to look at they will pull out all the stops to do so. The last time anything of this kind was tried in the UK was funded by BUFORA (1998?) and was the analysis of alleged alien foetus found in Israel. Several hundred pounds spent: result: not an alien foetus at all.

>Certainly some scientists who have become familiar with  
>Phillips' work, do refer to it. But what kind of test is that  
>Andy?

So what do their make of it Stanton - have they found proof of any genuine exotic cases? Although if we go by how Jerry Clark discusses things on this list I would surely be able to refer to Ted's catalogue as a collection of 'anecdotes'. I won't, but nor do I see science falling over itself to proclaim his work. Cover up - nah, just that there's nothing there for them to proclaim about presumably.

>Remember, as you have just demonstrated, that rule number one  
>for debunkers is "What the public doesn't know, we won't tell  
>them." Because 13 anti-UFO books don't even mention BBlue Book  
>Special Report 14, even though they were all aware of it,  
>doesn't mean it isn't important work.

Bless you Stanton for trying pin 'debunker' on me. Both you and I know that to be untrue. I tell the public what I have found and that, in 25 years front line field and archive research is some interesting stories, a lot of nothing and a great insight into the human mind and culture. It passes the time between birth and death I suppose.

>If scientists and journalists who speak out so strongly against  
>UFOs would do their homework instead of displaying their  
>ignorance, we would all be better off.

Isn't that a bit like the Jehovah's Witness argument when they come to you door with their fabby stories of things Biblical. No, you say, no evidence. Ahh, they say, if you only take the time to read our material you'll understand. Yes, - it's exactly like that, as are a million other crackpot rleigions and organisations populated by fanatics and people who believe their way is the only one, despite it never having been proved

(you way Stan, baby, the ETH), or with no proof of anything at all (Don and Jer's 'fuzzy ufology').

>But then, rule number 4 for debunkers is "Do your research by  
>proclamation, investigation is too much trouble".

Ahh, Stanton, you can't in that on me either - years spent in libraries, archives and interviewing witnesses I'm afraid old chum. You'll find that no-one in the UK has done as much archival research as Dave Clarke and myself. No-one.

I gather you are a Nuclear physicist Stan. That's as maybe but you sure as hell as an unclear ufologist.

Happy Trails

Andy

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 14:29:13 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 17:45:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Ledger

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:37:51 -0500  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>Source: The Toronto Star

>[http://www.torontostar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?  
GXHC\\_gx\\_session\\_id=f5e8b69388327d94&pagename=thestar/Layout/Article\\_Type1&c=Article&cid=10357775472](http://www.torontostar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?GXHC_gx_session_id=f5e8b69388327d94&pagename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=10357775472)

>Feb. 7, 2003. 05:49 AM

>Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>REUTERS

>CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.--Hundreds of searchers combed an area in  
>east Texas yesterday for a top-secret object from the shuttle  
>Columbia. They searched block by block and used machetes to hack  
>their way through thick woods that surround the tiny town of  
>Bronson, near the Louisiana border.

>They were given a picture of a faceplate from the device, which  
>said "Secret Government Property" in white letters on a black  
>background. Texas state troopers stood guard and told  
>photographers to keep their distance, saying they would be asked  
>to leave the area if searchers found something they did not want  
>photographed.

>The Houston Chronicle reported yesterday the object was a  
>communications device that handled encrypted messages between  
>the shuttle and ground. It said the device was in a top-secret  
>government "telecommunications security" category.

>Hmmm..... The "Houston, we have a bogey..." box?

>ebk

Hi Errol,

This pretty much goes hand in hand with the built in 7-8 second  
delay on NASA's public video/audio downlink. However I doubt  
this "Black box" item has any declaritive value for what  
happened to Columbia.

I'm a bit surprised how quickly NASA decided to dump the  
insulation theory however it does serve a purpose-but in light  
of the military images, it's back on the table.

Also please note that the link I posted re. the wing damage at:

Spaceflightnow.Com

<http://spaceflightnow.com/shuttle/sts107/030207avweek/>

It should read ground tracking devices rather than mil-sats. Got

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it mixed with another sat-tracking list comment.

Best,

Don Ledger

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## CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma' -

From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen@catlas.mv.com](mailto:christensen@catlas.mv.com)>  
Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 13:57:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 17:46:56 -0500  
Subject: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma' -

Mr Hatch commented on the use of Greek and Latin:

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 06 Feb 2003 12:32:23 -0800  
>Subject: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

>Yes, greek letters (the typesetters must have been annoyed) so I  
>couldn't even tell if the last word(s) rhymed or not.

>I suspect that was an affectation; the author as much as saying  
>"Look how much more literate I am that you are." Sound familiar?

No... it was not an affectation, but a simple expectation that was valid in those days. Up until the 1950's-1960's era, no one graduated from college without at least a reading knowledge of both Latin and Greek. Both were required. Both were considered essential tools for the educated person. Authors and commentators of the past could assume that their educated readers would understand Latin and Greek quotations and allusions, as well as numerous literary, poetic, mythological and other allusions in English and (to a lesser extent) French. Readers were simply expected to recognize numerous quotations, in many languages, from the classic works.

One of my favorite cat books, a 1904 classic, abounds with quotations from French poetry, in the original. No translation required, or - in those days - expected.

To bring this back around to ufology, a working knowledge of Latin and Greek (not to mention other languages) would be an excellent tool in the kit of a researcher who hopes to understand the historical roots of this and related phenomenon (or their mythological, folkloric, literary or psychological roots, if one leans to that side of the fence).

Purrrrrrs...

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

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Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

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>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 08:34:11 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 16:15:06 -0600  
>>Subject: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>As usual, Jerry has to respond for the sake of it rather than to  
>make any pertinent points. But I'm waiting for some builders to  
>come so am happy to respond and illuminate his problematic  
>thought processes:

>>Nor, while we  
>>may question your judgment, do we share your habit of trashing  
>>the integrity and motives of someone with whom we happen to  
>>disagree.

>Thos with the stomach for it should stufy the list archives to  
>see clearly how Jerry has done exactly that with everyone he  
>disagrees with. Usually using the same stock phrases which gave  
>rise to the 'Jerry Clark Bingo' game. But we can disregard that  
>because the pearls he casts before us swine are well worth the  
>wait.

Let's see, now. In one posting alone, you accused me of being a  
mere "believer," then a follower of some kind of unspecified  
"religion," then in the next cyber-breath of perpetuating  
mystery for the sheer love of money -- hilariously oblivious, I  
might note, to the logical inconsistency of the charges. I don't  
blame you, actually; if you have no good argument to make, you  
have no choice but to attack the critic's motives. It is a bit  
much, however, to see you accusing others of doing what you do  
routinely (and unoriginally).

>>What about all those well-documented and -investigated cases  
>>that don't end in solutions or magical misperceptions? Lots of  
>>those, you know. You are aware of them, aren't you? Many were  
>>conducted by individuals with rather more years of investigative  
>>experience than yours, and significantly more formal scientific  
>>training.

>Well, Jerry. Yet again you've made my case for me! I agree with  
>wat you say but the RMP theory in action can produce many cases  
>- 'big' cases, especially in the UK - which were unsolved for  
>years and then were solved as RMP. So, up until the solving of  
>these cases they were being touted as UFOs, best ever cases etc  
>etc, as you note above. I am in total agreement that there are  
>still many 'good' cases which remain as yet unsolved but the  
>history of the subject shows that slowly they fall. Perhaps we  
>have a better track record of investigation than you do in the  
>states?

The history of the subject, of course, suggests no such thing.  
With all the ill will in the world, even the Condon Committee,  
for one prominent example, failed to prove anything of the sort.

The best cases have stood up pretty well over time. Your faith that they are doomed to fall is neither impressive nor grounded in anything but grand assertion and wishful thinking.

Given your hostility bordering on contempt for this subject, incidentally, why should anybody believe any conclusion you come to about a case? Your purpose, to all appearances, is to destroy a hated heresy rather than to come to reasoned conclusions based on actual evidence collected with something approximating an open mind.

>>My parents, I  
>>might add, were teetotalers. (My mother, who is still alive, is  
>>still one.)

>Why did you feel the need to share that with us Jerry. But hey,  
>what a coincidence, mine are too.

Then why did you bring up the subject of my parents at all and ridicule the names they gave their sons? Nothing more relevant to offer, perhaps? Or a simple problem with maturity?

>>Okay, then I'll take you to see credible UFO witnesses whose  
>>sightings have not been solved, even after careful  
>>investigation. Lots of those, And. You can read about them in  
>>all kinds of places. Starting, for example, with the Condon  
>>Report.

>>See statments above. See the forthcoming Lakenheath/Bentwaters  
>site which has some new and interesting things to say about that  
>case.

I can hardly wait. Based on your record of sweeping assertions without empirical foundation, I retain healthy skepticism unless provided with actual reason to believe you.

>>Custer -- whatever he  
>>thought he saw -- described Venus pretty accurately. No radical  
>>misperception except, it appears, your own.

>Oh dear. Read the book again Jerry. Whatever you may think from  
>the smugness of your 21st century conco, what they saw was  
>Venus. What they believed it to be was a fast moving arrow on  
>fire. If that's not a radical misperception I'll eat your hat.

This is fatuous, even by your standards. At least you've given us a definition: any misperception, according to Robertsonian dogma, is radical by definition. In point of fact, Custer's was quite an ordinary misperception. Whatever he thought he saw, he perceived and described it accurately; it was his interpretation of what he saw that was in error. Maybe "radical misperception" sounds sexier to you. Or maybe you're just by nature more excitable than the rest of us.

>Lordy me. However, I'm pleased to see that Jerry is still  
>refusing to accept the central tenet of ufology, ie that people  
>don't always describe what they see properly and that no exotic  
>explanation has yet been found for one single UFO case.

Maybe that's the root of your problem, my friend - you are incapable of understanding what others are saying. You repeatedly betray evidence of an utter inability to think and argue with nuance or to understand those who do. Since it is clear that the best you can do when criticized is to turn your critics' views into absurd caricature, there seems no point in continuing this discussion. At least until you start making sense, which I don't expect to happen, I'm afraid, anytime soon.

And Dale Evans to you, guy,

Jerry Clark

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Wendy Connors

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## FOIA Request To CIA - 02-07-03

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 14:54:01 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 18:18:24 -0500  
Subject: FOIA Request To CIA - 02-07-03

TO: Freedom of Information Manager  
U. S. Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

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

DATE: February 7, 2003

Recent publicity about former CIA operative "Wendy Lee" (a secrecy-imposed pseudonym) and her failure to win from the Central Intelligence Agency full prepublication clearance for her draft memoirs (as submitted in manuscript form for CIA review in June 2002) prompts me to submit this FOIA request for access to the entire CIA case file on her submission. Ms. "Lee's" First Amendment lawsuit against your agency is being represented by attorney Mark S. Zaid of Washington, D.C.

Please send me a copy of all the contents of the case file to date -- to include all correspondence, reports, memoranda for record, e-mail messages, memoranda of telephone conversations, document-transmittal slips, minutes of meetings, telegrams, legal opinions, briefing papers/charts, personnel non-disclosure agreements, congressional inquiries, the CIA standing operating procedure for conducting such manuscript review-clearance, and the draft manuscript itself.

In your records search, please specifically include the following CIA organizational elements' files: the Prepublication Review Board; the Office of the General Counsel.

Since I make this request as a First Amendment activist/scholar/advocate on behalf of the public's interest in learning/evaluating your agency's manuscript-review policies and processes, I ask that you waive all records-search fees incident to your fulfilling it. What's more: because of the irreparable harm to Ms. "Lee's" First Amendment rights being imposed by your agency's prior-restraint censorship of her manuscript, and because of the resultant deprivation of the public's right to receive the product of her speech, I ask that this FOIA request be spared the protracted processing delay so customary within your agency.

Please note that I'm snail-mailing to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

LARRY W. BRYANT  
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## Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Hall

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Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 22:16:27 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 09:41:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:37:51 -0500  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>Source: The Toronto Star

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GXHC gx session id =f5e8b69388327d94&pagename=thestar/Layout/Article\\_Type1&c=Article&cid=10357775472](http://www.torontostar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?GXHC_gx_session_id=f5e8b69388327d94&pagename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=10357775472)

>Feb. 7, 2003. 05:49 AM

>Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>REUTERS

>CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.--Hundreds of searchers combed an area in  
>east Texas yesterday for a top-secret object from the shuttle  
>Columbia. They searched block by block and used machetes to hack  
>their way through thick woods that surround the tiny town of  
>Bronson, near the Louisiana border.

>They were given a picture of a faceplate from the device, which  
>said "Secret Government Property" in white letters on a black  
>background. Texas state troopers stood guard and told  
>photographers to keep their distance, saying they would be asked  
>to leave the area if searchers found something they did not want  
>photographed.

>The Houston Chronicle reported yesterday the object was a  
>communications device that handled encrypted messages between  
>the shuttle and ground. It said the device was in a top-secret  
>government "telecommunications security" category.

>Hmmm..... The "Houston, we have a bogey..." box?

>ebk

This is extremely interesting! What is NASA up to behind our  
backs? Indeed, this question should be raised in one or more of  
the forthcoming Congressional hearings.

I know from having specialized in NASA/space information as an  
abstractor for Congressional Information Service and having  
friends employed by NASA that what once was a bright and shining  
"Camelot" of a peaceful, civilian space program has increasingly  
been taken over by the military and increasingly has had more  
sinister purposes mixed in with the good scientific projects and  
exceedingly worthwhile goal of space exploration.

- Dick

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 09:42:34 -0500  
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>From: Dave Haith <[visions@ntlworld.com](mailto:visions@ntlworld.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 12:15:19 -0000  
>Subject: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>Well folks this is it!

>Either this radio interview transcript with Dr Steven Greer of  
>the UFO Disclosure Project will prove:

- >1) A pivotal point in history and the answer to the world's  
> energy problems
- >2) Greer has been conned or tricked in some way
- >3) Greer is a trickster, a liar or insane.

Hmmm... which could it be?

<snip>

>GN: Yeah, I was just going to say, if you can harness it - my  
>gosh, you're going to save humanity!

>SG: Well, this is why I'm talking to you. I returned from this  
>trip, ...and I wanted to be very very clear that this information  
>got out ...because I have to tell you that this is the sort of  
>thing that people have unfortunately in the past been absorbed  
>into operations where these technologies have been suppressed.  
>People have been murdered, people have been imprisoned, people  
>have had these things bought out only to sit on the black shelf  
>at a major corporation.

>GN: Mm Hmm.

>SG: That is not a conspiracy theory. We can prove this in a  
>court of law that this has happened over and over again. And the  
>reason that we are moving quickly to let the world know that  
>this exists is that the ultimate shield against that happening  
>is two things: Number one - my absolute assurance that I will  
>take a bullet before I will let this be suppressed, and number  
>two - that there is no amount of money, that you cannot put  
>enough zeros after a one, to buy us out and keep this thing from  
>getting out to the public.

We have a winner - #3!

At the risk of incurring the wrath of Greer's misguided acolytes  
- c'mon, folks, try and be objective when you read the interview  
- the only real question is which part of #3 above is the truth?  
Liar, trickster, or, to put it politely, a few cards shy of a  
complete deck? A new-age snake-oil salesman? A secular  
millennialist - 'the end days of unlimited, free energy are just  
a couple of months away!'' Who can really say at this point?

>If there's just a chance it's the first option, we could all do  
>with some good news right now, so this is worth a read.

Yes, we could all do with some good news right now - which is why Greer's nonsense is all the more dangerous - because some people, desperate enough for that good news, will take him at his word. History, sadly, is replete with their kind.

Paul Kimball  
[www.redstarfilm.com](http://www.redstarfilm.com)

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Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clark

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 17:55:27 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 08:07:25 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 17:03:06 -0000

>>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>If Philips' catalogue provided the physical evidence you  
>suggest, then there would be no debate about the reality of  
>>flying saucers.

Since we're talking about UFOs, not flying saucers, this statement is meaningless. Somehow, though, we know that won't stop Dave. Here he goes:

>I don't see queues of physicists lining up to order copies, or  
>the appearance of the catalogue in the bibliographies of learned  
>institutions as the conclusive evidence we've all been waiting  
>for.

This is as naive a statement of how science operates in the real world as I have seen from someone who expects us to take him seriously. It is clear that Dave Clarke's knowledge of science's reception of anomalous claims consists in its entirety of what he reads in junior-high science texts. There is a whole literature on this subject which documents, in eye-opening detail, the nonscientific considerations that cause scientists in any given era to take up certain questions and to ignore or denigrate others. Science's neglect of a particular matter does not necessarily mean that the matter at issue will never be taken up, or that it is without potential scientific interest or validity.

In fact, science historians and sociologists with an interest in anomalistics - e.g., Henry Bauer, Ron Westrum, the late Marcello Truzzi, Jamcs McClenon, among others - have always made a point of stating that the UFO phenomenon is a legitimate potential source of scientific study and that science's current neglect of the phenomenon says nothing about its nature or epistemological status.

(Two books with which Dave might start to educate himself, if he cares enough, are

Henry H. Bauer. *Science or Pseudoscience: Magnetic Healing, Psychic Phenomena, and Other Heterodoxies*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2000.

Seymour H. Mauskopf, ed. *The Reception of Unconventional Science*. Washington: American Association for the Advancement of



Science, 1979.

An excellent essay is Truzzi's "Zetetic Ruminations on Skepticism and Anomalies in Science," in Zetetic Scholar 12/13 [1987].)

As anybody who has interacted with skeptical scientists knows, very few know enough about the subject to hold an informed opinion. Those who do know something about the subject (or who have had their own puzzling sightings), as both Allen Hynek and Peter Sturrock learned in their respective surveys of astronomers, are far more likely to take it seriously. Where scientific skepticism about UFOs is concerned, to borrow a phrase from Orwell, ignorance is strength. The great philosopher of science C. S. Peirce astutely remarked that "the general public is no fool in judging of human nature; and the general public is decidedly of the opinion that there is such a thing as scientific pedantry that swells with complaisance when it can sneer at popular observations, not always wisely."

Dave, who ought to know better, is being extraordinarily silly, unsophisticated, or disingenuous. Take your pick.

Jerry Clark

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Somewhere in (3) is about right. Deja vu. In past years it was people like Otis T. Carr latching onto the UFO subject and peddling perpetual motion machines. Science is all wrong, we know better... of course without one iota of meaningful data or evidence. Free energy! Free lunch!! Free Willy!!!

- Dick

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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 09:50:51 -0500  
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I've heard two interviews, by Errol's Sunday night counterpart  
Richard Syrett, of Dr. Peter Lindemann, a researcher of what are  
somewhat mis-named "free energy" devices. According to Dr.  
Lindemann, more than one "free energy" device is under  
development with an eye towards the commercial market.

Dr. Lindemann's site is:

<http://www.free-energy.cc>

These devices actually tap natural hard-to-get energy and  
require a small energy input for a large energy output.

Two of the commercial ventures which Dr. Lindemann saw fit to  
mention on air are at these links:

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

<http://www.lutec.com.au/>

...and there are others on his "link" page.

Dr. Lindemann explains that although the full physics behind  
these "free energy" devices is not fully understood, they are  
not magic, and they are definitely not perpetual motion  
machines, any more than a windmill is.

Apparently, the much pooh-poohed concept of "aether", according  
to Dr. Lindemann, is in fact valid and there is not only a  
pervasive substance called aether in and around us, its flow can  
be, in "windmill fashion", tapped to produce energy. Normally  
this aether doesn't interact at all with the material universe  
we see and can touch, but under certain circumstances it can be  
tapped.

So these devices are not producing energy from "nothing", but rather, are obeying all the laws of physics but are doing so by looking at physical systems differently than today's physicists are accustomed to, according to Dr. Lindemann.

It's like the "electrostatic lifters", today's version of Townsend Brown's experiment in which an electrostatic field can produce thrust (therefore lift) without any moving parts or moving stream of the air. This is not completely understood either, but it is clearly not fiction.

Remember human nature, and please don't be too quick to condemn Dr. Greer, who may be seen by history as a hero on one or both of the frontiers he is working on.

Eleanor White

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## Analogical Ufology

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List,

Aside from detesting the word "Ufology", I am struck by the fact that converging eyewitness testimony with a modicum of physical evidence (artifacts, films, etc.) on the Columbia shuttle disaster is indicating that something happened as the Columbia began re-entry above California.

People saw things, and in a number of cases managed to obtain videotaped or digital footage which, along with a lot of other lines of evidence, certainly can be analyzed and lead to a convincing solution.

The parallels with UFO research are obvious.

The Andy Roberts' of the world will quickly state, but we know what the Columbia is (was) and that it disintegrated upon re-entry into the atmosphere. (Except for the Colin Bennetts' of the world who will insist that no one can know because there is no such thing as objective truth.)

To me, that is entirely beside the point. We are dealing with many unknown factors and specific details, but in practice, eyewitness testimony is playing an important role in determining the truth, and its essential credibility (as checked by radar, telemetry, films) is not in doubt. Basically, people are reporting honestly what they saw, and the better witnesses among them are providing significant clues and leads that are highly important in the overall truth-seeking process.

- Dick

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Rimmer

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>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 14:17:24 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>You've been referred to the theories and research of Bruce  
>Cathie, Paul Devereaux, Albert Budden, and others. Do the  
>research and demonstrate that you have the ability to do so by  
>being able to discuss it in a rational manner.

There is very little in common between the work of these three people. Cathie's books are splendid accretions of wild speculation and scientific ignorance, and fall easily into Colin Bennett's concept of ufologys as art - except that they are rather tedious and uninteresting art.

Budden's speculations have nothing to do with leys. Rather they ascribe almost magical properties to elecricity, and there seem to be almost nothing, from UFOs to England's disastrous cricket tour of Australia, which he cannot blame on electrical energies of some kind or another.

I think Devereaux would not be pleased at being categorised with these two. He has specifically denounced the concept of leys as "energy lines" and received some harsh criticism for so doing. I'm grossly oversimplifying here, but basically he regards leys as ceremonial paths related to a variety of religious experiences and social practices.

Devereux's main contribution to UFO research has been in the field of "earthlights", naturally produced illuminations emanating from geological faults. This brings him close to people like Persinger, who, I seem to recall, has regularly been denounced on this List as a pelicnist debunker for trying to explain UFOs in terms other than extraterrestrial spaceships.

>>plus 2) data which clearly links flight  
>>paths of UFO's to these alleged electromagnetic energies flowing  
>>along grid-lines and ley lines - or fold.

Some early ley-hunters, like Tony Wedd, did very specifically see leys as flight paths for UFOs - or "flying saucers" as he unambiguously called them, and it is tempting to see this as a reflection of his background as an RAF pilot. Although one or two British writers still promote this simplistic concept, the majority of ley researchers have move on to positions which are more compatible with contemporaty archaeology.

>Again, see the work of Cathie, Budden, and Le Poer Trench, as  
>well as Ted Holiday (The Dragon and the Disc and The Goblin Universe). Similar evidence is presented in Keel's Operation Trojan Horse and The Mothman Prophecies, particularly the  
>former.

>In particular, locate and read a copy of The Flying Saucer Vision, by John Michell.

I would certainly recommend this book, although I think "binary stalinists" - (c) Colin Bennett, 2003 - will find it unbearably

frustrating.

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 10:04:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 16:15:06 -0600  
>Subject: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>What about all those well-documented and -investigated cases  
>that don't end in solutions or magical misperceptions? Lots of  
>those, you know. You are aware of them, aren't you? Many were  
>conducted by individuals with rather more years of investigative  
>experience than yours, and significantly more formal scientific  
>training.

It is true that there are many cases which have, so far, not ended in solutions. The problem is that Jerry, and many similar-minded ufologists are determined to ensure that they *\*never\** will end in solutions.

I get the impression, from many posts to this list that there is a sort of inviolable canon of cases that have been set in aspic and must never be questioned. Certain researchers, most notably James Macdonald, seem to be established as prophet-like figures, and the very mention of their name is apparently thought enough to counter any critical re-examinations.

>Let's see. We get one anecdote, from which you draw a sweeping, empirically unjustified, and finally absurd conclusion which you are able to mount no serious argument for or defense of, only ever more fervent assertion. And then you insist that it's up to us to disprove it?

An anecdote, Jerry? Like the hundreds of anecdotes that make up your encyclopedias? Is this a new conjugation?

I do first-hand research.  
You compile reports.  
He tells anecdotes.

>>>My brother's name happens to be Tom. If you find that wildly >>>hilarious, I feel sorry for you.

>>Feel sorry. It amused me for quite a while.

Have to say, it amused me a bit too. You'd have to be a pretty strange sort of person not to find it mildly amusing. Much as if a UFO write called Jeff had a brother called Mutt, or - for British readers - someone called Mark had a brother called Spencer.

>Radical misperception (RMP) seems to be a concept even you can't demonstrate as an ordinary and dependable human occurrence, to be trotted out whenever someone reports something that doesn't fit your crabbed worldview.

I have come across several instances of what I would describe as "radical misperception" outside of a ufological context. Obviously, though, it would be pointless to describe them, as presumably you would denounce them as "anecdotes".



>I'd love, incidentally, to see you go on a tear with RMP and,  
>say, ball-lightning sightings. In no time at all, you'd prove  
>that the alleged witnesses were RMPing the sun, rubber balls,  
>red birds, lighted cigarettes, flashlights, aircraft lights,  
>spots in front of the eyes, red popsicles, and on and on, and  
>demand that the rest of us prove otherwise. There's a job for  
>you. If people RMP about UFOs all the time, they must do the  
>same with other ostensible anomalies such as BL. I look forward  
>to your book on that subject, and I hope you get a healthy  
>advance and big sales, so that the rest of us can pretend to  
>believe you were in it for the money all along.

Certainly people do have radical misperceptions about a variety of anomalies, including a wide range of paranormal phenomena. I see no reason why many reports of ball-lightning might not be misperceptions, radical or conservative, of other phenomena. This was certainly a widely-held viewpoint until quite recently, and I do not think it is yet totally dead.

It surprises me just how narrow most ufologists' knowledge is about other anomalous and controversial phenomena. The recent exchanges about leys on this list provides a good example. They seem to think that no-one else has ever come across similar examples of anomalous perception.

>I rest my case. You have kindly validated what I said in  
>response to Dave Clarke. Thanks, guy. Those of you who have  
>followed this dreary thread will recall Dave's disingenuous  
>defense of the term "flying saucers," while I pointed out -- as  
>And here demonstrates -- it is in fact a term of derision, and  
>was always so intended by Dave and sidekook.

There may be a transatlantic culture-gap here. American ufology has, historically at least, been far more dominated by military concepts than in the UK, so quasi-official terminology such as "UFO", "EBE", etc., has ousted terms such as "flying saucer" and "alien" more than it has over here. Certainly many people, including percipients, are happy to use the term "flying saucer".

I think in many ways it is a useful term, and its use should be encouraged. I have pointed out a couple of times in previous postings that some researchers - Jerry included - use the term "UFO" almost as an explanation: a sighting is explained as being a UFO. They seem unable to accept that, by definition, calling something an "Unidentified Flying Object" implies that at some stage it should be possible to identify what it is, so that all UFO sightings are potentially explainable.

Perhaps if people were a little more honest in their usage, they could reserve the term "flying saucer" for cases where they felt that no further investigation was necessary, and the case had been adequately explained as a phenomena unknown to science. Or would that be too much of a hostage to fortune?

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 13:34:13 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 08:34:11 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>Oh dear. Read the book again Jerry. Whatever you may think from  
>>the smugness of your 21st century conco, what they saw was  
>>Venus. What they believed it to be was a fast moving arrow on  
>>fire. If that's not a radical misperception I'll eat your hat.

>This is fatuous, even by your standards. At least you've given  
>us a definition: any misperception, according to Robertsonian  
>dogma, is radical by definition. In point of fact, Custer's was  
>quite an ordinary misperception. Whatever he thought he saw, he  
>perceived and described it accurately; it was his interpretation  
>of what he saw that was in error. Maybe "radical misperception"  
>sounds sexier to you. Or maybe you're just by nature more  
>excitable than the rest of us.

Jerry, aren't you confusing perception with description? People may give a fairly accurate description of an event or object, but misperceive it by an order of magnitude, or draw completely false conclusions about its nature and actions - for example describing the moon as "as big as a football (that's a "soccer" ball to you) at arms length", which is one description I have come across. This then led the witness to conclude that the "huge object" was following them along a country road. However the solution was immediately obvious to the investigator because in all other respects - direction, colour - their description was accurate.

Just an example from one case report - sorry, "anecdote" - I've come across.

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

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Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 21:07:45 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 10:09:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

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>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 17:51:20 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 20:43:11 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 05 Feb 2003 14:17:24 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>You use the term because it has a connotation that tends to  
>>denigrate the whole phenomenon, the witnesses and those of us who  
>>investigate it; otherwise you would use the term UFO. > >What a  
>>load of old codswallop. If witnesses feel 'denigrated' by our  
>>approach then there must be hundreds of masochists resident in  
>>the UK.

>As for Ufologists, there are many good, conscientious ones who  
>deserve praise, they know who they are but they don't tend to be  
>very prominent here - probably because they are too busy doing  
>some \*real\* research.

I'm not sure as a debunker, that you are in the position to  
choose who is and who isn't capable of real research. I  
don't claim to be a scientist but I do have certain skills that  
I can bring to the table. I do research, hang out in library's,  
scroll through thousands of documents, like many others. Certain  
Jerry is a consummate researcher and has the volumes to prove  
it. You've probably fallen back on his encyclopedias yourself to  
check out cases.

>>I even have an RCAF document somewhere date 1948 using the  
>>term Unidentified Flying Object in the report. But you prefer  
>>'flying saucer' because you want to denigrate the phenomenon,  
>>the millions of witnesses, me and those like me for whatever  
>>reason. > >Now whose being 'defensive.' You presume to speak for  
>>"millions of witnesses" but in reality you are speaking only for  
>>yourself and the tiny band of people who shout the loudest.

Well of course, you are being defensive. [Excessive use of  
derogatory terms, denigrating the researchers. Remember?] And  
someone has to speak for the millions of witnesses. It sure as  
heck won't be you and yours.

>Ufology as defined by Don and Jerry is a closed, hermetically-  
>sealed system that simply cannot accept critical scrutiny from  
>outside.

Well that's just more diversionary horse manure, David. In your  
Fortean piece you weren't attacking the phenomenon directly, you  
were attempting to denigrate us because you can't get at the  
phenomenon. For every little NL case you shoot down - and who  
cares - there are thousands you can't come to grips with. So you

try the-let's see if the government is covering up ploy- and since they say they are not then they must be telling the truth when they say there is nothing to it. Even you aren't that naive. But since they aren't the experts -and believe you me, they have their own, I've run into them in my country-we have to take up the slack. Hold their feet to the fire. But to suggest that your government would come completely clean about all aspects of this phenomenon and some of the events that have occurred is totally naive. You've even admitted yourself that they have withheld documents.

From those same people we hear lots of anguished hand- > wringing about why scientists won't take your data seriously, etc. But when it comes to debating the data, they simply cannot produce the goods. All we get is acres of formulaic rhetoric to distract attention away from difficult questions.

Actually I thought that was your aim here. Add as much noise to the signal as possible. I really can't see where you've been any help. And of course you don't have the answers either. We know that.

>The exchanges on this list over the past few days have >underlined what a waste of time formal 'Ufology' is. Jerry >suggests I should try something else, but the reality is that my >interests in the supernatural field have always ranged far wider >than the narrowly defined definition that you place on 'UFOs.'

Tell you what then David. Why don't you devote more of your time to faeries and trolls and things that go bump in the night. I promise I won't interfere there.

>Colin Bennett is correct about the tired old 'corporate >Ufology' on display here. To paraphrase Richard Ashcroft, >Ufology don't work.

Yeah, well who the hell is Richard Ashcroft? And I hardly know Colin. And I'm only at this seriously now for about 10 years-so I'm hardly tired and old in that sense.

>It requires radical deconstruction and critical analysis, but its high priests won't like the result.

I'm not certain that you can or have the right to bandy about words like 'critical analysis'. And there you go again. High priests. You just can't help yourself. However, we are working on it. It may take some time.

We'll call you.

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

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Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 20:27:41 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 10:11:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:25:18 -0700  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>From: Dave Haith <[visions@ntlworld.com](mailto:visions@ntlworld.com)>  
>>To: UFO Updates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 12:15:19 -0000  
>>Subject: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>Well folks this is it!

><snip>

>>2) Greer has been conned or tricked in some way

>>3) Greer is a trickster, a liar or insane.

>I think he's two Tiddly's away from Wink. Does this mean he won't  
>have to buy batteries for the flashlights he and his cronies use  
>to signal down the flying saucers on their snipe hunting forays  
>into the boonies?

Hi Wendy-

Let's not kick a gift horse in the mouth here. If Dr. Greer has found such a device, more power to him (no pun intended). From what I can read in the interview, he's for the full disclosure of this information so that the evil industrial complex won't be able to maintain a stranglehold on mankind. He indicated that he would be willing to take a bullet in the head before he'd allow this great boon to mankind to be hidden away. He further adds that no amount of money could buy him off. This seems to show dedication to an ideal . . . or then again perhaps he is about half a bubble off plumb.

Zero point energy is a wonderful dream, and perhaps he can show that sometimes dreams (do) come true. Gads, I'd better quit before I lapse into a Disney tune.

Steve

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## Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Kaeser

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Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 20:32:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 10:12:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site - Kaeser

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 23:32:17 EST  
>Subject: Re: More On Wrong Roswell Dig Site

<snip>

>I was thinking after watching the space shuttle tragedy unfold  
>that the debris field was 100 or so miles by 10 miles wide  
>and breakup happened at 207,000 feet.

>Would there be any way to make any educated guess, based upon  
>the estimated measurements of the Roswell debris field to  
>speculate a guess on what altitude the object was?

>Also begs the speculation as to what caused the gouge  
>mark..perhaps the craft hitting the ground, breaking up, then  
>bouncing off to another location.

I think that's why they kept referring to this as the "skip"  
site, which indicates that another crash site exists where the  
object finally came to rest. I believe that's the site that has  
become the subject of so much speculation over the years.

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>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 11:56:39 -0500  
>Subject: Any Transcript of SciFi's Washington Symposium?

>Did anyone make a transcript for themselves of any of the  
>SciFi Channel's symposium at George Washington University,  
>Washington, D.C., "Interstellar Travel and Unidentified Aerial  
>Phenomena: Science Fiction or Science Fact?"

>Actually I am seeking transcripts of all three of their  
>symposiums. So far I've only seen Podesta's remarks in rough  
>form, but that indicates that someone is indeed working on it.

Will-

The transcript you have was probably obtained from

<http://www.freedomofinfo.org/>

The Coalition for Freedom of Information was set up by the SciFi Channel as part of their ongoing effort to pursue the truth in regard to UFOs. While their primary goal is one of entertainment, Larry Landsman has indicated that they have taken this on as a project, just as other groups would support the protection of the environment or endangered species (which I offer as a general comparison and don't mean that they are linked in any way).

Your request has been forwarded on, and we'll see what type of response we get.

Steve

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Catastrophe In The Sky

Camera catching shuttle 'zap' had own glitch

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By Joe Kovacs

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As interest skyrockets in an unreleased photograph purporting to show the space shuttle Columbia being "zapped" by some kind of purple electrical phenomenon, WorldNetDaily has learned that the digital camera model which took the picture has been known to have its own color glitches.

Nikon 880 digital camera

The Nikon 880 occasionally produces a purple fringe around the edges of some photographs, said a top Nikon official.

"It was a complaint [we heard from users]," said Michael Rubin, senior product manager for Nikon Inc. "Sometimes you see it, sometimes you don't."

The issue of the camera's reliability has been raised since an amateur astronomer using an 880 claims to have captured a mysterious image of a bright, multi-colored flash surrounding the orbiter shortly before it disintegrated Saturday morning.

"Wow."

That was veteran astronaut Tammy Jernigan's stunned reaction Tuesday night when she viewed the photo at the home of the San Francisco man who documented the shuttle's early morning re-entry into the atmosphere and flyover of the Bay area.

Former astronaut Tammy Jernigan

"It certainly appears very anomalous," Jernigan told the San Francisco Chronicle. "We sure will be very interested in taking a very hard look at this."

Reporters from the Chronicle are among the few people who have seen the image, as the photographer says he won't release the photo publicly until NASA has a chance to review it.

"In the critical shot," stated the Chronicle, "a glowing purple rope of light corkscrews down toward the plasma trail, appears to pass behind it, then cuts sharply toward it from below. As it merges with the plasma trail, the streak itself brightens for a distance, then fades."

"[The photos] clearly record an electrical discharge like a lightning bolt flashing past, and I was snapping the pictures almost exactly .. when the Columbia may have begun breaking up during re-entry, " the photographer originally told the paper Saturday night.

A misquote concerning an early statement by the man led to some confusion about digital versus traditional analog images.

"I couldn't see the discharge with my own eyes, but it showed up clear and bright on the film when I developed it," the astronomer was originally published as saying. But the Chronicle has clarified that the device is indeed a Nikon 880 digital camera which has no need of film to be developed.

Nikon says unless it examines the San Francisco photo, it would be pure speculation to know if the "purple rope of light" has anything to do with any defect in its device.

"Without seeing the image, it's like a blind person guessing what blue sky looks like," Rubin told WorldNetDaily.

He says it's "color interpolation combined with chromatic aberration" that causes the purple fringe around the edges, and can occur when the lens is wide open, there's high contrast, and what normally would be a white line could appear purple.

In an online evaluation of the Nikon 880 when it debuted in 2000, photography expert Phil Askey of Digital Photography Review noted he had trouble re-creating the chromatic glitch, except in one instance.

An example of 'purple fringe' aberration by Nikon 880 (photo courtesy DPReview.com)

"We waded through our 1000-plus 'real life' shots looking for an example of purple fringing but couldn't find any," Askey wrote. "Oddly, though, our test shot (black card with a pattern cut into it shot against a window, deliberately overexposed) produced the same amount of fringing as we saw in the 990 [model]."

Overall, Askey raved about the reliability of the camera.

"The 880 has the best overall image quality of any 3 megapixel compact digital camera in its 'size league.' ... Images were excellently metered (thanks to Nikon's matrix metering system), well color-balanced (errring on the side of neutrality rather than oversaturation), great resolution and detail definition."

While the camera in question was reportedly flown to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, a NASA spokesman was not available yesterday to comment on the device or the mysterious picture.

And although shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore did not make a specific reference to the San Francisco image during yesterday's news briefing, he did say all photographs in connection with Columbia would be studied closely.

"We're working information from all sources -- public and government, " he said. "We're searching all avenues to see if there is some information that can come to the table to help us understand the events."

He called upon the public to submit any photographs of the disaster directly to NASA.

Meanwhile, it seems many are begging to get a glimpse of the "zap photo," even Nikon's public-relations agency.

"I'd love to see the photo with something 40 miles up," said Brian Williams of the MWW Group. "Forty miles is a hell of a distance. It could be a great tool for the committee investigating the disaster, or it could just be an aberration."

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

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>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>>You are correct.

>>According to the "Skeptic's Dictionary" at:

>><http://skepdic.com/leylines.html>

>Thanks for the clarification. It was the information in the  
>first paragraph that was the subject of my brief intervention on  
>this thread-despite inferences by another to the contrary. I  
>have no real interest in the subject.

Ah yes,

According to [http://skepdic.com/ufos\\_ets.html](http://skepdic.com/ufos_ets.html):

"Snothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge... further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby." --Edward U. Condon

A UFO is an unidentified flying object which has been identified as a possible or actual alien spacecraft. Such objects include meteors, disintegrating satellites, flocks of birds, aircraft, lights, weather balloons, and just about anything moving within the visible band of electromagnetism. So far, however, nothing has been positively identified as an alien spacecraft in a way required by common sense and science. That is, there has been no recurring identical UFO experience and there is no physical evidence in support of either a UFO flyby or landing.

There are as many photographs of UFOs as there are of the Loch Ness Monster, and they are of equal quality: blurs and forgeries. Other physical evidence, such as alleged debris from alien crashes, or burn marks on the ground from alien landings, or implants in noses or brains of alien abductees, have turned out to be quite terrestrial, including forgeries. The main reasons for believing in UFOs are the testimony of many people, the inability to distinguish science fiction from science, the willingness to trust incompetent men telling fantastic stories, the ability to distrust all contrary sources as being part of an evil conspiracy to withhold the truth, and a desire for contact with the world above. Belief in aliens in UFOs is akin to belief in supernatural beings..

<snip>

And there's more there.....

--Mike

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## New UFO Feature-Length Documentary Praised

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Stig

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Bolinas man's film says we are not alone

Alex Horvath, Special to The Chronicle

Friday, February 7, 2003

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On a recent Friday morning, Marin filmmaker James Fox was in New York City trying to do what he calls "some guerrilla marketing." In case you missed him, that was Fox on NBC's "Today" show - standing in the crowd behind host Matt Lauer, holding up a sign that posed the question, "Are UFOs Real?"

The sign also listed a Web site where viewers could learn about Fox's newest documentary, "Out of the Blue," which ponders the existence of UFOs and how much the government has actually revealed about them. It was Fox's second time on "Today" in a week - having pulled the same stunt on Monday morning after arriving in the Big Apple. The unscheduled background appearances on national television were a success, the Bolinas resident said.

"My Web site got more than 1,700 hits on Monday alone and sold enough copies of the video to pay my airfare. It more than paid for the trip to New York," he said.

While Fox's "Today" show antics might be viewed by some as extreme, praise has come from those who have actually seen the film, including the publisher of Skeptic Magazine.

"With what seems like an almost illimitable supply of documentaries on UFOs one begins to wonder what else can be said about these elusive craft. '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," Skeptic Magazine Publisher Michael Shermer said.

The film also won two EBE awards in March 2002 at the International UFO Congress - one for Best UFO Documentary and the other a People's Choice Award. EBE stands for Extraterrestrial Biological Entity.

An executive at the Sci Fi Channel confirmed that negotiations are under way to purchase broadcast rights to "Out of the Blue."

At 34, Fox is making a name for himself in the world of documentary filmmakers and flying saucer chasers, sometimes referred to as "UFOlogists."

Not bad for someone with no formal journalistic background or film and video training and who, until recently, hadn't given much thought to government cover-ups or the existence of UFOs.

The video is Fox's second work on the existence of extraterrestrials. His first film, "UFOs: 50 Years of Denial?" sold to the Discovery Channel in 1999 and was broadcast there (and on the Learning Channel) for the past three years.

The documentary features interviews with astronauts Gordon Cooper and Edgar Mitchell, who say scientific investigations into the existence of extraterrestrial life are warranted based on evidence from high-ranking military officials they have met who say they have worked with alien technology and hardware.

"Out of the Blue" offers a more in-depth look at the flying saucer phenomenon and skewers government officials for allegedly concealing facts.

The two-hour documentary, which is narrated by actor Peter Coyote, who lives in Mill Valley, offers an alternative view, including astronauts, former presidents and retired military personnel lending credence to the possibility of alien life and flying saucers.

In the film, former President Jimmy Carter claims to have seen a UFO hurtling across the Georgia sky in 1969, and former President Gerald Ford verifies that as a Congressman he ordered hearings into UFO sightings that the Air Force officials had been dismissing as being "swamp gas."

Mercury 7 astronaut Cooper tells how, in 1955, he witnessed an event that has yet to be explained. While he was supervising the filming of a precision-landing facility for F-86 fighter jets, a saucerlike craft flew directly over the cameraman. According to Cooper, three landing gear apparatus opened, and the object landed on the dry lakebed. Apollo 14 astronaut Mitchell tells of a covert effort to keep the subject matter top secret.

Fox had a connection to journalism through his family; his father is Charles Fox, a writer whose work has appeared in Rolling Stone, Playboy and Esquire magazines, among others. Fox remembered going along on an interview with his father for a PC Magazine article about physicist Stephen Hawking in the early 1990s.

"It was a story about the software that helps him communicate with the outside world. But we didn't want to talk about software; we wanted to talk about the black hole. He ticked away with his thumb for a few minutes writing out his response. What finally came out was 'I thought this interview was supposed to be about computers - not God.' "

Fox's career in filmmaking happened accidentally. He majored in French at San Francisco State University, graduating in 1988, but several years later, he picked up a video camera and he was hooked. The passion for video production led him to working in freelance production and making promotional videos.

"I did PSAs for the Black Coalition on AIDS and a video about homeless people in different parts of the country," he said. "Then I did everything from videos about migratory songbirds to winemaking."

His co-filmmakers on "Out of the Blue," are Tim Coleman, a British journalist and documentary filmmaker whose work has appeared on BBC-TV, and Boris Zubov, a production designer based in San Francisco and New York.

Fox said that his interest in the UFO phenomenon developed a few years ago after a friend told him about the infamous "Area 51," and UFO crash recovery information associated with the 1947 crash in Roswell, N.M.

"I dismissed him as a crackpot immediately," Fox said.

But then the story was corroborated by another friend, Richard



Van Sickel, whom Fox was apprenticing with at a video production company. Shortly thereafter, with a handful of friends, Fox and company road-tripped down to the Area 51/Groom Lake region of Nevada, 90 miles east of Las Vegas, where, according to Fox, they had a UFO encounter. "It was a saucer-shaped craft with the ability to hover, about 200 yards away," Fox said.

Returning home, Fox found that family members doubted his credibility.

"That is when I decided to launch my own investigation - because my own family didn't believe me," Fox said.

Fox found working as a documentary journalist took persistence.

"I spent two years establishing a rapport with President Ford's secretary, Penny Circle," Fox said. "I found a letter in his personal archives initiating congressional hearings (on UFOs) in 1968. President Ford confirmed it. He said,

'I undoubtedly wrote to a general on the armed services committee that such an investigation be taken.' Previous to that, the Air Force's explanation of UFO sightings as being just swamp gas was absurd - a spit in the face. (Ford's hearings) were the closest we came to full disclosure."

Fox said that in order to use the telephone interview with President Ford, the former president first had to view the film and approve it.

To finance his second film, Fox said he used some of the money he made from the Discovery Channel - and was fortunate to get a \$20,000 donation from an interested individual.

"He was a gentleman I had never met. He contacted me and offered the money with no strings attached," Fox said. "He was former military and didn't want his name to be known.

"I only look at myself a little bit as a UFOlogist," Fox said. "I look at myself more as a documentary filmmaker."

His next topic, he says, will be on the history of alternative energy sources.

"Dealing with the subject of UFOs has generally not been a subject worthy of serious consideration," Fox said. "There is a preponderance of evidence in this film. You can dismiss one or two testimonies - and I challenge people to discredit some of the testimonies in the film.

"You get to a certain point when you can't dismiss each and every witness. You have to ask yourself: Are UFOs real?" Fox said.

"Someone asked my father recently if he had any doubts about my work or the existence of UFOs. He replied, 'Not anymore.' "

Information about "Out of the Blue" can be found at [outoftheblue.tv](http://outoftheblue.tv).

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## Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

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>Mr Hatch commented on the use of Greek and Latin:

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>>Subject: Re: CI: 'Martian Genesis' & 'The Atlantis Enigma'

>>Yes, greek letters (the typesetters must have been annoyed) so I  
>>couldn't even tell if the last word(s) rhymed or not.

>>I suspect that was an affectation; the author as much as saying  
>>"Look how much more literate I am that you are." Sound familiar?

>No... it was not an affectation, but a simple expectation that  
>was valid in those days. Up until the 1950's-1960's era, no one  
>graduated from college without at least a reading knowledge of  
>both Latin and Greek. Both were required. Both were considered  
>essential tools for the educated person. Authors and  
>commentators of the past could assume that their educated  
>readers would understand Latin and Greek quotations and  
>allusions, as well as numerous literary, poetic, mythological  
>and other allusions in English and (to a lesser extent) French.  
>Readers were simply expected to recognize numerous quotations,  
>in many languages, from the classic works.

<snip>

>To bring this back around to ufology, a working knowledge of  
>Latin and Greek (not to mention other languages) would be an  
>excellent tool in the kit of a researcher who hopes to  
>understand the historical roots of this and related phenomenon  
>(or their mythological, folkloric, literary or psychological  
>roots, if one leans to that side of the fence).

Hello Wendy:

Foreign languages are an excellent advantage for any study,  
especially ufology.

But, Latin and Greek required into the 1960s? Not here.

After 4 years of high school Spanish, I was able to spend days  
or weeks in Spain or Latin America without speaking a word of  
English. This allowed me to bypass language courses in college.

I started college in 1963, graduating at San Jose State in the  
late 1960s. Never did I hear of a requirement for Latin nor  
Greek, nor any mention of same in any recent context. The two  
languages could have been Farsi and Sanskrit for all I knew at  
the time, the issue never came up. Believe me, I would remember  
if it had!

If it weren't for ufology, I never would have learned to read

(but not speak) French! Its ironic in a way.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

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>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 12:15:19 -0000  
>Subject: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>Well folks this is it!

>Either this radio interview transcript with Dr Steven Greer of  
>the UFO Disclosure Project will prove:

>1) A pivotal point in history and the answer to the world's  
>energy problems

>2) Greer has been conned or tricked in some way

>3) Greer is a trickster, a liar or insane.

>If there's just a chance it's the first option, we could all do  
>with some good news right now, so this is worth a read.

Hello Dave:

Thanks much for providing the transcript of of the Greer Free-Energy show. I heard it on the way home from work recently, and almost gagged.

I would love to see a new "free" source of energy as much as you or anyone.

But, I deeply doubt that Greer's Garage Einstein has anything to offer. Frankly, what I see here is another perpetual motion machine. Just add wheels and an electric motor [burp!]

Schemes like this date back to the days before people knew any physics, and nothing nothing nothing has ever come of it.

300, 400, 500 Watts of power, from a device weighing a few pounds, with no external source of power or energy?

You will see earthworms play the piano first.

There is one fine source of free energy, for eons to come. Its called the Sun. Wind power is solar energy really, so are the direct rays. We should make better use of that while we have it.

I have to cross your Option #1 above off the list.

Greer is far too intelligent and well educated to fall for such grade-school trickery. A physician who knows no physics at all?  
I don't think so. There goes Option #2.

What I think I see, is an example of what I call "BS Inflation". Its simple really. It starts out when some shaman (or whatever) gains a large audience with extravagant claims.

The pigeons who attend the lectures (for a fee), buy the books / tapes etc., are addicted to this stuff, but like other addictions, the thrill wears off (unlike beer) and they seek

ever larger jolts.

The audience (thus the income stream) dwindles, so the huckster has to up the ante. Greater and more idiotic claims come forth, sometimes unrelated to the original claims! Thus 'inflation'.

Eventually, it becomes so bizarre that the scheme either falls apart or turns into a religion or cult of sorts. That at least is my pet theory, subject to improvement.

In short, I am left with option #3, by the process of elimination if nothing else.

As for the garage nobelist-to-be; I wound up working for General Electric due to some buyout where I work. They have so many scientists and engineers working for them, they probably lost count. They would have grasped at any straw for a find like Greer describes, at any time during their century long search for inventions and profits, but no.

Neither did the people at the worlds largest energy companies. Nor did the Japanese, the Soviets, the Europeans ..

Again, no. A self-tutored Garage Genius finds the penultimate "free lunch" energy-wise. Instead of seeking out investors in the usual way, in a world full of idle venture capital, he takes this stunning achievement to Dr. Steven Greer!

Sorry for the rant. Now I will get another beer and chill out.

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Pope

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>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 11:59:07 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

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>Budd Hopkins has had, I think, more than 600 cases. Dave Jacobs  
>must have several hundred, and John Mack a couple of hundred as  
>well. Budd also has letters from likely abductees that he hasn't  
>been able to follow up.

>To these numbers we can add those studied by other researchers -  
>- John Carpenter, Dick Hall, others. Plus cases that have been  
>published. Eddie Bullard's 1987 abduction study listed all that  
>had been published before then. Plus cases in the MUFON project.  
>Plus cases reported abroad, for example many in the UK. Nick  
>Pope might be able to estimate a number.

<snip>

Eleanor, Robert, Greg and List,

Greg suggested that I might estimate how many abduction cases had been received in the UK. My casefiles run to about 100, but the degree of involvement I've had with these people varies considerably. Some of these cases concern people where my role has been limited to exchanging letters, telephone calls or emails. This is either because of circumstances (e.g. the person lives overseas) or because that's the way the individual concerned wishes to play things. On the other hand, some of these cases have involved numerous meetings and trips. The 11 January 2003 article in the Daily Mail (the text of which was posted on this List) described one case involving a woman with whom I'd worked for several years, who I'd taken to New York to work with Budd Hopkins.

The above throws up an interesting point about the statistics, because of the issue of double-counting (or in this case triple-counting, as the woman concerned has also worked with Dolores Cannon).

The more fundamental point, which others have covered, relates to the difficulty of calculating a total figure. The Roper Poll attempted to quantify the extent of the phenomenon in the USA, but List members are well aware of the debate about the validity of the methodology used. All I think we can say with any degree of certainty is that like the UFO phenomenon, alien abductions are under-reported; either through fear of ridicule, or lack of knowledge about who to contact.

And as we've seen from previous posts, even those cases that are reported aren't scored centrally. Researchers and investigators don't generally share data, either because of witness confidentiality, personality clashes with others in the field, time constraints, or a combination of these factors. And as has been pointed out, that's just researchers. Other cases get reported to the media, the Ministry of Defence, witness support groups, etc.

So I'm going to stick with the 100 or so cases that I have data on personally, and not attempt any extrapolation for the UK as a whole.

There are plenty of other UK investigators who have done a lot of work with abductees. Philip Mantle, for example, might like to come in on this thread, although I think he's at the Laughlin conference now, talking about UK abduction cases, as it happens.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 18:50:14 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>I think he's two Tiddly's away from Wink. Does this mean he won't  
>>have to buy batteries for the flashlights he and his cronies use  
>>to signal down the flying saucers on their snipe hunting forays  
>>into the boonies?

>I've heard two interviews, by Errol's Sunday night counterpart  
>Richard Syrett, of Dr. Peter Lindemann, a researcher of what are  
>somewhat mis-named "free energy" devices. According to Dr.  
>Lindemann, more than one "free energy" device is under  
>development with an eye towards the commercial market.

<snip>

>Remember human nature, and please don't be too quick to condemn  
>Dr. Greer, who may be seen by history as a hero on one or both  
>of the frontiers he is working on.

Please be serious here, Eleanor. Your first statement "...eye  
towards the commerical market," tells a great deal. Do you  
honestly believe most people fell off the pumpkin cart? Anything  
heading toward the commercial market will certainly not be free.  
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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 13:34:13 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 08:34:11 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>>Oh dear. Read the book again Jerry. Whatever you may think from  
>>>the smugness of your 21st century conco, what they saw was  
>>>Venus. What they believed it to be was a fast moving arrow on  
>>>fire. If that's not a radical misperception I'll eat your hat.

>>This is fatuous, even by your standards. At least you've given  
>>us a definition: any misperception, according to Robertsonian  
>>dogma, is radical by definition. In point of fact, Custer's was  
>>quite an ordinary misperception. Whatever he thought he saw, he  
>>perceived and described it accurately; it was his interpretation  
>>of what he saw that was in error. Maybe "radical misperception"  
>>sounds sexier to you. Or maybe you're just by nature more  
>>excitable than the rest of us.

>Jerry, aren't you confusing perception with description?

I don't think so. It's the difference between what David Hufford  
and other folklorists call folk experience and folk explanation.  
The experience may be quite real, and the experient may describe  
it reasonably (or, in many cases, exactly) accurately, but he or  
she may have the wrong explanation for it.

>People  
>may give a fairly accurate description of an event or object,  
>but misperceive it by an order of magnitude, or draw completely  
>>false conclusions about its nature and actions - for example  
>describing the moon as "as big as a football (that's a "soccer"  
>ball to you) at arms length", which is one description I have  
>come across.

This is, of course, what I am talking about. There are known  
perceptual mechanisms which cause the moon to look bigger than  
in fact it is. These are ordinary, not radical, misperceptions.  
Andy's, I think, is a generally useless, and at the least wildly  
melodramatic, assertion.

Jerry Clark

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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 16:58:15 -0500  
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>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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>>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 18:50:14 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>>I think he's two Tiddly's away from Wink. Does this mean he won't  
>>>have to buy batteries for the flashlights he and his cronies use  
>>>to signal down the flying saucers on their snipe hunting forays  
>>>into the boonies?

>>I've heard two interviews, by Errol's Sunday night counterpart  
>>Richard Syrett, of Dr. Peter Lindemann, a researcher of what are  
>>somewhat mis-named "free energy" devices. According to Dr.  
>>Lindemann, more than one "free energy" device is under  
>>development with an eye towards the commercial market.

><snip>

>Please be serious here, Eleanor. Your first statement "...eye  
>towards the commerical market," tells a great deal.

Something wrong in selling energy producing devices?

>Do you  
>honestly believe most people fell off the pumpkin cart? Anything  
>heading toward the commercial market will certainly not be free.  
>There is no such thing as a free lunch. This is the real world.  
>If something can be produced for nothing, it certainly will not  
>be allowed in the hands of the masses. Economics 101.

Dr. Lindemann and Dr. Ted Loder never claimed the energy was free. Their devices require a small amount of energy and return much more energy than is required to "prime the pump". Again I refer to the electrostatic lifters which have become popular science toys. Aside from the tiny amount of electrical energy to charge the capacitor plates, any work from lifting is essentially free. That has been demonstrated, even by NASA, not to mention the kits which can be bought.

>Secondly, I'm suppose to not condemn a man who charges  
>intellectually challenged Bozo's \$400 a pop to journey with him  
>into the boondocks to sing around the camp fire, flashing beams  
>from their flashlights into the sky to signal flying saucers and  
>hopefully get a reply, as a person who isn't a snake oil  
>salesman?

I've never understood why communicating with UFOs by flashlight should be a subject for ridicule. I see that as nothing short of amazing, and I've heard of others doing the same thing. It's puzzling that people willing to accept that UFOs are worthy of serious study, yet the moment someone succeeds with primitive communication, the whole issue becomes the butt of jokes.

>The only thing Dr. Greer needs is for anyone with a brain to run

>the other way when he approaches with his spiel. Dr. Greer is no  
>"Hero." His shell game is a joke and a con. Besides, do you  
>think he's doing his thing without a profit motive behind it?

Well, if someone wants to undertake very expensive UFO research,  
more than could be done by someone holding down a job, one would  
have to fund such work somehow, right?

>Yeah, right. About the only thing Greer needs to complete his  
>dog and pony show is to take a cue from that zany UFO lawyer,  
>Peter Gersten and get himself a set of robes in chartruse to  
>complement his flashlight explorations.

>OK, everyone. Repeat after me...M-o-n-k-a...M-o-n-k-a...

>Wendy Connors

>So there ya have it, but what've ya got?

Apparently what I've got is a viewpoint that there can be no  
more to learn in the field of physics, beyond what we studied in  
high school. Most surprising is the viewpoint originates from  
people who concede that UFOs may be craft using physics far  
beyond that high school physics text book.

Eleanor White

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>>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 16:15:06 -0600  
>>Subject: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

John,

>>What about all those well-documented and -investigated cases  
>>that don't end in solutions or magical misperceptions? Lots of  
>>those, you know. You are aware of them, aren't you? Many were  
>>conducted by individuals with rather more years of investigative  
>>experience than yours, and significantly more formal scientific  
>>training.

>It is true that there are many cases which have, so far, not  
>ended in solutions. The problem is that Jerry, and many similar-  
>minded ufologists are determined to ensure that they *\*never\**  
>will end in solutions.

There you go again. I just got through reading your other response to me and was struck at the thoughtfulness of your question. For a moment, I thought you were actually advancing the discussion. Then this. Why do I keep radically misperceiving you guys and thinking you're actually up to something useful, even collegial?

First of all, as anybody who has read my books knows fully well, the last sentence of your rant above is not remotely true. Unless there's another Jerome Clark out there. Maybe you're referring to somebody in a parallel universe. More seriously, I am always gratified when my critics have to make up stuff out of thin air. Call it the pelicanist compulsion to reinvent their critics' arguments into absurd caricatures.

>I get the impression, from many posts to this list that there  
>is a sort of inviolable canon of cases that have been set in  
>aspic and must never be questioned. Certain researchers, most  
>notably James Macdonald [sic], seem to be established as prophet-like  
>figures, and the very mention of their name is apparently  
>thought enough to counter any critical re- examinations.

"Prophet-like figure." The air around me has suddenly grown markedly hotter. Strange how that so often happens in the vicinity of pelicanists. Fitting that you can't even spell the poor man's name correctly.

In fact, as I know you haven't, anyone who goes through McDonald's (note spelling) files will see more than ample demonstration of this scientist's commitment to investigation - of all scientists of his generation, only Allen Hynek investigated and conducted serious reviews/analyses of a comparable mass of cases. In the summer of 1997, four of us -- all of them, alas, representing that most hated of species:

American ufologists (Swords, Aldrich, Gross, and me) - spent a week working long days reviewing McDonald's case files, housed at the University of Arizona.

As these thousands of documents attest, McDonald interviewed hundreds of witnesses, from the classic cases to obscure ones to ones recent to the period, and from there went on to seek out relevant experts and other individuals who could shed light on the incidents in question and to review weather records, balloon flights, and all the rest. McDonald's long and respected career as an atmospheric physicist gave him particular advantage in atmospheric effects and ostensible UFO sightings. Among other things, McDonald found, as have other investigators, that a significant number of alleged IFO cases were in fact UFO cases. Inadequate conventional explanations are a recurring, and depressing, feature of the UFO controversy over the decades.

McDonald's critics are typically reduced to the sort of insult you hurl above. In reality, of course, he was no prophet - his sheer humanity, including his battle with clinical depression (which sadly he would lose in the spring of 1971), is much in evidence in those papers - but he was extraordinarily intelligent, thorough, and conscientious, unafraid to follow the evidence wherever it went, even at great professional cost. A real scientist, in short, and one well worth more than a casual, empty slur.

>>Let's see. We get one anecdote, from which you draw a sweeping, >>empirically unjustified, and finally absurd conclusion which you >>are able to mount no serious argument for or defense of, only >>ever more fervent assertion. And then you insist that it's up to >>\_us\_ to disprove it?

>An anecdote, Jerry? Like the hundreds of anecdotes that make up >your encyclopedias? Is this a new conjugation?

Now, do I have this right? Anecdotal testimony about debunked cases is okay, but anecdotal testimony to apparently unexplainable anomalies is worthless? Got it.

>>>My brother's name happens to be Tom. If you find that wildly >>>hilarious, I feel sorry for you.

>>>Feel sorry. It amused me for quite a while.

>Have to say, it amused me a bit too. You'd have to be a pretty >strange sort of person not to find it mildly amusing. Much as if >a UFO write called Jeff had a brother called Mutt, or - for >British readers - someone called Mark had a brother called >Spencer.

So what do you think the average mental age of the British pelicanist is, John? Do we get now to make fun of your first name now, or the last, both of which any adolescent could easily find hilarity in? We American ufologists, happily, are above that sort of eternal eleven-year-oldness.

>>I'd love, incidentally, to see you go on a tear with RMP and, >>say, ball-lightning sightings. In no time at all, you'd prove >>that the alleged witnesses were RMPing the sun, rubber balls, >>red birds, lighted cigarettes, flashlights, aircraft lights, >>spots in front of the eyes, red popsicles, and on and on, and >>demand that the rest of us prove otherwise. There's a job for >>you. If people RMP about UFOs all the time, they must do the >>same with other ostensible anomalies such as BL. I look forward >>to your book on that subject, and I hope you get a healthy >>advance and big sales, so that the rest of us can pretend to >>believe you were in it for the money all along.

>Certainly people do have radical misperceptions about a variety >of anomalies, including a wide range of paranormal phenomena.

Now reread that sentence. I was specifically not talking about "a wide range of paranormal phenomena," but about an unusual natural phenomenon which science, after long skepticism, has finally mostly come to accept, based on eyewitness testimony from credible witnesses.\*

You, however, want to turn the discussion in exactly the direction that makes pelicanist approaches such a dead end. Call it the tradition of disbelief. Here you are saying in effect: "X



thought he had a paranormal experience but in fact experienced radical misperception. How do we know he suffered radical misperception? Because he thought he had a paranormal experience." Since you "know" paranormal phenomena don't exist, RMP must be the explanation; the very existence of the report is sufficient proof of that. This is the - using the term very loosely - logical underpinning of RMP: Since UFOs don't exist as extraordinary anomalies, eyewitness testimony dramatically suggesting the contrary must be the result of RMP.

I was trying to draw you into another, more honestly productive area where you would have to do some actual thinking and provide some actual evidence. If RMP is a real phenomenon which we can safely assume explains most or all otherwise unexplained UFO reports (that is, ones that depend on eyewitness testimony alone; obviously, CE2s, radar/visuals, and the like are an entirely other matter), we need solid empirical evidence that it routinely operates in other areas of human experience, where rare, ephemeral phenomena whose epistemological status is unquestioned are encountered. That's why I asked where the evidence is of RMP of ball lightning. Predictably, you immediately changed the subject to the paranormal.

>There may be a transatlantic culture-gap here. American ufology >has, historically at least, been far more dominated by military >concepts than in the UK, so quasi-official terminology such as >"UFO", "EBE", etc., has ousted terms such as "flying saucer" and >"alien" more than it has over here. Certainly many people, >including percipients, are happy to use the term "flying >saucer".

>I think in many ways it is a useful term, and its use should be >encouraged. I have pointed out a couple of times in previous >postings that some researchers - Jerry included - use the term >"UFO" almost as an explanation: a sighting is explained as being >a UFO. They seem unable to accept that, by definition, calling >something an "Unidentified Flying Object" implies that at some >stage it should be possible to identify what it is, so that all >UFO sightings are potentially explainable.

In point of fact, Andy Roberts's imaginative claims to the contrary, more IFOs have become UFOs than the reverse, as Allen Hynek, Allan and Elaine Hendry, James McDonald, Jacques Vallee, Peter Sturrock, Brad Sparks, and others have found when they went through Blue Book case files and reevaluated the materials therein. It's amusing to reflect that when, post-Ruppelt, Blue Book began doing the most perfunctory investigations (if investigations at all), it began "explaining" nearly all the cases. For examples of UFOs that were once claimed IFOs, see relevant examples in my encyclopedia and elsewhere in the literature.

It seems safe to offer this maxim: As a general rule, the lousier the investigation of a high-strangeness UFO case, the more likely it is to be transformed into an IFO. There are, obviously and happily, exceptions, but my maxim is more generally true than its opposite, as the history of UFO investigation richly demonstrates.

>Perhaps if people were a little more honest in their usage, they >could reserve the term "flying saucer" for cases where they felt >that no further investigation was necessary, and the case had >been adequately explained as a phenomena unknown to science. Or >would that be too much of a hostage to fortune?

"A phenomena?" I believe you know better than this grammatical monstrosity, John, so I'll cut you a break and assume this is a typo.

Beyond that: Neoskeptics' obsession with the useless phrase "flying saucer" would be puzzling if its point were not clear: to denigrate the phenomenon in question. Flying saucer, as I've already had occasion to observe, was a tongue-in-cheek term invented by a journalist in late June 1947. It was a cute catch phrase, and no more. It should have been forgotten long ago. It has no meaning on any level (except perhaps in, as Gordon Melton has suggested, its utility to contactees and saucerians). "Unidentified flying object" is a perfectly respectable term -- one of its strengths is that it does indeed leave open the possibility, even if slight from currently available evidence, that the case may one day be explained (e.g., Mantell's); moreover, it does not commit the evaluator to any particular

theory about the report's ultimate nature - and those who respect the complex issue that the phrase represents will continue to use it.

Jerry Clark

\*Australian plasma physicist and ball-lightning authority John Lowke: "Though ... I have never seen the phenomenon personally, I feel that there is no question that ball lightning exists. I have talked to six eyewitnesses ... and think there is no reasonable doubt as to the authenticity of their observations. Furthermore, the reports are all remarkably similar and have common features with the hundreds of observations that appear in the literature."

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>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 07:09:42 +0100  
>Subject: New UFO Feature-Length Documentary Praised  
  
>Source: San Francisco Chronicle  
  
><http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2003/02/07/NB128511.DTL>

Hi, Errol and UpDates Listers:

Did anyone note the quote by skeptic/debunker Michael Shermer in the San Francisco Chronicle article on the documentary Out Of The Blue?

In (apparently) praising the documentary as one of the best in its genre, he also states that UFOs are "one of the most interesting subjects in the history of science." I certainly would agree but would also urge Shermer to follow the logic of his own statement towards what should be an obvious conclusion: the subject of UFOs needs much greater engagement by mainstream science.

Since I don't expect Shermer to advocate that, I wonder if his quote is accurate or if perhaps I may have mis-read it. Any thoughts?

Mike Briggs

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

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>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 21:07:45 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>I'm not sure as a debunker, that you are in the position to  
>choose who is and who isn't capable of real research. I  
>don't claim to be a scientists but I do have certain skills that  
>I can bring to the table. I do research, hang out in library's,  
>scroll through thousands of documents, like many others. Certain  
>Jerry is a consummate researcher and has the volumes to prove  
>it. You've probably fallen back on his encyclopedias yourself to  
>check out cases.

Don,

Debunker? Amusing!

So, are you suggesting that anyone who resolves cases, as I  
do, is "a debunker." This is what you are suggesting, by  
definition. If that is the case, then you are one of the people  
who John Rimmer refers to who are more interested in  
perpetuating mystery than seeing what lies behind it.

>>>I even have an RCAF document somewhere date 1948 using the  
>>>term Unidentified Flying Object in the report. But you prefer  
>>>'flying saucer' because you want to denigrate the phenomenon,  
>>>the millions of witnesses, me and those like me for whatever  
>>>reason. >>Now whose being 'defensive.' You presume to speak for  
>>>"millions of witnesses" but in reality you are speaking only for  
>>>yourself and the tiny band of people who shout the loudest.

>Well of course, you are being defensive. [Excessive use of  
>derogatory terms, denigrating the researchers. Remember?] And  
>someone has to speak for the millions of witnesses. It sure as  
>heck won't be you and yours.

Nonsense.

If you had troubled yourself to read 'Out of the Shadows' or our  
ongoing series of articles in UFO Magazine UK, you would realise  
that we are using the witnesses' exact words, taken from direct  
transcripts of their interviews.

If this form of investigation is "denigration" then I'm happy to  
subscribe to it.

Presumably this is the same sort of investigation you carried  
out for your very interesting book Dark Object. Incidentally,  
besides this book what exactly have you contributed to the  
Ufological literature?

>For every little NL case you shoot down - and who  
>cares - there are thousands you can't come to grips with.

Again you display your ignorance of everything we have ever  
written. If you knew anything about our priorities you would  
know that we completely ignore nocturnal lights and instead  
concentrate on "high strangeness" cases, specifically those with

military witnesses.

>But to suggest  
>that your government would come completely clean about all  
>aspects of this phenomenon and some of the events that have  
>occurred is totally naive. You've even admitted yourself that  
>they have withheld documents.

We have found that on the odd occasion that the British Government have with-held or obfuscated information this has been to cover-up ignorance and blunders. The so-called secret documents with-held on the Rendlesham case prove this point (they said even less than the 150 pages originally released).

So what exactly do you think Governments are covering up? And what gives you the privileged insight that the rest of us aren't privy to?

>Tell you what then David. Why don't you devote more of your time  
>to faeries and trolls and things that go bump in the night. I  
>promise I won't interfere there.

As in your woeful ignorance of the history of ley-hunting, you once again revel in your prejudices.

Surely you are denigrating all those thousands of people who claim to have seen fairies, trolls and ghosts, many of whom I have interviewed. Some are credible witnesses!

Someone has to stand up for all those thousands of people you belittle.

You also display a level of cultural prejudice that is breathtaking, in that you suggest that one form of anomalous phenomena is of less relevance than another.

>Yeah, well who the hell is Richard Ashcroft? And I hardly know  
>Colin. And I'm only at this seriously now for about 10 years-so  
>I'm hardly tired and old in that sense.

10 years? I'll go back to arguing with Jerry Clark, at least he's been around a bit longer than you have.

>I'm not certain that you can or have the right to bandy about  
>words like 'critical analysis'. And there you go again. High  
>priests. You just can't help yourself. However, we are working  
>on it. It may take some time.

As a qualified Ph.D in folklore I have the right to use words like critical analysis and flying saucers as and when I choose. I also live in a country where we have free speech.

>Will call you.

ET phone home?

Best,

Dave Clarke

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 17:13:24 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 12:53:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 17:24:23 -0600  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 17:55:27 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>Science's neglect of a particular matter does  
>not necessarily mean that the matter at issue will never be  
>taken up, or that it is without potential scientific interest or  
>validity.

Jerry,

I have no argument with this. But despite 55 years of saucer-  
ology, science at large has steadfastly been unimpressed by the  
evidence that UFOlogists have been able to muster.

When and if they do we can have a sensible debate on this  
subject. It is not my responsibility to convince a sceptical  
scientific community, as I'm not making any claims.

It's up to you and your friends to convince science that  
ufological "data" should be taken seriously.

It's no use blaming the fact that they haven't so far on the  
shortcomings of scientific philosophy and methodology. If the  
evidence for any form of exotic origin for flying saucers is as  
compelling as you, Dick and Stan et al are telling us they would  
be clambering to look at it, in view of the opportunities for  
grants and career enhancement.

Besides your output of popular books on flying saucers how  
exactly are you involved in trying to interest the scientific  
community, and what success have you had so far?

>In fact, science historians and sociologists with an interest in  
>anomalistics - e.g., Henry Bauer, Ron Westrum, the late Marcello  
>Truzzi, Jamcs McClenon, among others - have always made a point  
>of stating that the UFO phenomenon is a legitimate potential  
>source of scientific study and that science's current neglect of  
>the phenomenon says nothing about its nature or epistemological  
>status.

Yes, but surely the above are asking for all branches of science  
including the human sciences, to look at the subject, which  
is what I have been arguing for years!

As yet it appears that only the psychologists and sociologists  
and folklorists have paid any attention. That speaks for itself.  
For example Robert Bartholomew, whose writings you have praised,  
holds exactly the same views as myself, ie that there is nothing  
physical to study.

Odd that he dosen't appear in your selective list of "science

historians and sociologists with an interest in anomalistics."

>Dave, who ought to know better, is being extraordinarily silly,  
>unsophisticated, or disingenous. Take your pick.

Jerry you keep asking why anyone should take what I say seriously, but you persist in replying in detail to all my points.

To put it another way, why would anyone take you seriously?

Best,

Dave Clarke

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 17:27:05 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 12:55:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Dave Haith <[visions@ntlworld.com](mailto:visions@ntlworld.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 12:15:19 -0000  
>Subject: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>Either this radio interview transcript with Dr Steven Greer of  
>the UFO Disclosure Project will prove:

>1) A pivotal point in history and the answer to the world's  
> energy problems

>2) Greer has been conned or tricked in some way

>3) Greer is a trickster, a liar or insane.

>If there's just a chance it's the first option, we could all do  
>with some good news right now, so this is worth a read.

#3 gets my vote....

>-----  
>Source: Disclosure Project  
><http://www.disclosureproject.org/transcriptcoasttocoastJan312003.htm>

>Transcript of Dr. Steven Greer's Interview  
>on Coast to Coast AM Radio with George Noory  
>January 30/31 2003

>George Noory's web site

<snip>

>GN: Yeah, I was just going to say, if you can harness it - my  
>gosh, you're going to save humanity!

>SG: Well, this is why I'm talking to you. I returned from this  
>trip, ...and I wanted to be very very clear that this information  
>got out ...because I have to tell you that this is the sort of  
>thing that people have unfortunately in the past been absorbed  
>into operations where these technologies have been suppressed.  
>People have been murdered, people have been imprisoned, people  
>have had these things bought out only to sit on the black shelf  
>at a major corporation.

>GN: Mm Hmm.

>SG: That is not a conspiracy theory. We can prove this in a  
>court of law that this has happened over and over again.

<snip>

If Dr. Greer is serious about the above, why does he not approach the police or the F.B.I.? Surely they can't all be involved in the Military-Industrial Jasonite Masonic Alien Bilderburg conspiracy, can they? (I hope I didn't miss any there!).



Also, isn't it his civic duty to report a crime of murder to the authorities, especially one or more which he can prove "in a court of law"? Here in the UK it is an offence not to do so.

If there are any of his sympathisers on-list please ask him the above questions, I would be very interested to see his response.

Regards,

Joe McGonagle

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 18:14:32 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 13:00:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Reason

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 09:31:34 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Just briefly...

John Rimmer had written:

>>describing the moon as "as big as a football (that's a "soccer"  
>>ball to you) at arms length", which is one description I have  
>>come across.

And Jerry replied:

>This is, of course, what I am talking about. There are known  
>perceptual mechanisms which cause the moon to look bigger than  
>in fact it is.

There are indeed, Jerry, but this isn't necessarily one of them. Most people are simply not very good at estimating the angle which any given object would subtend at any given distance. This isn't in the least surprising, because to estimate that the information flow through the visual system would have to go in exactly the wrong direction - that is, from actual size to angle subtended on the retina, instead of the other way round. Hynek referred to this problem in "The UFO Experience".

>These are ordinary, not radical, misperceptions.

I'm still waiting for some more or less intelligible explanation of why the difference is so important. I haven't heard anything yet that would indicate anything particularly out of the ordinary.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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## Re: Signal Detection Theory - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 19:16:33 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 13:02:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory - Reason

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 08:34:11 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Jerry, Andy, may I add something here?

>Well, Jerry. Yet again you've made my case for me! I agree with  
>wat you say but the RMP theory in action can produce many cases  
>- 'big' cases, especially in the UK - which were unsolved for  
>years and then were solved as RMP. So, up until the solving of  
>these cases they were being touted as UFOs, best ever cases etc  
>etc, as you note above. I am in total agreement that there are  
>still many 'good' cases which remain as yet unsolved but the  
>history of the subject shows that slowly they fall. Perhaps we  
>have a better track record of investigation than you do in the  
>states?

A friend of mine once referred to this sort of thing as the  
"domino" illusion.

I'm afraid things aren't so simple, Andy. Imagine we have an  
array of spinning saucers (just ordinary crockery ones will do,  
on the tops of poles - still seems fairly topical). Let's  
imagine that some of them are spinning to the left, and some are  
spinning to the right. Imagine that, for some reason not to be  
gone into, we want to determine the direction of spin of this  
array of saucers.

Now let's imagine we have a spin detector. This detector D is  
90% accurate, in the sense defined as follows:

When presented with a saucer spinning to the left, D will give  
the result "left" 90% of the time, and "right" 10% of the time.

When presented with a saucer spinning to the right, D will give  
the result "right" 90% of the time, and "left" 10% of the time.

Now, let's assume that of our array of saucers, 99 out of every  
hundred will spin to the right, and the remaining one out of  
every hundred spins to the left. We want our detector to find,  
as accurately as possible, the ones which spin to the left.

If we have a thousand saucers, then ten of these will spin to  
the left, and our detector D will on average detect nine of  
them. But it will also wrongly record 10% of the right-spinning  
saucers as left-spinning. So our detector, being 90% accurate,  
actually records 99 of the right-spinning saucers as left-  
spinning, as well as nine of the saucers which really are left-  
spinning. Our 90% accurate detector has actually recorded  
eleven times as many incorrect results as correct results.

This illustrates how dangerous it is to make inferences about  
the reliability of some detection procedure simply on the basis  
of the number of false positives it generates, without taking  
into account the relative frequencies of the events it detects.  
This applies just as much to UFO investigators as it does to our  
detector of spinning saucers.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 15:51:51 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 13:04:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Ledger

>From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>To: UFO  
>UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>Date:  
>Fri, 07 Feb 2003 22:16:23 -0600 Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of  
>UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>To: "UFO UpDates  
>>- Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>Date: Fri, 07  
>>Feb 2003 03:07:26 -0400 Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>>>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>To: UFO  
>>>UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>Date:  
>>>Thu, 6 Feb 2003 00:51:04 -0600 Subject: Re: Flight-Paths  
>>>Of UFOs

>>>You are correct.

>>>According to the "Skeptic's Dictionary" at:

>>><http://skepdic.com/leylines.html>

>>Thanks for the clarification. It was the information in the  
>>first paragraph that was the subject of my brief  
>>intervention on this thread-despite inferences by another  
>>to the contrary. I have no real interest in the subject.

>Ah yes,

>According to [http://skepdic.com/ufos\\_ets.html](http://skepdic.com/ufos_ets.html):

>"Snothering has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21  
>years that has added to scientific knowledge... further  
>extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the  
>expectation that science will be advanced thereby." --Edward  
>U. Condon

<snip>

Sure Mike,

Whatever turns your crank. As I said the subject of "Ley Lines"  
doesn't interest me.

I'm not going to be drawn into the other nonsense.

If you want to have your ego stroked, try Andy Roberts and David  
Clarke or John Rimmer and James Easton and some of the others in  
the skeptical NNN areas.

I know Andy and David are into the "supernatural". Andy  
chastised me for not reading up on Ley lines so presumably he  
has good knowledge of them.....

Don Ledger

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 11:58:54 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 13:06:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 17:33:43 EST  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>From: Dave Haith <[visions@ntlworld.com](mailto:visions@ntlworld.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 12:15:19 -0000  
>>Subject: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

<snip>

Paul, Dave, Wendy, and all who follow this thread,

We can easily sort this out with a "wait and see" approach. Dr. Greer says he is having this invention analyzed and verified by three independent groups of researchers, presumably university science departments. Since Dr. Greer is so big on disclosure, he would have to make this matter public, and the results thereof would also have to be publicized.

This will either make or break Greer's SEAS initiative. If he honestly discloses the outcome of the independent validation, whether negative or positive, then his credibility will be enhanced. If the disclosure is not forthcoming, but turns into some sort of shell game, then the conclusion will be obvious to everyone.

Tom Bowden

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 12:44:32 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 13:10:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Bowden

>From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 22:16:23 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

<snip>

>A UFO is an unidentified flying object which has been identified  
>as a possible or actual alien spacecraft. Such objects include  
>meteors, disintegrating satellites, flocks of birds, aircraft,  
>lights, weather balloons, and just about anything moving within  
>the visible band of electromagnetism. So far, however, nothing  
>has been positively identified as an alien spacecraft in a way  
>required by common sense and science. That is, there has been no  
>recurring identical UFO experience and there is no physical  
>evidence in support of either a UFO flyby or landing.

Mike,

So far I have tried to stay out of this absurd debate, but you are dead wrong with your definition of "unidentified flying object". Your definition might be presumed by the uneducated, but it is not a valid definition for working in the field.

This is the only acceptable definition of the term UFO, or Unidentified Flying Object:

An airborne object or aerial phenomenon for which enough information is available to make a determination, and which cannot be reasonably identified as any known natural phenomenon, heavenly body, manmade object, flying life form, or other probable prosaic event. In any case where there is not enough data to make a determination, the sighting should be classified in the "insufficient data" category. In any case where identification as a known object or phenomenon is strongly suspected, it is reasonable to categorize the sighting as "probably identified" according to the most likely explanation.

Identification of UFOs as extraterrestrial spacecraft may be a leading hypothesis, but it is not a proper categorization for triage in UFO field investigations. Anyone who is equating UFOs with ET spacecraft as their primary definition of the term should refrain from commenting on this forum and find an audience on some new-age chat room somewhere.

Tom Bowden  
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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 14:23:20 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 13:12:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 18:50:14 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

<snip>

>I've heard two interviews, by Errol's Sunday night counterpart  
>Richard Syrett, of Dr. Peter Lindemann, a researcher of what are  
>somewhat mis-named "free energy" devices. According to Dr.  
>Lindemann, more than one "free energy" device is under  
>development with an eye towards the commercial market.

>Dr. Lindemann's site is:

><http://www.free-energy.cc>

>These devices actually tap natural hard-to-get energy and  
>require a small energy input for a large energy output.

>Two of the commercial ventures which Dr. Lindemann saw fit to  
>mention on air are at these links:

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

><http://www.lutec.com.au/>

>...and there are others on his "link" page.

>Dr. Lindemann explains that although the full physics behind  
>these "free energy" devices is not fully understood, they are  
>not magic, and they are definitely not perpetual motion  
>machines, any more than a windmill is.

>Apparently, the much pooh-poohed concept of "aether", according  
>to Dr. Lindemann, is in fact valid and there is not only a  
>pervasive substance called aether in and around us, its flow can  
>be, in "windmill fashion", tapped to produce energy. Normally  
>this aether doesn't interact at all with the material universe  
>we see and can touch, but under certain circumstances it can be  
>tapped.

>So these devices are not producing energy from "nothing", but  
>rather, are obeying all the laws of physics but are doing so by  
>looking at physical systems differently than today's physicists  
>are accustomed to, according to Dr. Lindemann.

>It's like the "electrostatic lifters", today's version of  
>Townsend Brown's experiment in which an electrostatic field can  
>produce thrust (therefore lift) without any moving parts or  
>moving stream of the air. This is not completely understood  
>either, but it is clearly not fiction.

>Remember human nature, and please don't be too quick to condemn  
>Dr. Greer, who may be seen by history as a hero on one or both  
>of the frontiers he is working on.

Dear Eleanor:

Please forgive me, but .. rubbish!

Ether (or aether) theory went down the toilet with the famous Michelson Morely experiment of 1904 or so.

Einstein made his name, at first, explaining the fact that cosmic 'ether' simply does not exist. Please see The Relativity Explosion by Martin Gardner: Vintage Books 1976 ISBN 0-394-72104-7. for a good accessible treatment of that and related topics in relativity.

If Dr. Lindemann finds this unconvincing, it tells me more about Dr. Lindemann, and others like him, than it tells me about the likelier workings of the universe at large.

I expect to find this sort of thing on the last pages of creationism screeds, flat Earth treatises, tabloids maybe, but somehow not here.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 15:21:59 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 13:15:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Hatch

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 23:48:18 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 16:15:06 -0600  
>>Subject: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>It is true that there are many cases which have, so far, not  
>ended in solutions. The problem is that Jerry, and many similar-  
>minded ufologists are determined to ensure that they \*never\*  
>will end in solutions.

This sounds like the 'fortean' described by Truzzi; those who love the anomaly more than the solution .. people who would actually be disappointed if space aliens made their existence unambiguously known.

>I get the impression, from many posts to this list that there  
>is a sort of inviolable canon of cases that have been set in  
>aspic and must never be questioned.

The List is open to the public, with modest requirements. No telling who or what will wander in, as long as they don't use fancy fonts or the like.

Now to the point:

>There may be a transatlantic culture-gap here. American ufology  
>has, historically at least, been far more dominated by military  
>concepts than in the UK, so quasi-official terminology such as  
>"UFO", "EBE", etc., has ousted terms such as "flying saucer" and  
>"alien" more than it has over here. Certainly many people,  
>including percipients, are happy to use the term "flying  
>saucer".

>I think in many ways it is a useful term, and its use should be  
>encouraged. I have pointed out a couple of times in previous  
>postings that some researchers - Jerry included - use the term  
>"UFO" almost as an explanation: a sighting is explained as being  
>a UFO. They seem unable to accept that, by definition, calling  
>something an "Unidentified Flying Object" implies that at some  
>stage it should be possible to identify what it is, so that all  
>UFO sightings are potentially explainable.

At the risk of alienating some people, I rather like the term 'flying saucers'. Once upon an innocent time, I went into a large local bookstore and asked where the flying saucers books were.

The \$4 clerk turned up his nose and said "You mean UFOs? That would be in the Occult section over there.." (pointing toward the Tarot cards.) This same bookstore had a collection of leftist literature that would be the envy of Konstantin Chernyenko, assuming he could read unassisted.

I like the term 'flying saucers', but with the tacit assumption we are describing the classic 3 dimensional ovoid, one soup-bowl overturned over another, preferably with a dome or cupola on top, but without those hemispheric Adamski styled 'landing gear' on the bottom.

'Cigars' are troublesome. They could be a class FS seen edge on. Flying Triangles are all two often simply 3 lights in the night, at apparent close proximity.

A little theramin music will complete the picture for those disposed to automatic dismissal, but I note that even FSR (Flying Saucer Review) is still in print, and not UFO Review(s), any number of which sank without a bubble.

This will sound silly, but I have a nostalgic attachment for flying saucers, especially those which do not mimic well known astronomical objects at all.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Camera Catching Shuttle 'Zap' Had Own Glitch -

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>Subject: Camera Catching Shuttle 'Zap' Had Own Glitch  
  
>Source: WorldNet Daily  
  
>[http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=30904](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=30904)  
  
>Thursday, February 6, 2003  
  
>Catastrophe In The Sky  
  
>Camera catching shuttle 'zap' had own glitch

<snip>

Hi all,

I have experienced this same phenomena when testing some digital cameras for our internal company hardware standards.

Taking a shot out of our office windows, 36 floors above the Perth freeway system which snakes through the city, a car windscreen reflected the sun at the precise moment the shot was taken and the resultant image exhibited very similar purple aberrations as those described in this story.

It would be advisable to check weather conditions on the day, especially the sunshine intensity. The aberration may well have been because of the intense light emitted by metal burning or the sun reflecting off the re-entering shuttle.

Television footage seen in Australia depicted a very clear blue sky, hence the sun could very well have been a factor.

Regards, to all

Peter

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## Looking For Hong Kong Club President

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[Barry needs a valid address for Moon Fong in Hong Kong.  
Do any readers have info? --ebk]

..... we met in Laughlin, NV in 1999 and you invited me  
to speak to your club in Hong Kong.

In March, I am going on a speaking tour of Australia and am  
returning via Hong Kong. Would you like to meet? Let me know.

Best,

Barry Chamish (Israel)

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

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>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>I've never understood why communicating with UFOs by flashlight  
>should be a subject for ridicule. I see that as nothing short  
>of amazing, and I've heard of others doing the same thing. It's  
>puzzling that people willing to accept that UFOs are worthy of  
>serious study, yet the moment someone succeeds with primitive  
>communication, the whole issue becomes the butt of jokes.

Several years ago, I interviewed someone from Greer's group for a magazine article. She told me all about the flashlight communication. This was the first time I'd ever heard of it. So I asked if I could come and watch. "Oh, no," said this CSETI spokeswoman. "Whenever we've invited the press, they say it doesn't happen."

Which left me with two possibilities. The press was lying. Or the communication with flashlights never happened.

I put my vote in column B. I've seen, first-hand, NOVA distort things about Budd Hopkins' work with abductions. But I've also seen and heard of Greer distorting things even more. One I observed myself was on the CSETI website. They had (and may still have) a page purporting to document more than a hundred UFO crashes.

But when I looked at the individual crash reports, or alleged crash reports, I found that many weren't what CSETI claimed they were. In one case, the entire report consisted of a statement by a reputable Italian ufologist that the event in question had never happened! This, remember, was on a page that claimed to be an account of actual crashes. In another case, the entire report was an e-mail from somebody who'd seen a light cross the sky at night, and thought maybe it had plowed into the ground. No further investigation. No evidence that anything at all had hit the ground, or, for that matter, that the light had been anything unusual.

Anyone who operates this way is hard to believe. My own guess is that Greer shines his flashlights at the sky and imagines he sees lights blinking back. That would be easy to do on a really bright starry night, if you really want to believe that aliens are signalling to you. Of course, I could easily be wrong; this is just a theory. But whatever the truth may be behind these claims of flashlight communication, Greer wouldn't exactly be the first person to tell the world about some dramatic UFO event that never really happened.

Greg Sandow



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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

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>>>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 16:15:06 -0600  
>>>Subject: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>John,

>>>What about all those well-documented and -investigated cases  
>>>that don't end in solutions or magical misperceptions? Lots of  
>>>those, you know. You are aware of them, aren't you? Many were  
>>>conducted by individuals with rather more years of investigative  
>>>experience than yours, and significantly more formal scientific  
>>>training.

>>It is true that there are many cases which have, so far, not  
>>ended in solutions. The problem is that Jerry, and many similar-  
>>minded ufologists are determined to ensure that they *\*never\**  
>>will end in solutions.

>There you go again. I just got through reading your other  
>response to me and was struck at the thoughtfulness of your  
>question. For a moment, I thought you were actually advancing  
>the discussion. Then this. Why do I keep radically misperceiving  
>you guys and thinking you're actually up to something useful,  
>even collegial?

>First of all, as anybody who has read my books knows fully well,  
>the last sentence of your rant above is not remotely true.  
>Unless there's another Jerome Clark out there. Maybe you're  
>referring to somebody in a parallel universe. More seriously, I  
>am always gratified when my critics have to make up stuff out of  
>thin air. Call it the pelicanist compulsion to reinvent their  
>critics' arguments into absurd caricatures.

I am simply reminded of your adamant refusal to admit that there  
are any possible grounds for doubting the Authorised Version of  
the Trindade case. Possibly my earlier List discussions on this  
topic were conducted with the other Jerome Clark!

>>I get the impression, from many posts to this list that there  
>>is a sort of inviolable canon of cases that have been set in  
>>aspic and must never be questioned. Certain researchers, most  
>>notably James Macdonald [sic], seem to be established as prophet-like  
>>figures, and the very mention of their name is apparently  
>>thought enough to counter any critical re- examinations.

>>"Prophet-like figure." The air around me has suddenly grown  
>>markedly hotter. Strange how that so often happens in the  
>>vicinity of pelicanists. Fitting that you can't even spell the

>poor man's name correctly.

With this, and my other capital offence, the misuse of the plural "phenomena", I am usually writing these replies at midnight after a hard day at the book-face, so cut us a little slack and leave the sub's blue pencil aside for once.

>As these thousands of documents attest, McDonald interviewed  
>hundreds of witnesses, from the classic cases to obscure ones to  
>ones recent to the period, and from there went on to seek out  
>relevant experts and other individuals who could shed light on the  
>incidents in question and to review weather records, balloon flights,  
>and all the rest. McDonald's long and respected career as an  
>atmospheric physicist gave him particular advantage in atmospheric  
>effects and ostensible UFO sightings. Among other things, McDonald  
>found, as have other investigators, that a significant number of alleged  
>IFO cases were in fact UFO cases. Inadequate conventional  
>explanations are a recurring, and depressing, feature of the UFO  
>controversy over the decades.

I would be interested to know if Macdonald included psychologists, psychiatrists, and sociologists amongst his relevant experts. I genuinely only ask because I want to know.

>McDonald's critics are typically reduced to the sort of insult  
>you hurl above.

>In reality, of course, he was no prophet - his  
>sheer humanity, including his battle with clinical depression  
>(which sadly he would lose in the spring of 1971), is much in  
>evidence in those papers - but he was extraordinarily  
>intelligent, thorough, and conscientious, unafraid to follow the  
>evidence wherever it went, even at great professional cost. A  
>real scientist, in short, and one well worth more than a casual,  
>empty slur.

I was not aware that I was making any slur on Macdonald. I was expressing concern at the way that his research is often presented in arguments today as the incontrovertible last word on the subject.

>>>Let's see. We get one anecdote, from which you draw a sweeping,  
>>>empirically unjustified, and finally absurd conclusion which you  
>>>are able to mount no serious argument for or defense of, only  
>>>ever more fervent assertion. And then you insist that it's up to  
>>>\_us\_ to disprove it?

>>An anecdote, Jerry? Like the hundreds of anecdotes that make up  
>>your encyclopedias? Is this a new conjugation?

>Now, do I have this right? Anecdotal testimony about debunked cases  
>is okay, but anecdotal testimony to apparently unexplainable anomalies  
>is worthless? Got it.

No Jerry, as usual you haven't got it right. Andy Roberts presents a case which he and Dave Clark investigated at great length, and in the teeth of some considerable opposition from other ufologists. You will, of course, have recognised this as the Cracoe Fell Case, which appeared in his book "The UFOs that never were", and before that was summarised in Magonia. When he cites this investigation in an argument, you dismiss it as "anecdotal evidence". I was merely pointing out that this case is no different from the hundreds of cases you describe in your various books, asking if they also counted as "anecdotes". If not, why not?

Now do I have this right? Anecdotal evidence about unexplained cases gets into encyclopaedias, but anecdotal testimony to anomalies which can be subsequently explained is worthless?

>>>>My brother's name happens to be Tom. If you find that wildly  
>>>>hilarious, I feel sorry for you.

>>>>Feel sorry. It amused me for quite a while.

>>Have to say, it amused me a bit too. You'd have to be a pretty  
>>strange sort of person not to find it mildly amusing. Much as if  
>>a UFO write called Jeff had a brother called Mutt, or - for  
>>British readers - someone called Mark had a brother called  
>>Spencer.

>So what do you think the average mental age of the British  
>pelicanist is, John? Do we get now to make fun of your first  
>name now, or the last, both of which any adolescent could easily  
>find hilarity in? We American ufologists, happily, are above  
>that sort of eternal eleven-year-oldness.

Feel free to make fun of any part of my name that you wish.  
However, as you have just demonstrated that you have now had all  
traces of a sense of humour surgically removed (quite recently,  
I think) you would probably not have much success. Or is it that  
Tom and Jerry were the butt of so many jokes by eleven-year-olds  
at school, that even now it still rankles? I can understand;  
very tall people like myself suffer from a similar reaction to  
schoolyard taunts.

>>>I'd love, incidentally, to see you go on a tear with RMP and,  
>>>say, ball-lightning sightings. In no time at all, you'd prove  
>>>that the alleged witnesses were RMPing the sun, rubber balls,  
>>>red birds, lighted cigarettes, flashlights, aircraft lights,  
>>>spots in front of the eyes, red popsicles, and on and on, and  
>>>demand that the rest of us prove otherwise. There's a job for  
>>>you. If people RMP about UFOs all the time, they must do the  
>>>same with other ostensible anomalies such as BL. I look forward  
>>>to your book on that subject, and I hope you get a healthy  
>>>advance and big sales, so that the rest of us can pretend to  
>>>believe you were in it for the money all along.

>>Certainly people do have radical misperceptions about a variety  
>>of anomalies, including a wide range of paranormal phenomena.

>Now reread that sentence. I was specifically not talking about  
>"a wide range of paranormal phenomena," but about an unusual  
>natural phenomenon which science, after long skepticism, has  
>finally mostly come to accept, based on eyewitness testimony  
>from credible witnesses.\*

Well, you actually said "say, ball lighting sightings", the  
"say" suggesting that this was only one option amongst others  
that you could have thought of. You might have said "say,  
ghosts", or "say, the Loch Ness Monster", or "say, the Surrey  
Puma", or "say, apparitions of the Virgin Mary". These are some  
of the "other ostensible anomalies" which people might have  
radical misperceptions about. But you want to stick to ball-  
lighting. I think there are other, more interesting, phenomena.

>You, however, want to turn the discussion in exactly the  
>direction that makes pelicanist approaches such a dead end. Call  
>it the tradition of disbelief. Here you are saying in effect: "X  
>thought he had a paranormal experience but in fact experienced  
>radical misperception. How do we know he suffered radical  
>misperception? Because he thought he had a paranormal  
>experience." Since you "know" paranormal phenomena don't exist,  
>RMP must be the explanation; the very existence of the report  
>is sufficient proof of that. This is the - using the term very  
>loosely - logical underpinning of RMP: Since UFOs don't exist as  
>extraordinary anomalies, eyewitness testimony dramatically  
>suggesting the contrary must be the result of RMP.

Thank you for the rant. Let me go over this a stage at a time.  
There are a number of controversial and ambiguous phenomena  
which people report encountering from time to time. Despite the  
number of such accounts, final proof of such things remains  
 tantalisingly out of reach. This might be because the phenomena  
itself has some quality - elusiveness, ephemerality, location -  
which has so far allowed it to avoid being conclusively  
explained, except by those people who have already made their  
minds up on the topic on the existing evidence. They may have  
concluded that such reports represent evidence for  
extraterrestrial craft, survival of bodily death, previously  
unrecognised animals, the incarnation of the Mother of God, etc.

Another possible explanation for those phenomena's (NB: I am  
referring to a number of different phenomena, so the plural is  
justified) elusiveness is that the reports are  
misinterpretations of other, more mundane, events. Now where I  
think you are getting the wrong end of the stick (and I think  
perhaps Andy has been a little unclear himself) is that a  
"radical misperception" is not a separate phenomena with quite  
different characteristics from any other type of  
misrepresentation. It is merely one which falls towards the  
extreme end of a spectrum of misinterpretation. It is quite

possible that many parts of an experient's account are quite accurate, or only mildly misrepresented, but that one particular part of it is so far removed from the original stimulus that it makes the interpretation of \*all\* the reported data very difficult. And if one is determined to incorporate the most radical element in one's explanation, can make interpretation impossible.

>I was trying to draw you into another, more honestly productive  
>area where you would have to do some actual thinking and provide  
>some actual evidence. If RMP is a real phenomenon which we can  
>safely assume explains most or all otherwise unexplained UFO  
>reports (that is, ones that depend on eyewitness testimony  
>alone; obviously, CE2s, radar/visuals, and the like are an  
>entirely other matter), we need solid empirical evidence that it  
>routinely operates in other areas of human experience, where  
>rare, ephemeral phenomena whose epistemological status is  
>unquestioned are encountered.

I think the point is that radical misperception does not, of itself, "explain" a case, but it provides false data which prevents a case being explained in any other way except invoking previously unknown forces, e.g. extraterrestrial spaceships, other dimensions, etc.

>That's why I asked where the  
>evidence is of RMP of ball lightning. Predictably, you  
>immediately changed the subject to the paranormal.

I am not an expert on ball lightning, but I do know that in the past many scientists \*have\* expressed the view that ball-lightning was a result of misinterpretations, radical or otherwise.

>>Perhaps if people were a little more honest in their usage, they  
>>could reserve the term "flying saucer" for cases where they felt  
>>that no further investigation was necessary, and the case had  
>>been adequately explained as a phenomena unknown to science. Or  
>>would that be too much of a hostage to fortune?

>"A phenomena?" I believe you know better than this grammatical  
>monstrosity, John, so I'll cut you a break and assume this is a typo.

See above

>Beyond that: Neoskeptics' obsession with the useless phrase  
>"flying saucer" would be puzzling if its point were not clear:  
>to denigrate the phenomenon in question. Flying saucer, as I've  
>already had occasion to observe, was a tongue-in-cheek term  
>invented by a journalist in late June 1947. It was a cute catch  
>phrase, and no more. It should have been forgotten long ago.

However it wasn't and it has become generally accepted as an alternative term for "UFO". I suggested that in popular usage it has a meaning which leans more towards expressing an extraterrestrial origin than the more neutral "UFO". However "UFO" has been so misused that it is now seen as an explanation rather than a descriptor, (how many times has one been asked "do you believe in UFOs" Of course we damn well do!) that the more honest term "flying saucer" might be more generally used. Stanton friedman and others on this list seem to have no problem with it.

>It as no meaning on any level (except perhaps in, as Gordon Melton  
>has suggested, its utility to contactees and saucerians).  
>"Unidentified flying object" is a perfectly respectable term --  
> one of its strengths is that it does indeed leave open the  
>possibility, even if slight from currently available evidence,  
>that the case may one day be explained (e.g., Mantell's);  
>moreover, it does not commit the evaluator to any particular  
>theory about the report's ultimate nature - and those who  
>respect the complex issue that the phrase represents will  
>continue to use it.

I agree, but that is often not the way it is used in practice. Would it not be better if people were to say of a particular case: "I conclude that this UFO is a flying saucer", thus showing that the case has been solved to their satisfaction. However as the Academie Francaise so frequently finds, attempts to make conscious changes to the language are doomed to failure.

>Jerry Clark

>\*Australian plasma physicist and ball-lightning authority John  
>Lowke: "Though ... I have never seen the phenomenon personally,  
>I feel that there is no question that ball lightning exists. I  
>have talked to six eyewitnesses ... and think there is no  
>reasonable doubt as to the authenticity of their observations.  
>Furthermore, the reports are all remarkably similar and have  
>common features with the hundreds of observations that appear in  
>the literature."

As I've said before, when you quoted this at me, I find it a  
shockingly unscientific argument, despite the writer's  
scientific satus. I've heard much the same argument about any  
number of contentious phenomena, and never found it particulalry  
impressive.

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John (snigger, snigger) Rimmer (guffaw, snort)  
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>>>This is fatuous, even by your standards. At least you've given  
>>>us a definition: any misperception, according to Robertsian  
>>>dogma, is radical by definition. In point of fact, Custer's was  
>>>quite an ordinary misperception. Whatever he thought he saw, he  
>>>perceived and described it accurately; it was his interpretation  
>>>of what he saw that was in error. Maybe "radical misperception"  
>>>sounds sexier to you. Or maybe you're just by nature more  
>>>excitable than the rest of us.

>>Jerry, aren't you confusing perception with description?

>I don't think so. It's the difference between what David Hufford  
>and other folklorists call folk experience and folk explanation.  
>The experience may be quite real, and the experient may describe  
>it reasonably (or, in many cases, exactly) accurately, but he or  
>she may have the wrong explanation for it.

But the "folk explanation" is also part of what we are studying.  
The "folk experience" is something that cannot be experienced by  
the investigators. When an experient gives their account of an  
event to an investigator their "explanation" is seamlessly  
incorporated into their description. So in the case I cited, the  
person in question gave a dramatic and lucid account of her car  
being pursued by a large object which was very close to her.  
This was how she "explained" the event, and there was no  
indication in her description of her experience that what she  
saw was in fact a quarter of a million miles away. A mis-  
perception of that order surely must merit the description  
"radical"?

>>People  
>>may give a fairly accurate description of an event or object,  
>>but misperceive it by an order of magnitude, or draw completely  
>>>false conclusions about its nature and actions - for example  
>>describing the moon as "as big as a football (that's a "soccer"  
>>ball to you) at arms length", which is one description I have  
>>come across.

>This is, of course, what I am talking about. There are known  
>perceptual mechanisms which cause the moon to look bigger than  
>in fact it is. These are ordinary, not radical, misperceptions.  
>Andy's, I think, is a generally useless, and at the least wildly  
>melodramatic, assertion.

I do not think that the known perceptual mechanisms which make the moon look larger than it is - usually the experience of viewing it against objects of known size on the horizon rather than against the scaleless background of open sky - and similar optical effects, is adequate to account for misinterpretation of the magnitudes which arise in the sorts of cases which Andy is writing about. There is clearly another, probably psychological, mechanism at work. And in many cases something which is more subtle than sheer panic.

I always find it strange that you seem to accept the existence of an unknown physical phenomenon which would explain otherwise baffling UFO reports without offering any possible suggestion as to what it might be, yet demand that other researchers present proof positive of the existence of a possible psychological explanation.

You have always been unwilling to express any opinion as to what you think a UFO might be - "I don't know. That's why they're unidentified", you once told me on this List. I find that a generally useless assertion.

-- John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk)

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## Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 18:54:04 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 13:58:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Oberg

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:37:20 -0500  
>Subject: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

<snip>

>Hmmm..... The "Houston, we have a bogey..." box?

>ebk

No, the shuttle's spam/virus filter to prevent unauthorized commanding from would-be cyber-saboteurs.

I hope it's OK with you guys to install such a device? <grin>

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## 'The Truth Behind Men In Black' (Review)

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Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 17:02:22 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 13:59:40 -0500  
Subject: 'The Truth Behind Men In Black' (Review)

"The Truth Behind Men In Black" by Jenny Randles

reviewed by Mac Tonnies

When "The Truth About Men In Black" was first published to correspond with the comedy film "Men In Black," I assumed it was a hasty rehash of familiar cases and didn't read it. But I should have; Randles' "The Truth About Men In Black" is nothing less than the best book about the bizarre "Men In Black" phenomenon I've read or am likely to read, addressed with skepticism, wit and good journalism.

Randles not only cites compelling cases you've likely never heard of, but furnishes a chillingly plausible explanation for who the notorious "Men In Black" really are--but not before exploring exotic possibilities a la John Keel's "The Mothman Prophecies."

"The Truth About Men In Black" is both a balanced treatment of a myth in the making and a rare look at a hidden, thoroughly disturbing reality. This is a must for readers not afraid to look behind the curtain of mainstream ufology.

For more: <http://www.mactonnies.com/ufobooks.html>

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## Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 20:03:46 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 14:05:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Gates

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 22:16:27 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:37:51 -0500  
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>>Source: The Toronto Star

>>[http://www.torontostar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?  
GXHC\\_gx\\_session\\_id=f5e8b69388327d94&pagename=thestar/Layout/Article\\_Type1&c=Article&cid=10357775472](http://www.torontostar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?GXHC_gx_session_id=f5e8b69388327d94&pagename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=10357775472)

>>Feb. 7, 2003. 05:49 AM

>>Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>>REUTERS

>>CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.--Hundreds of searchers combed an area in  
>>east Texas yesterday for a top-secret object from the shuttle  
>>Columbia. They searched block by block and used machetes to hack  
>>their way through thick woods that surround the tiny town of  
>>Bronson, near the Louisiana border.

>>They were given a picture of a faceplate from the device, which  
>>said "Secret Government Property" in white letters on a black  
>>background. Texas state troopers stood guard and told  
>>photographers to keep their distance, saying they would be asked  
>>to leave the area if searchers found something they did not want  
>>photographed.

>>The Houston Chronicle reported yesterday the object was a  
>>communications device that handled encrypted messages between  
>>the shuttle and ground. It said the device was in a top-secret  
>>government "telecommunications security" category.

>>Hmmm..... The "Houston, we have a bogey..." box?

>>ebk

>This is extremely interesting! What is NASA up to behind our  
>backs? Indeed, this question should be raised in one or more of  
>the forthcoming Congressional hearings.

It is an interesting question. Is this device used "every"  
mission, or only the missions where they are messing with  
military sats? If it is used "every" mission then obviously some  
of the data/voice traffic is encrypted and not publicly  
available.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 21:08:52 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 14:07:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number? - Gates

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 01:31:44 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 00:49:31 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Anyone Have An Agreed Upon Number?

>Hi Robert,

>I'd like to make a couple of comments. You wrote:

See my earlier email where I corrected the Carpenter number

>>If we look at how many "actual" cases have been reported and  
>>investigated I understand the number is less then 1200.

>Budd Hopkins alone has personally investigated over 600 cases.  
>That isn't counting Dave Jacobs who was 'at it' ten years longer  
>than Budd. Nor does your number take into account the cases that  
>were investigated by Mack, Fowler, Carpenter, Smith and lord  
>knows how many others. That's only in the USA and doesn't take  
>into consideration how many unreported cases there may be both  
>here and abroad.

>>A while back, the MUFON abduction project allegedly had around  
>>600 'actual' cases.

>>John Carpenter's case files were around 20, or so.

>You've touched a live nerve. Major shift in gears ahead...

Carpenters Case files were around 140 total. I don't know if this number represents cases that "he was the lead investigator on" as opposed to having copies of somebody elses' files as well. By one account 49- 60 or so of the files were his, and the rest were copies of case files from other abduction researchers. Supposedly those case files came from other well known abduction researchers who were more then happy to provide them to John at that point in time.

I also heard along those lines that 20-40 percent of abduction researcher case files represent "overlap" case files material, i.e. material from 'other sources' let that read other researchers.

MUFON abduction transcript project involved 215 or so files. Supposedly some of those were from well known researchers. Also plugged into my number was additional files from well known researchers which is where I got the less then 1200. Nick Pope mentioned in an email that his UK number is around 100.

The point to all of this is when we hear all these abduction numbers floating around, say thousands, tens of thousands, millions and so on they may "actually" be estimates, educated guesses, extropolations, theories based upon few case files as

opposed to actually having tens of thousands of "actual" case files in hand.

This is not to say abductions don't happen, it is to say that some of the numbers we hear in popular literature may not be 'accurate'.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 23:43:54 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 14:14:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 16:54:48 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 21:07:45 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>I'm not sure as a debunker, that you are in the position to  
>>choose who is and who isn't capable of real research. I don't  
>>claim to be a scientist but I do have certain skills that I can  
>>bring to the table. I do research, hang out in library's, scroll  
>>through thousands of documents, like many others. Certain Jerry  
>>is a consummate researcher and has the volumes to prove it.  
>>You've probably fallen back on his encyclopedias yourself to  
>>check out cases.

>Don,

>Debunker? Amusing!

>So, are you suggesting that anyone who resolves cases, as I  
do, is "a debunker." This is what you are suggesting, by  
definition. If that is the case, then you are one of the people  
who John Rimmer refers to who are more interested in  
perpetuating mystery than seeing what lies behind it.

Nope. Not at all. Solved a few of my own cases-some were easy.  
I've had a few of my cases solved or at least had serious doubt  
cast on them as to source and substance. You say you read Dark  
Object. There's a UFO photograph alluded to that night [see  
Discovery Europe and Mike MacDonald's Shag Harbour documentary] a  
time exposure. It was taken 85 miles NE of Shag Harbour in  
Lunenburg a couple of hours earlier than the incident. Lots of  
sightings that night. Nice color slide taken by a professional  
photographer - great looking picture. But it turns out that was  
a time exposure of a Wallops Island missile firing, barium gas  
[and others] release at about 50 miles up and out over the  
Atlantic off West Virginia. Nick Balaskas ran across a picture  
he was going to send me that looked like the time exposure but  
before it arrived I'd picked up a used coffee table UFO book,  
took it home and low and behold there it was on page 105. The  
same one he sent me a photocopy of later.

There was a launch that evening about 8:10PM eastern and 9:10PM  
Atlantic one of some 4,500 in a series that NASA launched from  
the NE tip of Virginia over the years.

That missile firing was probably responsible for Air Canada  
Flight 305's report by Guy Charbonneau and Bob Ralph at about  
the same time to the south of their track while flying a  
Viscount fom Halifax to st. Jean, Quebec enroute Montreal.

I've had my share of reports of Venus and other stars, tower  
light sightings and aircraft landing lights. Some witnesses were  
pissed off at me for telling them I was convinced that they'd  
seen this or that.

>>I even have an RCAF document somewhere date 1948 using the  
>>term Unidentified Flying Object in the report. But you prefer  
>>'flying saucer' because you want to denigrate the phenomenon,  
>>the millions of witnesses, me and those like me for whatever  
>>reason. Now whose being 'defensive.' You presume to speak for  
>>"millions of witnesses" but in reality you are speaking only for  
>>yourself and the tiny band of people who shout the loudest.

>If you had troubled yourself to read 'Out of the Shadows' or  
>our ongoing series of articles in UFO Magazine UK, you would  
>realise that we are using the witnesses' exact words, taken from  
>direct transcripts of their interviews.

I haven't seen "Out of the Shadows" around here as yet. But I'll  
find it. I don't as a rule get UFO Magazine because it costs  
about \$10.00 here.

>If this form of investigation is "denigration" then I'm happy  
>to subscribe to it.

I'm not sure I understood what you were referring to here.

>Presumably this is the same sort of investigation you carried  
>out for your very interesting book Dark Object. Incidentally,  
>besides this book what exactly have you contributed to the  
>Ufological literature?

Well not that we have to but my other book was "Maritime UFO  
Files" published in 1998. It's out of print now. My 2nd book was  
on the Crash of Swissair Flight 111 "Swissair Down-A Pilots  
Point of View" but no UFOs there.

>>For every little NL case you shoot down - and who cares -  
>>there are thousands you can't come to grips with.

>Again you display your ignorance of everything we have ever  
>written. If you knew anything about our priorities you would  
>know that we completely ignore nocturnal lights and instead  
>concentrate on "high strangeness" cases, specifically those with  
>military witnesses.

Well David I can hardly know of everything you write about - nor  
you me.[See IUR, Fall 2002,Vol.27, No.3 BTW]. I've written for  
several magazines as well including the Unopened Files, Saturday  
Night, Canadian Owners & Pilot Assoc.Newsletter [UFO/Aviation  
crossover], Atlantic Progress, Seniors Advocate, and such and  
you're not likely to have heard of most of them because they are  
Canadian. As for military, I've got many of those as well as  
airline and private pilot sightings. You bring up the military  
but when I mentioned such a case to Andy he shot it down as me  
falling back on the so-called "high credibility" witnesses we  
researchers like to bring up to support the reality of UFOs.

It seems you can use them but not us. Why is that?

>>But to suggest that your government would come completely  
>>clean about all aspects of this phenomenon and some of the  
>>events that have occurred is totally naive. You've even admitted  
>>yourself that they have withheld documents.

>We have found that on the odd occasion that the British  
>Government have with-held or obfuscated information this has  
>been to cover-up ignorance and blunders.

That, sir, is pure conjecture on your part - Rendlesham or not.  
I'm quite willing to buy that there is with-holding of  
information for national security reasons, and yes to cover-up  
ignorance and blunders, but there are many reasons for covering  
up and the forces or government will do it for no other reason  
than that they can. I've worked in government for 33 years and  
they would take the numbers off a calendar if they thought there  
was a good self-serving reason for doing so.

The so-called secret documents with-held on the Rendlesham case  
prove this point (they said even less than the 150 pages  
originally released).

>So what exactly do you think Governments are covering up? And  
>what gives you the privileged insight that the rest of us aren't  
>privy to?



My 33 years of working for one.

>>Tell you what then David. Why don't you devote more of your  
>>time to faeries and trolls and things that go bump in the night.  
>>I promise I won't interfere there.

>As in your woeful ignorance of the history of ley-hunting, you  
>>once again revel in your prejudices.

Of course I'm woefully ignorant of ley-hunting, whatever that is. What's that got to do with anything and when was I reveling in my prejudices before. If it presses your buttons however, then you see where I'm coming from.

>Surely you are denigrating all those thousands of people who  
>claim to have seen fairies, trolls and ghosts, many of whom I  
>have interviewed. Some are credible witnesses!

>Someone has to stand up for all those thousands of people you  
>belittle.

>You also display a level of cultural prejudice that is breath-  
>taking, in that you suggest that one form of anomalous phenomena  
>is of less relevance than another.

Am I the only one here to see how nuts this conversation is becoming?

David, you are making my arguments for me.

Thanks,

Don

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## A UFO Case From Nearly A Century Ago

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 21:47:17 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 14:15:55 -0500  
Subject: A UFO Case From Nearly A Century Ago

To those who believe there is no UFO sighting which cannot be explained as a known object or phenomenon within the bounds of our current accepted scientific knowledge, I submit the following historic "flap" of UFO sightings.

In 1904 and 1905, many travellers in the countryside near Dayton, Ohio, reported sightings of a strange flying machine. Some of them took photographs. Some of them signed sworn statements as to what they had witnessed. Despite these eyewitness accounts, editorials in the New York Times and in Scientific American maintained that all of these people were either mistaken, were suffering from delusions, or were involved in an elaborate hoax. After all, everyone knew that no heavier-than-air craft could actually fly. Such a thing would defy the laws of physics!

Many scientists continued to maintain that these so-called flying machines were a physical impossibility until finally, in 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt ordered a demonstration of the Wright Brothers' invention at Ft. Myers, Virginia, where the reality of flight by heavier-than-air craft was proven once and for all.

QED. The counterpoint to scientific pedantism.

Tom Bowden

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## USAF Imagery Confirms Columbia Wing Damaged

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Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 08:06:51 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 14:18:44 -0500  
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FYI

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Source: <http://www.spaceref.com/news/viewnews.html?id=3D733>

USAF Imagery Confirms Columbia Wing Damaged  
Craig Covault/Kennedy Space Center  
Thursday, February 06, 2003

Pictures from ground camera in Southwest shortly before breakup show jagged edge on shuttle's wing

High-resolution images taken from a ground-based Air Force tracking camera in southwestern U.S. show serious structural damage to the inboard leading edge of Columbia's left wing, as the crippled orbiter flew overhead about 60 sec. before the vehicle broke up over Texas killing the seven astronauts on board Feb. 1.

According to sources close to the investigation, the images, under analysis at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, show a jagged edge on the left inboard wing structure near where the wing begins to intersect the fuselage. They also show the orbiter's right aft yaw thrusters firing, trying to correct the vehicle's attitude that was being adversely affected by the left wing damage. Columbia's fuselage and right wing appear normal. Unlike the damaged and jagged left wing section, the right wing appears smooth along its entire length. The imagery is consistent with telemetry.

The ragged edge on the left leading edge, indicates that either a small structural breach - such as a crack - occurred, allowing the 2,500F reentry heating to erode additional structure there, or that a small portion of the leading edge fell off at that location.

Either way, the damage affected the vehicle's flying qualities as well as allowed hot gases to flow into critical wing structure - a fatal combination.

It is possible, but yet not confirmed, that the impact of foam debris from the shuttle's external tank during launch could have played a role in damage to the wing leading edge, where the deformity appears in USAF imagery.

If that is confirmed by the independent investigation team, it would mean that, contrary to initial shuttle program analysis, the tank debris event at launch played a key role in the root cause of the accident.

Another key factor is that the leading edge of the shuttle wing where the jagged shape was photographed transitions from black thermal protection tiles to a much different mechanical system made of reinforced carbon-carbon material that is bolted on, rather than glued on as the tiles are.

This means that in addition to the possible failure of black tile at the point where the wing joins the fuselage, a failure involving the attachment mechanisms for the leading edge sections could also be a factor, either related or not to the debris impact. The actual front structure of a shuttle wing is flat. To provide aerodynamic shape and heat protection, each wing is fitted with 22 U-shaped reinforced carbon-carbon (RCC) leading-edge structures. The carbon material in the leading edge, as well as the orbiter nose cap, is designed to protect the shuttle from temperatures above 2,300F during reentry. Any breach of this leading-edge material would have catastrophic consequences.

The U-shaped RCC sections are attached to the wing "with a series of floating joints to reduce loading on the panels due to wing deflections," according to Boeing data on the attachment mechanism.

"The [critical heat protection] seal between each wing leading-edge panel is referred to as a 'tee' seal," according to Boeing, and are also made of a carbon material.

The tee seals allow lateral motion and thermal expansion differences between the carbon sections and sections of the orbiter wing that remain much cooler during reentry.

In addition to debris impact issues, investigators will likely examine whether any structural bending between the cooler wing structure and the more-than-2,000F leading edge sections could have played a role in the accident. There is insulation packed between the cooler wing structure and the bowl-shaped cavity formed by the carbon leading-edge sections.

The RCC leading-edge structures are bolted to the wing using Inconel fittings that attach to aluminum flanges on the front of the wing.

The initial NASA Mission Management Team (MMT) assessment of the debris impact made Jan. 18, two days after launch, noted "The strike appears to have occurred on or relatively close to the 'wing glove' near the orbiter fuselage (see p. 28).

The term "wing glove" generally refers to the area where the RCC bolt-on material is closest to the fuselage. This is also the general area where USAF imagery shows structural damage.

The second MMT summary analyzing the debris hit was made on Jan. 20 and had no mention of the leading-edge wing glove area. That report was more focused on orbiter black tiles on the vehicle's belly. The third and final summary issued on Jan. 27 discusses the black tiles again, but also specifically says "Damage to the RCC [wing leading edge] should be limited to [its] coating only and have no mission impact." Investigators in Houston are trying to match the location of the debris impact with the jagged edge shown in the Air Force imagery.

Columbia reentry accident investigators are also trying to determine if, as in the case of the case of Challenger's accident 17 years ago, an undesirable materials characteristic noted on previous flights "in this case the STS-112 separation of external tank insulation foam debris" was misjudged by engineers as to its potential for harm, possibly by using analytical tools and information inadequate to truly identify and quantify the threat to the shuttle. As of late last week, NASA strongly asserted this was not the case, but intense analysis on that possibility continues.

The shuttle is now grounded indefinitely and the impact on major crew resupply and assembly flights to the International Space Station remain under intense review (see p. 30).

Killed in the accident were STS-107 Mission Commander USAF Col. Rick Husband; copilot Navy Cdr. William McCool; flight engineer, Kalpana Chawla; payload commander, USAF Lt. Col. Michael Anderson; mission specialist physician astronauts Navy Capt. Laurel Clark and Navy Capt. David Brown and Israeli Air Force Col. Ilan Ramon.

"We continue to recover crew remains and we are handling that process with the utmost care, the utmost respect and dignity,"

said Ronald Dittmore, shuttle program manager.

No matter what the investigations show, there are no apparent credible crew survival options for the failure Columbia experienced. With the ISS out of reach in a far different orbit, there were no credible rescue options if even if wing damage had been apparent before reentry="E2=C7"which it was not.

If, in the midst of its 16-day flight, wing damage had been found to be dire, the only potential="E2=C7"but still unlikely="E2=C7"option would have been the formulation over several days by Mission Control of a profile that could have, perhaps, reduced heating on the damaged wing at the expense of the other wing for an unguided reentry, with scant hope the vehicle would remain controllable to about 40,000 ft., allowing for crew bailout over an ocean.

Reentry is a starkly unforgiving environment where three out of the four fatal manned space flight accidents over the last 35 years have occurred.

These include the Soyuz 1 reentry accident that killed cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov in 1967 and the 1971 Soyuz 11 reentry accident that killed three cosmonauts returning after the first long-duration stay on the Salyut 1 space station.

The only fatal launch accident has been Challenger in 1986, although Apollo astronauts Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee were killed when fire developed in their spacecraft during a launch pad test not involving launch.

No other accident in aviation history has been seen by so many eyewitnesses than the loss of Columbia="E2=C7"visible in five states.

Telemetry and photographic analysis indicate the breakup of the historic orbiter took place as she slowed from Mach 20-to-18 across California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico with the loss of structural integrity 205,000 ft. over north central Texas where most of the debris fell (see p. 39).

The science-driven STS-107 crew was completing 16 days of complex work in their Spacehab Research Double module and were 16 min. from landing at Kennedy when lost. Landing was scheduled for 8:16 a.m. CST.

Abnormal telemetry events in the reentry began at 7:52 a.m. CST as the vehicle was crossing the coast north of San Francisco at 43 mi. alt., about Mach 20.

The orbiter at this time was in a 43-deg. right bank completing its initial bank maneuver to the south for initial energy dissipation and ranging toward the Kennedy runway still nearly 3,000 mi. away.

That initial bank had been as steep as about 80 deg. between Hawaii and the California coast, a normal flight path angle for the early part of the reentry. The abnormal events seen on orbiter telemetry in Houston indicate a slow penetration of reentry heat into the orbiter and damage on the wing, overpowering the flight control system. Key events were:

7:52 a.m. CST: Three left main landing gear brakeline temperatures show an unusual rise. "This was the first occurrence of a significant thermal event in the left wheel well," Dittmore said. Engineers do not believe the left wheel well was breached, but rather that hot gasses were somehow finding a flow path within the wing to reach the wheel well.

7:53 a.m. CST: A fourth left brakeline strut temperature measurement rose significantly - about 30-40 deg. in 5 min.

7:54 a.m. CST: With the orbiter over eastern California and western Nevada, the mid-fuselage mold line where the left wing meets the fuselage showed an unusual temperature rise. The 60F rise over 5 min. was not dramatic, but showed that something was heating the wing fuselage interface area at this time. Wing leading edge and belly temperatures were over 2,000F. While the outside fuselage wall was heating, the inside wall remained cool as normal.

7:55 a.m. CST: A fifth left main gear temperature sensor showed an unusual rise.

7:57 a.m. CST: As Columbia was passing over Arizona and New Mexico, the orbiter's upper and lower left wing temperature sensors failed, probably indicating their lines had been cut. The orbiter was also rolling back to the left into about a 75-deg. left bank angle, again to dissipate energy and for navigation and guidance toward Runway 33 at Kennedy, then about 1,800 mi. away.

7:58 a.m. CST: Still over New Mexico, the elevons began to move to adjust orbiter roll axis trim, indicating an increase in drag on the left side of the vehicle. That could be indicative of "rough tile or missing tile but we are not sure," Dittemore said. At the same time, the elevons were reacting to increased drag on the left side of the vehicle, the left main landing gear tire pressures and wheel temperature measurements failed. This was indicative of a loss of the sensor, not the explosion or failure of the left main gear tires, Dittemore believes. The sensors were lost in a staggered fashion.

7:59 a.m. CST: Additional elevon motion is commanded by the flight control system to counteract right side drag. The drag was trying to roll the vehicle to the left, while the flight control system was commanding the elevons to roll it back to the right.

But the rate of left roll was beginning to overpower the elevons, so the control system fired two 870-lb. thrust right yaw thrusters to help maintain the proper flight path angle. The firing lasted 1.5 sec. and, along with the tire pressure data and elevon data, would have been noted by the pilots.

At about this time, the pilots made a short transmission that was clipped and essentially unintelligible

In Mission Control, astronaut Marine Lt. Col. Charles Hobaugh, the spacecraft communicator on reentry flight director Leroy Cain's team, radioed "Columbia we see your tire pressure [telemetry] messages and we did not copy your last transmission."

One of the pilots then radioed "Roger," but appeared to be cut off in mid transmission by static. For a moment there was additional static and sounds similar to an open microphone on Columbia but no transmissions from the crew.

All data from the orbiter then stopped and the position plot display in Mission Control froze over Texas, although an additional 30 sec. of poor data may have been captured.

Controllers in Mission Control thought they were experiencing an unusual but non-critical data drop out. But they had also taken notice of the unusual buildup of sensor telemetry in the preceding few minutes.

About 3 min. after all data flow stopped, Hobaugh in mission control began transmitting in the blind to Columbia on the UHF backup radio system. "Columbia, Houston, UHF comm. check" he repeated every 15-30 sec., but to no avail. In central Texas, thousands of people at that moment were observing the orbiter break up at Mach 18.3 and 207,000 ft.

Milt Heflin, Chief of the Flight Director's office said he looked at the frozen data plots. "I and others stared at that for a long time because the tracking ended over Texas. It just stopped. It was then that I reflected back on what I saw [in Mission Control] with Challenger."

The loss of Challenger occurred 17 years and four days before the loss of Columbia.

"Our landscape has changed," Heflin said. "The space flight business today is going to be much different than yesterday.

"It was different after the Apollo fire, it was different after Challenger."

Columbia, the first winged reusable manned spacecraft first launched in April 1981, was lost on her 28th mission on the

113th shuttle flight.

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## UFO Sighted Over City In Peruvian Amazon

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1@earthlink.net](mailto:lornis1@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 17:30:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 14:22:47 -0500  
Subject: UFO Sighted Over City In Peruvian Amazon

SOURCE: Rastreador News  
DATE: 02.07.03

PERU: UFO Sighted over City in the Peruvian Amazon

An unidentified flying object was reported on January 13, 2003 over the Peruvian city of Pucallpa. The witness was a functionary of Aeropantanal, a private corporation.

Alberto Santiva Panduro, a functionary of the airline, claims having seen the UFO in the morning when the skies were "completely clear."

He added that the unknown object was heading southward, adding that during that same week, he had seen another similar object in the northern reaches of the Peruvian community.

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## Request For Investigation By Air Force Inspector

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 20:14:30 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 14:24:58 -0500  
Subject: Request For Investigation By Air Force Inspector

TO: Inspector General  
Headquarters, U. S. Department of the Air Force  
The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330

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

DATE: February 9, 2003

Now that more than 60 days have passed without my receiving any response to my letter of Nov. 25, 2002, to the secretary of the Air Force (copy enclosed), by which I seek his submission to a polygraph exam as to his knowledge of UFO reality and of his predecessors' official cover-up thereof, I ask that you investigate that lack of response, and that you furnish me a report of your investigation.

I base this request on the following rationale:

(1) For a U. S. departmental head to ignore citizens' expressions of concern about such a vital public issue as UFO reality cum the 60-year-long government cover-up of the UFO experience runs counter to that official's statutory and moral obligation. What's more, the official abuse of authority inherent in the cover-up (e.g., the official lying to the public) cannot help being encouraged by Mr. Roche's failure to respond. Thus, that failure casts him in the same category as the cover-up's original perpetrators. Can you not appreciate that, if this matter were to pertain not to the UFO cover-up but to a case of sexual harassment, he would have to be held legally accountable for his nonresponse?

(2) If Mr. Roche has nothing to hide in this matter, he gladly should take this much-needed step toward restoring public confidence in USAF policy/programs/activities. His continued failure to be polygraphed, however, will become his own self-indictment -- a legacy to be expected as more UFO-cover-up whistleblowers emerge from their captivity of enforced silence.

Please keep me timely informed as to all your actions taken toward fulfilling this request.

LARRY W. BRYANT  
Director, Washington, D.C., Office of  
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## FOIA-Litigation Notice To FAA

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 23:57:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 14:26:34 -0500  
Subject: FOIA-Litigation Notice To FAA

TO: Administrator  
U. S. Federal Aviation Administration  
ATTN: General Counsel  
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20591

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

DATE: February 9, 2003

Now that more than 60 days have passed without my receiving ANY response to my FOIA request of Dec. 5, 2002 (copy enclosed), by which I seek access to the entire contents of the FAA FOIA case file on the several FOIA requests that your agency has received about the July 26, 2002, UFO fly-over and subsequent USAF jet-intercept chase near Waldorf, Md., I now construe that lack of response as a deliberate act of bad faith on the part of your agency's FOIA staff.

Accordingly, I hereby serve notice that I am instructing my attorney, Mark S. Zaid of Washington, D.C., to file suit in U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia -- so as to compel your agency's full, prompt compliance with FOIA basic requirements and procedures. Mr. Zaid also has my instructions to seek from the court all appropriate penalties to be levied against any FAA personnel who are taking, and/or have taken, part in your agency's blatant subversion of the letter and spirit of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act.

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## FOIA Appeal Letter To BLM

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 01:04:26 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 14:28:53 -0500  
Subject: FOIA Appeal Letter To BLM

TO: Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
ATTN: General Counsel  
Washington, DC 20240

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

DATE: February 10, 2003

By her Dec. 11, 2002, reply (copy enclosed) to my freedom-of-information request of Nov. 7, 2002, your deputy state director for support services in the BLM New Mexico state office has failed to comply fully with the letter and spirit of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act.

In the first place, the package of documents she has furnished me contains no copy of the proposed dig-site "map" referred to in (and originally attached to) the Archeological Testing and Remote Sensing Study Plan for Foster Ranch Impact Site, as submitted by officials at the University of New Mexico for BLM review/approval. If that omission of the map was intentional and meant to deny me access to it, then I hereby appeal that decision on obvious grounds.

Second: please note that the third paragraph of the study plan's introduction (copy enclosed) contains unexplained white blanks after the designated "BLM lands: Sec. 19... Sec. 20... Sec. 29... and, possibly Sec. 30...; Private (?) lands: Sec. 29..." By consultation with another, authoritative source, I've learned that the blanks constitute BLM-originated redactions. Of course, Ms. Gamby's Dec. 11, 2002, letter fails to identify ANY such redactions, much less attempts to justify them.

This appeal, therefore, asks that you immediately rescind the redactions -- and that you furnish me all the withheld information promptly. In your granting this appeal, you also might wish to arrange for the BLM FOIA staff in New Mexico to undergo refresher training in the basic FOIA requirements and procedures.

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## Re: Analogical Ufology - Bennett

From: Colin Bennett <[colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 12:50:55 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 14:31:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Analogical Ufology - Bennett

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 00:15:47 +0000  
>Subject: Analogical Ufology

>Aside from detesting the word "Ufology", I am struck by the fact  
>that converging eyewitness testimony with a modicum of physical  
>evidence (artifacts, films, etc.) on the Columbia shuttle  
>disaster is indicating that something happened as the Columbia  
>began re-entry above California.

>People saw things, and in a number of cases managed to obtain  
>videotaped or digital footage which, along with a lot of other  
>lines of evidence, certainly can be analyzed and lead to a  
>convincing solution.

>The parallels with UFO research are obvious.

>The Andy Roberts' of the world will quickly state, but we  
>know what the Columbia is (was) and that it disintegrated upon  
>re-entry into the atmosphere. (Except for the Colin Bennetts'  
>of the world who will insist that no one can know because there  
>is no such thing as objective truth.)

Good morning all List Bears,

Well now Dick Hall appears not have taken into account quantum states, the Experimenter Effect, and the work of George Hansen, Patrick Harpur, Paul Devereaux, Jacques Vallee, and indeed our very own Mac Tonnies, all of whom have alternative views to his own scientific view. But that is hardly the point the point I wish to make at this present time.

The subjective/objective relationship can be stated quite simply. Using traditional scientific objectivity a whole and entire culture can be indeed created, such as the one we now experience. And yes, the "objectivity" of the successful culture (whatever the complexion of that culture may be) appears indeed to be absolutely objective in the sense to which you refer. The effect of cultural success is of course one of powerful psycho-social reinforcement. Such success appears to be absolute at least on a macrocosmic level. In this respect it would appear to be very silly not to assume that science has pushed aside or marginalized such things as occultism, the paranormal, and "miraculous" religious thinking. It has indeed. But objective reality is objective only within the limits of an approximation. The source of confusion is that the approximation is not detectable in the macrocosmic experience. But microcosmically, this most convincing impression is seen to be founded on sand. Close inspection of basic concepts in physical science will show that every single aspect of our electrical and electronic technology for example is founded on basic concepts that cannot be completely defined. Yes, we know enough about some of the laws of magnet induction and current-flow states sufficient to put these forces and states to work, and hence to construct our objective socially-applied technologies, but the ultimate nature of magnetism and electricity remains as much a mystery within the microcosmic approximation as it did to Faraday and Einstein.

What these men did was to assemble mathematically a series of working hypotheses involving purely theoretical considerations such as lines of force (Faraday), and descending lifts, accelerating clocks and contracting measuring rods (Einstein/Michelson/Morley). Clark Maxwell unified the orbit-wobbles of Faraday's cosmos, but was completely flummoxed by radioactivity! In turn, Relativity was doubly flummoxed by Max Planck's Quantum Theory. The relationship between gravity and electric and magnetic forces of course flummoxes science to this day. If we go back in time, and look at the theories of Copernicus, Kepler and Galileo in their developed relationship with one another, similar analogous corrections of conceptual orbit wobble as it were can be observed. We have therefore, I contend, our "objective" society founded on mysteries that remain forever unresolved. It this sense "objectivity" can be seen as psycho-cultural management system. It does not demystify so much as makes things manageable in order to enable us to engineer our way around problems rather than solve them. Thus rationalizations are not truths so much as media-management techniques that scale down concepts in order to minimize metaphors and ambiguities in the manner attempted in say, a legal document.

Now everybody pause for breath, because this is where postmodernism comes in. My current article in The Fortean Times (138) on James Oberg and NASA illustrates that postmodernism is now a user-friendly analytical technique. What this article demonstrates is that postmodernism, given the state of uncertainty at the very bottom level of fact and perception as I have outlined, shows that what we are forever constructing is a series of performance masks involving self and society. As I have said in previous posts, once "fact" is replaced by information flow between social screens, a whole new world opens up to us. To my mind, postmodernism is equivalent to replacing  $v = s/t$  with  $v = ds/dt$ , and it has initiated an equivalent revolution in thought as did Newton's method of fluxions as he called it, which became our Calculus of Approximations.

The first law of postmodernism in this sense is that what we experience as fact is a more like a management of wonders than anything else. All is wonder, but some wonders have a better PR than others and manage to fight their way forward to the high performance frontier of that conscious acceptance which we equate to the "real". Thus we have the truth of performance rather than the truth of fact, a play in which the "real" as perceived in but one performance vector. In the face of a polluted air, sea, and Earth, science is having a problem keeping a mass audiences in their very expensive seats. Postmodernism sees such performances as information arrays, almost live animals in the cyber/web sense of "virtual" life. In its desperate plight, science produces pseudo-performances. As David Clarke says, resistance to this kind of thing is holding up Ufological theoretical progress. In recent posts I have proposed the founding of New Ufology which has a postmodern element.

Really Dick, there is no use fighting postmodernism. Any arts student who sees it being talked about in this basic sense would be rather surprised. For many years now, postmodernism has been taught in every decent university in the world as an essential part of philosophy, literature and arts courses. Yes I agree, Dick, that it has yet to reach science courses, witness the Alan Sokal hoax business of some years ago. But I think all that Sokal proved was that he got a better name as a writer of hoaxes than he ever got as a physicist! But if we here and now go into the resistance of science to postmodernism, then we will be here for a very long time!

I am posting Dave Clarke on this matter, since he says has recently begun to take an interest in postmodernism as what he calls corporate Ufology is making absolutely no progress as regards binary absolutes of real/unreal. I agree with him here, and I intend a series of List posts on postmodern developments from its very beginning. I suppose what David means by corporate Ufology is scientific Ufology, if only because science is the philosophy of conspiracy-corporatism, as many maverick scientists have found out to their costs.

Dick, I have to give you one point here. In one particular sense, there does exist a truly objective reality. But that



reality however is moral, not physical. We access this through Shakespeare, Greek Tragedy, and the Arts. Of course the question of science and morality is another question entirely. I hope there's plenty of List bandwidth available for that one!

Regarding subjectivity, you seem to deny that anything valuable at all comes from subjective states, that is states that are not based on factual experimental science. What are subjective states, you might well ask? Well, I give you poetry, music, drama, things of the spirit, love, human affections, charity, mercy, inspirations, and the imagination from whence all things without exception spring.

None of these things are based of "fact" at all, yet they belong to and express the wellspring of our being.

Colin (Not Such a Bad Man After All) Bennett

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 07:55:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 15:31:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
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>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 18:50:14 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

<snip>

>I've heard two interviews, by Errol's Sunday night counterpart  
>Richard Syrett, of Dr. Peter Lindemann, a researcher of what are  
>somewhat mis-named "free energy" devices. According to Dr.  
>Lindemann, more than one "free energy" device is under  
>development with an eye towards the commercial market.

<snip>

Eleanor-

This conversation would have gotten off to better start without the mention of Dr. Greer, which carries a certain amount of "baggage" with many of us on this List. However, that would have been difficult because he is the one who was allegedly announcing this to the world. But be that as it may.....

"Free energy", for most people, is defined as any process that provides more energy than you put into the process. I haven't visited the site you've mentioned, but would certainly agree that this is not a new line of research and that there are numerous individuals around the world trying to harness this power for the use of mankind. I would wish them all well, and suggest that the proof is in their ability to provide a demonstration of it as a repeatable process.

Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann believed that they had developed a form of "Free Energy" through cold fusion in early 1989, which was announced to the world in a major presentation before the press and other scientists. They were taken seriously by all concerned, and a number of groups attempted to duplicate their findings. One of those was at MIT, which resulted in an article being published in The Tech:

<http://www-tech.mit.edu/V109/N15/fusion.15n.html>

A description of their process can also be found on line:

<http://www.galactic-server.com/radio/p-f.html>

Suffice it to say that we aren't today living in a world where energy has been provided by cold fusion. While an interesting effect was shown it couldn't seem to be repeated with reliability. Obviously there are factors involved here that physicists aren't (yet) aware of, and one can only hope that this latest announcement by Dr. Peter Lindemann proves that we've reached that understanding.

One hopes that this announcement is being made after they've managed to nail down the process, and not because they need a few extra dollars for research.

BTW, Pons and Fleischmann were left Utah not long after their

announcement was made and went their separate ways.

For those who are interested in this subject there are numerous web sites and lists that you can join. However, IMO it probably shouldn't become a major subject of debate and discussion on UFO UpDates and I apologize for my verbosity.

Steve

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Harney

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Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 19:24:30 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 15:37:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Harney

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 10:42:53 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>John,

>>>>My brother's name happens to be Tom. If you find that wildly  
>>>>hilarious, I feel sorry for you.

>>>>Feel sorry. It amused me for quite a while.

>>Have to say, it amused me a bit too. You'd have to be a pretty  
>>strange sort of person not to find it mildly amusing. Much as if  
>>a UFO write called Jeff had a brother called Mutt, or - for  
>>British readers - someone called Mark had a brother called  
>>Spencer.

>So what do you think the average mental age of the British  
>pelicanist is, John? Do we get now to make fun of your first  
>name now, or the last, both of which any adolescent could easily  
>find hilarity in? We American ufologists, happily, are above  
>that sort of eternal eleven-year-oldness.

>Jerry Clark

Oh, really? Then what about all the baby-talk by "We American  
ufologists" about "skeptibunking pelicanists squawk squawk",  
etc. that breaks out on this List every time someone attempts  
to take a critical look at one of the precious "classic" UFO  
cases?

John Harney

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 15:39:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 11:09:39 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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>should be a subject for ridicule. I see that as nothing short  
>of amazing, and I've heard of others doing the same thing.

Eleanor:

The problem is that there is no evidence (nor, do I suspect, will any ever be presented) that Greer and his flashlight brigades are 'communicating' with anything. As for others doing the same thing, why not? The first pyramid scheme has certainly inspired many more hucksters and flim-flam artists to take wads of money from well-meaning but incredibly naive people, the same one's now traipsing about the wilderness trying to say hello to ET with a flashlight. If ridicule can prevent even one person from falling for this scheme, then let's all ridicule away!

Best regards,

Paul Kimball

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## CCCRN News: Historical Circle Project

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February 9, 2003

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Historical Circle Project - Two New Cases from 1950s and 1920s

The Historical Circle Project is a new research project of CCCRN, documenting the earliest known cases of Canadian crop circles.

In just the last few weeks, two new previously unknown cases have come to light, of circle formations at Dodsland, Saskatchewan and Leeshore, Alberta.

The Dodsland case is a report of three large concentric rings in a native prairie pasture, reported in the Fall 2000 edition of Native Prairie Update!, the newsletter of the Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation, which contains an interview with the landowner recounting seeing these when she was younger, sometime in the 1950s, more specific date to be determined.

The Leeshore, Alberta case from 1925 is the oldest now known so far in Canada, consisting of small circles in wheat. Reported by another Canadian researcher, Gavin McLeod, whose mother remembers seeing the circles when she was about six years old, and whose grandfather was the farmer at the time. The wheat was flattened right down to the ground. Interestingly, Leeshore, a tiny farming community east of Edmonton, is in Lamont County, which has the oldest Ukrainian settlements in Canada (going back to 1894) and the most churches per capita in North America (perhaps this is akin to some other formations in Canada being on or near Indian reservations or other religious or sacred landmarks, much as formations in Europe are largely in areas near ancient monuments?).

Additional details for these reports will be added to the web site as they become available.

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>>>>I've heard two interviews, by Errol's Sunday night counterpart  
>>>>Richard Syrett, of Dr. Peter Lindemann, a researcher of what are  
>>>>somewhat mis-named "free energy" devices. According to Dr.  
>>>>Lindemann, more than one "free energy" device is under  
>>>>development with an eye towards the commercial market.

>><snip>

>>Please be serious here, Eleanor. Your first statement "...eye  
>>towards the commerical market," tells a great deal.

>Something wrong in selling energy producing devices?

>>Do you  
>>honestly believe most people fell off the pumpkin cart? Anything  
>>heading toward the commercial market will certainly not be free.  
>>There is no such thing as a free lunch. This is the real world.  
>>If something can be produced for nothing, it certainly will not  
>>be allowed in the hands of the masses. Economics 101.

>Dr. Lindemann and Dr. Ted Loder never claimed the energy was  
>free. Their devices require a small amount of energy and return  
>much more energy than is required to "prime the pump". Again I  
>refer to the electrostatic lifters which have become popular  
>science toys. Aside from the tiny amount of electrical energy to  
>charge the capacitor plates, any work from lifting is  
>essentially free. That has been demonstrated, even by NASA, not  
>to mention the kits which can be bought.

Hi Eleanor,

WAC wrote:

>>Secondly, I'm suppose to not condemn a man who charges  
>>intellectually challenged Bozo's \$400 a pop to journey with him  
>>into the boondocks to sing around the camp fire, flashing beams  
>>from their flashlights into the sky to signal flying saucers and  
>>hopefully get a reply, as a person who isn't a snake oil  
>>salesman?

You responded:

>I've never understood why communicating with UFOs by flashlight  
>should be a subject for ridicule. I see that as nothing short  
>of amazing, and I've heard of others doing the same thing. It's  
>puzzling that people willing to accept that UFOs are worthy of  
>serious study, yet the moment someone succeeds with primitive  
>communication, the whole issue becomes the butt of jokes.

American Heritage Dictionary definition:

scam (skam) Slang. n. 1. A fraudulent business scheme;  
a swindle.

It's one thing to discuss cases where UFOs have reportedly  
responded to signals from ground observers/witnesses and quite  
another to charge people almost \$400. to stand around in cow  
pastures expecting to vector in UFOs with flashlights. One is a  
discussion about an unusual set of reports that may indicate  
'intelligent control' on the part of the UFOs, while the other  
is nothing more than an old fashioned 'scam.'

It's important to be able to distinguish between the two.

Yes, there are reports of UFOs responding to signals from  
witnesses. A well known abduction case with such a component  
springs to mind immediately, the 'Allagash Four' abduction. I  
believe it was 'Charlie' (sorry, I forgot his last name) who  
started flashing a hand-held torch/flashlight at the object and  
the UFO immediately began to move toward them at high speed.  
There are many other reports of similar behaviors/responses from  
UFOs to ground signals. A set of reports that beg further  
investigation.

On the other hand...

Charging people hundreds of dollars to stand around in cow  
pastures waving flashlights around in hopes of vectoring in a  
UFO is just an old fashioned rip off. As stated in the  
dictionary definition, "A fraudulent business scheme; a  
swindle." If all anyone had to do to vector in a UFO was to wave  
a flashlight around, then we could all simply open a window,  
wave a flashlight around, and expect to have a field day  
photographing and video taping UFOs. From the comfort of home...  
and for free!

We should separate the two issues (UFOs responding to signals  
and what Greer 'sells') and deal with them each according to its  
merits. In Greer's case, the very stern criticism he's getting  
is just what the 'doctor ordered' and no more than he deserves.

Regards,

John Velez

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

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## Another Abduction Question

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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 15:47:49 -0500  
Subject: Another Abduction Question

As many Listers know Eleanor asked a simple question as to how many abductions have taken place. This was responded to by myself and others on the here.

Let me float an additional question.

How many abductions have occurred in which the person abducted actually remembers what happened without undergoing any form of hypnosis, regression or otherwise?

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Randle

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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 15:53:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Randle

Good Morning, David, List, All -

As I have mentioned, real world (or maybe I should say outside world) considerations are taking more of my time. I have little control over this situation, but it is one for which I volunteered.\*

That said, let's address some of the things that seem to plague the thinking of a few on this List. First, as both Jim Houran and I have attempted to make clear, the original score sheets for our experiment were inadvertently destroyed. This is a regrettable error. Once our article was submitted, the point was questioned by a referee and he found that our data and our answers to be satisfactory. In other words, he did not see this as a fatal error. Had the raw data entered into the computer database been inadequate or unavailable, then we would have had to recreate the experiment, but those judging the situation didn't believe that necessary.

Second, neither Jim nor I have been attempting to avoid this discussion. Jim believed then, and believes now, that part of the debate should take place in the pages of JSE because it would be of benefit to science and to Ufology, if such was done. Again, this is not an attempt to avoid the dialogue, just an attempt to open it to a wider audience. Members on this List who have published in a refereed journal should understand this.

Jim has offered, off-line to Rudiak, SPSS analysis sheets so he could verify the SDs and ANOVA results were now correct. Ruidak never wrote back. For Morton, Jim clarified how Letters to the Editor work, because one of Morton's more recent posts gave the impression that he assumed those preparing such letters were in fact asking the Editor questions about the study and that this approach allowed authors to dodge having to answer for themselves. Jim's e-mail corrected this assumption, and Morton merely acknowledged that, yes, he understood how the process worked and that he understood that that point was obscured in his posts. He has not corrected, in later posts, the implicit assumption his message gives, which was that Letters to the Editor are meaningless exercises.

Finally, I would like to point out that, in writing the article, we did not spin it, leave out relevant data, or engage in careful selection of the data included. We did try to provide an historical context for the attempts to read the memo, including the situation as it existed in 1947 when J. Bond Johnson took the photograph. We noted that there had been several individuals and teams working to understand what was written there and that there was little in the way of initial agreement. Even the line, "Victims of the wreck" was not universally understood. Some could not read it at all and others claimed it said, "Remains..." If the key word is remains, then the context is altered.

I'm going to make several additional comments here. First, I wonder just how independent that original research is. Neil Morris, I believe, was the first to publish his analysis, and he might have been the first to mention "victims", though with no great confidence. So, did David and the others, knowing of

Neal's work, validate what it said? Did David know of Neal and his original interpretation?

Second, David Rudiak seems to object to our report that J. Bond Johnson carried the document into General Ramey. That Johnson made the claim, later that he said that he just handed the document to Ramey which had been on his desk, is an important point. If Johnson brought it with him, then it certainly relates to the Roswell events, but it has no real importance because it would be a teletype message from the wire services and not a classified document created inside the military.

Third, if it is a military teletype, then there are problems that have not been addressed. For example, in that era, military teletypes rarely had punctuation marks on them and the vast majority of those messages used PD for period and CMA for comma, yet in none of the various interpretations do any of those sorts of things appear. This is not a fatal flaw because I can find a few, though rare, examples that suggest that some teletype messages used regular punctuation.

There are no examples of military jargon in the various interpretations. Dave Rudiak has said we must assume proper grammar and spelling and that the memo will conform to standard English. I have just spent several days in military briefings and have to say that sometimes they became so jargon happy that I couldn't follow what was being said. Yet, in this military memo we have no jargon and we have no designations of military organizations. I find this a little strange... again not a fatal flaw, but one that raises a red flag for me (though a very small one).

David points out that we concentrated only on the differences, but not on the commonality. The problem is, we saw little commonality in the various interpretations of the memo. One named location in the memo was translated as Magdalena, Roswell, or Carlsbad by various researchers and was unidentified in our experiment. Well, all three interpretations can't be right, yet each has it's advocate and each is positive that he is right and the others are wrong.

We have the same problem with the name at the bottom. It is said to be either Ramey or Temple, with a variation that it is RRamey. One researcher thought that Temple was the internal code name for J. Edgar Hoover and tried to verify this with the FBI. I applaud his effort. The FBI would neither confirm nor deny which was no help to us.

They also complain about our bias, but we attempted to avoid that by reporting on the facts of the case. They have ignored our conclusions which we boldly stated, which suggest that those attempting to read the memo in our experiment did, in fact, in all three conditions, agree on the interpretation of some of the words. This tells us that some of the memo can be read. Instead, they choose to concentrate on what they consider the negatives.

And to return to "victims of the wreck" I might point out here that, in our investigation, no one interpreted the line in that way. If it is as clear as these investigators believe, then someone outside the Roswell research community should have seen it independently. That no one did should be viewed as a significant revelation but certainly not one that invalidates the work done by others.

In fact, if the interpretation of the memo is as self-evident as the researchers have claimed, then shouldn't some of those in our sample have spotted those words and if they didn't, why didn't they?

Jim has offered, off-line, to provide data to both Rudiak and Morton, but, for the most part, they have failed to respond. Instead, we are attacked for "spin" and for dodging the questions. Well, our methodology is laid out in the article, we have answered, in public, the criticisms of our article, and Jim has made the reasonable request that we engage in this debate in JSE. Why is it that they refuse?

\*And apropos of nothing, has anyone noticed the number of Army Reserve and National Guard units that have been activated in recent weeks?

KRandle

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>>Remember human nature, and please don't be too quick to condemn  
>>Dr. Greer, who may be seen by history as a hero on one or both  
>>of the frontiers he is working on.

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>be allowed in the hands of the masses. Economics 101.

Wendy,

I beg to differ with you on two counts, yet somewhat agree with you. First, free energy has a history to it but the definition of free energy is uncertain, but does not only refer to economics, but the physics of energy extraction.

Dr. Peter Lindemann defines it as well as any researcher.....

"In the simplest terms, free energy is any energy that is provided by the natural world. In science, energy is defined as "the ability to do work".

Free energy is called by many names, such as renewable energy, alternative energy, or non-conventional energy, to list a few. Examples of free energy technologies include a wind generator on a remote homestead, or a solar panel on the International Space Station. But this is only the tip of the iceberg.

Free energy also includes amazing technologies like a car powered by a water fuel cell, a battery charger powered by the earth, or a home furnace powered by permanent magnets.. The best

free energy systems deliver energy at no on-going cost to the user, without detrimental effects to the environment, and at extremely low costs for the maintenance of the equipment.

Second, the idea of signaling UFOs did not start with Greer, but might have started with John Otto in the 1950s. I, myself, participated in such experiments years ago and consider the outcomes a success. What Greer has done with it has turned it into a stage show or circus act and a charge to participants. That is where the confidence game comes in. He had read a paragraph about my early experiences at the very start of his career in discology and had also read about my interviews with sources similar to those of the late Leonard Stringfield who I had starting working with. In other words, the seeds had been planted and the time was ripe for Greer or another to come along and attempt to make it a bountiful harvest.

Bill Hamilton

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<snip>

Having been associated with this field of research in the past and having had constructed a type of homopolar generator, I can say that there have been some successful efforts and very high efficiency conversion devices. There are many claims now of having tapped the Zero-Point Energy, but nothing has been verified, at least so far, by Dr. Hal Puthoff who I correspond with. He has written many theoretical papers on the ZPE, especially its role in inertial and gravitational phenomena.

>It's like the "electrostatic lifters", today's version of  
>Townsend Brown's experiment in which an electrostatic field can  
>produce thrust (therefore lift) without any moving parts or  
>moving stream of the air. This is not completely understood  
>either, but it is clearly not fiction.

Having also experimented with the Brown effect with a friend who is an electronics engineer and having some success using pulsed DC and high voltage sources, I have also been in touch with the Lifter experimenters, especially Tim Ventura who has made significant progress in this endeavor.

The argument revolving around the Lifter technology is whether the effect is produced by an ion wind current or whether the effect can be produced in a vacuum and has any significant contra-gravitational effects. The Lifter propulsion is now being referred to as Electrokinetic propulsion and even NASA is not missing out on this technology either. A NASA employee was awarded a U.S. patent, #6,317,310 on the asymmetrical capacitor thruster and it is assigned to NASA. We may see future significant developments.

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Friedman

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 17:03:06 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>>I'll ignore the rest of the bleatings as Stanton's was tripe -  
>>>lots of scientists quote Ted Philips' work don't they Stan?

>>How convenient to ignore the comments about the many ways that  
>>chemists and physicists can get involved.

>Stan,

>If Philips' catalogue provided the physical evidence you  
>suggest, then there would be no debate about the reality of  
>flying saucers.

>I don't see queues of physicists lining up to order copies, or  
>the appearance of the catalogue in the bibliographies of learned  
>institutions as the conclusive evidence we've all been waiting  
>for.

>The sources for Ufological catalogues are predominantly made up  
>of newspaper cuttings and anecdotes copied from the works of  
>earlier UFO authors whose original sources were newspaper  
>cuttings and the writings of still earlier authors.

Thank you Dave, for demonstrating rule No. 2 for debunkers  
"Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up". Just how  
much of Ted's files have you reviewed? When he was interviewed  
for my 1979 documentary "UFOs ARE Real!" he had already  
personally investigated 300 cases.. yes that means field visits,  
measurements, etc. Do you just make up these proclamations? I  
realize folklore is big, but please let's not try to pass it  
off as factual. He doesn't have a book out yet, but you might  
lookat his 176 page report "Delphos".....Lots of lab tests, etc.

I guess when you get down to it, the writings of folklorists  
probably do come from cuttings and clippings form people who  
have read other cuttings and clippings.

>There may be some scientifically challenging data hidden there,  
>but you would have a job to find it among the 'anecdotes.' This  
>is where the lack of critical thinking becomes a factor once  
>again - the signal is drowned out by the noise.

There are many fields of science where there is great difficulty  
in sorting out the signal from the noise. Most chemicals don't  
cure any disease, but fortunately a very small percentage do.

Most stars aren't black holes, but some are. Most isotopes aren't fissionable, but fortunately for us nuclear guys, some are. The signals from our space probes are often hidden in noise, but fortunately some smart people are available to do the sorting with special equipment. Most gold ore is dross, but fortunately for gold miners, maybe an ounce of more of gold can be sifted from a tonne of ore. My job in trying to protect the crew of a nuclear powered craft is dealing with the tiniest fraction of the original radiation source that actually gets out of the shield. Serious scientific ufologists like James MacDonald and Bruce Maccabee seem able to sift the gold from the dross. I am sure radar investigators would not be happy at having their signals termed anecdotal.

>What you have is a body of testimony, not of scientific  
>evidence. It is of interest to folklore, but not to physics. You  
>can huff and puff all you like, but I return to my point: if  
>your physical trace catalogue was worth the paper it was written  
>on, we would not be having this debate.

Based on your examination of how much of that catalogue???

Stan Friedman  
Not a folklorist

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## Whiteman AFB Case?

From: **Albert Rosales** <[Garuda79@aol.com](mailto:Garuda79@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 12:58:04 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:33:37 -0500  
Subject: Whiteman AFB Case?

Hello everyone, I am looking for information on a UFO landing trace case were an occupant was seen, in May 1966 in Whiteman AFB Missouri, can anyone help?

Thank you,

Albert

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## Re: Signal Detection Theory - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:22:56 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:35:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory - Roberts

>From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 19:16:33 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory

Cathy wrote:

>This illustrates how dangerous it is to make inferences about  
>the reliability of some detection procedure simply on the basis  
>of the number of false positives it generates, without taking  
>into account the relative frequencies of the events it detects.  
>This applies just as much to UFO investigators as it does to our  
>detector of spinning saucers.

Er, no, Cathy - for the simple reason that it is humans who  
are doing the saucer 'detecting' and the human instrument is  
subject to many variables which make it an inexact recording  
device.

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:28:15 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:36:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Roberts

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 15:51:51 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>I know Andy and David are into the "supernatural". Andy  
>chastised me for not reading up on Ley lines so presumably he  
>has good knowledge of them.....

Ahh, Don, Don. Yes, we're into the 'supernatural' (as in saucers - which surely must be that by the very definition of their alleged characteristics). But as for Ley Lines - they were misperceptions and extrapolations of relatively short alignments of pre (and often post) historic sites. Now hijacked by the New Age crowd as 'spirit lines' - even more unprovable and supernatural than saucers. However, the 'ley line' approach to saucerdom has some cultural merit as the Rimmerman suggested. Much of today's saucerology in the UK can be traced back to Tony Wedd, John Michell and similar people.

Trappy Hails

Andy

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.hale@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:35:06 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:38:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Hale

>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 12:44:32 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>So far I have tried to stay out of this absurd debate, but you  
>are dead wrong with your definition of "unidentified flying  
>object". Your definition might be presumed by the uneducated,  
>but it is not a valid definition for working in the field.

Hi,

The uneducated? Lets see, Hynek uneducated? Come on, let us not sit on great stalls in the sky looking down on the humble human and casting your definition on what UFOs 'Maybe'. The ETH has been around for a long time, and will still be around for many years, simply because one cannot rule out the " possibility " of Alien Life forms of some kind, visiting this planet.

>This is the only acceptable definition of the term UFO, or  
>Unidentified Flying Object:

You mean: 'This is my only acceptable definition of the term UFO.'

>An airborne object or aerial phenomenon for which enough  
>information is available to make a determination, and which  
>cannot be reasonably identified as any known natural phenomenon,  
>heavenly body, manmade object, flying life form, or other  
>probable prosaic event. In any case where there is not enough  
>data to make a determination, the sighting should be classified  
>in the "insufficient data" category. In any case where  
>identification as a known object or phenomenon is strongly  
>suspected, it is reasonable to categorize the sighting as  
>"probably identified" according to the most likely explanation.

Somehow swamp gas or pelicans did not make an appearance?

>Identification of UFOs as extraterrestrial spacecraft may be a  
>leading hypothesis, but it is not a proper categorization for  
>triage in UFO field investigations. Anyone who is equating UFOs  
>with ET spacecraft as their primary definition of the term  
>should refrain from commenting on this forum and find an  
>audience on some new-age chat room somewhere.

Not primary, but as a definition, where does the word proper have any basis in UFO research?

Roy

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 13:41:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:40:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 17:27:05 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

<snip>

>If Dr. Greer is serious about the above, why does he not  
>approach the police or the F.B.I.? Surely they can't all be  
>involved in the Military-Industrial Jasonite Masonic Alien  
>Bilderburg conspiracy, can they? (I hope I didn't miss any  
>there!).

Hey Joe, where you goin wit dat gunin yoe han?

You've missed two 'biggies'... the Illuminati and the Vatican!  
Now that you've drawn public attention to their world domination  
schemes, I fear that members of the Illuminati will contract  
Vatican 'hit squads,' cold-blooded, killer priests, to rain .45 cal.  
hell-fire down on your chatty, blasphemous head.

Hey, maybe they'll send you to serve an undetermined stint at  
that Canadian concentration camp where the Americans allegedly  
sequestered their 'loose-lipped, loose cannons.' You'll be  
assigned a number, you'll be drugged regularly, and chased by  
large, white, spherical balloons. It's no more than you deserve  
for acting like a washwoman gossiping over the back fence,  
spilling the beans about 'secret societies' and 'impending world  
domination'.

Some people just can't keep a secret!

>Also, isn't it his civic duty to report a crime of murder to the  
>authorities, especially one or more which he can prove "in a a  
>court of law"? Here in the UK it is an offence not to do so.

Greer is probably blathering about (and pluralizing) the death  
of Tesla. The gubbamint did move in pretty quickly after he  
expired and secured all of his notes and logs/diaries. To this  
day, none of that material has seen the light of day. Makes you  
wonder what's in there. It is that 'slight nod' towards the  
truth in Greer's statements that seduces a few people who only  
half-know what they think they know. To them, Greer makes sense.  
But, being a half-wit is a prerequisite!

Let's wait and see. If Greer 'saves the world' I'll be the first  
to liberally sprinkle salt on my hat and eat it in Macy's window  
at high noon. Until then... we wait.

>If there are any of his sympathisers on-list please ask him the  
>above questions, I would be very interested to see his response.

Be careful what you ask for Joe... you just might get it! And  
then, Ghod help us all! ;)

Best,

John Velez

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

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 13:02:10 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:42:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clark

>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 17:13:24 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 17:24:23 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 17:55:27 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

Dave,

>>Science's neglect of a particular matter does  
>>not necessarily mean that the matter at issue will never be  
>>taken up, or that it is without potential scientific interest or  
>>validity.

>I have no argument with this. But despite 55 years of saucer-  
>ology, science at large has steadfastly been unimpressed by the  
>evidence that UFOlogists have been able to muster.

What is "saucerology?" This is a new one on me. Sounds like something I'd want no part of, in any event.

Let's change the subject and take up something of interest to people on this List, namely UFOs. Where UFOs are concerned, science has not been "unimpressed." With an honorable few exceptions, science has ignored the UFO question, and few scientists know anything about the subject. Even the typical scientist quoted sneering in your local newspaper, your inclination to take his words as Holy Writ notwithstanding, probably couldn't cite one evidential UFO case.

When scientists have looked at the evidence, they have indeed been impressed. I refer to individual scientists who have contributed to our understanding of the UFO phenomenon as well as to scientific bodies - such as the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics UFO Subcommittee - which, after actually looking at the evidence in some reasonable depth, concluded that the UFO phenomenon is indeed serious, puzzling, potentially important, and worthy of further inquiry, with the funding and scientific expertise lay ufologists, working parttime with no money, don't have.\* Even the Condon Committee found it could not explain nearly one-third of its cases, notwithstanding Condon's dishonest conclusions. The Battelle Memorial Institute study found that IFOs and UFOs are fundamentally unlike, though it chose to fudge that extraordinary fact. Both Hynek and Sturrock found in their respective survey of astronomer colleagues that those who had read on the subject, or had their own sighting, were more likely to be open-minded than those who had neither read nor seen.

Unless a scientist has bothered to acquaint himself with the UFO evidence, his opinion is no more worth taking seriously than any uninformed layman's. Unless, of course, you believe that scientists are priests with a divine wisdom that enables them to speak truth on matters about which they know nothing. Or that science's long neglect of the subject is all the reason we need for its further neglect.

>When and if they do we can have a sensible debate on this  
>subject. It is not my responsibility to convince a sceptical  
>scientific community, as I'm not making any claims.

Yes, you are. You just did. Nearly every post you write makes some claim or another. Which is fine. It's just that, like all of us, you also have an obligation to defend your position with sensible arguments when challenged. Your principal claim appears to be that UFOs are nothing but social pathology and folklore. If that is indeed your belief, you have an obligation to present evidence and logical argument. If you can't be bothered, then don't say anything at all. Only those who say nothing have no obligation to defend their positions.

>It's up to you and your friends to convince science that  
>ufological "data" should be taken seriously.

Please explain the scare quotes above. Or does your computer just generate them randomly?

>It's no use blaming the fact that they haven't so far on the  
>shortcomings of scientific philosophy and methodology. If the  
>evidence for any form of exotic origin for flying saucers is as  
>compelling as you, Dick and Stan et al are telling us they would  
>be clambering to look at it, in view of the opportunities for  
>grants and career enhancement.

Since I don't believe in flying saucers, none of what you are saying above applies to me. Perhaps you should contact the George Adamski Foundation.

>Besides your output of popular books on flying saucers how  
>exactly are you involved in trying to interest the scientific  
>community, and what success have you had so far?

Do you mean scientists who have read my books as opposed to those who haven't? If you mean the former, I've had good success and many compliments. If you mean the latter, I haven't heard from them.

>>In fact, science historians and sociologists with an interest in  
>>anomalistics - e.g., Henry Bauer, Ron Westrum, the late Marcello  
>>Truzzi, James McClenon, among others - have always made a point  
>>of stating that the UFO phenomenon is a legitimate potential  
>>source of scientific study and that science's current neglect of  
>>the phenomenon says nothing about its nature or epistemological  
>>status.

>Yes, but surely the above are asking for all branches of science  
>including the human sciences, to look at the subject, which  
>is what I have been arguing for years!

Huh? The individuals above come from both the physical and the social sciences. I take it you haven't bothered to read their work. Bauer, for example, was a chemist for most of his academic career. The others are social scientists. Not one of them expresses the view that only one kind of science - social, natural, or physical - is adequate to address all of the interesting questions raised by puzzling UFO sightings. That is why, Dave, in case you've mentioned a whole lot of discussion on this matter, ufology is generally regarded as a multi-discipline pursuit.

>As yet it appears that only the psychologists and sociologists  
>and folklorists have paid any attention. That speaks for itself.

And, besides not being true, what exactly does that say?  
Nothing?

Let's list some physical scientists who have paid attention (and this is just off the top of my head) and in one way or another contributed to UFO study (I'm confining myself here, for reasons of convenience and no other, to Americans):

J. Allen Hynek  
James E. McDonald  
Peter A. Sturrock  
David E. Pritchard  
Clyde Tombaugh  
Bruce Maccabee  
Michael D. Swords  
Stanton T. Friedman  
Thornton W. Page  
Gordon David Thayer  
Jacques Vallee  
Walter N. Webb  
Joachim P. Kuettner

By the way, I defy you to name a single scientist-skeptic who EVEN begins to match Hynek's and McDonald's investigative experience.

Ufology's one refereed scientific periodical, CUFOS' Journal of UFO Studies, has published a number of pieces by physical scientists who take the phenomenon seriously and whose worldview is not so severely crabbed as yours. The Journal of Scientific Exploration is another place where formal scientific writing

>For example Robert Bartholomew, whose writings you have praised, >holds exactly the same views as myself, ie that there is nothing >physical to study.

Well, then I guess the question is closed. You two physical scientists surely can tell us everything we need to know about the physical aspects of the UFO phenomenon.

Since you keep reminding us that you have a Ph.D. in social science (of a kind anyway; I don't mean this as an insult, since I respect your interest, which I share, in folklore, but you know well, of course, that folklore remains something of a marginal discipline, sort of like ufology [okay, a little humorous hyperbole there], within academia), I might note here that CUFOS scientific director Mark Rodeghier has a Ph.D. in sociology. His Ph.D. dissertation (at the University of Illinois, Chicago) deals with the nonscientific considerations that have led most scientists not to take up the questions raised by the UFO phenomenon.

Besides having a more sophisticated knowledge of how real-world science works than you seem to possess, Mark has an undergraduate degree in the physical sciences (astrophysics, specifically). We should hope for more ufologists trained in both physical and social sciences.

>Jerry you keep asking why anyone should take what I say >seriously, but you persist in replying in detail to all my >points.

>To put it another way, why would anyone take you seriously?

Apparently because I keep winning the argument. You can't seem to mount a credible defense of a position which, to all appearances, is scientifically naive, logically flawed, and curiously ahistorical. All you manage to convey is your deep faith in disbelief tradition, which, I must tell you, is not enough.

A little unsolicited advice: Nobody disputes that the social aspects of UFO history, reporting, and debate are worthy subjects for inquiry in themselves. There is certainly a role for social science here. That, however, is not the only role. You recycle the false and disingenuous argument that I oppose social-science approaches - absurd on its face, since most of my UFO Encyclopedia is a social history of the controversy -- while in the next breath insisting (as above) that no other approach is productive. If I were you, I'd focus on those matters on which you can claim expertise, and resist the temptation to make broader pronouncements on areas of ufology (as well as the sociology of science) which you don't know so much about.

Jerry Clark

\* Its membership consisted of Jerald M. Bidwell, Martin Marietta Company; Glenn A. Cato, TRW Systems Group; Barnard N. Charles, of Aerospace Corporation; Murray Dryer, U.S. Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA, now National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration); Howard Edwards, Georgia Institute of Technology; Paul MacCready, Meteorology Research; Andrew J. Masley, Douglas Missile and Space Systems Division; Robert Rados, Goddard Space Flight Center; and Donald M. Swingle, U.S. Army Electronics Command.

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 14:06:18 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:44:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 14:23:20 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 18:50:14 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

><snip>

>>I've heard two interviews, by Errol's Sunday night counterpart  
>>Richard Syrett, of Dr. Peter Lindemann, a researcher of what are  
>>somewhat mis-named "free energy" devices. According to Dr.  
>>Lindemann, more than one "free energy" device is under  
>>development with an eye towards the commercial market.

<snip>

>Please forgive me, but .. rubbish!

I forgive you, but I also have a crow dinner in the freezer  
waiting for you, when "free" energy disclosure happens! ;-)

Eleanor White

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From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood@fas.org](mailto:saftergood@fas.org)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 14:19:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:46:19 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/10/03

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
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FOIA LAWSUIT SEEKS USS LIBERTY DOCS

A new Freedom of Information Act lawsuit seeks the disclosure of the missing documentary pieces of the puzzle surrounding the attack on the American intelligence vessel U.S.S. Liberty by Israeli forces during the Six Day War on June 8, 1967, in which 34 U.S. sailors were killed.

"There was no apparent provocation" for the attack, according to the National Security Agency (NSA), "and the reason for the attack has never been fully resolved, although Israel described it as an identification error and sent restitution for the damage and loss of life."

The predominant view is that the Israeli strike on the Liberty was in fact a case of mistaken identity and operational error, rather than a knowing and willful attack on the United States.

But Liberty survivors such as Capt. James Ennes have argued that the attack, which took place on a clear day against a nearly unarmed ship over a period of several hours, must have been deliberate. Yet a credible motive for such a deliberate assault has been lacking.

Author James Bamford, in his best-selling book "Body of Secrets," proposed that Israel attempted to destroy the Liberty in order to cover up an alleged massacre of Egyptian prisoners of war that was supposedly taking place nearby. But this presumes incongruously that Israel would commit a massacre against its (American) ally in order to conceal another massacre against its (Egyptian) enemy. No historian of the war accepts such an analysis.

However, Bamford also brought to public attention the fact that there was a previously undisclosed NSA recording of the attack, acquired by an EC-121M electronic surveillance aircraft flying overhead, and that this recording remained classified.

Now a FOIA lawsuit has been filed in the Southern District of Florida to try to compel the NSA to declassify and release the recording, along with related materials concerning the Liberty.

The suit has been brought by A. Jay Cristol, author of "The Liberty Incident: The 1967 Israeli Attack on the U.S. Navy Spy Ship" (Brassey's, 2002), which appears to be the most comprehensive and thoroughly documented independent study of the

Liberty case. The author, who is himself a former naval aviator and federal judge, concluded, in a nutshell, that the attack on the Liberty was a horrific accident.

In his FOIA lawsuit, Cristol observes that he has already had access to the substance of the recorded intercepts, which he obtained from the Israeli Air Force, and that he has published annotated translations of them in his book. Therefore, since they are already in the public domain, he argues, the NSA has no grounds to maintain their classification.

The text of Cristol's FOIA complaint, filed 21 January 2003, is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/cristol.html>

Information about his book, as well as related documentary resources, may be found here:

<http://www.thelibertyincident.com/index.htm>

#### WILLINGNESS TO INFORM ON COWORKERS STUDIED

Federal regulations require employees to "report" on their coworkers, notifying authorities if their behavior raises security concerns.

But "despite formal policies, very few reports are made," according to a new study performed for the Defense Department. Why?

"One of the reasons that supervisors and employees gave for seldom reporting is that they personally could not see the precise connection -- the nexus -- between certain behaviors and national security. They said that they do not know where to draw the line between egregious security-related behaviors and gray-area suitability or personal behaviors...."

"There will always be some tension between the rules associated with supervisor and coworker reporting and cultural values not to inform on colleagues," according to the report.

See "Improving Supervisor and Coworker Reporting of Information of Security Concern," by Suzanne Wood and Joanne Marshall-Mies, published by the Department of Defense Personnel Security Research Center, January 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dod/reporting.pdf>

#### SECRECY AND JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

The Bush Administration's handling of the nomination of Miguel Estrada to be a D.C. Circuit Judge is yet another example of the Administration's high-handedness and pervasive secrecy, according to Congressional Democrats who oppose the nomination.

"The stonewalling on the Estrada nomination is part of a larger systematic effort by this administration to disable the Senate, to govern in secret, to advance the interests of big business over the public interests," said Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) on February 6. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2003/s020603.html>

#### IN THE NEWS

An internal Justice Department draft of possible follow-on legislation to the USA Patriot Act would significantly expand federal surveillance authorities while curtailing public disclosure of information. The draft, which has not been introduced in Congress, was obtained by the Center for Public Integrity and released on February 7. An HTML version is posted here:

<http://www.dailyrotten.com/source-docs/patriot2draft.html>

In an effort to assuage, or perhaps derail, bipartisan concerns about the scope and intent of the Total Information Awareness

program, the Defense Department announced the establishment of two advisory committees to help provide oversight of the controversial data mining program. See:

[http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Feb2003/b02072003\\_bt060-03.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Feb2003/b02072003_bt060-03.html)

A Washington Post editorial stressed the importance of correcting the over-broad exemption to the Freedom of Information Act that was hastily included in last year's Homeland Security Act. The Post cited a superior Senate alternative co-authored by Senators Bennett and Leahy, but neglected to mention the third co-author, Sen. Carl Levin, who recently elicited a commitment from Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge to help correct the problem (SNews, February 4). See "Fix This Loophole," February 10:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A49618-2003Feb9.html>

#### DARPA SPONSORS UNMANNED CAR RACE

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) will sponsor an unusual kind of contest next year, in which unmanned autonomous vehicles will race from Los Angeles to Las Vegas.

"The purpose of the race is to encourage the accelerated development of autonomous vehicle technologies that could be applied to military requirements," according to an announcement on the DARPA web site.

A one million dollar cash prize will be awarded to the winner.

"Vehicles must be unmanned (no humans or other biological entities onboard) and autonomous. They must not be remotely driven," the notice states. Furthermore, "No classified data or devices can be used by a team during or in preparation for this race."

The web site includes a FAQ that answers key questions such as "Can my vehicle attack other vehicles?"

See DARPA's "Grand Challenge" web site here:

<http://www.darpa.mil/grandchallenge/index.htm>

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## Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 14:38:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:49:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 18:54:04 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:37:20 -0500  
>>Subject: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

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>>Hmmm..... The "Houston, we have a bogey..." box?

>>ebk

Mr Oberg,

You wrote:

>No, the shuttle's spam/virus filter to prevent unauthorized  
>commanding from would-be cyber-saboteurs.

I thought the nature of that box was supposed to be a 'secret'.  
Now that you've violated security, will the Feds be sending you  
on an all-expenses paid vacation to that Canadian concentration  
camp where all the gubbamint blabber-mouths are sequestered?

or...

How much is NASA paying you 'this time' to tell us\* that?

\*Us = The 'common folk' -the 'masses' who are prone to panic.  
AKA, the Great Unwashed. Those who are undeserving of being told  
the truth because 'we', (cue in Jack Nicholson's voice) "can't  
handle the truth." ;)

>I hope it's OK with you guys to install such a device? <grin>

You are most welcome to install a device anywhere you wish. I  
just hope it's okay for you to talk about it. I'd hate to hear  
that you are being swapped for packs of 'Kool's' among the  
affection starved, long-term inmates of some hellish penal  
institution. And all because you felt compelled to let us all in  
on the big secret.

What a guy.

Concerned for your continued status as a 'free' man,

John Velez  
US Citizen

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

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 14:54:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:50:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 19:29:41 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 11:09:39 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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>is just a theory. But whatever the truth may be behind these  
>claims of flashlight communication, Greer wouldn't exactly be  
>the first person to tell the world about some dramatic UFO event  
>that never really happened.

I've heard here and there, mostly on various overnight talk shows, (\_not\_ always 'Art Bell',) people other than Dr. Greer claiming to blink their flashlights then get a copy of their blinking back from a UFO. Similarly, witnessed cases as one where a lady 'demonstrated' she was in telepathic contact by sending a telepathic request to 'do something', whereupon the UFO was seen to shine an array of very bright beams.

I read one case where a UFO blocked the road in front of an ambulance, and when the ambulance switched on it's emergency beacons, the UFO disappeared. That shows that lights from us are noticed at least, doesn't it?

Have you, (or other Listers) heard about similar cases which were followed up and no reason exists to doubt the report?

Eleanor White

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 20:02:03 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:53:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 23:43:54 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 16:54:48 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

Don:

>Solved a few of my own cases-some were easy.  
>I've had a few of my cases solved or at least had serious doubt  
>cast on them as to source and substance. >  
>I've had my share of reports of Venus and other stars, tower  
>light sightings and aircraft landing lights. Some witnesses were  
>pissed off at me for telling them I was convinced that they'd  
>seen this or that.

On that basis you could equally be labelled "a debunker". Of course some witnesses are not going to accept the likely solution for sightings. That doesn't mean that by making the effort to find an explanation that you are somehow denigrating their character. People are more open-minded than you give them credit for. Many come to me wanting an explanation for what they have seen or experienced.

To me the detective work involved in resolving a sighting is the most interesting aspect of the whole subject. This is the real challenge, and I regard those occasions when I cannot resolve a case (and there are a number) as a success, not a failure.

If you really want science to take this subject seriously, the evidence presented must be water-tight. But the burden of proof is on the sighter, not the explainer.

>I'm quite willing to buy that there is with-holding of  
>information for national security reasons, and yes to cover-up  
>ignorance and blunders, but there are many reasons for covering  
>up and the forces or government will do it for no other reason  
>than that they can.

OK, but you have not answered my question. What exactly do you believe, in the context of flying saucers/UFOs the Government are covering up?

>Am I the only one here to see how nuts this conversation is  
>becoming?

If you don't like the heat, don't enter the kitchen.

This conversation is just getting interesting. We've established that you do routinely explain cases yourself, but like to launch in head-first every time you think we in the UK are explaining too many for your liking.

If it's OK for you, then why not for me?

Best ,

Dave Clarke

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:55:46 -0500  
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>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
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>claims of flashlight communication, Greer wouldn't exactly be  
>the first person to tell the world about some dramatic UFO event  
>that never really happened.

I agree, but the concept of flashing lights in the sky to attract UFOs is one that predates Greer's involvement in the genre. Richard Haine's "Close Encounters Of The Fifth Kind" discusses this facet of ufology (among others) and some may find it of interest. It should be noted that Dr. Greer contacted a MUFON group in the northwest and would guarantee that UFOs would be attracted to their lights. Unfortunately, a rather large sum of money was requested before they would travel there to help in attracting the visitors. Needless to say, the event never took place.

Steve

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:58:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 00:46:43 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

John,

>I am simply reminded of your adamant refusal to admit that there  
>are any possible grounds for doubting the Authorised Version of  
>the Trindade case. Possibly my earlier List discussions on this  
>topic were conducted with the other Jerome Clark!

Yeah, well, if you had better arguments, there'd be no confusion. Since I have personally debunked some classic cases and written skeptically about others, I simply don't take you seriously on this point, and I suspect you weren't all that serious in the first place. I don't ordinarily associate you with a rich sense of humor, but in this case I'll assume you were joking.

>I would be interested to know if Macdonald [sic] included  
>psychologists, psychiatrists, and sociologists amongst his  
>relevant experts. I genuinely only ask because I want to know.

Still can't spell the guy's name right, can you, John? It's McDonald.

>I was not aware that I was making any slur on Macdonald [sic]. I was  
>expressing concern at the way that his research is often  
>presented in arguments today as the incontrovertible last word  
>on the subject.

My point, which you seem to have missed, is that McDonald's work is well worth taking seriously. There is a reason informed American ufologists hold it in such high regard, and why it is perfectly possible to do so without judging the man "prophet-like." Pelicanists seem happy to quote "authorities" who know infinitely less about the dynamics of UFO-sighting and -reporting than McDonald did, or the arcana of the phenomenon. If you're looking for "prophets," it's these guys who qualify, since they're not working from evidence, experience, or any knowledge to speak of.

>>>>Let's see. We get one anecdote, from which you draw a sweeping,  
>>>>empirically unjustified, and finally absurd conclusion which you  
>>>>are able to mount no serious argument for or defense of, only  
>>>>ever more fervent assertion. And then you insist that it's up to  
>>>>\_us\_ to disprove it?

>>>An anecdote, Jerry? Like the hundreds of anecdotes that make up  
>>>your encyclopedias? Is this a new conjugation?

>>Now, do I have this right? Anecdotal testimony about debunked cases  
>>is okay, but anecdotal testimony to apparently unexplainable anomalies  
>>is worthless? Got it.

>No Jerry, as usual you haven't got it right. Andy Roberts  
>presents a case which he and Dave Clark investigated at great

>length, and in the teeth of some considerable opposition from  
>other ufologists. You will, of course, have recognised this as  
>the Cracoe Fell Case, which appeared in his book "The UFOs that  
>never were", and before that was summarised in Magonia. When he  
>cites this investigation in an argument, you dismiss it as  
>"anecdotal evidence". I was merely pointing out that this case  
>is no different from the hundreds of cases you describe in your  
>various books, asking if they also counted as "anecdotes". If  
>not, why not?

I think you've missed the point by approximately a mile, at a charitable estimate. I do plead somewhat guilty here. I probably have not made myself clear and may have assumed implicitly that you'd grasp my reference. For that lack of clarity, I apologize.

Let me put it this way: There are all sorts of well-investigated cases. Apparently, if we may judge from the polemics of the UFO controversy over the decades, only those that result in identifications are not mere "anecdotes." In fact, in the end all cases, investigated or otherwise, are anecdotes. They are stories told orally or in print. It is a standard skeptical argument, repeated until its advocates are blue in the face, that anecdotal testimony is worthless. This argument is used even against cases that have been well investigated.

If the case Clarke and Roberts investigated is an anecdote, as it is, then anecdotal testimony does have meaning. We can indeed learn things from it, with all due caution and qualification. That being the case, anecdotal testimony can indeed tell us something about the anomalous nature of UFO cases as well as about the nonanomalous nature of IFOs. You can't have it both ways. In fact, or at least reasonable inference, we can expect to learn from anecdotal testimony that some objects perceived as conventional (in, for example, the early stage of hypothesis-escalation) were really something else, apparently unconventional. Perceptual errors presumably should be able to work both ways, making UFOs of IFOs and IFOs of UFOs. This is inherent, as I've just said, in the repeatedly demonstrated experience of "escalation of hypotheses." Social pressure and fear of ridicule, if anything, lead more to rejection of anomalous observation than to its opposite. They can make us see something genuinely out of the ordinary and convince us of the contrary -- as I know, by the way, from personal experience (though not with an ostensible UFO, but something fully as peculiar).

>>>Certainly people do have radical misperceptions about a variety  
>>>of anomalies, including a wide range of paranormal phenomena.

>>Now reread that sentence. I was specifically not talking about  
>>"a wide range of paranormal phenomena," but about an unusual  
>>natural phenomenon which science, after long skepticism, has  
>>finally mostly come to accept, based on eyewitness testimony  
>>from credible witnesses.\*

>Well, you actually said "say, ball lightning sightings", the  
>"say" suggesting that this was only one option amongst others  
>that you could have thought of.

Do I detect just a hint of disingenuousness here?

>You might have said "say,  
>ghosts", or "say, the Loch Ness Monster", or "say, the Surrey  
>Puma", or "say, apparitions of the Virgin Mary". These are some  
>of the "other ostensible anomalies" which people might have  
>radical misperceptions about. But you want to stick to ball-  
>lightning. I think there are other, more interesting, phenomena.

Again, you're trying to change the subject and again demonstrating why pelicanist approaches are so wholly captive to disbelief tradition. Any meaningful discussion about alleged RMP has to focus on misperceptions of phenomena whose true nature and configuration are not open to dispute and in which it is possible to say with certainty, without getting embroiled in endless other unresolved controversy, what was in fact seen. All you're doing is recycling the tedious, circular argument that since we "know" paranormal phenomena (or other extraordinary-seeming anomalies) don't exist, according to you, then perception dramatically to the contrary has to be RMP. Talk about an unfalsifiable hypothesis.

>Thank you for the rant. Let me go over this a stage at a time.  
>There are a number of controversial and ambiguous phenomena  
>which people report encountering from time to time. Despite the  
>number of such accounts, final proof of such things remains  
>tantalisingly out of reach. This might be because the phenomena  
>itself

"Phenomena itself" [sic]? It appears that your grammar is as sloppy as your thinking. "Phenomenon" is singular; "phenomena" is plural. "Phenomena itself" is every bit as grammatical as "UFOs itself."

>has some quality - elusiveness, ephemerality, location -  
>which has so far allowed it to avoid being conclusively  
>explained, except by those people who have already made their  
>minds up on the topic on the existing evidence. They may have  
>concluded that such reports represent evidence for  
>extraterrestrial craft, survival of bodily death, previously  
>unrecognised animals, the incarnation of the Mother of God, etc.

>Another possible explanation for those phenomena's (NB: I am  
>referring to a number of different phenomena, so the plural is  
>justified) elusiveness is that the reports are  
>misinterpretations of other, more mundane, events. Now where I  
>think you are getting the wrong end of the stick (and I think  
>perhaps Andy has been a little unclear himself) is that a  
>"radical misperception" is not a separate phenomena

"A separate phenomena" [sic]? "Phenomena's" [sic]? This is getting downright strange. I see "phenomenon" and "phenomena" confused all the time by individuals whom, till now, I would have judged less literate than John Rimmer, but I must say "phenomena's" is a new one to me.

>with quite  
>different characteristics from any other type of  
>misrepresentation. It is merely one which falls towards the  
>extreme end of a spectrum of misinterpretation. It is quite  
>possible that many parts of an experient's account are quite  
>accurate, or only mildly misrepresented, but that one particular  
>part of it is so far removed from the original stimulus that it  
>makes the interpretation of \*all\* the reported data very  
>difficult. And if one is determined to incorporate the most  
>radical element in one's explanation, can make interpretation  
>impossible.

>I think the point is that radical misperception does not, of  
>itself, "explain" a case, but it provides false data which  
>prevents a case being explained in any other way except invoking  
>previously unknown forces, e.g. extraterrestrial spaceships,  
>other dimensions, etc.

And how do we know the data to be false? Because they point in an anomalous direction. This is, again, a circular argument in service not to understanding but only to disbelief tradition.

May I suggest, instead, as I have argued in print often, a suspension of judgment, an agnosticism about the ultimate meaning of these things? What we get here is the implication that one misperception is pretty much the same as another, and all they need have in common is an ostensibly anomalous claim at their core. I maintain that a confusion of Venus with a UFO is quite another order of magnitude from, say, a multi-witness, daylight CE3. In the latter instance, except under the most extreme and extraordinary circumstances, RMP would strike most as fantastic and deeply improbable, hoax (or, more rarely, hallucination) far more in line with what nearly everybody else would regard as recognizable human expression or experience. In this sense, though it pains me to say it, Phil Klass makes a whole lot more sense than you do.

>>That's why I asked where the  
>>evidence is of RMP of ball lightning. Predictably, you  
>>immediately changed the subject to the paranormal.

>I am not an expert on ball lightning, but I do know that in the  
>past many scientists \*have\* expressed the view that ball-  
>lightning was a result of misinterpretations, radical or  
>otherwise.

Yes, this view was expressed by the BL equivalent of pelicanists, and they turned out to be wrong about BL's existence. I think you've just made my point.

>>Beyond that: Neoskeptics' obsession with the useless phrase  
>>"flying saucer" would be puzzling if its point were not clear:  
>>to denigrate the phenomenon in question. Flying saucer, as I've  
>>already had occasion to observe, was a tongue-in-cheek term  
>>invented by a journalist in late June 1947. It was a cute catch  
>>phrase, and no more. It should have been forgotten long ago.

>However it wasn't and it has become generally accepted as an  
>alternative term for "UFO". I suggested that in popular usage it  
>has a meaning which leans more towards expressing an  
>extraterrestrial origin than the more neutral "UFO". However  
>"UFO" has been so misused that it is now seen as an explanation  
>rather than a descriptor, (how many times has one been asked "do  
>you believe in UFOs" Of course we damn well do!) that the more  
>honest term "flying saucer" might be more generally used.  
>Stanton friedman and others on this list seem to have no problem  
>with it.

I will let Stan Friedman speak for himself. I must say, however, that it is amusing, after all the trashing of Stan over the years in Magonia and other pelicanist literature, you are now citing him as someone whose judgments are worth heeding. Just this morning I was reading a Magonia review in which the writer quoted with chortling approval a Canadian debunker's malicious public putdown of Friedman.

My argument for the reasonableness of "UFO" remains. I am certain that with rare exception List readers see the matter as I do. "UFO" represents a suspension of judgment about a sighting's ultimate nature and does not commit the evaluator to any particular judgment, which may eventually prove to be unwarranted and premature, beyond the one that no persuasive conventional explanation has yet been uncovered. Anyone who talks about "flying saucers" is claiming more certainty than in fact we possess, which is the one thing that hard-core pelicanists and serious believers have in common. If your argument is to be taken at face value, why not do away with "flying saucer" altogether and just refer to "spaceships" or "etherians" or "psychic projections" or "Lemurian vimanas" or whatever? Even on this level, "flying saucer" is a useless phrase.

In any event, I am happy to be neither pelicanist nor believer. At this stage, it strikes me as the only defensible place to be.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:50:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:00:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Ledger

Like photographing a "black box" would make a damn bit of difference. Overkill-as usual.

Jim Oberg says that it's to prevent command overrides to the OBC system-which makes perfect sense to me. Just think of the mayhem that could be created.

A tight-beamed transmission to the shuttle with a hacker, hacking into the OBC and a disgruntled and disgraced astronaut with some terrible agenda.

Sounds like a book in there to me.

Now why didn't NASA just say that-unless Jim wasn't supposed to let that out and now he has to kill us all.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 12:52:31 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:01:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Hamilton

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 01:31:05 EST  
>Subject: Another Abduction Question

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>hypnosis, regression or otherwise?

According to what I have heard Budd Hopkins state in one  
lecture, about 30% of the total of his cases.

Bill H.

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:00:03 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:03:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Sandow

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
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The figure often given is 25%.

But the question is really more complicated. Almost every  
abductee remembers something consciously. Or at least the ones  
serious researchers study do. Some remember more than others. So  
the real question is how much does the average abductee remember  
- and whether there are specific parts of the abduction scenario  
\_only\_ remembered under hypnosis. Eddie Bullard has done some  
work on this. And John Velez, I believe, can offer some insights  
from his own experience.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 15:06:58 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:04:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

>From: John Harney <[magonia@harneyj.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:magonia@harneyj.freereserve.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 19:24:30 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 10:42:53 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>So what do you think the average mental age of the British  
>>pelicanist is, John? Do we get now to make fun of your first  
>>name now, or the last, both of which any adolescent could easily  
>>find hilarity in? We American ufologists, happily, are above  
>>that sort of eternal eleven-year-oldness.

>Oh, really? Then what about all the baby-talk by "We American  
>ufologists" about "skeptibunking pelicanists squawk squawk",  
>etc. that breaks out on this List every time someone attempts  
>to take a critical look at one of the precious "classic" UFO  
>cases?

Apparently, John, it is your view that pronouncements by you  
guys are to be greeted with a chorus of vigorous nods. Is there  
anyone more thin-skinned than the British pelicanist? You can  
dish it out, but you can't take it. Every time you're  
challenged, it's the usual litany: your critics are gullible,  
mercenary, closet religious fanatics, and the like. So what else  
is new?

I'm afraid we American ufologists will persist in shaking our  
heads. If that offends your delicate sensibilities, find  
another line of work.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Peterborough

From: Kelly Peterborough <[kellymcg@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymcg@attcanada.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:36:46 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:06:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Peterborough

>From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 18:54:04 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 12:37:20 -0500  
>>Subject: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

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>>Hmmm..... The "Houston, we have a bogey..." box?

>>ebk

>No, the shuttle's spam/virus filter to prevent unauthorized  
>commanding from would-be cyber-saboteurs.

>I hope it's OK with you guys to install such a device? <grin>

Hi James,

When the Columbia disaster happened I was watching CBC Newsworld, a 24-hour news channel here in Canada, and they had managed to get Dr. Roberta Bondar, a Canadian astronaut, on the program to discuss what was happening.

She was absolutely wonderful under the circumstances - extremely articulate and yet very caring about the fate of the astronauts on the Columbia. At this point, NASA had been saying, over and over, that there was a contingency and that communications had been lost with the shuttle.

Dr. Bondar reviewed the tapes with the interviewer and basically said that there had been a catastrophic explosion and that the crew had been lost. The interviewer asked if there was any hope of any survivors. She talked about the shuttle and about the space suits the astronauts wore, and about the height where the explosion had taken place, and said no. The interviewer said something to the effect that there was no hope for any survivors and she replied that humans always need hope, and shrugged. It was clear that she knew there was no chance for any survivors - and so did anyone watching the tapes, even a layperson like me.

Then they cut away to do a voice interview with James Oberg. Perhaps being unaware of what Dr. Bondar said, you (forgive me if there is another James Oberg) kept up the NASA line and said how some of the astronauts might have survived.

I found the whole segment quite disconcerting. It was like you were arguing against both what was obvious and science! So, I was wondering if you said all that because you really believed it, or because it was something NASA wanted you to say, or if you didn't want to step out of line with what NASA was saying until they gave an approved statement? I'm curious about the politics behind it, if you are allowed to speak about it.

Cheers!

Kelly

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 21:43:26 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:08:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Hall

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
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>hypnosis, regression or otherwise?

Robert,

Speaking anecdotally based on my sample of about 150 "clients," I would say that conscious recall is very common. (See also my abduction case catalogue in The UFO Evidence, Volume II, which includes instances of conscious recall.) This was true in the majority of the people I worked with, except that it is not quite that simple an either-or situation.

More often than not, the memories begin with some combination of troubling dreams, flashbacks (a la Viet Nam veterans), and partial recall of seeing classic alien-like eyes or faces. In some cases the conscious recall is substantial.

Usually the recall is initially fragmentary, and progresses gradually (even without hypnosis). I don't use hypnosis, and while working with one abductee by simply providing her a "sympathetic ear" and relaxed environment, she suddenly had much more complete recall in the midst of our conversation, and was quite surprised and startled by it.

Altogether, the way it unfolds is highly reminiscent of post-traumatic stress disorder, repressed memories due to trauma (or to alien manipulations), and it all begins to bubble up for those who are sufficiently disturbed, upset, and curious to understand what is happening. Others who find it all too frightening to deal with lapse back into self-imposed repression of memory as a defensive measure. That's my take on it.

- Dick

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 13:52:07 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:10:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 11:58:54 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 17:33:43 EST  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>>From: Dave Haith <[visions@ntlworld.com](mailto:visions@ntlworld.com)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 12:15:19 -0000  
>>>Subject: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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>Paul, Dave, Wendy, and all who follow this thread,

>We can easily sort this out with a "wait and see" approach. Dr.  
>Greer says he is having this invention analyzed and verified by  
>three independent groups of researchers, presumably university  
>science departments. Since Dr. Greer is so big on disclosure, he  
>would have to make this matter public, and the results thereof  
>would also have to be publicized.

>This will either make or break Greer's SEAS initiative. If he  
>honestly discloses the outcome of the independent validation,  
>whether negative or positive, then his credibility will be  
>enhanced. If the disclosure is not forthcoming, but turns into  
>some sort of shell game, then the conclusion will be obvious to  
>everyone.

Hello Tom:

I can't disagree with your fair-minded approach.

But, my next question is, how long will we have to wait?

So far, I don't see a name for the inventor of the 'free energy  
breakthru' (FEB), nor the names, affiliations and qualifications  
of the three independent groups of researchers, nor any time  
frame for further disclosure. Suppose we don't hear any more for  
months, years ... maybe never.

In the meantime, Greer could at least disclose some names,  
likely dates etc. Withholding these telling facts would not bode  
well... even if virtually nobody is surprised. We should not  
have to presume that university science departments are  
involved, its up to Greer to clarify that.

What I fear, is that some new Greer claim, or findings, or  
project will eclipse this one, until yet another 'free-energy'  
device slinks into the woodwork, untested by creditable  
scientists.

Yeah I know. Mobil/Exxon/Shell/Standard Oil bought it up and  
buried it.

Does anybody have a good URL for \_progress\_ on the FEB matter? Hopefully, they might display updates from time to time. Those might be fun to watch, unless they fade, fade away too, like the Ghost of Interstellar Ether.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:55:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:12:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough -

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 00:38:27 -0500  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 11:09:39 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 08:10:25 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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>On the other hand...

>Charging people hundreds of dollars to stand around in cow  
>pastures waving flashlights around in hopes of vectoring in a  
>UFO is just an old fashioned rip off. As stated in the  
>dictionary definition, "A fraudulent business scheme; a  
>swindle." If all anyone had to do to vector in a UFO was to wave  
>a flashlight around, then we could all simply open a window,  
>wave a flashlight around, and expect to have a field day  
>photographing and video taping UFOs. From the comfort of home...  
>and for free!

>We should separate the two issues (UFOs responding to signals  
>and what Greer 'sells') and deal with them each according to its  
>merits. In Greer's case, the very stern criticism he's getting  
>is just what the 'doctor ordered' and no more than he deserves.

>Regards,  
>  
>John Velez

Hi, John -

If people are willing to pay the \$400, and we know Dr. Greer has a great many projects and tasks on the go which need funding, I don't see that as a scam, as long as he doesn't guarantee success then fails to deliver. Personally, I wouldn't pay a dime, but that still doesn't make it a scam. A little tacky, maybe, scam, no.

The arguments about Dr. Greer's being "showy" don't make it a scam either. The UFO issue is so hugely important that it's great to see different researchers trying different approaches and doing whatever they believe it takes to get the disclosure job done. As is often heard Errol's Strange Days Indeed program, there are many and current events happening all the time. Pressure on the world's governments and scientific institutions is needed to bring about disclosure. Grabbing public attention is a valid way to apply pressure. Being "showy" is sometimes needed to grab public attention.

Additionally, we know that UFO occupants use telepathy, from

abductee reports. We know that they are highly selective and pursue certain people for whatever their purposes are. I don't think it's unreasonable to expect that only certain individuals may be able to initiate flashlight contact.

I would hope that more people who find themselves looking at a UFO and with a flashlight will give it a try.

Eleanor White

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## Arizona Valley Has Its Own Area 51

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Subject: Arizona Valley Has Its Own Area 51

<http://www.arizonarepublic.com/arizona/articles/0209clay09.html>

Valley has its own Area 51

By Clay Thompson  
VALLEY 101  
Feb. 9, 2003

Today's question:

My friends and I often mountain-bike in the Dreamy Draw area. Recently one of the guys started talking about how a UFO crashed there in 1947 and was buried under the Dreamy Draw Dam. What's up with that?

Well, I guess it depends on if you believe in UFOs or not. If you don't believe in UFOs, then this story is just hoey. If you do believe in UFOs, then the Dreamy Draw Dam was built to cover one up.

Personally, I'm not sure what I think about UFOs and ETs and all that stuff. They don't seem very likely, but on the other hand, it would explain a lot of my masters' behavior. And clothes. They just haven't learned our Earth ways yet.

But I digress.

The Dreamy Draw UFO story, as you might expect, has several variations. One has it that in 1947, about three months after the famous UFO incident in Roswell, N.M., a UFO crashed somewhere in the Dreamy Draw area. Another version has the spaceship setting down in that area but actually crashing about 10 miles away near a Cave Creek landfill.

Supposedly, the remains of its two passengers, described as about 4=BD feet tall, were recovered. They were kept in some guy's freezer for a while and then taken away by the military.

And supposedly the reason the Army Corps of Engineers built the Dreamy Draw Dam was not for flood control, as you might suppose, but to bury the UFO. Do you know where the Dreamy Draw Dam is? If you're going north of the Squaw Peak Parkway, it's off to your right a bit above Northern Avenue.

I asked Ted Kester, who is in charge of the city's mountain preserves in that part of town, about this, and he said he'd heard the legend but couldn't recall anyone ever asking about it. So it's not exactly a mecca for ufologists.

You can find some stuff, not much, on the Internet about this matter, and it was mentioned in a 1952 book, Behind the Flying Saucers by Frank Scully.

I checked the newspaper files and didn't find too much on the subject. It probably was hushed up by my masters on orders from Uranus.

Reach Thompson at [clay.thompson@arizonarepublic.com](mailto:clay.thompson@arizonarepublic.com) or (602) 444-8612.

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clarke

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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:19:01 -0500  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 15:21:59 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>At the risk of alienating some people, I rather like the term  
>'flying saucers'. <snip>

>This will sound silly, but I have a nostalgic attachment for  
>flying saucers, especially those which do not mimic well known  
>astronomical objects at all.

Larry,

The only people 'alienated' (no pun intended) are the confused  
and disingenuous.

As I've pointed out elsewhere, Flying Saucer is a perfectly  
acceptable, descriptive phrase which is part of the English  
language (I've based my use on John Ayto's entry in the OED's  
20th Century Words).

It means, quite simply, "a disc- or saucer shaped object  
reported as appearing in the sky and alleged to come from outer  
space." If you want to include cigars as well, then how about  
'motherships', isn't that how Adamski described them?

To suggest, as some have tried and failed, that the very use of  
the phrase denigrates witnesses is risible. It demonstrates how  
precious some people about this subject, to extent they try to  
control even the language used to contextualise it.

As John Rimmer points out all UFOs by definition are potentially  
identifiable at some stage. If they are identified as ET  
spaceships, then we are talking about flying saucers again. As  
this seems to be what most people are interested in, why not cut  
to the quick?

It seems to me that one of the few people prepared to stand up  
and be counted is Stan Friedman, who seems to have no problem  
with flying saucers and ET spaceships. How refreshing that is.

I might vehemently disagree with him, but at least we can agree  
to define what it is we are arguing about.

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## Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:07:10 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:21:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Ledger

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 14:38:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>>From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 18:54:04 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

<snip>

John Velez wrote:

>I thought the nature of that box was supposed to be a 'secret'.  
>Now that you've violated security, will the Feds be sending you  
>on an all-expenses paid vacation to that Canadian concentration  
>camp where all the gubbamint blabber-mouths are sequestered?

Yeah, you wish John. They don't just take anybody in our prisons  
up here. There's a waiting list you know.

>I'd hate to hear that you are being swapped for packs of  
>'Kool's' among the affection starved, long-term inmates of some  
>hellish penal institution. And all because you felt compelled to  
>let us all in on the big secret.

He'd be swapped for packs of Peter Jacksons or fine Cuban  
cigars. They are legal up here.

>John Velez  
>US Citizen

Don Ledger  
Canadian Taxpayer

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## Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:09:25 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:24:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought - Oberg

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 14:38:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>I thought the nature of that box was supposed to be a 'secret'.  
>Now that you've violated security, will the Feds be sending you  
>on an all-expenses paid vacation to that Canadian concentration  
>camp where all the gubbamint blabber-mouths are sequestered?

They have to find me first. Fortunately I live in a rural area  
still unmapped by Internet data bases.

>How much is NASA paying you 'this time' to tell us\* that?

I never could figure out where to send the invoices.

>\*Us = The 'common folk' -the 'masses' who are prone to panic.  
>AKA, the Great Unwashed. Those who are undeserving of being told  
>the truth because 'we', (cue in Jack Nicholson's voice) "can't  
>handle the truth." ;)

Counterexamples are welcome.

>You are most welcome to install a device anywhere you wish. I  
>just hope it's okay for you to talk about it. I'd hate to hear  
>that you are being swapped for packs of 'Kool's' among the  
>affection starved, long-term inmates of some hellish penal  
>institution. And all because you felt compelled to let us all in  
>on the big secret.

From your description, that sounds like the International Space  
Station these days.

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 22:36:14 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:25:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Reason

>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 17:13:24 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

It does seem that whenever I write on this List, I find myself getting involved in other people's conversations. I know I should at least wait until Jerry Clark has replied to this himself before I start jumping in, but there are some very interesting issues here I would like to address and I may be pressed for time tomorrow.

Jerry had written:

>>Science's neglect of a particular matter does  
>>not necessarily mean that the matter at issue will never be  
>>taken up, or that it is without potential scientific interest  
>>or validity.

Dave replied:

>I have no argument with this. But despite 55 years of saucer-  
>ology, science at large has steadfastly been unimpressed by the  
>evidence that UFOlogists have been able to muster.

>When and if they do we can have a sensible debate on this  
>subject. It is not my responsibility to convince a sceptical  
>scientific community, as I'm not making any claims.

>It's up to you and your friends to convince science that  
>ufological "data" should be taken seriously.

>It's no use blaming the fact that they haven't so far on the  
>shortcomings of scientific philosophy and methodology. If the  
>evidence for any form of exotic origin for flying saucers is as  
>compelling as you, Dick and Stan et al are telling us they would  
>be clambering to look at it, in view of the opportunities for  
>grants and career enhancement.

Now I wonder, is this actually true? How do we know?

Dave, you've said that it's the human dimension to the UFO phenomenon that interests you. I agree, it interests me too, but I'm wondering why in that case you seem to have left out of consideration the whole question of academic politics, belief systems and peer pressure.

What actually is the threshold of evidence beyond which the "mainstream" academic community might be expected to regard an exotic dimension to the UFO phenomenon as likely or proven? Is that threshold static or (as I would expect) dynamic?

For example, let's say some sample of material were to be tested in a hypothetical laboratory, and that sample were to be judged be neither natural nor terrestrial in origin. What would happen then? Well, I predict that one of two things would probably happen. The most likely, I would expect, is that the evidence threshold would simply change. This is exactly what the Kuhnian model of scientific progression would predict, that the first

response would be to try to assimilate the new evidence into the existing paradigm. (You can see this exact process in operation at the moment in the theoretical modelling of solar system formation, in the light of recent discoveries that most currently known extrasolar systems are unlike our own.) Some theoretical contrivance would be produced whereby the "non-terrestrial, non-natural" evaluation would be superseded in the light of subsequent analysis - and you know, this new theoretical contrivance might well be correct. But the important thing is that it would probably happen whether it was correct or not - especially since the "non-terrestrial, non-natural" evaluation is a null proposition and it's ultimately impossible to "prove" a negative such as this.

The second possibility is that the offending data will simply "disappear" - not in any sinister sense, but just in the sense that it will be systematically ignored. In my experience, that is exactly how academia treats offending data that can't be assimilated into the existing paradigm, but on the other hand isn't world-shattering enough to blow the existing paradigm apart.

Since I don't have any kind of background in UFO studies, I'll illustrate with some other examples I happen to know rather better.

In 1974, Carl Sagan published book called "Broca's Brain" which contained an essay entitled "The Amniotic Universe". In this essay, Carl Sagan declared his support for the perinatal recall theory of Near Death Experiences - the hypothesis that NDEs were memories of the actual experience of birth. But what's particularly striking is this paragraph from right near beginning of the essay:

"It is difficult to see why evolution should have selected brains which are predisposed to such experiences, since no-one seems to die or fail to reproduce for want of mystic fervor. Might these drug-inducible experiences as well as the near-death epiphany be due merely to some evolutionarily neutral wiring defect in the brain which, by accident, occasionally brings forth altered perceptions of the world? That possibility, it seems to me, is extremely implausible, and perhaps no more than a desperate rationalist attempt to avoid a serious encounter with the mystical."

Now, as we know, the perinatal recall theory has since been falsified. And what has replaced it, in consciousness studies? None other than exactly the kind of neurological theory which Carl Sagan, in 1974, specifically described as "extremely implausible". In other words, the threshold has changed. What was formally implausible is now, apparently, acceptable.

The current theory was developed by Susan Blackmore in the 1980s, and although I call it a theory, it's really only half a theory with a good deal of speculation tacked on about how the brain "constructs models of reality" (a classic example of content-free psychobabble). The theoretical component has been around for at least 15 years, and so it came as something of a surprise to me when I read it to see that it is readily falsifiable by anyone with even a passing knowledge of cortical visual processing. Not only that, but exactly the same cortical model - with a considerably more sophisticated neurophysiological interpretation - has been used by Sacks and Edelman to account for a completely different phenomenon - the migraine scotoma. (The model is described in recent editions of Sacks' book "Migraine".) The neurophysiological prediction matches the phenomenology of the migraine scotoma perfectly, and it would be hard to imagine something less like the classical NDE.

And yet, Blackmore's theory has been around for 15+ years and she is still promoting it. And in that time the theory must have been encountered and read by many hundreds of people who must surely have been more than qualified to see the flaws in it (they have to do with the response properties of cells in visual cortex).

Just to give an example - Blackmore states that the NDE "tunnel" will appear white, because all cells in visual cortex are firing simultaneously and all colors will thus add up to white. The problem is, this summation process actually works by means of an

inhibitory mechanism - when all colors are present simultaneously they mutually suppress each other, leaving only the white "brightness" cells still active. Yet the core of Blackmore's theory is that the inhibitory connections between will cease to operate, so this summation process simply cannot work.

So how is it that the theory is still around? (I saw Dr Blackmore pushing it again on TV earlier this week.) Inevitably one has to speculate somewhat, but I can only see that it has something to do with academic peer pressure and the tendency of academic orthodoxies to be self-perpetuating - in this case, the rationalist orthodoxy which Carl Sagan was referring to above. No-one falsifies the model because it is not in anyone's interest to falsify it.

You don't even need to go into vaguely "supernatural" areas in order to encounter problems of this kind - there are plenty of examples in "mainstream" science - the phenomenology of conscious experience, for example. After over 100 years of looking, still no-one has even a halfway credible theory to account for how conscious experience emanates from the brain. You might well ask, by analogy with UFOs, in that case why does anyone still bother looking? Presumably because the alternative would entail abandoning the academic orthodoxy of materialism. The philosophical argument rages on and the scientists? They just ignore it - exactly as predicted.

Or the quantum measurement problem. Numerous attempts at resolving this have been produced over the last half-century - but read Jeffrey Barrett's account "The Quantum Mechanics of Minds and Worlds" (OUP 1999) to see just how serious the problems with some of these are - and then take a look how some of the current literature on the QM measurement problem manages to overlook even quite fundamental - and more to the point, quite obvious - flaws by means of selective blindness and wishful thinking. The "decoherence" approach, for example - the flaw in which can be written out on half a page in plain English - yet I've lost count of the number of times I've seen this approach cited, round and round like some kind of academic urban myth.

>As yet it appears that only the psychologists and sociologists  
>and folklorists have paid any attention. That speaks for itself.

Dave, if you're a folklorist, you of all people should know that facts like these never speak for themselves - they are always subject to processing and interpretation.

You've talked about the importance of critical analysis, and I agree with you. But critical analysis is a tool, and like any other tool it can be both used and abused. In the case of critical analysis, the way one abuses it is by using it selectively. There's no point applying critical analysis to some subject group of UFO investigators unless you also apply it to the wider academic context in which they - and you, and me - operate. Academic politics are not confined to UFOlogy or the paranormal, and the ways in which UFO investigators behave are not necessarily any different from the ways academics in general behave once academic factions start to develop.

There is a quite obvious reason why social scientists have a vested interest in studying the paranormal - by doing so they can help to support the orthodox paradigm and thereby help to secure their own status within the academic community. It also pays social scientists to be visibly skeptical of the paranormal, for the same reason that recent converts to Christianity are far more likely to be regular churchgoers - they have far more to prove because their own status as accepted members of the orthodoxy is still very much in doubt. Whether this is the real reason, or the whole story, doesn't matter - it's a possibility that has to be taken into account.

As an aside, and on the question of how people's reactions can be revealing - I do find it interesting that whenever I try to pin down exactly what the psychosocial hypothesis is, or what radical misperception is, the only response is either a flurry of obfuscation or a deafening silence.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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## John Mack "We Must Become Galactic Citizens"

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<http://www.mohavedailynews.com/archives/index.inn?loc=detail&doc=/2003/February/08-1376-news3.txt>

February 08, 2003

UFO convention speaker says we must become 'galactic citizens'

By Kay Jenney

The Daily News

LAUGHLIN - Shakespeare's conundrum "to be, or not to be?" is still being pondered in various ways. One of the leading researchers in the field of extraordinary experiences announced a new way of perceiving reality Thursday at the 12th Annual International UFO Congress Convention and Film Festival held at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino.

Dr. John Mack began his journey delving into human consciousness as a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and now through his years of research on a number of nontraditional subjects, foresees changes on the horizon for all societies.

"There will be a restructuring of reality. It's arrogant to put it in a box," Mack said.

Mack has investigated Unidentified Flying Object (UFOs) and subsequent reports of alien abductions, near death experiences, spiritual/mystical aberrations, organ transplant memory, magnetic shifts, zero energy power sources, cold fusion, spirit visitation and more. These studies, he said has led him to conclude the extraordinary experiences of individuals will lead to changes in how the world population views reality. Mack called it a "world view shift in consciousness."

Mack said there will be changes across the board in every aspect of society.

"All institutions will be affected," Mack said.

He said the mental health profession will view extraordinary experiences not as pathological conditions, but rather as a starting point for personal growth and learning. Philosophically, people will understand the universe as one teeming with life forms, some seen, some unseen Mack said.

"It's arrogant to believe human beings are the pinnacle of success," Mack said. He said people will understand the oneness of the world while appreciating the differences.

Science, Mack said, will study subjects now considered taboo. He said politics will be changed most of all. Mack said the economy will move away from a war-based economy. He suggested the military should be used to build infrastructure instead of making war.

"We need leadership that thinks beyond borders," Mack said. "Nationalism in its malignant form would become unthinkable." Mack said keeping political power meant keeping an enemy in front of the subjects at all times. If the people question that, they are accused of lack of patriotism.

"Does that sound familiar?" Mack asked.

Mack said people who have experienced alien abductions understand his views, "They get this," Mack said. He said "we must become galactic citizens and so far we have not done very well.

"There must be councils (of extraterrestrial aliens) trying to figure out what to do with us without exterminating us. They've been very tolerant," Mack said.

First-time visitor to a UFO convention, Paul Harrison of North Carolina, said he is a skeptic.

He said he only came to this conference because his son, who he said is a government agent "is into this stuff" and urged him to attend.

[UFO UpDates thanks www.<http://anomalist.com> for the lead]

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:21:06 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:47:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Mott

>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 12:44:32 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>>From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 22:16:23 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

><snip>

>>A UFO is an unidentified flying object which has been identified  
>>as a possible or actual alien spacecraft. Such objects include  
>>meteors, disintegrating satellites, flocks of birds, aircraft,  
>>lights, weather balloons, and just about anything moving within  
>>the visible band of electromagnetism. So far, however, nothing  
>>has been positively identified as an alien spacecraft in a way  
>>required by common sense and science. That is, there has been no  
>>recurring identical UFO experience and there is no physical  
>>evidence in support of either a UFO flyby or landing.

>So far I have tried to stay out of this absurd debate, but you  
>are dead wrong with your definition of "unidentified flying  
>object". Your definition might be presumed by the uneducated,  
>but it is not a valid definition for working in the field.

<snip>

Tom,

Please note that this is not my definition\_ of anything.

An ill-informed quotation concerning ley lines, taken from the  
"skeptic's encyclopedia" or some such rot, was posted as a trite  
reply in the thread, so I simply cut and pasted only a portion  
of the definition of UFO from the same website, i.e., the same  
"authoritative" source.

The point was the innate absurdity, pomposity, and inaccuracy of  
many of the so-called "definitions" at that site.

Your point is actually in total agreement with my own\_. I do  
not subscribe to the "ET hypothesis" of UFOs, and if fact it  
is full of holes, inconsistencies, and so on. Not to mention  
flaws of logic.

--Mike

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>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:36:46 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Secret Shuttle Device Sought

>I found the whole segment quite disconcerting. It was like you  
>were arguing against both what was obvious and science! So, I  
>was wondering if you said all that because you really believed  
>it, or because it was something NASA wanted you to say, or if  
>you didn't want to step out of line with what NASA was saying  
>until they gave an approved statement? I'm curious about the  
>politics behind it, if you are allowed to speak about it.

No politics or external control, and while I understand where  
the question came from, I'm mildly peeved at its implications.

I was reacting like a 'Mission Control' veteran - do anything  
you can do rather than sit wringing your hands or writing them  
off, and I was speaking to those in the impact area. Dr. Bondar  
was the cold-blooded science-type who makes mental decisions  
that rarely interact with human beings - and her advice to  
would-be rescuers was 'don't bother trying'.

The odds of survival were low, I told Peter Jennings, but we  
couldn't be sure they were zero, and if any of the crew HAD  
survived they would probably need urgent aid. The cabin could  
have held together to a lower altitude where the crew in their  
pressure suits and parachutes could have struggled through the  
hatch and fallen free, as they were equipped to do. I knew what  
equipment the crew had, and I've witnessed and studied (and  
stood very close by to) numerous aerospace accidents 'on the  
front line', not from some laboratory where nobody gets dirt and  
other people's blood spattered on them.

Say that you or a loved one got into a bad auto wreck. Would you  
want passers-by to have my attitude, or Bondar's?

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:52:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>Let's change the subject and take up something of interest to  
>people on this List, namely UFOs. Where UFOs are concerned,  
>science has not been "unimpressed." With an honorable few  
>exceptions, science has ignored the UFO question, and few  
>scientists know anything about the subject.

Jerry,

No wonder you want to change the subject, because you know your argument has failed at the first hurdle. You are not a scientist, and yet presume to speak on behalf of scientists, and expect to be taken seriously.

Anyone who works in an academic environment, whether that be physical or social science based, knows that for a new phenomena to be accepted, it must be completely and convincingly demonstrated.

The existence of, for the sake of argument, "exotic UFOs" has not been completely and convincingly demonstrated.

And it is simply untrue to suggest that scientists who have looked at the "evidence" have been impressed.

Sure, scientists such as Hynek and McDonald et al have taken an interest, but they were not able to convince their peers, which is how science works. McDonald's peer, Dr David Atlas, does not share or accept his conclusions concerning radar reports of UFOs. Atlas's name is curiously absent from your list, no doubt because he wasn't "impressed."

Also missing from your list was Professor R.V. Jones who was deeply involved in the the study of the foo-fighters, ghost rockets and flying saucers, long before most of your list took an interest. He too was not 'impressed', but remained fascinated by the social and psychological impact of belief in the subject up until his death in 1997. Jones was a physical scientist of great distinction, but recognised there was more to the saucers than simply physics.

>>To put it another way, why would anyone take you seriously?

>Apparently because I keep winning the argument. You can't seem  
>to mount a credible defense of a position which, to all  
>appearances, is scientifically naive, logically flawed, and  
>curiously ahistorical. All you manage to convey is your deep  
>faith in disbelief tradition, which, I must tell you, is not  
>enough.

Nonsense.

As I have demonstrated, it is simply untrue that all physical scientists who have studied this subject have been impressed by the evidence. Your central thesis is a straw man.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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## Re: Signal Detection Theory - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 22:53:30 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:49:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory - Hall

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:22:56 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory

>>From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 19:16:33 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory

>Cathy wrote:

>>This illustrates how dangerous it is to make inferences about  
>>the reliability of some detection procedure simply on the basis  
>>of the number of false positives it generates, without taking  
>>into account the relative frequencies of the events it detects.  
>>This applies just as much to UFO investigators as it does to our  
>>detector of spinning saucers.

>Er, no, Cathy - for the simple reason that it is humans who  
>are doing the saucer 'detecting' and the human instrument is  
>subject to many variables which make it an inexact recording  
>device.

Andy,

This is such a classic example of skeptibunker irrationality  
that I cannot refrain from commenting. Humans make errors,  
therefore... What? This is a serious question at the core of your  
argument.

Therefore, you never go to doctors, dentists, lawyers, etc.,  
because humans are prone to errors? Therefore no human  
testimony is sufficiently reliable to warrant serious attention?

Therefore (a la Colon Bennett) there can be no objective truth?  
Scientific inquiry is not worth the effort, given human  
fallibility? What exactly are you suggesting here?

- Dick

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:08:56 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:54:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 22:01:10 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 15:21:59 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>>At the risk of alienating some people, I rather like the term  
>>'flying saucers'. <snip>

>>This will sound silly, but I have a nostalgic attachment for  
>>flying saucers, especially those which do not mimic well known  
>>astronomical objects at all.

>The only people 'alienated' (no pun intended) are the confused  
>and disingenuous.

>As I've pointed out elsewhere, Flying Saucer is a perfectly  
>acceptable, descriptive phrase which is part of the English  
>language (I've based my use on John Ayto's entry in the OED's  
>20th Century Words).

What exactly, Dave, does it describe?

>It means, quite simply, "a disc- or saucer shaped object  
>reported as appearing in the sky and alleged to come from outer  
>space." If you want to include cigars as well, then how about  
>'motherships', isn't that how Adamski described them?

Ah, the game is up. As I observed in an earlier rejoinder to this obsession of yours, all you're seeking to do is to denigrate the UFO phenomenon and to equate it with the silliest aspects of the social response, in particular the contactee movement. This is the laziest kind of rhetorical strategy, and embarrassingly unimpressive. And it will leave all those witnesses - most of whom express no opinion or have no idea of what the phenomenon they saw was, much less where it came from - with not a word to say. It's a way of shutting down testimony to anomalous observations that the MIB can only envy.

At least now, on the up side, I concede that you're no longer being disingenuous. But following your logic and granting your own intolerance of uncertainty - in your simplistic reading there are no UFOs but only, on one side, certain delusions (your view) or equally certain otherworldly machines (saucerians and contactees' view) on the other - why not dispense with "flying saucer" altogether?

After all, since the phrase has a precise meaning which renders the adjective "unidentified" obsolete, why not insist that those who disagree with you now refer to all UFOs as "spaceships"? Or "thoughtforms"? Or "etheric craft from other vibrations"? Or "Nazi rockets from the hollow earth"? Perhaps we can insist on even more specificity than that, e.g., "Martian Module", "Saturnian Shuttle", "Ashtarian Aerospace Craft"? This last strikes me as a particularly rewarding pursuit. Let us reorient



ufology - excuse me, "saucerology" - toward the documenting of those sightings representing observations of the fleet of the Ashtar Command. After all, as any number of psychic channelers have assured us, Ashtar and his starship troopers are far and away the most important Space Brothers visiting us.

Since you have no tolerance for the neutral term "UFO", it would seem that those who are neither debunkers nor believers - in other words, those who, given the host of ambiguities and gaps in our knowledge, prefer to suspend judgment about the ultimate nature of the phenomenon, and who know the difference between concrete knowledge and tentative hypothesis - have no role to play in this discussion.

I do, however, look forward to the coming exchange between you and the contactee/saucerian movement. My psychic prediction is that it will go nowhere, but it'll be worthwhile for the rest of us to watch, if only to provide an object lesson in the dangers of claiming a firm hold on truth when, in reality, truth remains elusive.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 15:14:22 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:56:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 07:09:06 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

<snip>

>Free energy is called by many names, such as renewable energy,  
>alternative energy, or non-conventional energy, to list a few.  
>Examples of free energy technologies include a wind generator on  
>a remote homestead, or a solar panel on the International Space  
>Station. But this is only the tip of the iceberg.

>Free energy also includes amazing technologies like a car  
>powered by a water fuel cell, a battery charger powered by the  
>earth, or a home furnace powered by permanent magnets.. The best  
>free energy systems deliver energy at no on-going cost to the  
>user, without detrimental effects to the environment, and at  
>extremely low costs for the maintenance of the equipment.

<snip>

Hello Bill:

Can you tell us any more about the home furnace powered by permanent magnets? I hadn't heard of that. Is there a URL we can refer to?

Thanks

- Larry

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 19:21:48 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 19:01:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 20:02:03 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 23:43:54 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 16:54:48 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>Don:

>>Solved a few of my own cases-some were easy. I've had a few  
>>of my cases solved or at least had serious doubt cast on  
>>them as to source and substance.>I've had my share of  
>>reports of Venus and other stars, tower light sightings and  
>>aircraft landing lights. Some witnesses were pissed off at  
>>me for telling them I was convinced that they'd seen this  
>>or that.

>On that basis you could equally be labelled "a debunker". Of  
>course some witnesses are not going to accept the likely  
>solution for sightings. That doesn't mean that by making the  
>effort to find an explanation that you are somehow  
>denigrating their character. People are more open-minded than  
>you give them credit for. Many come to me wanting an  
>explanation for what they have seen or experienced.

David,

No I don't think that's the case. I'm not debunking the whole  
phenomenon on a case by case basis. I've have many more which  
defy explanation.

>To me the detective work involved in resolving a sighting is  
>the most interesting aspect of the whole subject. This is the  
>real challenge, and I regard those occasions when I cannot  
>resolve a case (and there are a number) as a success, not a  
>failure.

A success in the favor of what? You lost me there.

>If you really want science to take this subject seriously,  
>the evidence presented must be water-tight. But the burden of  
>proof is on the sighter, not the explainer.

I think science [particularly individual scientists] takes this  
more seriously than they publicly let on. And there are more  
than a few credentialed scientists who are openly looking into  
the thousands of sighting claims. Engineers and technical  
specialists as well are curios.

>>I'm quite willing to buy that there is with-holding of  
>>information for national security reasons, and yes to

>>cover-up ignorance and blunders, but there are many reasons  
>>for covering up and the forces or government will do it for  
>>no other reason than that they can.

>OK, but you have not answered my question. What exactly do  
>you believe, in the context of flying saucers/UFOs the  
>Government are covering up?

I can't remember you asking me that question. However what makes me believe they have more information than they are sharing is their determination to shut some people up. If you read Dark Object you will see where there we were stymied by DND on several occasions when they warned witnesses not to appear in a documentary in one case and talk about what they had seen on the bottom in two another cases. Getting simple government files from 30 years ago result in being ignored even under the Access to Information Act here in Canada. Example, RCNavy ship movements around the dates of the incident in '67. Even Coast Guard logs become unavailable.

I don't want to get into the details of all of this, because it would take a few pages just to touch on it. But even after the book came out we ran into further evidence of this "closing of the ranks" when other witnesses came forth.

>>Am I the only one here to see how nuts this conversation is  
>>becoming?

>If you don't like the heat, don't enter the kitchen.

What heat?

>This conversation is just getting interesting. We've  
>established that you do routinely explain cases yourself, but  
>like to launch in head-first every time you think we in the  
>UK are explaining too many for your liking.

That's not what this is about. Stay focused David. It's about your Fortean Times article and your seeming inability to stay focused on your investigation but instead insulting others who investigate the phenomenon, through your use of derogatory terms. No matter how you slice it, introducing Cassie's unfounded remark into your text did nothing to further your case but served to insult me and others like me. It's for that which I took you to task.

I think you and I and many other investigators can solve cases until the cows come home and we will only make a small dent in their numbers.

>If it's OK for you, then why not for me?

It's not for me to say - to quote Johnny Mathis.

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: John Meloney <[betsyross@fcgnetworks.net](mailto:betsyross@fcgnetworks.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 19:07:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 20:46:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 15:14:22 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 07:09:06 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

><snip>

>>Free energy is called by many names, such as renewable energy,  
>>alternative energy, or non-conventional energy, to list a few.  
>>Examples of free energy technologies include a wind generator on  
>>a remote homestead, or a solar panel on the International Space  
>>Station. But this is only the tip of the iceberg.

>>Free energy also includes amazing technologies like a car  
>>powered by a water fuel cell, a battery charger powered by the  
>>earth, or a home furnace powered by permanent magnets.. The best  
>>free energy systems deliver energy at no on-going cost to the  
>>user, without detrimental effects to the environment, and at  
>>extremely low costs for the maintenance of the equipment.

><snip>

>Can you tell us any more about the home furnace powered by  
>permanent magnets? I hadn't heard of that. Is there a URL we can  
>refer to?

For information on free furnace power go to:

<http://www.FTN.info/Johnmeloney>

I have ordered mine.

John

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 00:10:45 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 20:49:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 14:07:22 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 00:46:43 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>I am simply reminded of your adamant refusal to admit that there  
>>are any possible grounds for doubting the Authorised Version of  
>>the Trindade case. Possibly my earlier List discussions on this  
>>topic were conducted with the other Jerome Clark!

>Yeah, well, if you had better arguments, there'd be no  
>confusion. Since I have personally debunked some classic cases  
>and written skeptically about others, I simply don't take you  
>seriously on this point, and I suspect you weren't all that  
>serious in the first place. I don't ordinarily associate you  
>with a rich sense of humor, but in this case I'll assume you  
>were joking.

As to who has the better arguments on Trindade, I will leave to those with the time and energy to trawl through the various posts in the Updates archive. As I remember your "argument" (scare quotes deliberate, not the result of a computer malfunction) seemed to consist of asking me to find accounts from people who never saw the UFO, but felt it was worthwhile reporting to Brazilian newspapers that they hadn't seen it.

Since the Trindade debate petered on on the list, we have received lots of interesting material from South American ufologists. Maybe if the exciting new evidence you have promised us ever sees the light of day, we may want to publish this as well.

>>I would be interested to know if Macdonald [sic] included  
>>psychologists, psychiatrists, and sociologists amongst his  
>>relevant experts. I genuinely only ask because I want to know.

>Still can't spell the guy's name right, can you, John? It's  
>McDonald.

Nor, I note, can your friend Stanton Friedman, who spells it MacDonald. Our Man in the Glens with the Haggis and Single Malt tells me that historically all these versions are interchangeable, and it was only in the last hundred years or so that people started getting pedantic about Mc, Mac or M'. A historical variation of Rimmer is Rymer. You may wish to start using this to avoid jokes from scatologically-minded eleven year olds.

Convenient, isn't it, that you throw in a quibble about spelling, and then somehow forget to answer the question:

>>I would be interested to know if Macdonald [sic] included  
>>psychologists, psychiatrists, and sociologists amongst his  
>>relevant experts. I genuinely only ask because I want to know.

Whatever...

>>I was not aware that I was making any slur on Macdonald [sic]. I was  
>>expressing concern at the way that his research is often  
>>presented in arguments today as the incontrovertable last word  
>>on the subject.

>My point, which you seem to have missed, is that McDonald's work  
>is well worth taking seriously. There is a reason informed  
>American ufologists hold it in such high regard, and why it is  
>perfectly possible to do so without judging the man "prophet-  
>like." Pelicanists seem happy to quote "authorities" who know  
>infinitely less about the dynamics of UFO- sighting and -  
>reporting than McDonald did, or the arcana of the phenomenon. If  
>you're looking for "prophets," it's these guys who qualify,  
>since they're not working from evidence, experience, or any  
>knowledge to speak of.

I'm not sure that anything I've said suggests McDonald's work  
should not be taken seriously. I am just surprised by the way  
his work tends to be quoted as a sort of ultimate authority,  
which can trump any critical argument. McDonald was capable of  
being mistaken, for example his theory that the Concorde  
supersonic aircraft be an environmental disaster for the planet.

>Let me put it this way: There are all sorts of well-investigated  
>cases. Apparently, if we may judge from the polemics of the UFO  
>controversy over the decades, only those that result in  
>identifications are not mere "anecdotes." In fact, in the end  
>all cases, investigated or otherwise, are anecdotes. They are  
>stories told orally or in print. It is a standard skeptical  
>argument, repeated until its advocates are blue in the face,  
>that anecdotal testimony is worthless. This argument is used  
>even against cases that have been well investigated.

>  
>If the case Clarke and Roberts investigated is an anecdote, as  
>it is, then anecdotal testimony does have meaning. We can indeed  
>learn things from it, with all due caution and qualification.  
>That being the case, anecdotal testimony can indeed tell us  
>something about the anomalous nature of UFO cases as well as  
>about the nonanomalous nature of IFOs. You can't have it both  
>ways. In fact, or at least reasonable inference, we can expect  
>to learn from anecdotal testimony that some objects perceived as  
>conventional (in, for example, the early stage of hypothesis-  
>escalation) were really something else, apparently  
>unconventional.

So you are admitting that the cases in your encyclopaedias are  
as anecdotal as Roberts and Clarke's investigation of the Cracoe  
Fell Case, which is what I was saying all along. I wonder then  
why you were so dismissive about the "anecdotal" nature of the  
case when Roberts first raised it? Anecdotal evidence does have  
meaning, and the value that can be placed on it depends on the  
depth and rigour of the investigation that backs it up. I  
presume you have not read anything about Cracoe, so have no idea  
of the thoroughness of R & C's investigation.

> Perceptual errors presumably should be able to  
>work both ways, making UFOs of IFOs and IFOs of UFOs. This is  
>inherent, as I've just said, in the repeatedly demonstrated  
>experience of "escalation of hypotheses." Social pressure and  
>fear of ridicule, if anything, lead more to rejection of  
>anomalous observation than to its opposite. They can make us see  
>something genuinely out of the ordinary and convince us of the  
>contrary -- as I know, by the way, from personal experience  
>(though not with an ostensible UFO, but something fully as  
>peculiar).

I would have thought this was beyond question.

>>>>Certainly people do have radical misperceptions about a variety  
>>>>of anomalies, including a wide range of paranormal phenomena.

>>>Now reread that sentence. I was specifically not talking about  
>>>"a wide range of paranormal phenomena," but about an unusual  
>>>natural phenomenon which science, after long skepticism, has  
>>>finally mostly come to accept, based on eyewitness testimony  
>>>from credible witnesses.\*

>>Well, you actually said "say, ball lightning sightings", the

>>"say" suggesting that this was only one option amongst others  
>>that you could have thought of.

>Do I detect just a hint of disingenuousness here?

Only is as much as everybody who disagrees with you gets accused of "ingenuousness" sooner or later. We must add it to Jerry Clark Bingo! What did you mean by "say, ball lightning sightings", if not implying that this was just one of a number of possibilities. Or does grammatical nit-picking onl work one way?

>>You might have said "say,  
>>ghosts", or "say, the Loch Ness Monster", or "say, the Surrey  
>>Puma", or "say, apparitions of the Virgin Mary". These are some  
>>of the "other ostensible anomalies" which people might have  
>>radical misperceptions about. But you want to stick to ball-  
>>lightning. I think there are other, more interesting, phenomena.

>  
>Again, you're trying to change the subject and again  
>demonstrating why pelicanist approaches are so wholly captive to  
>disbelief tradition. Any meaningful discussion about alleged RMP  
>has to focus on misperceptions of phenomena whose true nature  
>and configuration are not open to dispute and in which it is  
>possible to say with certainty, without getting embroiled in  
>endless other unresolved controversy, what was in fact seen .

What are you saying here? In what way do these other phenomena differ from UFOs in terms of their perception by experients? Are you implying that there are no known mundane phenomena which might not be misinterpreted as a ghost, Nessie, yeti, or BVM? Why is it not possible to have meaningful discussions on this?

>All you're doing is recycling the tedious, circular argument  
>that since we "know" paranormal phenomena (or other  
>extraordinary-seeming anomalies) don't exist, according to you,  
>then perception dramatically to the contrary \_has\_ to be RMP.  
>Talk about an unfalsifiable hypothesis.

I am saying that the evidence for any physical reality (sorry, Colin) of these phenomena is extremely slim, but not non-existent. Let me repeat:

>>Thank you for the rant. Let me go over this a stage at a time.  
>>There are a number of controversial and ambiguous phenomena  
>>which people report encountering from time to time. Despite the  
>>number of such accounts, final proof of such things remains  
>>tantalisingly out of reach. This might be because the phenomena  
>>itself

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>>has some quality - elusiveness, ephemerality, location -  
>>which has so far allowed it to avoid being conclusively  
>>explained, except by those people who have already made their  
>>minds up on the topic on the existing evidence. They may have  
>>concluded that such reports represent evidence for  
>>extraterrestrial craft, survival of bodily death, previously  
>>unrecognised animals, the incarnation of the Mother of God, etc.

>  
>>I think the point is that radical misperception does not, of  
>>itself, "explain" a case, but it provides false data which  
>>prevents a case being explained in any other way except invoking  
>>previously unknown forces, e.g. extraterrestrial spaceships,  
>>other dimensions, etc.

>And how do we know the data to be false? Because they point in  
>an anomalous direction. This is, again, a circular argument in  
>service not to understanding but only to disbelief tradition.

Obviously, we don't know the data is false, that is why we are trying to incorporate it as part of an overall explanation for the case. We may feel that we have successfully "solved" the case, either as a mundane occurrence, or as an extraordinary event.

>May I suggest, instead, as I have argued in print often, a  
>suspension of judgment, an agnosticism about the ultimate  
>meaning of these things? What we get here is the implication  
>that one misperception is pretty much the same as another, and  
>all they need have in common is an ostensibly anomalous claim at



>their core. I maintain that a confusion of Venus with a UFO is  
>quite another order of magnitude from, say, a multi-witness,  
>daylight CE3. In the latter instance, except under the most  
>extreme and extraordinary circumstances, RMP would strike most  
>as fantastic and deeply improbable,

The point of course, is that radical misperceptions do occur  
under extreme and extraordinary circumstances. That's why  
they're radical.

>hoax (or, more rarely,  
>hallucination) far more in line with what nearly everybody else  
>would regard as recognizable human expression or experience. In  
>this sense, though it pains me to say it, Phil Klass makes a  
>whole lot more sense than you do.

Which is an interesting statement, in view of your later  
comment. When I said that Stanton Friedman was happy with the  
phrase "flying saucer" you pronounced:

>I will let Stan Friedman speak for himself. I must say, however,  
>that it is amusing, after all the trashing of Stan over the  
>years in Magonia and other pelicanist literature, you are now  
>citing him as someone whose judgments are worth heeding.

It is indeed amusing to find you expressing sympathy for  
notorious sceptic, debunker and death-threat purveyor Phil  
Klass! I suppose we are both working on the principle that a  
stopped clock tells the right time twice a day.

--  
John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clark

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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 20:53:37 -0500  
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>>>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 17:13:24 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>Let's change the subject and take up something of interest to  
>>people on this List, namely UFOs. Where UFOs are concerned,  
>>science has not been "unimpressed." With an honorable few  
>>exceptions, science has ignored the UFO question, and few  
>>scientists know anything about the subject.

>No wonder you want to change the subject, because you know your  
>argument has failed at the first hurdle. You are not a scientist,  
>and yet presume to speak on behalf of scientists, and expect to  
>be taken seriously.

Well, Dave, at least I know the difference between UFOs and  
flying saucers, and between a coherent argument and a clumsy  
rhetorical strategy such as yours.

I don't speak for scientists who have investigated and  
documented the UFO phenomenon. I don't have to. They have spoken  
and written eloquently for themselves, to telling silence from  
scientists who profess to be skeptical but who haven't done  
their homework. What I do is draw attention to the open-minded  
physical scientists' existence, while you have pretended that  
they don't exist.

>Anyone who works in an academic environment, whether that be  
>physical or social science based, knows that for a new phenomena  
>[sic] to be accepted, it must be completely and convincingly  
>demonstrated.

What is this with you guys and your grammatical confusion  
between "phenomenon" and "phenomena"? Let me repeat what I told  
John Rimmer earlier today: The first is singular, the latter  
plural. There is no such animal as "a phenomena." If we're going  
to debate, let's at least agree to a mutual respect for correct  
English usage.

If your academic friends want to "completely and convincingly  
demonstrate" the existence or nonexistence of UFOs, then they  
should investigate the question and devote the sorts of  
resources to it that they do to any other question to which they  
seek a serious answer. At the very least, they should actively  
encourage academic journals to seek out and publish refereed  
papers, and remove the aura of ridicule and professional peril  
that keep their fellow academics from pursuing scholarly inquiry

from anything other than an antagonistic, disbelief-tradition perspective.

(Of course, even a disbelief-tradition perspective won't stop the disdain, as Robert Low found out when he consulted with other academics and scientists about the potential University of Colorado study. He was warned that the university should stay away from UFOs because even to consider the possibility of their existence was unacceptable. Colorado took the project eventually because it needed the money, but his colleagues' warning about involvement in UFO study was what lay behind the notorious "trick" memo.)

Until your academic friends engage in or encourage real research, they have nothing to say on the subject. Academics are not high priests who have no obligation to seek out empirical knowledge.

>The existence of, for the sake of argument, "exotic UFOs" has  
>not been completely and convincingly demonstrated.

See above. Until real science is done in a systematic way on the UFO question, real science has nothing to say on the matter. To the limited extent that real science has been done, it has produced some evidence that at the very least is intriguing, and indicative that a lot more work needs to be done. Unless you believe, as apparently you do, that science's long neglect of the phenomenon is all the justification we need for its further neglect, or that all we need to establish the nonexistence of UFOs is to hold the issue in disdain.

>And it is simply untrue to suggest that scientists who have  
>looked at the "evidence" have been impressed.

>Sure, scientists such as Hynek and McDonald et al have taken an  
>interest, but they were not able to convince their peers, which  
>is how science works.

That has nothing to do with whether they were right or wrong. That remains for a future generation, which will take up their challenge to do actual formal, properly funded scientific investigation (as opposed to mere ex cathedra pronouncement) on the phenomenon, to determine.

Moreover, the post-Blue Book Hynek and McDonald were working without any institutional backing, any funding to speak of, and on their own time. Is this how conclusive scientific proof is arrived at in the modern world? My word. Don't you know your history of science? Or even its practice? When UFOs are researched as other questions of scientific concern are researched, then let's talk about what science "knows" about the phenomenon.

>McDonald's peer, Dr David Atlas, does not  
>share or accept his conclusions concerning radar reports of  
>UFOs. Atlas's name is curiously absent from your list, no doubt  
>because he wasn't "impressed."

Your point being? On how many matters, in any discipline, is there unanimity of scientific opinion? The simple fact remains: Overwhelmingly, scientists who have conducted a serious look at the evidence have been impressed. Even you won't deny that.

>From time to time, scientists have been brought on in brief consulting roles in the rare UFO projects and made pronouncements which, right or wrong, represented a decidedly limited view. Other scientists who have looked at the radar data have indeed been impressed. Let's hope more and more look at the data and ignore your belief that the issue is settled in the negative. The truth, Dave, emerges over time, from rigorous investigation and searching debate. That's how science is supposed to work. Scientists disagree all the time; that disagreement does not in and of itself make the subject of debate an illegitimate one. If it did, virtually all science would be illegitimate.

Let us also remember that scientific certainties are overturned regularly. What one generation "knows" to be true or not true in science is not what the next "knows." Science is an evolving process of discovery, not a set of absolutes. Knowledge is uncertain and tentative, and it changes all the time. Allen

Hynek used to remark that it would be useful to remember that there will be a 30th-Century science and it won't be much like ours.

In the case of the UFO phenomenon, though, those with the most knowledge of, and experience with, it have been intrigued rather more often than not. There is a direct correlation between ignorance and skepticism among scientists who pronounce on the subject. That doesn't mean that UFOs are, in your phrase, "flying saucers" necessarily, but it certainly suggests that science has some work to do on a potentially fascinating matter which could take it, and us, in some surprising directions.

>Also missing from your list was Professor R.V. Jones who was >deeply involved in the the study of the foo-fighters, ghost >rockets and flying saucers, long before most of your list took >an interest. He too was not 'impressed', but remained fascinated >by the social and psychological impact of belief in the subject >up until his death in 1997. Jones was a physical scientist of >great distinction, but recognised there was more to the saucers >than simply physics.

Jones's involvement was early in the game, his involvement nothing like that of scientists who studied the phenomenon in depth over time, his conclusions at odds with those of other perceptual and social scientists who have examined the data. That doesn't mean that, even with his limited involvement, he had nothing to contribute, only that his is hardly the final word. As these things go, Jones is a pretty minor figure in the UFO debate, and a distinctly minority voice.

As near as I can figure, you want to claim the phenomenon for your own narrow professional specialty and wish not to share it with others who might have a wider perspective - not to mention training in disciplines in which you are unversed - with which to judge it.

On the physical aspects of the UFO phenomenon, I'd take Allen Hynek, Jim McDonald, Peter Sturrock, or any number of others over you any day. Stick to folklore, don't try to speak for physical scientists, and maybe within that narrow speciality of yours, you'll come up with something useful to the rest of us. Good luck, and I mean that sincerely.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Analogical Ufology - Tonnies

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>Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 12:50:55 -0000  
>Subject: Analogical Ufology

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>The first law of postmodernism in this sense is that what we  
>experience as fact is a more like a management of wonders than  
>anything else. All is wonder, but some wonders have a better PR  
>than others and manage to fight their way forward to the high  
>performance frontier of that conscious acceptance which we  
>equate to the "real". Thus we have the truth of performance  
>rather than the truth of fact, a play in which the "real" as  
>perceived in but one performance vector.

Bingo.

The same idea is applied to the Face on Mars and the ubiquitous  
"alien head" icon in the following excerpt from my forthcoming  
book:

There is another way an extraterrestrial civilization bent on  
posterity could achieve a kind of ersatz immortality. The new  
science of the "meme," or idea, views information itself as a  
form of life. Like their carbon-based genetic counterparts,  
memes are constantly waging war for dominance, forming alliances  
with other memes (when necessary) and subject to mass  
extinction. Our environment is inundated with memes of all  
kinds, all struggling to survive.

Advertising concepts, political catch-phrases, outre ideas and  
"common knowledge" alike are composed of an ever-changing tissue  
of memes. Words themselves can be memes. When William S.  
Burroughs stated that "language is a virus," he probably didn't  
realize how prescient he was.

Inventions such as radio, television and the Internet have given  
memes a Darwinian playing field without boundaries. Web-surfers  
can easily find the informational grottos where rogue memes bide  
their time and insert themselves into new frameworks that  
promise longer life. You're no longer surfing the Web; the Web  
is surfing you, scouring your mind for new and better footholds.

Suppose the "alien ruins on Mars" meme is in danger of  
obsolescence. After all, it's been ground through the  
microcultural mill since Richard Hoagland brought it to wide  
attention in the mid-80s. It's in dire need of a fresh  
substrate.

So the "alien ruins on Mars" meme links up with the "NASA  
coverup" meme. This is more interesting. It's multifaceted, with  
room to play. Even better, it spawns new memes: within a few  
generations we have a "NASA coverup of alien ruins on Mars built  
by Gray aliens who created the human race by genetic  
engineering" meme.

Unlike genes, memes occupy an abstract realm. The Internet  
strengthens the foundation of the meme-ecology, allowing

veritable epidemics of "rogue" information to traverse the planet in moments. This is the battleground of dissidents like Hoagland and lumbering, pre-digital behemoths like JPL. "Edge" speculators have learned that good ideas can benefit from a strategic cladding of imaginative hype. Alarmist pronouncements are the very stuff of microcultural online campaigns, which realize that what the opposition lacks in speed and finesse, it can make up for in raw, unmitigated Authority.

The parallels to military electronic warfare and signal jamming are far from trivial. Memes advocating artificiality on Mars are countered by flat denials. The two memes clash and, like collided subatomic particles emitting a quark, yield a third, more exotic meme. This is where the Mars/NASA coverup was born, entrenched in the bunkers of the primeval Internet. Call it "memespace."

Sites devoted to Cydonia and alien artifacts are ripe with memes that would have likely died off without the Internet's supple breeding ground. And they have a tendency to expand, like all life, into the mainstream. Their power shouldn't be underestimated. NASA's reimagining of Cydonia is due directly to the power of the "ruins on Mars" meme, which blossomed into a full-blow infection (even getting sympathetic page-space in a book on skepticism by Carl Sagan).

The down-side of this meme-ecology is overburden. Armchair theorists plug too many arcane ideas into the same contextual matrix only to have it fall crashing to their feet and jeered. A concept taken too far off the edge self-destructs, sometimes doing irreparable damage to its constituent memes. The debunking community characteristically relies on just such ludicrous chimeras to downplay sincere interest in resolving the Cydonia issue.

The "Skeptical Inquirer," newsletter for members of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, even went beyond citing nonsensical claims in its effort to erase Cydonia from memespace: it simply made up the notion that "believers" in the Face considered it the work of human time travelers from our future (!).

I can honestly say that I've never encountered this particular theory outside the pages of the "Skeptical Enquirer." Not only does it probably exceed the creative prowess of most gung-ho Cydonia "believers," but its implicit assumptions are just too unwieldy. As an exercise in meme theory, it falls disastrously short. It fails to achieve escape velocity. It's lifeless . . . and a dead meme is no good at all.

There is no absolute fossil record of dead Mars memes, only a scattering of texts. Some memes only appear dead while in reality they are hibernating. The dubious "glass tubes," for instance, breathed life into the positively ancient memes spawned by Percival Lowell. Within hours of Hoagland publishing the so-called "glass tube" on his site, the halcyon days of Mars-as-a-dying-desert-planet were revived and updated for the early 21st century, streamlined tunnels taking the place of Lowell's earthen canals and massive, eroded pyramids substituted for Edgar Rice Burroughs' gleaming cities.

As long as there have been ideas and minds to appreciate them, we have had a sort of cyberspace, a moderately consensual infosphere that is as much a part of life on Earth as the ozone layer or plate tectonics. The Internet hasn't "created" the Cydonia controversy except in the most abstruse postmodern sense. It has, however, hastened the exchange of ideas at a remarkable rate. Perhaps most notably, it has served as a haven and breeding ground for weird, unpopular ideas that might have otherwise outlived their welcome and disappeared into our cultural recycle bin.

The Face on Mars, as image and metaphor, is wildly powerful, but it has yet to eclipse the dominant "extraterrestrial" archetype: the ubiquitous "alien head" that entered the idea pool upon publication of Whitley Strieber's "Communion" in 1987. The alien portrait on the cover quickly became synonymous with aliens and close encounters, and was eventually minimalized into a tapered oval with black ellipses for eyes and a straight line for a mouth (thanks, in large part, to the work of underground cartoonist Bill Barker).

Today, the "alien head" icon is as pervasive as Nike's "swoosh" or Tommy Hilfiger's patriotically colored "T." It's emblematic of the unknown. By rendering it into a caricature, vendors of the "intelligent extraterrestrial" meme have fostered a communion the likes of which Strieber couldn't have possibly guessed.

Alien iconography inundates popular culture. Even children (who have never heard of Betty and Barney Hill, let alone new-wave abduction researchers such as Harvard's Dr. John Mack) immediately recognize the minimal "alien head" as something strange and portentous . . . as well as imminently stylish. It's no coincidence that the characters in recent video games and animated television series bear an uncomfortable resemblance to the "alien" a la Strieber and Barker. From Japanese anime to the Powerpuff Girls, the consummately "cute," bug-eyed motif has played a quiet but important role in demystifying what was once unthinkable. Like a fish with embryonic gills, the alien meme has crawled ashore and flourished, populating the zeitgeist with consumer-friendly weirdness.

With the very notion of extraterrestrial contact in place as a consumer touchstone, there seems little need for elaborate external indoctrination schemes and "time release aspirin" disclosure. Ironically, profound ideas fare best in an information society when trivialized; what they lose in impact, they make up for in numbers. Hence the ever-imminent "disclosure" of extraterrestrial reality familiar to politically aware anomalists will certainly fail. "Disclosure" is not a singular event orchestrated by Men in Black; it's a process as tenacious and unstoppable as thermodynamics.

If the Face is a message left by a nonhuman intelligence, then it wouldn't be surprising to see the same sort of infiltration achieved by the "alien head." But whereas the alien archetype is amenable to creative tinkering (toy stores and T-shirts boast varieties of both "cute" alien visitors and menacing abductors), the Face is more Gothic, like something glimpsed in a half-remembered dream. Will it remain a cult superstar confined to the Net and UFO/New Age literature, or will it achieve a life of its own?

Devout Face enthusiasts still cling to the famous low-resolution Viking frame as their rallying banner despite better images taken by the Mars Global Surveyor. This isn't because the Face is less interesting or provocative when seen in high resolution, but because it presents too much information to process upon casual inspection. The shadowy Viking frame has an unmatched mystique, whereas the "new" Face reveals inevitable geological blemishes.

Viewed as an ideological product, the "new" Face doesn't sell because it lacks the smooth lines and suggestive shadow of its precursor. Seeing the Face up close produces viewer anxiety, as demonstrated by the NASA scientist who literally covered his eyes with his hands rather than see the Face and wrestle with its implications.

Inevitably, there have been attempts to fuse the classic alien face with the Face on Mars. Several speculators noted that if the 2001 image of the Face is placed upside-down, the depressed portion that comprises the "mouth" can be construed -- albeit vaguely -- as large "eyes." After some Photoshop retouching and "reconstruction," the Face reveals a completely spurious quasi-resemblance to Whitley Strieber's famous "Gray."

As pure idea, the implications are attractive: it combines the close encounter enigma with the anomalies on Mars in a single reductionist masterstroke. It produces fixating images of a wasted world once inhabited by spindly, big-eyed "Grays" who now haunt our lonely night roads and bedrooms in service to some incomprehensible dream.

The deliberately upturned Face and its proposed resemblance to a Gray alien is quintessential cyberspace reality manipulation. Malin Space Science Systems' online Mars catalogue and tools such as Photoshop, coupled with free, instantaneous electronic publishing, equate to epic metafictional altogether stranger than any role-playing game. On a computer screen, at least, the Solar System can be shifted and reformed at the speed of thought. The

sheer frequency of "false returns" on the Mars anomaly radar can render Cydonia-watchers into slack-jawed savants, clicking madly in an attempt to extricate themselves from labyrinths of their own collective design.

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Christensen

From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen@catlas.mv.com](mailto:christensen@catlas.mv.com)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 19:49:58 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 20:57:32 -0500  
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>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 19:21:48 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

Don opined...

>Engineers and technical specialists as well are curios.

Yup - and I have a curio cabinet full of 'em - jostling for position with all my ceramic cats, of course.....

To get back on track, though... if 25-30 percent of abductees have some spontaneous, conscious recall of their abductions, does that not speak rather ill of the aliens' ability to force forgetfulness? And if, indeed, they have been abducting humans for hundreds or even thousands of years, what does that say about their ability to "get better" at this task? Their ability to "understand" human minds/memories? What might it mean that they haven't managed to figure us out yet? Might this be a weakness that could be exploited?

Or... might such a statistic say that it isn't the aliens forcing amnesia, but something in the human brain or psyche that suppresses the memories of the experience(s) in many - but not all - abduction cases? What might this mean for the theory of "recovered memory?" What is there about an abductee, or about the nature of his experience, that might let (or make) him remember an abduction, when another abductee, or a person with a different type of experience, might not?

Baby jaguars want to know!

Purrrrrrs...  
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## Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Morton

From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.co](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.co)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 19:53:53 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 21:00:13 -0500  
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>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 09:58:47 EST  
>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo

Kevin and All Interested Parties -

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>Jim has offered, off-line to Rudiak, SPSS analysis sheets so he  
>could verify the SDs and ANOVA results were now correct. Ruidak  
>never wrote back. For Morton, Jim clarified how Letters to the  
>Editor work, because one of Morton's more recent posts gave the  
>impression that he assumed those preparing such letters were in  
>fact asking the Editor questions about the study and that this  
>approach allowed authors to dodge having to answer for  
>themselves. Jim's e-mail corrected this assumption, and Morton  
>merely acknowledged that, yes, he understood how the process  
>worked and that he understood that that point was obscured in  
>his posts. He has not corrected, in later posts, the implicit  
>assumption his message gives, which was that Letters to the  
>Editor are meaningless exercises.

Answering for my own references:

There is nothing to correct. I believe that Letters to the Editor of JSE would be a meaningless exercise, despite the potential participation of the author(s) over a period of several months. It would be excruciatingly slow, the letter might not be posted in full (and it would be a long letter!), etc. Additionally, it's akin to asking the fox to guard the henhouse: If a good ole boy environment exists at JSE and other peer-reviewed journals with regard to reviewing papers - and I suspect it does - then such an effort would be meaningless.

I say, stand up and face the music right here. Don't run away to the hallowed walls of ivy; this is the razorblade of life we're all briefly sliding down. I'm asking very simple questions which can be easily answered, for your peers to read your answers. I don't want to wait months for a reply, months for another reply, etc. We can mail a summary to the Editor of JSE with our questions and your answers, and he can post the Q&A simultaneously in the next issue. I await your answers here and now.

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>Even the line,  
>"Victims of the wreck" was not universally understood. Some  
>could not read it at all and others claimed it said,  
>"Remains..." If the key word is remains, then the context is  
>altered.

I couldn't read it either on the Friedman scan. On hi-res enlargements of the print, I can easily read "and the victims of the w???k" . I have several examples on my PC which I've created myself by varying the contrast and using various filters, etc. Rudiak's site also contains excellent examples.

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>Third, if it is a military teletype, then there are problems  
>that have not been addressed. For example, in that era, military  
>teletypes rarely had punctuation marks on them and the vast  
>majority of those messages used PD for period and CMA for comma,  
>yet in none of the various interpretations do any of those sorts  
>of things appear. This is not a fatal flaw because I can find a  
>few, though rare, examples that suggest that some teletype  
>messages used regular punctuation.

It appears to be not a "normal", military teletype message for just that reason, unless stateside Commands, communicating HQ to HQ converted to a more complete fontset by mid 1947. That would also require a change in the paper tape machines to encode and read additional characters, due to extensions of the code itself - unless the paper tape machines were initially bypassed until all HQs were capable.

If it's a copy for submission to the Comm department, it would make sense to use all caps, and let the Comm operator convert punctuation to their teletype equivalents (QUOTE, PD, CMA). Also, it's in clear text - not encrypted, unless what we see is the clear text message prior to encryption (Ramey would not have and would not need an encrypted copy: It would be useless). Regardless, Ramey is holding a telegram or telex or cablegram or draft or whatever it is, and some words and punctuation marks are clearly legible using a good, hi-res print - even using the version you used for your experiment.

The photo is authentic. The document is authentic, ie, it can be seen. We just want to know what that document says. If it's Ramey's grocery list, so be it. If it's a memo Ramey wrote to a "virgin", so be it. If it's a memo he wrote or received about Mozart's use of "violins" in his earlier liturgical works, as contrasted with the subtle, mournful shading he achieved with his use of basset-horns in the Introit of the Requiem (K.626), or how he bailed the sick Michael Hayden out of trouble by writing a violin/viola duo for him, so be it. Perhaps it involved a discussion of the "Confutatis" from the Requiem, and its strident and jagged violin parts, licking at the feet of the confounded wicked ones with flames of woe. Or perhaps a memo about the violins in Mozart's "Musical Joke" (Ein musicalischer Spass, K.522), where the monotonous, uninspired and hilarious music spews out in predictable but clumsy and perfectly crafted fashion.

Who knows what's on that document? We just want to read it.....

>There are no examples of military jargon in the various  
>interpretations. Dave Rudiak has said we must assume proper  
>grammar and spelling and that the memo will conform to standard  
>English. I have just spent several days in military briefings  
>and have to say that sometimes they became so jargon happy that  
>I couldn't follow what was being said. Yet, in this military  
>memo we have no jargon and we have no designations of military  
>organizations. I find this a little strange... again not a fatal  
>flaw, but one that raises a red flag for me (though a very small  
>one).

I'm aware of several: B29-ST, FWAAF, A1/8TH ARMYAMHC.

<snip>

>And to return to "victims of the wreck" I might point out here  
>that, in our investigation, no one interpreted the line in that  
>way. If it is as clear as these investigators believe, then  
>someone outside the Roswell research community should have seen  
>it independently. That no one did should be viewed as a  
>significant revelation but certainly not one that invalidates  
>the work done by others.

I couldn't read it either on the raw Friedman scan. On hi-res enlargements of the print, I can easily read "and the victims of the w???k" . I have several examples on my PC which I've created myself by varying the contrast and using various filters, etc. Rudiak's site also contains excellent examples.

>In fact, if the interpretation of the memo is as self-evident as  
>the researchers have claimed, then shouldn't some of those in  
>our sample have spotted those words and if they didn't, why

>didn't they?

The Friedman scan of the negative, while an excellent and very important beginning, is not the end of the legibility story. The word "victims" on the unenhanced version is almost impossible to read, and on the 50% vertically stretched and contrast enhanced version, is still not all that easy. Rudiak covered that point in a previous post.

>Jim has offered, off-line, to provide data to both Rudiak and >Morton, but, for the most part, they have failed to respond. >Instead, we are attacked for "spin" and for dodging the >questions. Well, our methodology is laid out in the article, we >have answered, in public, the criticisms of our article, and Jim >has made the reasonable request that we engage in this debate in >JSE. Why is it that they refuse?

Unless I missed an email, I haven't received any offers from Jim to provide me with any data offline.

But feel free to post your numbers publicly, or send them to me privately with a subject line such as this:

"Dave, Here are the Roswell stats you requested".

I posted a form on UpDates, a few days ago, which you or Jim could fill out, listing the stats for the Exclusive words found. The completed form could be reposted to Updates.

I have no idea why you don't do this, unless the numbers don't exist, or they're too embarrassing to post. Either way, you should retract one of your paper's central conclusions: That the beliefs of the investigator may "taint" the interpretation of the Ramey memo, and that "ufologists are probably among the least effective people to be trying to decipher the document."

Considering the fact that your experiment ran for only 14-20 minutes per subject (on average), and that the subjects were simply "taking a test" - not publishing results for the world to see, and that the Friedman scan of the negative is rather poor compared to a hi-res, 600dpi scan of the photograph (no offense to Stan intended), and that that the "Roswell" group worked the longest on the problem and found the most "common words" ("FORT WORTH, TEX." etc) - found also by the Atomics and Controls - I would say that those who are motivated by the subject matter stand the best chance of working the longest and trying the hardest to decipher the memo, and achieving good, fair, and accurate results. And the more informed they are on Roswell, the better chance their attempts will eventually succeed in a trial-and-error process, similar to working a crossword puzzle. There's no evidence to the contrary. If you have some evidence, show us.

Here's the form, again:

Please fill in the blanks, below.

Words Exclusive to Groups

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Word # of Times Reported (n)  
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Remains \_\_\_\_\_  
Fundamental \_\_\_\_\_  
Crash \_\_\_\_\_  
UFO \_\_\_\_\_

Glasses \_\_\_\_\_  
Morning \_\_\_\_\_  
Meaning \_\_\_\_\_  
Flash \_\_\_\_\_  
Atomic \_\_\_\_\_  
Laboratory \_\_\_\_\_

Flew \_\_\_\_\_

.....  
Post the stats, and I'll be happy to mail them to the JSE Editor in the form of a question with your answer. You can email the Editor to confirm your concurrence, etc, etc, and ensure that

what is printed is what we both said. I would email and snail-mail a CC of the letter to you and Jim.

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And remember: "Inventing" a few words here and there as a trial-and-error effort would be normal for anyone to do, and not worthy of condemnation. That effort would only apply to inky smears and letters very difficult to read. After a while, the person may change their mind and try a different word. This takes time. But the word must fit the letters, make sense, etc.

But all guesses must flow from the certainty of the reading of a few, key words, particularly:

1. victims (probably not "virgins" or "violins").
2. "disc".

The most important word in the memo is "victims". The 2nd most important word is "disc". Both words can easily be read using a hi-res scan, contrast enhanced. From those 2 words, the entire context of the memo follows, subject to interpretation, of course.

"Victims" and "Disc": Those are the foundation.

Once we have those 2 words, "weather balloons" in the same memo is also explosive! And "weather balloons" is not too difficult to read!

However, even if no more words could be read beyond "victims" and "disc" - even if the rest of the entire memo were nothing more than inky smears - those 2 words are a smoking gun. Add the words "weather ballons" - also not too difficult to read - even some of the Atomics and Controls could read those words on a scanned negative - and you have a shot akin to "the shot heard round the world".

Dave Morton

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>>>I've heard two interviews, by Errol's Sunday night counterpart  
>>>Richard Syrett, of Dr. Peter Lindemann, a researcher of what are  
>>>somewhat mis-named "free energy" devices. According to Dr.  
>>>Lindemann, more than one "free energy" device is under  
>>>development with an eye towards the commercial market.

><snip>

>>Please forgive me, but .. rubbish!

>I forgive you, but I also have a crow dinner in the freezer  
>waiting for you, when "free" energy disclosure happens! ;-)

Hello again Eleanor:

There seem to be two threads here.

One is Dr. Greer's garage inventor with a device you can hold in one hand, and which provides a nice 120 VAC with something like 500 Watts power output, soon to be tested by three (count them, he didn't name them) teams of experts.

The other thread is 'free' energy of all sorts. Even that needs some simple qualification.

The Sun provides free energy, in the sense that nobody has to pay for it. I have no issue with that, and hope we make full use of it. Sun driven weather fills our dams, again for free, all we pay for are the dams, their maintenance, transmission lines etc. and the ecological considerations.

What I rail at are the former (Greer & company) types with what appear to be perpetual motion machines. If that's what you mean, and I hope it is not, then you better keep that crow in the deep freeze, not the cheese compartment.

Somewhere in between, are speculations about Zero Point Energy (ZPE) and similar studies, which may or may not provide 'free energy'. Even if not, and I suspect not, those studies may well lead to something better. I wish them all the luck in the world.

For a thoughtful, perhaps sympathetic treatment of ZPE and such, Dr. Bernard Haisch has a page worth reading here:

<http://www.calphysics.org/articles/merc2000b.html>

You might note that so far, nobody has devised a way to get out more useful energy than goes in.

I will have to read Dr. Peter Lindemann to see what he has to say. Maybe its something interesting, I certainly hope so for several reasons. Do you have a particular URL we can all click on?

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Written In The Stars  
by  
Juli Cragg Hilliard

Claims of cloning have made UFO religions big news, and a raft of scholarly books is poised to ride the waves

The sky and beyond evokes wonders and mysteries and, now, sadness with the deaths of the seven Columbia astronauts. The space program seeks knowledge of the stars and other planets from a scientific point of view, but some religions follow beliefs they claim were communicated directly by residents of other worlds. Earthbound scholars scrutinize those groups.

Susan Palmer's journey as an observer of the Raelian Movement began when she met members at a 1987 psychic fair in Montreal. The men in the group wore white turtlenecks, swastika-style medallions and the long hair that they believe empowers them to communicate telepathically with extraterrestrials. The Raelians invited her to participate in a raffle. A guide would come to the winner's home to show a video. Sure enough, Palmer "won."

This 15-year connection puts Palmer, who teaches religion at Dawson College in Montreal, in the forefront of scholars who study the Raelians. In January, as the world awaited proof that the Raelians had cloned five humans, she was finishing her *Alien Apocalypse: A Sociological Study of the Raelian Movement*, which Rutgers University Press plans to publish in early 2004. The book is one of a fleet of new or forthcoming titles by scholars about various UFO religions. Some academics are publishing anthologies with material on the Raelians. One who infiltrated Heaven's Gate in the mid-1970s is preparing to write a book about the group that extinguished itself in 1997 with the mass suicide of 39 members who hoped to catch a ride to heaven on a spaceship. A researcher who has followed the Unarius Academy of Science since 1986 is revising her manuscript about that UFO religion, which is awaiting arrival of the "space brothers."

These scholarly investigators track the beliefs and activities of UFO sects whether the groups make headlines or not, but when events do bring media coverage, the academics provide expert insight. Relatively few in number, they often contribute to each other's books. The new titles may bring attention and status to a realm of sociological inquiry usually considered a subgroup within the study of new religious movements. "I think we're right on the verge of seeing that field emerge when all these books come out," says James R. Lewis, a scholar of alternative religions. *Raelians Among Us*

The Raelians are the world's largest UFO organization, claiming 55,000 members in 84 countries. But when Susan Palmer first met them, they were "just a dinky little group," she recalls. "I



realized it was a free love group because they had all this nudity in their magazines. And they preached how you became more intelligent if you had more sex with more people." She said leader Ra=EBL (formerly Claude Vorilhon, a French sports journalist) initially formed a ufology club centered on his own "contactee" experience but uninterested in other peoples', and then made it a religion. Palmer believes Ra=EBL is convinced he really met extraterrestrial beings.

As do other scholars who spoke with PW, Palmer considers the Raelians capable of producing clones, as they have claimed to wide media coverage. Still, the cloning is a new twist for the Raelians, she said, and essentially represents turning humans into extraterrestrials. "Cloning a baby is putting the emphasis on human beings as becoming immortal gods like the aliens." She regards the Raelian Movement as authoritarian, with six levels of "guides," or leaders, and intolerance for internal dissent. Though Ra=EBL teaches that there is no god or soul, Palmer said the Raelians, with their awe of the aliens, have what must be considered a religious experience. At meetings she has attended, Raelians claimed to have had telepathic conversations with aliens and "felt their love," Palmer said. "But I've never felt their love," she added. Palmer's students enjoy the appearances Raelians make in her classes each term. But movement members "dumped" her after she was interviewed for a March 2002 Los Angeles Times article she said criticized the Raelians. Recently, however, Raelians visited a class she teaches on cults and new religious movements.

"She's had really very unprecedented access to them," said Kristi Long, social sciences and religion editor at Rutgers University Press. Long said that Palmer's Alien Apocalypse will be marketed both for general readers and for college classes. While journalists have done most of the writing about UFO religions, Long said, Palmer's background gives her more sophisticated insight into the ways new religions develop sociologically and change over time, and Palmer explores what that tells us about how society works. The Gods Land

Psychoanalyst Carl Jung was intrigued by UFOs in the 1950s and described flying saucers as "technological angels." In 1956, three scholars Leon Festinger, Henry Riecken and Stanley Schachter published the now classic When Prophecy Fails (Harper & Row), about a group led by a woman in Illinois who claimed to receive messages about the world's end from aliens via automatic writing. Scientist Jacques Vallee's Messengers of Deception: UFO Contacts and Cults (And/Or Press, 1979), written for a general audience, warned that some UFO religions were dangerous. Aside from these books, scholars have only recently studied UFOs and religion from a sociological standpoint.

James R. Lewis, who teaches religious studies at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, was working in 1992 on a publication he had founded, Syzygy: Journal of Alternative Religion and Culture. Over three or four issues, he had collected a number of articles on UFO groups, and he realized the collection would make an interesting anthology. With Lewis as editor, State University of New York Press in 1995 published The Gods Have Landed: New Religions from Other Worlds, which Lewis describes as the first serious book about UFO sects. It included a chapter from Palmer about the Raelians, one from Robert Balch about what would become Heaven's Gate, and one co-written by Diana Tumminia about the Unarius Academy of Science.

The Gods Have Landed sold, Lewis said, but the study of UFO religions didn't gain notability until the Heaven's Gate suicides two years later. Since then, scholars have written journal articles and made conference presentations every year on UFO religions. "Right now, we've reached kind of a critical mass where we have a number of books moving toward publication," Lewis said. He has edited or written 21 books, of which all the general-reference books contain some information on UFO religions.

A UFO religions anthology he is editing for Syracuse University Press is provisionally entitled Alien Gods: Religious Dimensions of the UFO Phenomenon (2004). It includes chapters on the Raelians by Palmer and her Dawson College colleague Bryan Sentes; by Christopher Helland, a doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto's Centre for the Study of Religion; and by George Chryssides, a senior lecturer in religious studies at the

University of Wolverhampton in England. Lewis is also editor of Encyclopedic Sourcebook of UFO Religions (Prometheus Books; Jan. 2003) for which Palmer wrote about the Raelians and Legitimizing New Religions (Rutgers; Dec. 2003), with Ra=EB1 planned for the cover. A World of UFO Religions

Christopher Partridge, who teaches theology at Chester College, a college of the University of Liverpool, told PW that while a lot of books about UFO religions tend to be written from an Anglo-American perspective, he wanted to show a broader picture. UFO Religions which he is editing and Routledge has scheduled for June release includes a Finnish scholar's look at UFO traditions in Finland, an Australian academic's examination of cargo cults and a German researcher's discussion of UFO faiths in Germany. Wolverhampton's Chrissy contributes a chapter on the Raelian Movement, while Lewis writes about Heaven's Gate. Partridge provides a chapter on understanding UFO religions and "abduction spiritualities."

In UFO Religions, Daniel Wojcik, who teaches English and folklore studies at the University of Oregon in Eugene, discusses the apocalyptic and millenarian aspects of American UFOism. The University Press of Mississippi plans in early 2004 to publish Wojcik's UFO Visionary Art: Flying Saucer Technology and Creations of Ionel Talpazan. The book profiles Talpazan, a self-taught artist who depicts UFO images, Wojcik said, and considers how UFO art "often addresses universal religious concerns." These include "the origins of humanity, the reasons for evil and suffering, the promise of worldly transformation and a golden age, guidance and salvation offered by otherworldly beings who function as 'technological angels.' "

Are UFO accounts around the world echoing one another? Said Partridge, "They seem to be. That's my impression. There does seem to be a certain commonality to it." How much of this is due to the globalization of Western influences seen in everything from fashions to fast food to television is difficult to say. Partridge also is editing The Encyclopedia of New Religions (Lion Publishing; Jan. 2004), which will include information about UFO religions. Knocking at Heaven's Gate

In 1975, Robert Balch, a sociology professor at the University of Montana in Missoula, encountered a tiny group then receiving heavy news coverage. About 20 people in what was known as Human Individual Metamorphosis had suddenly vanished from Oregon. Then some of the missing showed up near Missoula and held a meeting to attract followers. Balch, who happened to be on a leave of absence, infiltrated what eventually became Heaven's Gate. This summer, he expects to start writing a book based on 28 years of studying the group and interviewing the few surviving members, ex-members, parents and other relatives.

"Nobody else has really studied Heaven's Gate firsthand," said Balch. Aside from a small cluster of "pop" titles right after the suicides, Balch said scholarly articles or book chapters are all that have been published. Most writings about Heaven's Gate rely on what Balch and David Taylor, then a graduate sociology student who had also infiltrated the group, had published together, including a 1976 cover story for Psychology Today.

When Balch went to that first meeting, he introduced himself as a sociologist and asked about the possibility of hanging around. "They thought the spaceships were going to come along in just a matter of days," he recalled. Members of what Balch would label the "Bo and Peep UFO Cult" were trying to overcome their human habits, and thus were minimizing contact with the outside world. Balch had to join the group to find out what was going on inside, although he left a couple of months later, when his leave of absence was up. Over the years, he interviewed ex-members and parents of members.

In 1994, two people showed up at his university office, wearing close-cut hair and unisex clothing. "That was a look that was new to me," Balch said. "I thought this is stereotyping for you. 'These are cult people.'" At this point they called their group Total Overcomers Anonymous. They'd sought him out because they knew he had written about their group. Later, they returned with two or three other members. They interviewed him for a documentary they were making about themselves that never was finished. They needed to do some computer work, and Balch let them use a departmental computer. "Then they disappeared, and

the next thing I heard about them was when the suicides happened." Waiting for 'Space Brothers'

Diana Tumminia, a professor of sociology at California State University in Sacramento, began studying the Unarius Academy of Science as a graduate student in 1986, and made it the basis of her 1995 doctoral dissertation at the University of California-Los Angeles. She attended Unarius classes on topics she described as "pseudoscientific mythology," such as dreams, the Martian wars and life on Atlantis. Now she is revising a manuscript about the group. "It's a local phenomenon. If you're in San Diego, Unarius is sort of a fun-loving, good-hearted oddity," said Tumminia. "No one takes them seriously, but their presence in San Diego is sort of historic."

The Unarius Academy claims to communicate by telepathy with space beings that are beneficent, like angels, and are to guide humankind into a new era of peace and prosperity. Tumminia's book examines the ability of the group to keep faith despite failed prophecies about the landing of the "space brothers." The believers "always came up with an explanation," she said. "This is what we in sociology call unfalsifiable knowledge." So, she said, when 2001 came and went without the expected landing of the space brothers, the believers blamed the September 11 attacks and Earth's warlike status.

Tumminia waited to write her book, which she intends to finish by June, until after the prophesied time came and went to see how the Unarians would explain the nonappearance. She calls the book *When Prophecy Never Fails*, and uses newer sociological theories to examine, as did the venerable *When Prophecy Fails*, why people believe in a prophecy that continues to disappoint. *The Lure of the Edge*

Plenty of people who claim to have had UFO experiences don't join organizations. "My book is about all those people who don't join contactee groups," said Brenda Denzler, author of *The Lure of the Edge: Scientific Passions, Religious Beliefs, and the Pursuit of UFOs* (University of California Press, 2001), which is scheduled to come out in paperback in June.

Denzler said that while people who join the tightly knit UFO religions tend to be drawn by the message the leader imparts from extraterrestrials, those in what she describes as "the larger UFO community" though they may be interested in others' experiences have their own sightings and encounters to contemplate. Denzler has a doctorate in religious studies from Duke University and is conducting the Abduction Millennium Project, a long-term study of UFO experiences and experiencers. Many abductees or "experiencers" feel they have received messages, she said, but most do not go out to preach and publish, gain a public, or become leaders of UFO groups.

What attracts adherents to UFO religions? Lewis said some followers seek a clear-cut creed in an era when many religious denominations have been "watered down." Moreover, he said, new religions small in size reproduce some characteristics of traditional community, offering a shared view of the world, a similar set of values, a sense of people taking care of one another. UFO religions, in particular, supply "an aura of the scientific" something modern.

The authors of these new books also tackle this question: What is the truth behind stories of abductions and other encounters with space aliens? "I think that there's some phenomenon that can't be explained by conventional modes of explanation. Whether those are vehicles piloted by extraterrestrials, I don't know," Lewis said. "I think that there are a certain number of real experiences." He thinks some of the sightings might be of experimental craft launched by the government, or that some other sort of spiritual phenomenon is interpreted as UFOs. Or maybe aliens really are observing us.

"This is really an important part of the American landscape today," said Prometheus publisher Paul Kurtz, who is publishing Lewis's *Encyclopedic Sourcebook of UFO Religions*. Kurtz chairs the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal and is a philosophy professor at the State University of New York in Buffalo. He said the *Encyclopedic Sourcebook* would be marketed for the general educated reader and for scholars and scientists. "Who's not intrigued by these accounts of UFO

visitations?" Kurtz asked. "We're trying to unravel it. What does this mean? Are there creatures from outer space trying to abduct people or is there something far more profound here?"

#### What Do They Believe?

The Raelian Movement. French sports journalist Claude Vorilhon, now known as Ra=EBL, founded the Raelian Movement after what he describes as an encounter in 1973 in Clermont-Ferrand, France, with aliens called the Elohim. The movement describes itself as an atheist, spiritual, nonprofit organization, and says extraterrestrial scientists created life on Earth from their own genetic material. The Raelians say they are working to build an embassy in Jerusalem to greet people from space.

Heaven's Gate. Marshall Herff Applewhite, known as Bo or Do, and Bonnie Lu Nettles, known as Peep or Ti, in 1975 founded a group that, at different stages, was called Human Individual Metamorphosis and Total Overcomers Anonymous. Members expected to ascend to heaven in a spacecraft. The group adopted the name Heaven's Gate only shortly before the 1997 mass suicide of 39 members in Rancho Santa Fe, near San Diego. They believed the Hale-Bopp comet signalled that the spacecraft was about to arrive.

Unarius Academy of Science. Ernest L. Norman, also known as the Archangel Raphael, and Ruth E. Norman, known as the Archangel Uriel, founded the Unarius Academy of Science in 1954 in Los Angeles. He died in 1971; she died in 1993. Unarius, an acronym for Universal Articulate Interdimensional Understanding of Science, is "dedicated to exploring the frontiers of science and expanding our awareness and connection with galactic intelligence," the Unarians say.

This information includes material from the Religious Movements Homepage, maintained at the University of Virginia, and from the UFO groups' Web sites.

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Lunar-tics  
By Jack Hitt

There's going to be a comedic section here," Bart Sibrel says. "Some man-on-the-street kind of interviews that I did." He hits the fast-forward control to race through a rough cut of his new documentary. Sibrel's studio, located along a strip of storefront recording joints and one-room editing suites known as Nashville's Music Row, is actually his tiny two-room apartment, crammed with mixers and Apple computers. On a Sony Trinitron, the video screeches to a halt and then rolls on some average folks exercising their First Amendment right to express heartfelt opinions on both sides of a debate.

One American says, "Yes, I think we walked on the moon."

Another American offers balance: "Jury's still out in my opinion."

Sibrel cranks up the background music he has selected, and the familiar voice of R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe brings it on home: If you believed they put a man on the moon, man on the moon. If you believe there's nothing up my sleeve, then nothing is cool.

Sibrel is part of a new generation of conspiracy mega-theorists. They don't toy with the small stuff. Ever since the passing of that sweet, simpler time - when the Trilateral Commission ordered the hit on John Kennedy and the Queen of England managed the drug cartels - the narratives of big suspicion have been distorted by the same force that has reshaped our partisan politics, action movies and morning TV talk shows: outrage inflation. To be noticed now, a theory must be of a scope only Stephen Hawking could measure, and it must be promulgated by an amiable spokesman who can deftly juggle often absurd contradictions. Sibrel is not your father's conspiracy theorist - some grumpy autodidact with a self-published book raging at the gates of the establishment. Sibrel came of age in the post-Watergate era. He has absorbed the real lesson of the last two decades: push for belief in ever bolder and more unlikely ideas. Plus, he knows how to make decent television.

Sibrel's first documentary, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Moon," is a 47-minute feature contending that what people saw on their television screens that famous July night in 1969 was in fact filmed on a back lot. (Sibrel says he believes that it was probably directed by Stanley Kubrick and shot at Area 51 in Nevada.)

Sibrel introduces his thesis with a lighthearted visual montage of real rockets, entertainingly blowing up. As Dinah Washington performs her 1962 hit "Destination Moon" ("Come and take a trip on my rocket ship, we'll have a lovely afternoon"), one rocket after another fires off, then hooks right back around to plunge nose first into the launching pad and explode in a spectacular ball of fire. ("Kiss the world goodbye, and away we'll fly, destination Moon.")

Statistics are vague, but somewhere between 6 and 10 percent of Americans say they don't believe astronauts ever landed on the moon. That percentage is growing, in part because conspiracy theorists now have easy access to media tools - jump cuts, dissolves, special effects, studio-quality voice-over, zippy credits - that bolster their theories with something they've never had before: the elegant formatting of television truth.

The megatheories provide huge umbrella explanations of the world around us. The black-helicopter/New World Order videos that began popping up after the collapse of Communism still sell well. "The Bible Code," which argues that events in the past and the future were encrypted 3,000 years ago in Holy Scripture, is again a best seller in its sequel edition. Sibrel is a smaller-scale challenger, but his sales are growing; so far he has moved 20,000 copies of his first film, all through the Internet.

To the generations raised after the moon shot, Sibrel's questions do tease one's curiosity: Why is there no crater beneath the lunar landing module, even though it could allegedly fire 10,000 pounds of thrust? Since the only light source on the moon was the sun, why do the astronauts' shadows tilt in toward each other in some photographs, instead of running parallel? Why is the flag waving in the breeze on an airless moon, and why are there no stars in the dark space sky?

NASA has been confounded by these questions, though not because the agency is unable to answer them. Rather, the old science geeks believe it is beneath their SAT scores to respond at all. As James Oberg, a noted space writer, recalls: "NASA put out this press release in 2001 that said something like: 'There's a debate about whether we went to the moon. We did.' End of press release. They are hampered by their own conceit." While NASA may have the facts on their side, in terms of understanding how the contemporary media work, the space agency is light years behind Bart Sibrel.

The nasa.gov Web site, for example, refuses to debunk hoaxers directly. Rather the tone is often one of child's play, including suggested classroom exercises to demonstrate rumor-mongering and truth demolition: "Hoax Cuisine! The Proof is in the Pudding! - Students can make a delicious hoax right in the classroom! Chocolate pudding, chocolate crumbs, gummy worms . . . is it something from the fishing-supply store or the kitchen?"

Such countertactics were shown to be especially outmatched when Fox Television first ran its own moon-hoax documentary in February 2001, based in large measure on Sibrel's work. By last summer, people at NASA finally decided to meet the propaganda head on and hired Oberg to develop a counterconspiracy media strategy. Ultimately his task was to publish his work in order to reassert control over the story and to prove once again that, yes, Virginia, there is a Neil Armstrong.

But not long after Oberg was hired, NASA was embarrassed by press reports of the assignment and panicked at the thought of being seen as surrendering intellectual equivalence to the hoaxers. "We canceled the program," a spokesman, Bob Jacobs, told me. "There is no book deal. We are not taking on the hoaxers." Oberg was fired, and NASA returned to its old posture of benign neglect.

"I'm writing the book anyway, and now commercial publishers are interested," Oberg said from his home. "We live in a time teeming with conspiracy theories, and people, especially teachers, have little to help train students in critical thinking." Oberg is driven, in part, by the achievement of Sibrel's documentary. With its British-accented narrator, winking Letterman sensibility and occasionally ominous tone, the documentary is technically masterly at undoing the truth of the past. "It's the best piece of propaganda since Leni Riefenstahl's 'Triumph of the Will,'" Oberg says.

Over a lunch of fried chicken and gator tails, Sibrel explained to me that his interest in the moon dates to his childhood, when his father received Apollo photographs courtesy of the Air Force. "I had those pictures all over my bedroom walls," Sibrel said. "My father was an electronic warfare officer. He

programmed the nuclear bomb on board a B-52, like in the movie 'Dr. Strangelove.'"

When he was 14, Sibrel said, he first saw the moon-hoax idea mentioned on TV, and his faith in NASA developed its first cracks. "I went into my bedroom and looked at the pictures again and wondered," he recalled.

His doubt remained on low boil for a decade, until his mid-20's, when, Sibrel said, "I found out Neil Armstrong had never given a single one-on-one interview." He grew more suspicious.

At that point, Sibrel said: "I believed there was a 25-percent chance we didn't go to the moon. It was a gradual thing." Sibrel's got his credibility chops down. No flash-of-light epiphany for him; his change of heart was slow, in the way of science, occurring after the labored accretion of evidence. As he fit the pieces together, Sibrel began to tell and retell himself this new version of history enough times that he came to seriously doubt that men had landed on the moon.

His new understanding emerged against the backdrop of an era of perpetual scandal in Washington. Each administration seemed destined to have one. Watergate, Billygate, Iran-contra, B.C.C.I., Monica - each usually attended by failed cover-ups. By the time of the frenetic scandal- and rumor-mongering of Clinton's second term (sex, perjury, job-fixing, land deals, missing records, murder, mayhem, drug dealing - have I left anything out?), Sibrel had broken on through to the other side. He'd embraced the paradox that beats at the heart of all government conspiracy theories: in order to cover up their incompetence, the feds had to be extraordinarily competent. There is only one achievement more technically complex than a real moon landing: a fake one.

What drove him to this new level of understanding, Sibrel said, was not simply the mounting evidence. It was Jesus. Just before his lunar revelation, Sibrel explained, he had been carrying on a chaotic life of wenching and drugging. He gave up his party days, broke off a relationship devoted to "fornication" and became friends with the Lord. It made perfect sense that the new clarity with which he saw his own life might also be good for the nation. Then and there, all the pieces of the hoax finally added up. The greatest achievement of a great nation was a debauched lie. America was what Sibrel had once been: a wretched sinner.

"I remember that I cried and cried," Sibrel said of his new faith (moon-hoax, that is). "And I thought, Oh, the wickedness of humanity."

The standard moon-hoax theory goes something like this: Unable to get to the moon and desperate to win the cold war, President Nixon approved a fake moon landing to frighten the Russians. Sibrel's version borrows a great deal from his predecessors, "lay scientists" like Ralph Rene, a garage inventor who taught himself physics. Rene's book, "NASA Mooned America," collected the disparate evidence in a single place. He himself leaned on the work of Bill Kaysing, whose book is punlessly titled "We Never Went to the Moon."

Although many contemporary moon-hoax theorists simply repackage the old evidence, Sibrel has made what he considers one great contribution to the gathering file. After soliciting boxes of old film images from NASA, he found that the agency had accidentally sent one in which the opening frame warned: "not for general public distribution."

"It was like finding the Zapruder film," Sibrel said with a smile. His entire documentary is built around a couple of moments in this tape, framed with eerie music and a narrator's voice dripping with Bill O'Reilly incredulity. In one scene, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, the Apollo 11 crew that first went to the moon, practice a midflight talk with the public while voices from Houston offer pointers. Seeing it might remind most of us of NASA's obsession in those days with practicing everything, every action from boarding the capsule to getting out after splashdown. But if you're inclined, here's what you see: actors being coached through their lines.

And there's more. On this tape there is a short scene in which

the astronauts have turned out all the lights in the cabin and put the camera up against a porthole to shoot the famous image of our blue-green spheroid floating serenely in black space. At one point, an arm moves in front of the camera.

"What is that?" Sibrel asked. "The arm of God?" Others might simply conclude that the camera was just not snug against the window and an astronaut's arm passed in front of it, but Sibrel says he believes the explanation is more complex - that because the rocket never left low earth orbit, the astronauts must have placed in the porthole a transparency of a floating earth. If you're confused, don't worry. I never understood what he was saying, and I think that's the point.

Just as the magic bullet in the Kennedy assassination relies upon the vagaries of trajectory ballistics, there's just enough fuzziness and talk of "perspective theory" that after a day of crunching evidence you can find yourself stumbling out into the bright sunshine of Nashville, thinking, "Maybe the jury is still out."

There are now several Internet sites unaffiliated with NASA that struggle to answer the questions raised by the new conspiracy theorists. One, called badastronomy.com, is run by Phil Plait, an astronomer with Sonoma State University in California. If you get him on the telephone and ask him to run through the paces of the evidence, the weariness in his voice is audible.

No landing crater? "The module came in slow and sideways to touch down with not much more pressure per square inch than you create jumping up in the air and landing in your shoes. Sure, it can fire 10,000 pounds of thrust. And your car can go 75 miles per hour, but not in the driveway."

Nonparallel shadows: "Ever seen parallel railroad tracks out to the horizon?"

Waving flag: "No, a flag wrinkled from three days of being packed tight, hanging from a horizontal rod like a bunched-up curtain."

No stars: "Go out tonight and take a picture of a friend beneath a bright streetlight. Then look for the stars."

Obviously, the process of chipping away at something as iconic as the moon shot can't be done alone. It requires the assistance of other news media. Just as Matt Drudge published every possible rumor about Bill Clinton, permitting the half-baked ones to seep upward by a kind of capillary effect into, say, the pages of Newsweek, the Fox documentary "Conspiracy Theory: Did We Land on the Moon?" borrowed heavily from Sibrel's work, smoothing away the uglier, more libelous stuff and leaving only the fancy edits and the questions about fluttering flags. "The Fox show did incredible damage," Plait said. "After it aired, a new kind of doubt was created. I had a geology major at my college tell me she was no longer sure that all the pictures were real."

In Sibrel's second documentary, he expands on his previous work by borrowing a mainstream tactic: the ambush interview. With cameras rolling, he has confronted nine astronauts, shoved a Bible at each one and challenged them to swear to God that they had been to the moon. Although some of the astronauts in fact did take the oath, Sibrel doesn't like to talk about them. Like any good TV producer, he knows where the action is.

Wheeling around in his editing chair, Sibrel asked, "Do you want to see Buzz Aldrin punching me in the nose, Ed Mitchell kicking me in the butt or John Young threatening to hit me in the face?"

Aldrin's right hook to the nose is particularly impressive. Outside a hotel, Sibrel suddenly appears in front of the second man to walk on the moon and badgers him with the Bible. Aldrin recognizes him, and it's no surprise: earlier in the year, Sibrel had conned Aldrin into a regular interview. On that first occasion, when Aldrin figured out the documentary's angle, he ripped off his microphone and provided Sibrel with a quick overview of his theories: "I think you're full of [astronaut jargon deleted]," Aldrin explained.

On this second encounter, Aldrin tried to brush Sibrel aside



several times. When that failed, the astronaut launched his fist in a graceful parabola that landed, without any guidance from Houston, right between Sibrel's eyes.

Sibrel's efforts to embarrass Neil Armstrong, on the other hand, are revealing in a different way. When Sibrel confronts him on camera at a corporate board meeting, Armstrong is visibly shaken and awkwardly nervous.

"Notice Neil Armstrong is shaking like a leaf?" Sibrel said, then added: "Isn't it curious that in the 30-plus years since Apollo 11, Neil Armstrong hasn't given a single one-on-one on-camera interview? Not one. Not to Barbara Walters, Walter Cronkite. Not one interview."

Makes you kind of wonder, doesn't it?

Later on, I saw another clip of Armstrong. It was from a 1999 appearance at the White House, on the 30th anniversary of the moon shot. He is speaking while a room full of children listen. He was just as nervous as he was in the other clip. But it's not a furtive awkwardness; rather, it's something far more rare. Watching him, among schoolchildren, I recognized something you no longer see on television. Neil Armstrong is shy.

Seeing that familiar face again transported me back to that July night when he walked on the moon. Todd Poore and I, both 12 years old, got to stay up late, and my family's snowy black-and-white Motorola was wheeled into my bedroom for the occasion. We were all young then, television included.

But we're all grown up now, and we all know what judicious editing, special effects and a smart selection of music will do to that Armstrong clip. We will see what Sibrel sees: a feeble man quaking in the face of an unholy truth.

All religious conversion is about coming to believe what once seemed impossible, and the greater the distance between the old degraded story and born-again revision, the more credible the teller of tales. Now this mode of revelation has visited our politics. It's no coincidence that the on-camera purveyors of an evangotainment tape insinuating that Clinton slaughtered eight people were Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell. Sibrel's story is just another variation of this, another story of our national wretchedness.

To NASA, Sibrel is a media leech, gaining attention by faking the fakery. But to others, he's making reality TV exposing the greatest lie since Eve explained her new diet plan to Yahweh. As public policy, the conversion format may never take hold in Washington. But beneath the mainstream radar, it's fueling a new kind of acceptable anti-Americanism. It is a secular faith that believes the country's true self has been bloated by taking pride in lies. Its credo holds that America must be humbled by the facts of its weakness before its actual greatness can be revealed. Only once we confess that we never went to the moon will we truly be able to get there.

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Bennett

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>The exchanges on this list over the past few days have  
>underlined what a waste of time formal 'Ufology' is. Jerry  
>suggests I should try something else, but the reality is that my  
>interests in the supernatural field have always ranged far wider  
>than the narrowly defined definition that you place on 'UFOs.'

>Colin Bennett is correct about the tired old 'corporate Ufology'  
>on display here. To paraphrase Richard Ashcroft, Ufology don't  
>work.

>It requires radical deconstruction and critical analysis, but  
>its high priests won't like the result. I'm off to read some  
>Derrida.

First a friendly warning to all List Bears: this is the dark side of the UFO UpDates List, the side of Web Town the Factual Prussians, Iron Masters, and Stalinist steam footplate men and 1950s scientists and your mother warned you about. Proceed with caution!

Well now the Bad Man is most pleased that Dr. David Clarke has agreed with him that the old corporate Ufology is dead and that postmodernism may be the future for what I have termed the New Ufology. I knew this boy had a bright future, and now he says he has gone off to read Derrida. I think I should tell him that Derrida is the deep end, and should he disappear off the face of the Earth (as many Derrida fans have done previously) we will at least know where to look. Jerry suggests that he should try something else. Well Bears, Dave has done just that! I myself have always valued Jerry's advice, and to this end perhaps he might like to give similar advice to other List Bears opposed to David's view. Here in the rainforest we need all the recruits we can get.

But why should anyone like to leave scientific Ufology in any case? It is the best elitist show on Earth. Even most of my enemies have brains as big as the planet Mars, but it is truly marvelous to watch hidden secret glade full of an almost extinct species flapping their obsolete and redundant wings and spelling a litany about facts and fictions, certainties and accuracies and lies from truth, and illusions compared to something they call "reality" ( =3D God of the old time) Recently, some Listers have been having good sadistic baiting fun with poor old Greer, and yet they didn't raise a wink when a "respectable" shrink came on the List recently and said that he had a "reality test" for abductees! I wrote back and told him that he should make it into a pack and sell it in car showrooms.

By the way Dave, it is satire that winds up all these out-of-date American scientists. Smashing blows are OK, but they are not used to being satirised. British satire "Private Eye" cold-steel style sends them all up like Roman candles. They have no equivalent in their culture, and they are used to mass

conformist respect fom saluting campus legions all trying hard for little-box jobs, methinks. Stanton can stand satire to a certain degree (witness his video) but none of the others can. I am trying to get backers for a West End show called Factspeil, but with the international situation as uncertain as it is concerning bottoms on seats, it is going to be difficult. But this scientific Ufology lot should really be on stage, they really should. I hope no powerful media honcho steals this idea from me before I can get it into action.

Perhaps now Dave has seen the postmodern light, my own much-abused ideas on postmodernism as discussed on this List (and for which I paid in blood on this List, and have lost List friends on this List, and have been quarantined by a ring-around group on this List), are taking root. Dick, your sleepless nights are now explained. It's you next! (Dick doesn't reply. Pouting, silent in a corner) Dick will be overjoyed to know that am a writing a postmodern treatment of Ruppelt (An American Demonology) at the moment, and if David instead of wasting his time baiting Jerry Clark (who is no ironmaster, more a reforming open-minded liberal to my mind) concentrates on combining a postmodern element with his knowledge of folklore with the research skills he has shown in Out of the Shadows then we might have a possibility of another Passport to Magonia.

Clarke has shown that he is capable of both change and learning, which is more than the stick-in-the-mud scientific iron masters have shown.

(Wendy scowls, furious at her own self-imposed Bad Man Quarantine Rule)

I went into the likely death of corporate Ufology in some detail in previous posts, and I have founded what is now called the New Ufology. I am not going to repeat it all here again, suffice it to say that the absolute fact versus the absolute fiction game is finished. Postmodernism reveals that they are both approximations (like Plato's shadows). The simple-minded binary differential of yes/no real/unreal can no longer stand as a paradigm of either moral or intellectual operation in an age in which most think they are strung between James Bond and Sharon Stone. (Colin's getting out of date himself here a little here, methinks!)

Put in the simplest possible way, the postmodern approach to analysis is the analogue to replacing Newtonian billiard ball atoms with quantum states. In postmodernism, we replace objective facts with information arrays. An example is my present feature High Moon running in the current Fortean Times on Oberg and NASA. It shows that we can deconstruct "fact", and that postmodernism is user-friendly.

With deconstruction techniques, we can see the internal structure of "fact" just as Planck and Einstein opened up the interior of the atom and showed the atom to be much more complex (and indeed deeply mysterious) than was ever thought by hard-atom Victorian deterministic science. Postmodernists see that "fact" is not a discrete structure at all, and hence a whole new world opens with regard to cultural agendas within psychology, philosophy, and indeed science. The face of Garbo, the steam train, the aeroplane, Babbage's Difference Machine, Faraday's hand-wound coils, Lodges coherer, or the abacus and Latitude and Longitude all can be deconstructed to show that they are analogues of one another's differentiated information states, being, sets and signs, symbols and in many cases, pure psycho-social constructs.

As I have said in a recent post, the problem with corporate Ufology as David calls it is because it is locked into very old-fashioned binary theory. If Ufology does not change this approach it will wither on the vine and be in danger of dying as a minority culture because of the refusal to adapt to new intellectual horizons long accepted by almost every university in the world. That's an old story in cultures far older than Ufology. There must be evolution in concept and experience otherwise cultures go into stasis and the wheel remains to be invented, as it were. Ufology will go into shock, and repeat endless cycle, like a poor old caged bear in badly maintained zoo.

I have said several times on this List that the idea behind the

phrase "separate the facts from the fictions" is a worn cliché derived from of an old industrial metaphor. It worked very well in its day, but the industrial age is over. We know longer "manufacture" in the old "objective" sense. What we do create (a better word than "manufacture") is powerful images, which are virtual things. People no longer live in the cottage reality of a world in which doctors cure (they do not) policemen arrest criminals (they do not) and scientists discover "eternal truths" (they do not), and so on and so on. These old screens of the world of appearances are all down long ago. They went with the assassinations, with Vietnam, Nixon, Watergate, and in Britain the Gladstonian Reforms and the old Factories Acts.

Old-style Ufology is as out of date as belief in the Official Reality as a measure of anything at all. We live in a system of lies, ego-projections, national fantasies, and deceptive social screens. To believe in "objective facts" and finite closed-loop explanations is a belief that relates to the America of Norman Rockwell's paintings of corner-shops and wishing wells, Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon, and in Britain, the Bastardy Clauses in the old Poor Law, or BBC Radio's 4's teddy bears of 1967 and curious garden sheds of 1900 and frozen to death. Just as modern politics is almost completely about public relations, science is more about wonder-management than "objective truth". Postmodern deconstruction shows that scientific agendas are as much about images and symbol-manipulation as in anything in Disneyland. This is postmodernism in political action, and its largely unacknowledged founder was Charles Fort. It tears off the performance masks of deep background and shows "fact" is a cultural screen and science and authority are the same institution largely concerned with social control and manipulation than "objective" research. People no longer have heads containing bridges, buildings, large-scale industrial projects, facts and "concrete" certainties; they live in a virtual world of the soap operas, they think they are Michael Jackson or James Bond. Trying to see the UK in terms of "fact" is to accept the brochure reality of the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace as meaning anything at all. This is soap opera for the masses as major sectors of science are pure soap opera for yuppies.

I use the phrase "separate the facts from the fictions" as much as anybody else uses it of course, but I am coming to understand that it is a knee-jerk response from an element of self that is being gradually cast off like the skin of a snake. Like old soldiers, ideas don't die they just fade away. This idea "separate the facts from the fictions" is no longer satisfactory as an approach to experience and observation in a society and culture that has almost completely transferred its axis to image, media, advertising, mass-suggestion and role-playing, and (yes, David!) continuous-creation folklore.

An obviously aging Ufology must at least take a look at the equations of Fortean postmodernism if only because to some degree almost every other major cerebral sector has embraced postmodernism generations past!

The Ufological lock is the binary equation. As I have said in previous posts, Ufology has a four-body problem that the binary equation cannot solve given present conditions. The four bodies are Corso, MJ12, The Ramey Memorandum, and the Grey Area Syndrome, as outlined in my previous post. As I have said, we have here four live information-animals, viral forms that can only be described by postmodern equations.

I am preparing posts on these matters, though I suppose I will be laughed at again and again and dismissed by iron masters all of whom stick to straight corporate science as their way of interpreting the UFO phenomenon. But what "science" do they represent? On the evidence they give, I hear no mention on this List of a science that is desperately trying to up-date itself in terms of innate postmodern ideas within Chaos, Complexity, Quantum theory, or even good old Relativity, and now even minimal teleportation has been carried out, for Christ's sake!! I mean whither "hard nuts and bolts" within that little spectrum, what, Bruce?

Postmodernism is about information flow and media, symbols and advertisements, qualities, textures, and maps of symbiotic information flow; "facts" are no longer "hard" and "truth" is no longer "painful". Postmodernism expresses a complete new view no

less of matter and identity, personality, perception, and intelligence. It sees everything as information: a spanner, a nut and bolt is a text. Corso for example, and the trouble he caused is a drama of holistic elements, not "truths" versus "falsehoods".

Now the holistic idea is most valuable if only because it enables us to integrate the objections say to Corso with Coors's book itself. They both form a super text of which the book may be but one vector. Once things are seen in this way, we get rid of all these troublesome antagonisms and separations that waste energies arguing about rights and wrongs, energies that in the end cancel one another out. In this sense, The Day After Roswell tells us more about society than any conventional work that may have more "literary" value. These works might be written by most profound and sober serious objectivists intent in expressing old analogue truths about "fact versus fiction", but that is a phrase, which along with most "scientific" UFO books should be made into suicide pills for geriatric elephants.

This is what "holistic" means.

Now in\_.

Sorry List Bears, some people have arrived. They are all drunk. I have to go and calm them all down. Some indeed, are elephants on the verge of death.

That's better. I have had a two-foot by two-foot notice made that I put up like a road warning on such occasions. It says, "Randle/Friedman dialogues being worked upon". And that usually does the trick, if only because most walking-wounded as I call them have heard of either of them. Good. That's done it.

I am now working in the kitchen with the dogs and cats around me.

\_the postmodern sense, or instance claims can mutate as well as cells. As categories of information, claims are live information in themselves. They breed and clone very rapidly. As David Clarke will confirm, a claim, no matter how fantastic automatically enters the cultural Petri dish. Now all this is very important and it points towards a possible solution of the fantastic claim (or Corso) problem as part of the four-body problem I have outlined in previous posts. Mechanistic corporate Ufology does not understand the function of the fantastic claim.

This is just one of its problems.

A recent example. Typically, there are those on this List who at the moment are being rather fascist, condescending, and rather cruel towards the poor half-mad Greer. Laughing as only the petite-bourgeois can laugh in their proud and haughty (and over-protected) way at eccentrics, the fantastic claim is not seen as a vector within the reality set with the "real" as yet another vector.

In other words they do not see that the Trickster (see George Hansen's book) is not redundant noise, but a vital transforming element that the reality Set needs for mutation into the next stage of expanded metaphor. Fantastic claims such as those made by Corso (leaning upon the poor devil heavily as an example), mean that he is reading a sub text to the whole text that scientific rationalism cannot read. If we require to know what such a subtext is, then Loren Coleman's recent post gives us a perfect example of such a sub text. In postmodern terms, the deviant act or false stage in reasoning or analysis becomes an essential part of the reasoning process itself. We must imagine the models, the prototypes, otherwise nothing happens at all.

Sorry again, Bears. I'll have to throw some guests out. You see folks my place is something like a permanent Portobello Road disco drop-in if you know what I mean. There are things here from beyond Starsky and Hutch, and younger escapees that unfortunately we have to throw back to their Probation Officers and Social Workers (but we never throw them back to shrinks. As almost all of them claim, Shrinks are Nazis & Needles big time). To see what the young and the lost go through keeps you alive and young. It also stops the self-satisfaction of indulging in sneering self-satisfied anger at the half-mad Greer, the confused Corso and the deceived Adamski. The pompous effrontery of the affluent and the successful, the over-protected and the

under-educated in this respect is shameful. I do not think that there is a better demonstration that science cannot possibly form a liberal education proper. The limited view of Literature, metaphysics, philosophy and technological History alone expressed by scientists on this List is enough to make a third-rate night school bimbo fall off her blessed chair holding her sides in mirth. If postmodernism has to teach us anything at all it is the moral lesson that such rejected people as Corso are part of the rainforest of the mind that the applied sciences would burn out of us. These people are the subtext. They are the higher disturbance. If we cannot read the trail of their disturbance we are all dead. Here now I say, concrete cubes in a city of zombies.

David is a young man. He is strong enough to have made a giant leap over the electrified wire which surround the prisons of skepticism and materialist science. He is perhaps one of the first great escapees of the 21st century.

He should be bloody well congratulated.  
Welcome David, to the rainforest.  
The place is far more interesting than the Matrix.

A lurch. A crash from the sleeping area. A young female form staggers to the lavatory after nearly tripping over a large-format edition of Josephus' Jewish Wars. She's a dropped-out scientist actually. Escaped from Cambridge where the evil bastards tried to make her do unspeakable to things to cats.

The snoring things I have to step over in the morning, well you wouldn't believe, you really would not. Some say that the House of Panzerben is not a place for a philosopher, but I say the Front Line (as they call this district) is the only place for the cerebral. The punch-ups alone keep a true philosopher alive.

But I digress.

Where was I?

What a philosopher has to do these days!

Something about -- yes, how all this going to apply to practical research?

Postmodernism as the New Ufology suggests a UFO set: that there will be a hoaxer, that there will be evidence lost etc. Here are some well-known elements of the set:

The sighting  
The hoaxer  
The destruction of evidence  
Authority  
Technological component  
Men in black  
(and many other components too numerous to list here and now)

This is a set of what postmodernism calls signs. The vitally important consideration here is that postmodernism demonstrates that these set elements are linked, not separately "objective" but functions of the set-event complex! In other words the hoaxer (say) must occur along with (at some stage) the attempted destruction of the evidence etc etc. The dynamics of the set are such that the George Hansen's Trickster (say) is generated on cue by the prevailing condition and requirements of the set dynamics.

We have here a monad of a new kind of event-complex in the world. It is the information equivalent to the live cell. The UFO genetic structure has been found.

I intend to make this set-calculus the corner stone of the New Ufology. If Mac Tonnies can connect it to his theories about mimes, and David Clarke can connect it to dynamic folklore ideas of Jacques Vallee, we may begin at last to get somewhere. Integrate this theory with the field reports, and we will have founding of the New Ufology. All we will need is a christening cursing by the iron masters, steam footplate men, cat torturers, factual Prussians, and the Nazi shrinks trying to get in on the act, and we'll be on our way.

With that thought, I am going out to get some fish and chips.

I'll be back

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

PS These are notes of a work in progress. Many of these ideas are undeveloped, merely sketched. Please let's all do something creative thinking about all this. I don't want plebian anti-intellectualism and anti-modernism screaming at me, and I don't want any hysterical women fainting at the sight of my long words and men feeling intellectually under-endowed by ridiculing my capacity for abstract thought. I haven't got time for abuse and put-downs any more. This is not a time for ego. We need collective Ufological Zionism, that's what we need. At the moment, the iron masters are all floating around like quacking ducks on a pond.

And I want creative criticism, America, not kicking, please. The last kicking I got resulted in a 700-line List post from me and according to reports, the person involved has never been the same since. Since none of you appear to have the guts or courage or balls to break out of the boy-scout lock that has been put upon you and reply to my posts, I trust you will all revel in the gross cowardice you have revealed to the world. America, are Chicken, or what? Is that the nation of the Alamo and Okinawa in your pocket, or aren't you pleased to see me? Laugh? I nearly died

And by the way, iron masters, your security/quarantine system leaks like a sieve -- I can read you like a Baghdad phone call. What a life! And I don't want to hear American Barbie-doll violins about me being an over-educated cheeky and insulting anarcho-imperialist ponce of the Mother Country (hello, Jan, Wendy, et al), who is too clever for his own good. Apart from the ponce bit, that is far too accurate a description of my good self for comfort.

We been through all this, dear children, and it has to stop. Some heads needed banging together, some cobwebs blowing away, and as much as I enjoyed doing that, it is now over, I have other things to do, and I don't give a five-barred gate about the old hands calling me everything from a pig to a dog. They can giggle and laugh all the way to the funeral of the Old Ufology.

Ufology must be dragged screaming and kicking into the 21st century or it will die buried by filing cabinets and a "science" that has not got beyond 1950.

I have had my fish and chips now, my American wife has ordered a pizza, after suggesting one or two of the phrases that appear above. The bohemians have gone quiet, murmuring about Iraq, computers, Milton's Paradise Lost, and somebody called Allah. I think he's the guy who sweeps up in the local Woolworths.

Some hours later. The heroes and heroines, the bohemians and the 21st century walking-wounded are snoring on the floor, the cats are snoring on top of these metaphysical soldiers, and the snoring dogs are distributed amongst all dreaming forms. I think I will brew some cocoa and have another session with the Randle/Friedman dialogues and try and integrate them into the New Ufology.

Oh boy, have I got something coming for this pair. If they don't think they are postmodernists, they will do after my next series of posts, I can tell you that.

And Wendy and Dick et al, you're not supposed to be reading this, so change channels, please!

We'll know if you're watching, now!

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7000 hits per day.  
Politics of the Imagination given Anomalist Award for Best Biography  
2002  
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## Re: Whiteman AFB Case? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:21:29 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 04:59:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whiteman AFB Case? - Hatch

>From: Albert Rosales <[Garuda79@aol.com](mailto:Garuda79@aol.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 12:58:04 EST  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Whiteman AFB Case?

>Hello everyone, I am looking for information on a UFO landing  
>trace case were an occupant was seen, in May 1966 in Whiteman  
>AFB Missouri, can anyone help?

Hello Albert:

I have no cases listed for 'Whiteman AFB' per se. Its possible  
the record was mis/dis/de listed because the report was sent to  
that AFB instead of the actual sighting location. That is a  
major problem here, especially during the Bluebook era.

What I do have for Missouri in 1966 follows:

1966/4/1 2350h d=12 94:25W 39:14:40N NAM USA MSO  
LIBERTY,MO:NLTS/FIELD:HIDE WHEN TRAIN PASSES+RETURN:  
MANLIKE SHADOWS:ODD VOICES  
/r8 VALLEE,Jacques: PASSPORT TO MAGONIA. Case #747

1966/8/1 0030h d=4 93:17W 37:13N NAM USA MSO  
SPRINGFIELD,MO:3 GIRLS:6'OVOID RATTLES:LANDS/3min:  
FIG.SEEN:GRASS MATTED:MARKS (on ground?)  
/r180 PHILLIPS,Ted/CUFOS: PHYSICAL TRACES: Pg.43

1966/11/22 1000h 93:50W 36:35N NAM USA MSO  
ROARING RIVER ST.PARK,MO:DISK RISES/VLY:HUM HEARD:  
TENT+TREETOP BURNT:2 FOTOS  
/r180 PHILLIPS,Ted/CUFOS: PHYSICAL TRACES: Pg.44

The Springfield, MO listing sounds sufficiently similar, but  
none of these took place in May as far as I could ever tell.  
Whiteman AFB is two miles south of Knob Noster in Johnson  
County, MO, 65 miles SE of Kansas City... I would guesstimate  
93:35W - 38:46N, which does not match the cases listed above.

What is your source? Maybe there are further clues there.

Sorry

- Larry

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:49:51 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 05:36:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: John Meloney <[betsyross@fcgnetworks.net](mailto:betsyross@fcgnetworks.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 19:07:37 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 15:14:22 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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>>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 07:09:06 -0800  
>>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

<snip>

>>>Free energy also includes amazing technologies like a car  
>>>powered by a water fuel cell, a battery charger powered by the  
>>>earth, or a home furnace powered by permanent magnets.. The best  
>>>free energy systems deliver energy at no on-going cost to the  
>>>user, without detrimental effects to the environment, and at  
>>>extremely low costs for the maintenance of the equipment.

>><snip>

>>Can you tell us any more about the home furnace powered by  
>>permanent magnets? I hadn't heard of that. Is there a URL we can  
>>refer to? -LH

>For information on free furnace power go to:

><http://www.FTN.info/Johnmeloney>

>I have ordered mine.

Hello John:

The link above was missing a slash, so I manually fixed that and  
got here:

<http://www.FTN.info/mainsite/welcome.asp>

...instead of your personal page .../Johnmeloney.

They had lots of products, but I could not find the 'Home  
Furnace Powered by Permanent Magnets'.

There were other fun things, like:

- \* Magnet Balls to replace laundry soap;  
"Never use detergents again!",
- \* Car Mileage Conversion; "double or triple your  
auto gas mileage" .. replaces much/most of the fuel  
with water to " reduce fuel consumption by 200%-350% .."
- \* Eco Fan: A stove fan that makes its own free

electricity. \$100.

My heating bills are way up and my curiosity aroused. I'm most interested in the Permanent Magnet powered Home Furnace. I hope you didn't pay too much for the product.

Any assistance much appreciated.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## [canufo] Duncan, British Columbia Report

From: **Brian Vike** <[hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 19:31:34 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 05:49:34 -0500  
Subject: [canufo] Duncan, British Columbia Report

Duncan, British Columbia

Date: February 10, 2003  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

A witness called this evening - using the new Toll Free Hotline from Duncan, B.C. - to report he was walking his dog in the park when he saw a circular object with what he described as a ring of fire around it. I asked how far away the object was, he said maybe 4 to 6 blocks away up in the sky. He also said the ring which surrounded the object would twirl around the main body and there were a number of colors coming from it, such as blue, green, etc.....

He said it moved up and down, and when it got close to the cloud cover it would change to all the different colors, but when it dropped back down to a lower level the color changed to orange. He said the object seemed to take its time moving up and down, the ring still circling the main body of whatever it was. There was no sound heard from the object.

He said his dog was going completely nuts and actually took a bite at his foot, it was so frightened.

The witness was phoning from a friend's home and the dog was still acting up.

I asked if he could give me a rough idea of how big this thing was, he replied that it was approx: the size of a dinner plate from the distance of 4 to 6 blocks from his location.

The sighting lasted for about 5 minutes, before it disappeared.

While we were on the phone he gave out a loud cry and said there was a bright white streak of light from where the object had been. He also said a short trail of colors was coming off it as it disappeared. (If this had anything to do with the object or not, hard to say).

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

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Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 22:03:27 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 05:55:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 00:10:45 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 14:07:22 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 00:46:43 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>Since the Trindade debate petered on on the list, we have  
>received lots of interesting material from South American  
>ufologists. Maybe if the exciting new evidence you have promised  
>us ever sees the light of day, we may want to publish this as  
>well.

Yup. The other day I received a very pleasant note from a  
Brazilian skeptic who has worked on the incident and who  
concedes that a convincing case against the authenticity of the  
photos has yet to be made. I am not holding my breath.

>Nor, I note, can your friend Stanton Friedman, who spells it  
>MacDonald. Our Man in the Glens with the Haggis and Single Malt  
>tells me that historically all these versions are  
>interchangable, and it was only in the last hundred years or so  
>that people started getting pedantic about Mc, Mac or M'. A  
>historical variation of Rimmer is Rymer. You may wish to start  
>using this to avoid jokes from scatologically-minded eleven year  
>olds.

How you get from a discussion of "Mc, Mac, or M" to the 11-  
year-old sense of humor is a mystery in itself. I think I'll  
let this one pass and move on to some adult conversation.

>Convenient, isn't it, that you throw in a quibble about  
>spelling, and then somehow forget to answer the question:

>>>I would be interested to know if Macdonald [sic] included  
>>>psychologists, psychiatrists, and sociologists amongst his  
>>>relevant experts. I genuinely only ask because I want to know.

McDonald - please note spelling - worked mostly on his own,  
though he had a broad range of informal informants and  
consultants in a variety of disciplines, as his massive  
correspondence and notes from phone interviews indicate. These  
included psychologists and social scientists. Next time, by the  
way, you cite a psychologist, social scientist, or folklorist on  
the UFO phenomenon, do we get to ask you if he or she was  
working with an atmospheric physicist? Just curious.

>>>I was not aware that I was making any slur on Macdonald [sic]. I was  
>>>expressing concern at the way that his research is often  
>>>presented in arguments today as the incontrovertible last word  
>>>on the subject.



Everybody, including every scientist, is wrong sometimes. Nobody thinks McDonald is infallible. He was wrong, for example, about the Mantell case. But he was on the whole an immensely impressive guy, surely as sharp, informed, and tireless an investigator/analyst as this field has seen, at least in my (not inconsiderable, if I say so myself) observation. I confess that I have not seen his like on your side of the water, and certainly not among psychosocialites. It's too bad that you didn't have the opportunity to acquaint yourself with his work. Quite an eye-opener. Till that week in Tucson in August 1997, even I did not fully appreciate what he had managed to accomplish.

>>>Let me put it this way: There are all sorts of well-investigated >>cases. Apparently, if we may judge from the polemics of the UFO >>controversy over the decades, only those that result in >>identifications are not mere "anecdotes." In fact, in the end >>all cases, investigated or otherwise, are anecdotes. They are >>stories told orally or in print. It is a standard skeptical >>argument, repeated until its advocates are blue in the face, >>that anecdotal testimony is worthless. This argument is used >>even against cases that have been well investigated.

>>If the case Clarke and Roberts investigated is an anecdote, as >>it is, then anecdotal testimony does have meaning. We can indeed >>learn things from it, with all due caution and qualification. >>That being the case, anecdotal testimony can indeed tell us >>something about the anomalous nature of UFO cases as well as >>about the nonanomalous nature of IFOs. You can't have it both >>ways. In fact, or at least reasonable inference, we can expect >>to learn from anecdotal testimony that some objects perceived as >>conventional (in, for example, the early stage of hypothesis- >>escalation) were really something else, apparently >>unconventional.

>So you are admitting that the cases in your encyclopaedias are >as anecdotal as Roberts and Clarke's investigation of the Cracoe >Fell Case,

Huh? What's this "admitting" stuff? Far from "admitting" - which implies some kind of red-faced confession - I was making a point of which this obvious truth was at the center. Did I lose you somewhere?

>which is what I was saying all along. I wonder then >why you were so dismissive about the "anecdotal" nature of the >case when Roberts first raised it?

I wasn't "dismissive" in the sense you seem to be suggesting here. What I was critical of, as you'll see if you would bother to read more carefully what I wrote carefully, was the way Roberts and Clarke drew a wild and sweeping conclusion which they implied was valid for all reports. Or do you think theirs was a valid argument? I sure hope that, like me, you are "dismissive" of such absurd conclusion-jumping.

>Anecdotal evidence does have >meaning, and the value that can be placed on it depends on the >depth and rigour of the investigation that backs it up. I >presume you have not read anything about Cracoe, so have no idea >of the thoroughness of R & C's investigation.

You make my point. Thoroughly investigated cases that end in an unexplained anomaly don't carry any weight with you (they're just there, I guess, to fool credulous American ufologists), but their opposites - the ones that come to prosaic solutions - do. That's what I've been saying all along. At least we agree that anecdotal evidence does have meaning. It's just that I try to apply the lessons equally.

>>Perceptual errors presumably should be able to >>work both ways, making UFOs of IFOs and IFOs of UFOs. This is >>inherent, as I've just said, in the repeatedly demonstrated >>experience of "escalation of hypotheses." Social pressure and >>fear of ridicule, if anything, lead more to rejection of >>anomalous observation than to its opposite. They can make us see >>something genuinely out of the ordinary and convince us of the >>contrary - as I know, by the way, from personal experience >>(though not with an ostensible UFO, but something fully as >>peculiar).

>I would have thought this was beyond question.

Good. I'm glad we agree. I hope we will see this matter discussed in depth in a future Magonia article.

>>>>Certainly people do have radical misperceptions about a variety  
>>>>of anomalies, including a wide range of paranormal phenomena.

>>>>Now reread that sentence. I was specifically not talking about  
>>>>"a wide range of paranormal phenomena," but about an unusual  
>>>>natural phenomenon which science, after long skepticism, has  
>>>>finally mostly come to accept, based on eyewitness testimony  
>>>>from credible witnesses.\*

>>>Well, you actually said "say, ball lightning sightings", the  
>>>"say" suggesting that this was only one option amongst others  
>>>that you could have thought of.

>>Do I detect just a hint of disingenuousness here?

>Only is as much as everybody who disagrees with you gets accused  
>of "ingenuousness" sooner or later. We must add it to Jerry  
>Clark Bingo! What did you mean by "say, ball lightning  
>sightings", if not implying that this was just one of a number  
>of possibilities. Or does grammatical nit-picking onl work one  
>way?

Are you suggesting here that BL is still as controversial and reality-questioned as, say, lake monsters? If you had been reading rather more closely than you were, you would have taken "say" to refer to any other rare, ephemeral, natural phenomenon whose existence (or at least presence in a heretofore unexpected place) was once doubted and/or dismissed but is now generally accepted. For your own purposes, however, you decided to jump to lake monsters, ghosts, BVMS, and the like. It is apparent that you're more comfortable swimming in murky than in clear water.

I doubt that any other reader who was paying attention had any difficulty understanding why I was insisting that RPM hypotheses be tested against a known phenomenon rather than an unknown one. This removes the subjective element of disbelief tradition from the equation and leads us to information and discovery that don't carry with them the baggage of controversies about anomalies and the paranormal.

>>>You might have said "say,  
>>>ghosts", or "say, the Loch Ness Monster", or "say, the Surrey  
>>>Puma", or "say, apparitions of the Virgin Mary". These are some  
>>>of the "other ostensible anomalies" which people might have  
>>>radical misperceptions about. But you want to stick to ball-  
>>>lightning. I think there are other, more interesting, phenomena.

>>Again, you're trying to change the subject and again  
>>demonstrating why pelicanist approaches are so wholly captive to  
>>disbelief tradition. Any meaningful discussion about alleged RMP  
>>has to focus on misperceptions of phenomena whose true nature  
>>and configuration are not open to dispute and in which it is  
>>possible to say with certainty, without getting embroiled in  
>>endless other unresolved controversy, what was in fact seen .

>What are you saying here? In what way do these other phenomena  
>differ from UFOs in terms of their perception by experients? Are  
>you implying that there are no known mundane phenomena which  
>might not be misinterpreted as a ghost, Nessie, yeti, or BVM?  
>Why is it not possible to have meaningful discussions on this?

Because, it is plain, you are determined not to have one. Surely no other reader who is paying attention has failed to grasp the elemental point that RMP theories must be tested against a known phenomenon, not one which is unknown, controversial, and of uncertain epistemological status, shape, and configuration.

How you get to this bizarre business about my allegedly not believing there are "known mundane phenomena" sometimes misinterpreted as extraordinary anomalies is, again, beyond me, unless you are, as I suspect, tossing another red herring into the rhetorical stream.. Let me repeat:

Show me documented examples in which RMP (whatever that is; its meaning seems as elusive as the phenomena it seeks to explain)

occurs on a regular basis with a known phenomenon - BL or its equivalent, something rare, ephemeral, appearing suddenly to a shocked witness or witnesses, attested to (mostly) in oral testimony - and we can start to talk. Till then, RMP is an unhelpful concept, really little more than a tautology, at least as you guys are expressing it.

>>>Thank you for the rant. Let me go over this a stage at a time.  
>>>There are a number of controversial and ambiguous phenomena  
>>>which people report encountering from time to time. Despite the  
>>>number of such accounts, final proof of such things remains  
>>>tantalisingly out of reach. This might be because the phenomena  
>>>itself....

>>>I think the point is that radical misperception does not, of  
>>>itself, "explain" a case, but it provides false data which  
>>>prevents a case being explained in any other way except invoking  
>>>previously unknown forces, e.g. extraterrestrial spaceships,  
>>>other dimensions, etc.

>>And how do we know the data to be false? Because they point in  
>>an anomalous direction. This is, again, a circular argument in  
>>service not to understanding but only to disbelief tradition.

>Obviously, we don't know the data is false, that is why we are  
>trying to incorporate it as part of an overall explanation for  
>the case. We may feel that we have successfully "solved" the  
>case, either as a mundane occurrence, or as an extraordinary  
>event.

You can't just state RMP; you have to demonstrate it. You can't apply it simply so that what otherwise is unexplained becomes "explained" and domesticates an apparent anomaly, rendering it harmless enough not to frighten the most timid psychosocialite. That's why I keep insisting that you have to measure it against a known quantity, such as ball lightning. A speculative phenomenon employed to "explain" a speculative phenomenon is the numerical equivalent of zero. That, by the way, is also why I reject the term "flying saucer," which does precisely the same thing. Maybe now I'm beginning to understand why you advocate its use.

The more I hear you try to define what you're talking about when you mention RMP and its application, the more nebulous the whole business becomes. And might I add extraordinary?

Jerry Clark

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Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 05:57:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Camera Catching Shuttle 'Zap' Had Own Glitch -

>From: Kelly Peterborough <[kellymccg@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymccg@attcanada.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 07 Feb 2003 21:59:51 -0500  
>Subject: Camera Catching Shuttle 'Zap' Had Own Glitch

>Source: WorldNet Daily

>[http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=30904](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=30904)

>Thursday, February 6, 2003

>Catastrophe In The Sky

>Camera catching shuttle 'zap' had own glitch

>Nikon admits digital devices sometimes show purple aberrations

>By Joe Kovacs

>C. 2003 WorldNetDaily.com

>As interest skyrockets in an unreleased photograph purporting to  
>show the space shuttle Columbia being "zapped" by some kind of  
>purple electrical phenomenon, WorldNetDaily has learned that the  
>digital camera model which took the picture has been known to  
>have its own color glitches.

>Nikon 880 digital camera

>The Nikon 880 occasionally produces a purple fringe around the  
>edges of some photographs, said a top Nikon official.

>"It was a complaint [we heard from users]," said Michael Rubin,  
>senior product manager for Nikon Inc. "Sometimes you see it,  
>sometimes you don't."

>The issue of the camera's reliability has been raised since an  
>amateur astronomer using an 880 claims to have captured a  
>mysterious image of a bright, multi-colored flash surrounding  
>the orbiter shortly before it disintegrated Saturday morning.

Amusing to see the argument over the value of this picture  
devolving to whether or not the color is correct. It would seem  
to me that regardless of the color, it is the presence of an  
image of "something else" besides the Shuttle which is of  
critical importance.

Granted, if the true color happens to be purple (purple is not  
an artifact of the camera) then this lends weight to the  
electrical discharge hypothesis since glowing nitrogen (caused  
to glow by an electrical discharge) is purplish. However, the  
color of a lightning bolt can also verge on white.

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 23:13:01 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 05:59:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Velez

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 01:31:05 EST  
>Subject: Another Abduction Question

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>many abductions have taken place. This was responded to by  
>myself and others on the here.

>Let me float an additional question.

>How many abductions have occurred in which the person abducted  
>actually remembers what happened without undergoing any form of  
>hypnosis, regression or otherwise?

Hi Robert,

I have heard Budd put the number at +/-25% - of the cases he has investigated. In terms of 'actual numbers' a good guess would be 200+ cases or thereabouts.

Regards,

John Velez,  
Speaking as; the former webmaster of Budd Hopkins' Intruders Foundation website.

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 00:11:16 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:03:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

>From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen@catlas.mv.com](mailto:christensen@catlas.mv.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 19:49:58 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>Don opined...

>>Engineers and technical specialists as well are curios.

Hi Wendy,

Sorry about the misspelling. I hunt and peck and do not look at the screen. Don't always catch them when I do.

However, that was in response to another thread if I recall. see subject heading.

<snip>

>Purrrrrrs... wac

BTW - I can purr. My grandkids love it.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 23:19:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:05:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Velez

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:00:03 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 01:31:05 EST  
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>>How many abductions have occurred in which the person abducted  
>>actually remembers what happened without undergoing any form of  
>>hypnosis, regression or otherwise?

>The figure often given is 25%.

>But the question is really more complicated. Almost every  
>abductee remembers something consciously. Or at least the ones  
>serious researchers study do. Some remember more than others. So  
>the real question is how much does the average abductee remember  
>- and whether there are specific parts of the abduction scenario  
>\_only\_ remembered under hypnosis. Eddie Bullard has done some  
>work on this. And John Velez, I believe, can offer some insights  
>from his own experience.

Hi Greg,

It's tough to say what the overall 'percentage' of my memories is in terms of 'how much' is consciously recalled. It depends on the specific incident we may be discussing. I recall more about some incidents that have taken place, 'consciously' than I do about others. I am defining 'conscious' as being wide awake and alert when an incident happened. Events that I recall clearly. Events that are burned into memory.

In my own case, the hypnosis served to fill in 'gaps' in my own conscious recollections. For example, I was able to recall consciously how some abduction events started, but not how they ended. Or vice-versa. There were a couple of incidents where I clearly recall the beginning and how it ended but not the middle part. One of the most compelling of those incidents was when; I was confronted by a 'UFO' in uncomfortably close proximity, I ran, I experienced 12 hours of 'missing time' and where the results of the encounter landed me in a hospital emergency room the following morning. You don't forget stuff like that. Ever. I didn't always blame it on 'aliens' but I always knew that it had 'happened' to me. Without doubt.

As to 'how much' is consciously recalled by others I cannot say. I can only speak for myself. I can 'second' the number that Greg provided because I have heard Budd use the same number himself when referring to his own caseload. It is a good



qualifier though when considering the merit of a case for further investigation. What the actual number of consciously recalled events is, is anybody's guess.

I will say this, it is one of the very first questions that I ask of anyone who writes to me about their own experiences. It is important to know whether they are relating consciously recalled events or something that they 'dreamed' or that 'happened' while they were asleep/unconscious.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Declassification Review/Release Request 02-10-03

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 23:52:41 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:10:46 -0500  
Subject: Declassification Review/Release Request 02-10-03

To: [president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov), [inquire@nara.gov](mailto:inquire@nara.gov)  
Cc: [counsel@nara.gov](mailto:counsel@nara.gov)

TO: Archivist of the United States  
U. S. National Archives and Records Administration  
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FROM: Larry W. Bryant  
3518 Martha Custis Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: February 10, 2003

Referring to my as-yet-unanswered letter to you of Jan. 1, 2003 (subject as above - by which I request your agency's release of the entire contents of a censored OSD memorandum dated July 22, 1949), I now apply that same request and rationale to the enclosed "TOP SECRET," 4-page letter of Feb. 24, 1949, sent by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission's intelligence director (Walter F. Colby) to CIA director Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter. The letter's discussion of a CIA-recommended change in the AEC membership status in the Intelligence Advisory Committee has about 40 lines of typescript redacted, beginning with the third paragraph. You'll note that on page 1 appears the handwritten notation "Reclassified by AEC memo 1/12/55." Accordingly, I also ask that your declassification review/release include that memo.

On the premise that your characteristic delay in processing such requests as this can be mitigated by my casting this request as a formal, written freedom-of-information request, I hereby so cast it -- reminding you of the response-time requirements of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act.

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

Copies furnished to:

Mark S. Zaid, Esq. (Washington, D.C.)

Chairman, U. S. Senate Committee on Intelligence

Peter Robbins, Editor-in-Chief, <http://www.ufocity.com>

P.S.: By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted request.

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough -

From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 00:33:02 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:13:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough -

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:55:36 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 00:38:27 -0500  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough

>>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 11:09:39 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>>>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>>Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 08:10:25 -0700  
>>>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

<snip>

>If people are willing to pay the \$400, and we know Dr. Greer has  
>a great many projects and tasks on the go which need funding, I  
>don't see that as a scam, as long as he doesn't guarantee  
>success then fails to deliver. Personally, I wouldn't pay a  
>dime, but that still doesn't make it a scam. A little tacky,  
>maybe, scam, no.

>The arguments about Dr. Greer's being "showy" don't make it a  
>scam either. The UFO issue is so hugely important that it's  
>great to see different researchers trying different approaches  
>and doing whatever they believe it takes to get the disclosure  
>job done. As is often heard Errol's Strange Days Indeed program,  
>there are many and current events happening all the time.  
>Pressure on the world's governments and scientific institutions  
>is needed to bring about disclosure. Grabbing public attention  
>is a valid way to apply pressure. Being "showy" is sometimes  
>needed to grab public attention.

Ahh... the old 'the ends justify the means' defence. One of the  
last places of refuge for the scoundrel.

If being 'showy' is sometimes needed, how would you feel about  
getting Stan Friedman, Dick Hall, Don Ledger, Kevin Randle, and  
Jerry Clark (five researchers I respect, picked absolutely at  
random), having them dress up in little green alien outfits  
while picketing the White House? It certainly wouldn't be  
science (although, for the debunkers, no doubt worth a good  
laugh). I'm sure it would get plenty of press coverage, but not  
the kind ufology needs. It would also be no different, in  
principle, than the activities engaged in by Greer, with the  
exception that at least the aforementioned five wouldn't be  
fleecing people out of their hard earned cash in the process.

>Additionally, we know that UFO occupants use telepathy, from  
>abductee reports. We know that they are highly selective and  
>pursue certain people for whatever their purposes are. I don't  
>think it's unreasonable to expect that only certain individuals

>may be able to initiate flashlight contact.

'We know' UFO occupants use telepathy? Some may believe, others may maintain, and more may suspect, but we are a long way from 'knowing' anything about this aspect of the abduction phenomenon. Accordingly, expecting that only certain individuals may be able to initiate flashlight contact, while a convenient explanation, is nothing more than idle - and perhaps wishful - speculation.

It does set Dr. Greer up as a priest-like figure however - 'the aliens can only be contacted through me, etc. etc.' which seems to fit his MO.

>I would hope that more people who find themselves looking at a >UFO and with a flashlight will give it a try.

Assuming abduction reports are true, the absolute last thing I would do if I saw a UFO would be to signal it with a flashlight!

Best regards,

Paul Kimball  
[www.redstarfilm.com](http://www.redstarfilm.com)

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

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Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 00:45:20 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:14:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 11:58:54 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 17:33:43 EST  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>>From: Dave Haith <[visions@ntlworld.com](mailto:visions@ntlworld.com)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 12:15:19 -0000  
>>>Subject: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>Paul, Dave, Wendy, and all who follow this thread,

>We can easily sort this out with a "wait and see" approach. Dr.  
>Greer says he is having this invention analyzed and verified by  
>three independent groups of researchers, presumably university  
>science departments. Since Dr. Greer is so big on disclosure, he  
>would have to make this matter public, and the results thereof  
>would also have to be publicized.

>This will either make or break Greer's SEAS initiative. If he  
>honestly discloses the outcome of the independent validation,  
>whether negative or positive, then his credibility will be  
>enhanced. If the disclosure is not forthcoming, but turns into  
>some sort of shell game, then the conclusion will be obvious to  
>everyone.

>Tom Bowden

Tom:

Quite sensible. I'll go you one better, however.

The reference to 'shell game' gives me an idea. Why doesn't Greer, or someone on his behalf, offer to take bets (US\$100 would be fine), at 3 to 1 odds (I think I'm being pretty generous here, given his 'reputation'), that he will produce verifiable evidence about the free-energy systems of which he speaks, within a year?

I'd be the first one to take the bet - although not, I suspect, the last. I'd be happy to donate the profits to some UFO research organization.

It would just be nice to see Greer put up or shut up. It would also be great to see someone taking money from him for a change.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball  
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## 500 Scientists Discuss UFOs Life & The Universe

From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@privat.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@privat.dk)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 08:32:47 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:18:51 -0500  
Subject: 500 Scientists Discuss UFOs Life & The Universe

Source: The Arizona Republic,

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/0210UFOmeeting-ON.html>

Stig

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500 space scientists taking UFOs, life in universe at ASU

Feb. 10, 2003 08:10 PM

Is there biology out there in the universe?

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The public is invited to rub shoulders with about 500 astrobiologists, or space scientists, from around the world who are at Arizona State University to discuss the latest research on the origin, distribution and future of life in the universe for a NASA Astrobiology Institute meeting.

There will be a free public lecture at 7:30 tonight at Gammage Auditorium in Tempe by Antonio Lazcano, president of the International Society for the Study of the Origin of Life and a professor at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico. He will speak on "Astrobiology and the Emergence of Life on Earth."

There also will be a free lecture at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Ventana Room of the Memorial Union by Donald Johanson, director of ASU's Institute of Human Origins and a leading paleoanthropologist. He will speak on "Our Evolutionary Journey: From Darkest Africa to Deepest Space."

In 1974 in Ethiopia, he discovered a partial skeleton known as Lucy, possibly our oldest, most complete ancestor.

- William Hermann

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 00:29:02 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:21:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Bowden

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.hale@ntlworld.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:35:06 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

Roy,

You missed something in your reading of Hynek. His definition would be essentially the same as mine. The ETH is a hypothesis. It is not the definition of the term "UFO" or unidentified flying object.

Tom B.

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## Re: Signal Detection Theory - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 09:11:27 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:23:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory - Reason

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:22:56 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory

>Cathy wrote:

>>This illustrates how dangerous it is to make inferences about  
>>the reliability of some detection procedure simply on the basis  
>>of the number of false positives it generates, without taking  
>>into account the relative frequencies of the events it detects.  
>>This applies just as much to UFO investigators as it does to  
>>our detector of spinning saucers.

Andy replied:

>Er, no, Cathy - for the simple reason that it is humans who  
>are doing the saucer 'detecting' and the human instrument is  
>subject to many variables which make it an inexact recording  
>device.

Um, yes, Andy. All instruments, human or otherwise, are  
potentially subject to many variables, but that doesn't make  
them immune to the laws of probability.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

I'm looking  
I'm not buying  
- Stereophonics

Don't believe half of what you see  
And none of what you hear  
- Lou Reed

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## Re: A UFO Case From Nearly A Century Ago - Olmos

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <[ballesterolmos@yahoo.es](mailto:ballesterolmos@yahoo.es)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 09:46:18 +0100 (CET)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:24:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: A UFO Case From Nearly A Century Ago - Olmos

>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 21:47:17 -0800 (PST)  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: A UFO Case From Nearly A Century Ago

>In 1904 and 1905, many travellers in the countryside near  
>Dayton, Ohio, reported sightings of a strange flying machine.  
>Some of them took photographs. Some of them signed sworn  
>statements as to what they had witnessed. Despite these  
>eyewitness accounts, editorials in the New York Times and in  
>Scientific American maintained that all of these people were  
>either mistaken, were suffering from delusions, or were involved  
>in an elaborate hoax.

Anyone of our US colleagues willing to search in newspaper  
morgues of the epoch and look for these alleged photographic  
records of aerial flying machines over Ohio, 1904-1905? Can Mr  
Bowden to provide any more accurate reference or clue to help  
the search?

I believe that, if existing, those cases should be found and  
documented.

Any volunteers?

V-J

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## Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 01:00:06 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:27:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs - Bowden

>From: Wm. Michael Mott <[mottimorph@earthlink.net](mailto:mottimorph@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:21:06 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 12:44:32 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Re: Flight-Paths Of UFOs

>Please note that this is not my definition\_ of  
>anything.

>An ill-informed quotation concerning ley lines, taken from the  
>"skeptic's encyclopedia" or some such rot, was posted as a trite  
>reply in the thread, so I simply cut and pasted only a portion  
>of the definition of UFO from the same website, i.e., the same  
>"authoritative" source.

My apologies. There were no quotes around the passage, and it  
was not attributed to someone else, so I didn't understand that  
it was not your opinion. Glad to hear it is not.

Tom B.

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 09:43:47 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:30:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Reason

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 00:56:04 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

<snip>

>But the "folk explanation" is also part of what we are studying.  
>The "folk experience" is something that cannot be experienced by  
>the investigators. When an experient gives their account of an  
>event to an investigator their "explanation" is seamlessly  
>incorporated into their description. So in the case I cited, the  
>person in question gave a dramatic and lucid account of her car  
>being pursued by a large object which was very close to her.  
>This was how she "explained" the event, and there was no  
>indication in her description of her experience that what she  
>saw was in fact a quarter of a million miles away. A mis-  
>perception of that order surely must merit the description  
>"radical"?

Ok, John, I'd like to ask you this directly.

In the case above, did you give the witness a football and ask them to hold it at a distance which matched the appearance of the object in the sky? Or did they offer the description unsolicited?

What is supposed to be the mystery here beyond a straightforward size/distance illusion seen from a moving vehicle? (An object the size of a car a few hundred meters away will subtend roughly the same angle as the Moon.)

Similarly, in the Cracoe Fell case you mention (I hadn't heard of it, but that's nothing new) is there anything about this case which is inconsistent with binding failure/segmentation ambiguity as an explanation? (Reflections are particularly prone to binding failure, that's why amateur artists find it so hard to draw them. And there is a well-known popular example of segmentation ambiguity - the vase illusion.)

I'm not suggesting for a moment that the investigations of these cases were at all obvious or easy, just that the perceptual mechanisms involved don't so far appear to be anything out of the ordinary.

The problem is, I am getting the definite feeling that some of those people who are talking about "radical misperception" don't actually know all that much about perception, and that they are seeing mysteries where there are none.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

I'm looking  
I'm not buying  
- Stereophonics

Don't believe half of what you see  
And none of what you hear  
- Lou Reed

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 09:26:27 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:33:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:13:49 -0600  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 22:38:01 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>Also missing from your list was Professor R.V. Jones who was  
>>deeply involved in the the study of the foo-fighters, ghost  
>>rockets and flying saucers, long before most of your list took  
>>an interest.

>Jones's involvement was early in the game, his involvement  
>nothing like that of scientists who studied the phenomenon in  
>depth over time, his conclusions at odds with those of other  
>perceptual and social scientists who have examined the data.  
>That doesn't mean that, even with his limited involvement, he  
>had nothing to contribute, only that his is hardly the final  
>word. As these things go, Jones is a pretty minor figure in the  
>UFO debate, and a distinctly minority voice.

Jerry,

You speak with such certainty about Jones, yet know little or nothing about his deep involvement in the UFO debate, which says a lot about how seriously we should take the remainder of your response.

Thanks to co-operation of his son Robert, Andy and I were the first researchers to gain access to Jones' private papers, during the time they were being catalogued for preservation at the Churchill Archives Centre at the University of Cambridge.

The papers demonstrate a private interest in the subject of aerial phenomena that stretched from the mid-1930s until 1997, not to mention his official involvement as head of Scientific Intelligence at Air Ministry 1941-46, head of scientific intelligence and chair of the Flying Saucer Working Party, MoD, 1952-53 and advisor to MoD on UFO policy, 1960s.

"a pretty minor figure in the UFO debate, and a distinctly minority voice" ! Hardly. No doubt if he had been "impressed" by the evidence you would be loudly trumpeting his statements in your selective lists of interested scientists. Because he didn't, you have to suggest he was "a minor figure" and a "minority voice."

Rather than being a "minority voice", Jones was expressing the views of his peers, among whom he was greatly respected. He did not dismiss flying saucers as being as no scientific interest, but rather said:

"My own position [is] that if at any time in the last 20 years I had to take a vital decision one way or the other according to whether I thought that flying saucers were fact or fantasy, Russian or extraterrestrial, I would have taken that decision on



the assumption that they were either a fantasy or an incorrect identification of a rare and unrecognised phenomenon; and while I commend any genuine search for new phenomena, little short of a tangible relic would dispel my scepticism of flying saucers."

>As near as I can figure, you want to claim the phenomenon for  
>your own narrow professional specialty and wish not to share it  
>with others who might have a wider perspective - not to mention  
>training in disciplines in which you are unversed - with which  
>to judge it.

I think that's a radical misperception. I agree with you that the study of this phenomenon should be multi-disciplinary, but you are suggesting that physical scientists have a "wider perspective" than do social scientists. This is nonsense. As R.V. Jones points out, without a tangible relic or some other form of testable evidence to examine, physical scientists are left with nothing to work from. In that way they are tripped up by their own narrow professional speciality.

I've no wish to claim the phenomenon for folklore, because it properly belongs to a whole range of disciplines. I comment on those aspects of the phenomenon that I perceive to fall within the parameters of folklore and contemporary legend. One of the physical scientists on your list, Jacques Vallee, once famously said that flying saucers were "folklore in the making."

>On the physical aspects of the UFO phenomenon, I'd take Allen  
>Hynek, Jim McDonald, Peter Sturrock, or any number of others  
>over you any day. Stick to folklore, don't try to speak for  
>physical scientists, and maybe within that narrow speciality of  
>yours, you'll come up with something useful to the rest of us.  
>Good luck, and I mean that sincerely.

The panel that Peter Sturrock chaired in 1997 concluded that "at least some of the phenomena are not easily explainable" (agreed), but in those of incidents involving some form of physical evidence, there was "clear recognition of the dangers of relying wholly on the testimony of witnesses and of the importance of physical measurements for distinguishing among hypotheses" (which is precisely the point we have been arguing!)

The panel was "not convinced that any of the evidence involved currently unknown physical processes or pointed to the involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence..[and] .It appears that most current UFO investigations are carried out at a level of rigor that is not consistent with prevailing standards of scientific research."

After reviewing the conclusions of the Condon committee, Sturrock and his panel of scientists agreed that "nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge." The caveat added to this was that "there always exists the possibility that investigation of an unexplained phenomenon may lead to an advance in scientific knowledge."

Who could argue with that? No one, and especially not a folklorist.

Best,

Dave Clarke  
Not a Unclear Physicist

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Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 10:10:47 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:35:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clarke

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:08:56 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 22:01:10 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>It means, quite simply, "a disc- or saucer shaped object  
>>reported as appearing in the sky and alleged to come from outer  
>>space." If you want to include cigars as well, then how about  
>>'motherships', isn't that how Adamski described them?

>Ah, the game is up. As I observed in an earlier rejoinder to  
>this obsession of yours, all you're seeking to do is to  
>denigrate the UFO phenomenon and to equate it with the silliest  
>aspects of the social response, in particular the contactee  
>movement. This is the laziest kind of rhetorical strategy, and  
>embarrassingly unimpressive.

Jerry,

This will be lost on you, but I deliberately inserted the  
comment about motherships and Adamski as a little experiment to  
test if you really had a sense of humour. We know you go to  
great lengths to assure us you do, and you are not at all  
precious about your subject, as is clear from this:

>After all, since the phrase has a precise meaning which renders  
>the adjective "unidentified" obsolete, why not insist that those  
>who disagree with you now refer to all UFOs as "spaceships"? Or  
>"thoughtforms"? Or "etheric craft from other vibrations"? Or  
>"Nazi rockets from the hollow earth"? Perhaps we can insist on  
>even more specificity than that, e.g., "Martian Module",  
>"Saturnian Shuttle", "Ashtarian Aerospace Craft"? This last  
>strikes me as a particularly rewarding pursuit. Let us reorient  
>ufology - excuse me, "saucerology" - toward the documenting of  
>those sightings representing observations of the fleet of the  
>Ashtar Command. After all, as any number of psychic channelers  
>have assured us, Ashtar and his starship troopers are far and  
>away the most important Space Brothers visiting us.

Thanks for making my point for me!

Best,

Dave Clarke

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From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 10:39:22 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:38:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 19:21:48 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 20:02:03 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>OK, but you have not answered my question. What exactly do  
>>you believe, in the context of flying saucers/UFOs the  
>>Government are covering up?

>However what makes  
>me believe they have more information than they are sharing is  
>their determination to shut some people up. If you read Dark  
>Object you will see where there we were stymied by DND on  
>several occasions when they warned witnesses not to appear in a  
>documentary in one case and talk about what they had seen on the  
>bottom in two another cases. Getting simple government files  
>from 30 years ago result in being ignored even under the Access  
>to Information Act here in Canada. Example, RCNavy ship  
>movements around the dates of the incident in '67. Even Coast  
>Guard logs become unavailable.

Don,

There are often quite straightforward reasons why files are  
with-held or lost, more to do with bureaucracy and incompetence  
than conspiracy. I work part-time in a Government environment,  
and am amazed at how few records are kept on a day-to-day level,  
never mind after 30 years. Important documents are shredded,  
dumped and erased every day, usually to save space or to cover  
up embarrassment. Someone who comes along after 30 years and  
tries to discover what really happened is always going to face  
problems. If you suspect a conspiracy, you will find what you  
are looking for. Dosen't mean to say there \*is\* a conspiracy.

>>This conversation is just getting interesting. We've  
>>established that you do routinely explain cases yourself, but  
>>like to launch in head-first every time you think we in the  
>>UK are explaining too many for your liking.

>That's not what this is about. Stay focused David. It's about  
>your Fortean Times article and your seeming inability to stay  
>focused on your investigation but instead insulting others who  
>investigate the phenomenon, through your use of derogatory  
>terms. No matter how you slice it, introducing Cassie's  
>unfounded remark into your text did nothing to further your case  
>but served to insult me and others like me. It's for that which  
>I took you to task.

Derogatory terms like flying saucer? Get real, Don. Since I  
mentioned that dreaded phrase its use on this list has gone from  
strength to strength. People like it, and I predict the revival  
will continue.

As for Cassie, his views on the subject are as worthy of

reportage as anyone else who has spent time investigating the phenomenon on a professional level. They are not "unfounded", they are based on two years making field visits to witnesses, sifting through MoD files and consulting with a range of experts who were available to him at that time.

That you interpret them as an "insult" is your own problem, a symptom of how precious you are about your subject.

If you ever have some time spare when not leafing through your Air Force documents, try some background reading on those reports of elves, fairies and things that go bump in the night that you mentioned in earlier post. As you live in Canada, there should be no lack of material, and lots of first-hand stories by credible people who have had "experiences." I predict that if you took a sideways look at the UFO phenomenon, within the context of other anomalous phenomena, you would return to the field with a much broader and more imaginative grounding than you have at the moment.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 10:52:15 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:41:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 13:41:09 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 17:27:05 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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>>If Dr. Greer is serious about the above, why does he not  
>>approach the police or the F.B.I.? Surely they can't all be  
>>involved in the Military-Industrial Jasonite Masonic Alien  
>>Bilderburg conspiracy, can they? (I hope I didn't miss any  
>>there!).

>Hey Joe, where you goin wit dat gunin yoe han?

>You've missed two 'biggies'... the Illuminati and the Vatican!  
>Now that you've drawn public attention to their world domination  
>schemes, I fear that members of the Illuminati will contract  
>Vatican 'hit squads,' cold-blooded, killer priests, to rain .45 cal.  
>hell-fire down on your chatty, blasphemous head.

Darn it, someone noticed! Now my cover as the Roman Catholic  
Chaplain to the Illuminati is blown! Maybe the Methodist  
resistance will offer me shelter?

<snip>

>>Also, isn't it his civic duty to report a crime of murder to the  
>>authorities, especially one or more which he can prove "in a a  
>>court of law"? Here in the UK it is an offence not to do so.

>Greer is probably blathering about (and pluralizing) the death  
>of Tesla. The gubbamint did move in pretty quickly after he  
>expired and secured all of his notes and logs/diaries. To this  
>day, none of that material has seen the light of day. Makes you  
>wonder what's in there. It is that 'slight nod' towards the  
>truth in Greer's statements that seduces a few people who only  
>half-know what they think they know. To them, Greer makes sense.  
>But, being a half-wit is a prerequisite!

Whether or not the unspecified victim(s) of the "murder" include  
Tesla, he stated that he has sufficient evidence to prove the  
murder(s) in a court of law. If so, why doesn't he? Maybe he was  
exaggerating a teeny bit.....

If he is asked the reasons why he does not take the allegations  
to court via the authorities, he can either bolster his position  
with a valid reason, or fob his devotees off with some lame  
excuse. If the latter, perhaps some of them will start to  
realise how unreliable his statements are.

>Let's wait and see. If Greer 'saves the world' I'll be the first  
>to liberally sprinkle salt on my hat and eat it in Macy's window  
>at high noon. Until then... we wait.

>>If there are any of his sympathisers on-list please ask him the  
>>above questions, I would be very interested to see his response.

>Be careful what you ask for Joe... you just might get it! And  
>then, Ghod help us all! ;)

I may be inviting the wrath of Greer, but I mean it... if he can prove what he said in a court of law, I am interested to know why he doesn't do so. Perhaps he doesn't think it important (if so, why did he mention it?), or maybe he is unwilling to take a bullet himself, contrary to another dramatic statement from the same interview.

Cheers,

Joe

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## Re: Looking For Hong Kong Club President - Chamish

From: Barry Chamish <[chamish@netvision.net.il](mailto:chamish@netvision.net.il)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 13:09:26 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:44:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Looking For Hong Kong Club President - Chamish

>From: Barry Chamish <[chamish@netvision.net.il](mailto:chamish@netvision.net.il)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 09 Feb 2003 01:53:24 +0200  
>Subject: Looking For Hong Kong Club President

>[Barry needs a valid address for Moon Fong in Hong Kong.  
> Do any readers have info? --ebk]

>..... we met in Laughlin, NV in 1999 and you invited me  
>to speak to your club in Hong Kong.

>In March, I am going on a speaking tour of Australia and am  
>returning via Hong Kong. Would you like to meet? Let me know.

Found her.

Thanks.

Barry

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Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:22:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 06:46:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough -

>From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 00:33:02 EST  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough

<snip>

>Assuming abduction reports are true, the absolute last thing I  
>would do if I saw a UFO would be to signal it with a flashlight!

I think that assumes that one views the experience as a  
'negative'. Dr. Greer has explained that, like our pets, we  
have to accept visits to the Vet. as something that is really for  
our own good.

I guess he's talked to them about it and 'knows'.

Steve

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## NASA's New Mission

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Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 08:33:14 -0500  
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<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2004/nasa.html>

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NASA's New Mission

To understand and protect our home planet  
To explore the universe and search for life  
To inspire the next generation of explorers  
...as only NASA can.

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[http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm\\_746860.html?menu=](http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_746860.html?menu=)

Story filed: 16:29 Monday 3rd February 2003

Bush Backs Alien Evidence

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 07:15:51 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 16:00:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Tonnies

>From: Colin Bennett <[colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 02:06:09 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

<snip>

Colin wrote: "If Mac Tonnies can connect it to his theories about mimes..."

If this isn't a candidate for the UFO UpDates Hall of Memorable Typos, I don't know what is.

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 09:55:21 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 16:02:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clark

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 09:26:27 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 18:13:49 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 22:38:01 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>The papers demonstrate a private interest [by Reginald Jones]  
>in the subject of  
>aerial phenomena that stretched from the mid-1930s until 1997,  
>not to mention his official involvement as head of Scientific  
>Intelligence at Air Ministry 1941-46, head of scientific  
>intelligence and chair of the Flying Saucer Working Party, MoD,  
>1952-53 and advisor to MoD on UFO policy, 1960s.

>Rather than being a "minority voice", Jones was expressing the  
>views of his peers, among whom he was greatly respected. He did  
>not dismiss flying saucers as being as no scientific interest,  
>but rather said:

>"My own position [is] that if at any time in the last 20 years I  
>had to take a vital decision one way or the other according to  
>whether I thought that flying saucers were fact or fantasy,  
>Russian or extraterrestrial, I would have taken that decision on  
>the assumption that they were either a fantasy or an incorrect  
>identification of a rare and unrecognised phenomenon; and while  
>I commend any genuine search for new phenomena, little short of  
>a tangible relic would dispel my scepticism of flying saucers."

Thanks for the info, Dave, though I confess that I don't find this of huge interest or relevance. Jones set the evidence bar to actual physical remains, and thus, to him all else is finally irrelevant. In so proclaiming, he made himself impervious to powerful counterarguments about why the phenomenon may nonetheless be interesting and important. No UFO remains? End of discussion. Many others, fully qualified to make these judgments, have emphatically disagreed.

There is a national-security lens through which UFOs have to be viewed, and there is also a scientific one. Allen Hynek always complained that Blue Book did such a lousy job because it was a military, not a scientific, agency. Even its scientist-consultants looked at the issue through a national-security lens, thinking implicitly that if UFOs were not a military threat, they must not exist, though the latter did not logically follow from the former.

I take it that you have not read Don C. Dunderi's wonderful discussion of Jones's approach in his "Science, Law, and War: Alternative Frameworks for the UFO Evidence," in David M. Jacobs, ed., UFOs and Abductions: Challenging the Borders of

Knowledge (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2000, pp. 56-81). Donderi, a McGill University psychologist, remarks:

"One lesson to be learned from Jones's personal history of military intelligence is that scientific experts are prone to disregard facts that do not fit in an existing paradigm. The bias against facts without a paradigm [can be found in] what Thomas Kuhn called normal science. Another lesson from military intelligence is that successful analysis requires a careful collation of multiple sources of information. The pedigree of each piece of information, including the trustworthiness of the supplier, its internal consistency, and its consistency with other information, must be very carefully evaluated before it becomes accepted as forming a part of the intelligence picture. In summary, military intelligence warns that one's own preconceptions of what can be\_ are absolutely no evidence for what \_is\_."

In that sense, Jones became a victim of his own preconceptions about what evidence for an anomalous UFO phenomenon is.

>>As near as I can figure, you want to claim the phenomenon for  
>>your own narrow professional specialty and wish not to share it  
>>with others who might have a wider perspective - not to mention  
>>training in disciplines in which you are unversed - with which  
>>to judge it.

>I think that's a radical misperception. I agree with you that  
>the study of this phenomenon should be multi-disciplinary, but  
>you are suggesting that physical scientists have a "wider  
>perspective" than do social scientists. This is nonsense. As  
>R.V. Jones points out, without a tangible relic or some other  
>form of testable evidence to examine, physical scientists are  
>left with nothing to work from. In that way they are tripped up  
>by their own narrow professional speciality.

What an odd response. I was complaining about your insistence that only you and Bob Bartholomew (and those who think exactly like you), who have decided that there is nothing physical to UFOs, are worth heeding. I said in reply that physical scientists, who have a wider perspective on the crucial physical aspect of the phenomenon, have a role to play, and that their perspective is as significant and relevant as that of practitioners of the softer sciences.

The last sentence of your paragraph above is positively incredible. Apparently, you think you can get by with a rhetorical sleight of hand which causes to vanish a whole class of UFO phenomena - CE2s - in which physical scientists do indeed have physical evidence to work with. Excuse me while I pick up my jaw from the floor. I'll give you credit for audaciousness, if nothing else - and I do mean nothing else.

>I've no wish to claim the phenomenon for folklore, because it  
>properly belongs to a whole range of disciplines. I comment on  
>those aspects of the phenomenon that I perceive to fall within  
>the parameters of folklore and contemporary legend. One of the  
>physical scientists on your list, Jacques Vallee, once famously  
>said that flying saucers were "folklore in the making."

And went on to write a series of, uh, misguided books which were less folkloric (in the academic sense) than occultist. In the intro to Passport to Magonia, Vallee makes the disarming admission that when he wrote it, he forgot he was a scientist. What follows is an object lesson in what happens when scientists forget they are scientists.

>The panel that Peter Sturrock chaired in 1997 concluded that "at  
>least some of the phenomena are not easily explainable"  
>(agreed), but in those of incidents involving some form of  
>physical evidence, there was "clear recognition of the dangers  
>of relying wholly on the testimony of witnesses and of the  
>importance of physical measurements for distinguishing among  
>hypotheses" (which is precisely the point we have been arguing!)

Well, of course. I've written on that very subject. See, for example, the mini-essay "CE2s and Failed Science." Allow me the indulgence of quoting myself (from The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., pp. 196-97):

"By their nature CE2s ought to be the most important of UFO

cases. Landing-trace incidents in particular ought to have the potential to settle the issue of whether UFOs are 'real,' that is, exist as extraordinarily anomalous phenomena. At least in theory, they take UFO experiences out of the realm of purely anecdotal testimony and into the laboratory, where hard evidence can be scrutinized and documented.

"Unfortunately, the resistance to UFOs by many scientists ensures that the kind of investigation CE2s require is seldom accomplished. A properly conducted inquiry requires scientifically trained investigators who have access to the necessary field instruments. It must also have laboratories and personnel willing and able to analyze samples or other relevant materials. Since all of this is expensive, the investigation must also be well funded.

"In practice such circumstances hardly ever obtain. Few scientists actively investigate UFO reports, and nearly all those who do work in a private capacity, on their own time. They usually finance their research with their own money or with limited funds provided by UFO organizations, themselves operating on shoestring budgets. In most cases, if a laboratory gets involved at all, it is because one of its employees is curious enough to study the material in his or her spare time, usually at night or on weekends when the facility is closed. Often the scientist will ask that neither his name nor the laboratory's be publicized. Even then, because he is essentially working alone, his analysis will be confined to what he can determine from the limited perspective of his specific expertise. A full analysis would have the sample subjected to a range of tests by scientists and technicians possessing a variety of specialized knowledge." And so on.

>The panel was "not convinced that any of the evidence involved  
>currently unknown physical processes or pointed to the  
>involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence..[and] .It  
>appears that most current UFO investigations are carried out at  
>a level of rigor that is not consistent with prevailing  
>standards of scientific research."

This is a shock to you? See above. What you apparently judge a dazzling insight is no more than an absolutely self-fulfilling prophecy. If scientists aren't involved and the resources of real science aren't available, it is inherently impossible to operate "with prevailing standards of scientific research." I am tempted to add duh! here, but being a nice guy, I'll resist the temptation.

Science's long neglect is not all the justification it needs for further neglect. The consequent ignorance of science should not be our ignorance.. Sometimes, your occasional token protestations aside, it seems clear that, from your point of view, when it comes to this heretical aspect of human experience, science doesn't need to investigate.

All it has to do is pronounce, and then leave what remains -- social pathology, I gather - in your hands.

Fortunately, a future, more courageous generation of scientists will not let that happen. Inevitably, the UFO question will be taken up, as all potentially important scientific questions are eventually taken up, and one day our children or grandchildren will have the benefit of genuine, as opposed to pretended, scientific knowledge of what this curious phenomenon is about. If I may make a prediction, it won't be about either flying saucers or radical misperceptions.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Ledger

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Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 16:34:16 -0500  
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>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 10:39:22 -0000  
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>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 19:21:48 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>><[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)> Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003  
>>>20:02:03 -0000 Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>>OK, but you have not answered my question. What exactly  
>>>do you believe, in the context of flying saucers/UFOs the  
>>> Government are covering up?

>>However what makes me believe they have more information  
>>than they are sharing is their determination to shut some  
>>people up. If you read Dark Object you will see where there  
>>we were stymied by DND on several occasions when they  
>>warned witnesses not to appear in a documentary in one case  
>>and talk about what they had seen on the bottom in two  
>>another cases. Getting simple government files

>>from 30 years ago result in being ignored even under the  
>>Access

>>to Information Act here in Canada. Example, RCNavy ship  
>>movements around the dates of the incident in '67. Even  
>>Coast Guard logs become unavailable.

>Don,

>There are often quite straightforward reasons why files are  
>with-held or lost, more to do with bureaucrazy and  
>incompetence than conspiracy. I work part-time in a  
>Government environment, and am amazed at how few records are  
>kept on a day-to-day level, never mind after 30 years.  
>Important documents are shredded, dumped and erased every  
>day, usually to save space or to cover up embarrassment.  
>Someone who comes along after 30 years and tries to discover  
>what really happened is always going to face problems. If you  
>suspect a conspiracy, you will find what you are looking for.  
>Dosen't mean to say there \*is\* a conspiracy.

Dave,

Well I don't work part time for the Government, I work full time  
and have done so for 33 years. And they cover stuff up all the  
time. At least you admit there are possibilities of  
conspiracies.

>>>This conversation is just getting interesting. We've  
>>>established that you do routinely explain cases yourself,  
>>>but like to launch in head-first every time you think we  
>>>in the UK are explaining too many for your liking.

>>That's not what this is about. Stay focused David. It's  
>>about your Fortean Times article and your seeming inability  
>>to stay focused on your investigation but instead insulting  
>>others who investigate the phenomenon, through your use of  
>>derogatory terms. No matter how you slice it, introducing  
>>Cassie's unfounded remark into your text did nothing to  
>>further your case but served to insult me and others like  
>>me. It's for that which I took you to task.

>Derogatory terms like flying saucer? Get real, Don. Since I  
>mentioned that dreaded phrase its use on this list has gone  
>from strength to strength. People like it, and I predict the  
>revival will continue.

There you are sliding away again to defend yourself. It's not  
dreaded, I just know what you are doing. It's a belittling  
tactic, like smirking in print. I'm sure I could probably find a  
few such terms to explain certain phenomenon in the fairy and  
troll world, but why would I bother doing that? What would it  
accomplish?

And since you brought up Larry Hatch, he's probably just getting  
on your good side because of your beer. He likes to leave his  
options open.

How ever if it turns your crank to use "flying saucer", then go  
for it. I had more of a problem with your professional, Dr.  
Cassie.

>As for Cassie, his views on the subject are as worthy of  
>reportage as anyone else who has spent time investigating the  
>phenomenon on a professional level. They are not  
>"unfounded", they are based on two years making field visits  
>to witnesses, sifting through MoD files and consulting with a  
>range of experts who were available to him at that time.

Ah blather, Dave. He probably spent more time at the officers  
mess swapping war stories than actually getting his hands dirty  
and risking the embarrassment of investigating UFOs. Psychology  
was even less an exact science than it is today with less  
restrictions on the use of private medical information. As soon  
as he said, what he said, his usefulness as a psychologist  
ended. Face it Dave, would you want your psychologist publicly  
ridiculing some group program you were involved in? How would  
you handle his remarks if they were directed at people who said  
they saw fairies and ghosts and/or investigated them? Would you  
still think him the pillar of science you tote him as now? I  
don't think so.

Who says his views are worthy - you are just to wiggle out of  
your insulting remarks and the fact that you couldn't stay on  
the straight and narrow in your Fortean piece. You had to be  
derogatory, not because you are an interested investigator of  
the phenomenon, looking for answers, but because you are a  
debunker. Wiggle all you want Dave, you are not fooling anybody  
except perhaps yourself.

>That you interpret them as an "insult" is your own problem, a  
>symptom of how precious you are about your subject.

Precious-Jesus, where do you get this stuff from? Some UFO  
debunking handbook? You obviously don't know me. My kids and  
grandchildren are precious to me. This is just interesting and a  
hazard to aviation.

No, it's your problem too as the insulter. When you do this you  
don't present in a reasoned way but in an defensive,  
unscientific way. Your supposed to be neutral. Let the chips  
fall as they may. If the rank and file buys your arguments then  
you have a winner. If they start chipping away at your argument,  
finding fault then you go back and have another look, tighten it  
up. If the "argument" has merit, it will get adopted, but if you  
come up with some of the nonsense that James Easton, for  
instance, has regarding some of his "solved" cases you have to  
expect flak.

>If you ever have some time spare when not leafing through  
>your Air Force documents, try some background reading on  
>those reports of elves, fairies and things that go bump in  
>the night that you mentioned in earlier post. As you live in  
>Canada, there should be no lack of material, and lots of

>first-hand stories by credible people who have had  
>"experiences." I predict that if you took a sideways look at  
>the UFO phenomenon, within the context of other anomalous  
>phenomena, you would return to the field with a much broader  
>and more imaginative grounding that you have at the moment.

I'm not interested in fairies and elves Dave. I have a real good grounding in aviation and technology, with training in the field of radar as well. That's where my expertise lies. I suspect that if one gets into the abduction side of the phenomenon, that perhaps fairies, elves, trolls and such might be to their times as the grays are to today's. But I haven't heard any of the military people I've talked to mention fairies, elves or trolls and you don't see many of them hanging out at 100 or 45,000 feet.

Best,

Don Ledger

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>Subject: UFO UpDate: Bush Backs Alien Evidence

>Bush Backs Alien Evidence

>George W Bush says there is mounting evidence to suggest there  
>is alien life on other planets.

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>may be "space aliens" to be discovered.

Not true at all! See below.

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>that important scientific research over the last 10 years  
>indicates that proof of "habitable worlds" in outer space is  
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>system, including around 90 stars with at least one planet  
>orbiting them.

>The document says: "Perhaps the notion that 'there's something  
>out there' is closer to reality than we have imagined."

Yes, all these words do appear in the document accompanying  
Bush's proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

But remember what Dick Hall said here the last time this came  
up. The federal budget document is huge - hundreds, maybe  
thousands of pages. In it are statements from each of the many,  
many federal agencies, stating what their interests and  
priorities are for the coming year.

The words quoted in this post do appear in NASA's section. I've  
read them on NASA's website. (Sorry - don't remember the URL. I  
followed a link in some other post here.) When you read them  
there, they seem far less dramatic than they do in the post  
I'm reacting to. They're just one of a number of points that  
NASA makes, justifying its existence, and giving upbeat,  
fascinating reasons why all of us should be delighted it's doing  
its job. (This was before the Columbia disaster, of course.)

George Bush, the president, has absolutely nothing to do with  
this statement. His name is attached to the overall document.  
But he can't possibly have read every page of the budget  
statement. I'd bet he doesn't even know the NASA passage is in  
there, or that it's attracted this little flurry of attention in  
the UFO community. Certainly this isn't a statement he's given  
any prominence to.

And let me say again - when you read it, it seems entirely

unremarkable. Scientists, some of them, anyway, have been looking for signs of extraterrestrial life for quite a while. A few years ago we had that flurry of excitement when signs of life seemed to be found in a meteorite that originated on Mars. More recently, astronomers have found many new planets. The NASA statement, in the budget document, simply follows those planetary discoveries. It just says, well, now that we're finding all these planets, maybe we're a little closer to finding life. It puts this in perky, upbeat language. But the content is nothing remarkable.

And Bush - we should be really clear about this - had nothing to do with it. NASA prepared the statement. Some Bush aide, at some lower or intermediate level, signed off on it. Bush surely doesn't even know it's there.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Camera Catching Shuttle 'Zap' Had Own Glitch -

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Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 12:18:06 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 16:40:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Camera Catching Shuttle 'Zap' Had Own Glitch -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates b- Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 23:03:30 -0500  
>Subject: Camera Catching Shuttle 'Zap' Had Own Glitch

>Amusing to see the argument over the value of this picture  
>devolving to whether or not the color is correct. It would  
>seem to me that regardless of the color, it is the presence  
>of an image of "something else" besides the Shuttle which is  
>of critical importance.

>Granted, if the true color happens to be purple (purple is  
>not an artifact of the camera) then this lends weight to the  
>electrical discharge hypothesis since glowing nitrogen  
>(caused to glow by an electrical discharge) is purplish.  
>However, the color of a lightning bolt can also verge on  
>white.

Hi Bruce,

I've posited that one or both of the left main gear blew when the plasma hit them. the sensors indicate rising temps there before failure. These tires are pressurized with nitrogen to about 300PSI at sealevel. I'm not saying that the wing might not have gone anyway, but that it might have been hastened by the tire[s] blowing and either causing geardoor blowdown or blowing off that section of panel above the gear bay. Either way that would introduce the plasma directly into the wing and the main spar behind the wheels to which they are fixed.

Now you add purple to the mix when nitrogen is electrically charged. Interesting. Nikon says they get purple scintillation on the edges of the frame, incidentally.

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: A UFO Case From Nearly A Century Ago -

From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 17:08:00 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 17:32:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: A UFO Case From Nearly A Century Ago -

>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 21:47:17 -0800 (PST)  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: A UFO Case From Nearly A Century Ago

>To those who believe there is no UFO sighting which cannot be  
>explained as a known object or phenomenon within the bounds of  
>our current accepted scientific knowledge, I submit the  
>following historic "flap" of UFO sightings.

>In 1904 and 1905, many travellers in the countryside near  
>Dayton, Ohio, reported sightings of a strange flying machine.  
>Some of them took photographs. Some of them signed sworn  
>statements as to what they had witnessed. Despite these  
>eyewitness accounts, editorials in the New York Times and in  
>Scientific American maintained that all of these people were  
>either mistaken, were suffering from delusions, or were involved  
>in an elaborate hoax. After all, everyone knew that no heavier-  
>than-air craft could actually fly. Such a thing would defy the  
>laws of physics!

>Many scientists continued to maintain that these so-called  
>flying machines were a physical impossibility until finally, in  
>1908, President Theodore Roosevelt ordered a demonstration of  
>the Wright Brothers' invention at Ft. Myers, Virginia, where the  
>reality of flight by heavier-than-air craft was proven once and  
>for all.

>QED. The counterpoint to scientific pedantism.

Hi Tom

I will second that with the fact that Leonardo's design for a flying machine based on his observation of bird flight has recently been made to his 1800's design and flown very successfully in the UK (shown on TV last night 10th Feb 2003 channel 4, 9pm) very near to where I live in Derbyshire. So the heretics may want to be a little more understanding and have a more open mind on possibilities they think can't be so. If Leonardo had made and flown it the Wright brothers would not be in Earth history at all.

Personally I have had a little to do with free energy and orgone and though it is a fickle beastly it does work (well most of the time). Hopefully the Greer machine or electronic has been executed by someone who knows their onions more so than us other experimental folk around the world. The thing I am worried about with Greer's baby is that it may cause deadly DOR by misplacement or OR. We shall see later, and I look forward to the video or whatever they can do for us all.

By the way - here in the UK they have almost proved ghosts to be a reality up in Scotland recently so it wont be long before ET is also proved in my opinion that is if the ET hair DNA analysis, ET severed finger DNA analysis and the DNA analysis of the ET prints on the mirror are not good enough for scientists - maybe they say its an as yet undiscovered earth animal? The Yeti maybe or maybe even a rare breed of Pelican :-)



Kind wishes to all

Colin Stevenson

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

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Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 19:00:58 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 17:51:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 23:19:32 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:00:03 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

<snip>

>>But the question is really more complicated. Almost every  
>>abductee remembers something consciously. Or at least the ones  
>>serious researchers study do. Some remember more than others. So  
>>the real question is how much does the average abductee remember  
>>- and whether there are specific parts of the abduction scenario  
>>\_only\_ remembered under hypnosis. Eddie Bullard has done some  
>>work on this. And John Velez, I believe, can offer some insights  
>>from his own experience.

>It's tough to say what the overall 'percentage' of my memories  
>is in terms of 'how much' is consciously recalled. It depends on  
>the specific incident we may be discussing. I recall more about  
>some incidents that have taken place, 'consciously' than I do  
>about others. I am defining 'conscious' as being wide awake and  
>alert when an incident happened. Events that I recall clearly.  
>Events that are \_burned\_ into memory.

>In my own case, the hypnosis served to fill in 'gaps' in my own  
>conscious recollections. For example, I was able to recall  
>consciously how some abduction events started, but not how they  
>ended. Or vice-versa. There were a couple of incidents where I  
>clearly recall the beginning and how it ended but not the middle  
>part. One of the most compelling of those incidents was when; I  
>was confronted by a 'UFO' in uncomfortably close proximity, I  
>ran, I experienced 12 hours of 'missing time' and where the  
>results of the encounter landed me in a hospital emergency room  
>the following morning. You don't forget stuff like that. Ever. I  
>didn't always blame it on 'aliens' but I always knew that it had  
>'happened' to me. Without doubt.

Sorry, John but strictly speaking, you did not remember  
consciously any abduction in this case, just a UFO.

The same can we said about the Hills, they just remembered a UFO  
with occupants.

Conscious recall of going inside a UFO, etc. is not so common,  
we could even argue about Travis Walton case.

Looking thru my listings, we got the Salzburg 1951 case  
(anonymous witness), Antonio Vilas Boas, and then many tales  
more on the contactee side, but nothing really valuable up to  
the 70s

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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## Re: Signal Detection Theory - Roberts

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Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 18:14:33 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 17:53:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory - Roberts

>From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 09:11:27 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory

Cathy wrote:

>Um, yes, Andy. All instruments, human or otherwise, are  
>potentially subject to many variables, but that doesn't make  
>them immune to the laws of probability.

It certainly doesn't Cathy. And in fact the radical misperception theory which Jerry Clark has so much trouble grasping, proves that perfectly, ie all the probability of all sightings of 'exotic' 'craft' (or whatever your buzz word is) being resolved as IFOs is extremely high. That is, unfortunately for Colin and Jerry a fact.

I'd love to join in further on this whole debate but I have much bigger fish to fry this week than Jerry's minnow. But I'm afraid Jerry, Don and Dock etc have not once managed to disprove anything about RMP. When any of them - or any of you - can show the scpetics just one, just one case which started off as a UFO sighting but which was resolved into something more than that then they may have the basis of another theory. for now, rather sadly, all they have is a serious derise to be fuzzy and to perpetuate mystery. There is quite enough mystery in the world and the simple fact of our existence without having to invent more. RMP is a proven and demonstrable event- a fact if you like. Jerry's wooly arguments only say 'people unexplained things that we can't always identify' - and that's exactly all it says.

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

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Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 17:59:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

>From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 09:43:47 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Cathy wrote:

>Similarly, in the Cracoe Fell case you mention (I hadn't heard  
>of it, but that's nothing new) is there anything about this case  
>which is inconsistent with binding failure/segmentation  
>ambiguity as an explanation? (Reflections are particularly prone  
>to binding failure, that's why amateur artists find it so hard  
>to draw them. And there is a well-known popular example of  
>segmentation ambiguity - the vase illusion.)  
  
>I'm not suggesting for a moment that the investigations of  
>these cases were at all obvious or easy, just that the  
>perceptual mechanisms involved don't so far appear to be  
>anything out of the ordinary.

Well I'm afraid it does rather show how little people know about  
this most instructive case, which was the one which 'converted'  
me into a supporter of RMP. I'll try and dig out a longer piece  
on it for anyone who is interested but the salient points were:

- \* Police officer lives in same police house for two years,  
looking at exactly the same view every day
- \* His colleague was also ultra-familiar with this view
- \* Ditto his wife
- \* They had never seen anything unusual in the view
- \* On one day only they notice a bright light, later described  
by them as a UFO, 'hovering' against the cliff face, with  
three or four 'ball's' underneath it. It is described as being  
so bright it appeared that halogen lamps were used
- \* They watched it for over an hour - taking numerous photographs
- \* A jet flew over it and they believed it was being investigated
- \* Other witnesses (after it had made the media big time) claimed  
to have seen this very object flying in the air above the  
fell
- \* They appeared on national TV trying to convince people of what  
they had seen
- \* What they had seen was a light reflection
- \* This same reflection was there every day and still is
- \* It was no brighter on the day it was a 'UFO' than on many  
other days
- \* The police officers had looked at it every day for two years

and for years afterwards. Yet on one day only it 'became' a UFO. And it did that via RMP.

- \* This case is extremely well documented for those who believe it to be an 'anecdote'
- \* There are many other similar cases of RMP - many of them even more complicated, ie The Berwyn Mountain Case (which has been in IUR) and the Rendlesham Case (which has been everywhere)

The defenders of mystery will never accept RMP even when it is proven by case after case. Ah, they say, but what about the cases that aren't resolved. Yeah, well, what about them? The Cracoe case went unsolved for ten years or so despite several UFO organisations spending literally thousands of pounds and hundreds of man hours on the case, not to mention involving scientific analysis (if Philip Mantle were available at the moment he'd back this up as this case featured large in his life). It was proclaimed as being one of the best cases ever in the UK and clear evidence of aliens etc etc

Er, until it was resolved. Then for some reason few people ever spoke of it again. The spell was broken and the mystery mongers went on to the next absoluteley best ever case. And so the cycle continues, over and over. Jerry and Don are part of this cycle, they can't see how it works, trapped forever in a miasma of mystery. We'll still be having this debate with them in 50 years if they haven't croaked. But it doesn't alter the facts above, or that RMP is the only workable, demonstrable theory for UFO sightings. But, as I keep saying - if you can show us another cause for any of them please let us know. But it's not happening guys, is it?

Happy Trails  
Andy

'Sometimes you get shown the light  
In the strangest of places if you look at it right'  
Robert Hunter

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## Re: Written In The Stars - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 19:57:05 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 18:20:04 -0500  
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>From: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2003 10:26 AM  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Written In The Stars

>Source: Publishers Weekly  
>Religion Publishing  
>02/10/2003

>Written In The Stars  
>by Juli Cragg Hilliard

>Claims of cloning have made UFO religions big news, and a raft  
>of scholarly books is poised to ride the waves

<snip>

>The Raelians are the world's largest UFO organization, claiming  
>55,000 members in 84 countries.

<snip>

>Palmer believes Rael is convinced he  
>really met extraterrestrial beings.

To all,

I am not surprised to see that the Raelian organization is now studied as a "UFO religion" by a number of people. I think it's time to give some information of the real Rael, Claude Vorilhon. I gathered that recently in the French media.

Several French journalists inquired recently about the life of Rael (in French: Rael), who was born in France and whose real name is Claude Vorilhon.

They interviewed members of his family, and people who knew him well. Here are some of their findings, as they have been revealed in the French press and television. To say the least, they bring a rather crude image of "His Holiness Rael" (in French: "Sa Saintete Rael"), as he likes to be called now.

Claude Vorilhon, aged 57 today, was born in Vichy, in the "Massif Central", famous for its old volcanoes, and he spent his childhood in Ambert, a little city of 7 500 inhabitants at the time. The Vorilhon family was well established there since several generations, and owner of a fabric factory. Colette, the mother of Claude, had a liaison during the war with a married man, Marcel x., from which Claude was the illegitimate child. And, of course, it was a "scandal" in the city. Marcel was a refugee from Alsace (the eastern part of France which had been annexed by Germany during the war), where he was in danger because of his Jewish origin. The Massif Central was a safer place. In Alsace, Marcel was the boss of a wood factory, and he returned there after the end of the war, abandoning mother and child. Actually, they kept seeing each other and made many trips together, leaving the son with his aunt.

In the well known Sunday paper Le Journal du Dimanche of January 5, 2003, the journalist Emmanuelle Chantepie recounts her meeting with his old aunt Therese, aged 87, who raised Claude

Vorilhon together with her mother in Ambert, where she is still living in a small apartment.

She says he was a very gentle boy. In spite of all the nasty stories about his nephew, she is still fond of him and calls him his "little Claudy". She never had a child and she raised him as if he were her own child. She admits that, sometimes, he goes too far, "for instance when he claims that he was born from the union of his mother Colette with an Extraterrestrial". When he says things like that, she calls him a "cornichon" (pickle), a French word for a nitwit. She said the same to another journalist, Fran=E7ois Vignole, in the French popular daily paper Le Parisien of January 15.

And her mother, what does she think of that? She was interviewed (with her face hidden) by journalist Herve Bouchaud in a television programme which was aired three times by the network M6 (presented by Bernard de la Villardiere on April 10, 2001, on April 14, 2002, and on Jan 14, 2003). The journalist asked her: "Don't tell me that you have been inseminated by an Extraterrestrial!" She replied, laughingly: "Who knows? Like the Holy Virgin? An angel came through her window. Well, I sleep with my window open!"

The aunt Therese does not have a good opinion of the mother Colette. She made negative comments to both journalists Chantepie and Vignolle. To Chantepie, she confided: "She was bad".

According to her, Claude suffered a lot from the instable situation. His mother put him in a pension at the age of seven, and they often quarreled when he came back home. When Claude was 15, his father died and his mother forced him to abandon his studies.

Claude Vorilhon went to Paris and tried to become a singer, imitating the famous singer Jacques Brel, under the name of Claude Celler. But he did not succeed very well. Not long after, he met with Christine, whom he married in 1971. She has been found by the journalists and she has given her version of the story: not a good one.

At the beginning she was very much in love with him, and she had two children from him, but she says that he became gradually so egocentric that the marriage finally broke apart, in 1985, at a time when Rael was already a famous guru. To Fran=E7ois Vigneau, she said that she had been "completely destroyed by her husband".

When she left him, he did not give her a cent: "He never raised a little finger for me". She is now trying to build a new, anonymous life: "I don't want to be harassed by his supporters. This is a dangerous sect".

After his failure as a singer, Claude Vorilhon was more successful as a journalist. Living now with his wife and children in Clermont-Ferrant, the main city of Massif Central, he founded a magazine on car races called "Auto Pop".

According to Patrice Verges, who knew him then, it was a "little rag ("canard") which was doing not too bad". But a new hard blow hit Claude in 1973.

It was the year of the first oil crisis and, on November 30, the prime minister Pierre Mesmer ordered a suspension of all car races as a measure of economy. That was a death sentence for his magazine. But then, by a marvellous stroke of "luck", it so happened that Claude Vorilhon was able to launch a new career shortly after. He claimed that, on December 13, he had met with an Extraterrestrial, in the volcano called "Le Puy de Lassalas" who gave him an important message for Mankind!

This time, he met at last with rapid success, especially after being invited in 1974 at the major TV show of that time, "Le Grand Echiquier" of Jacques Chancel, after which he received thousands of letters.

A childhood's friend of Claude Vorilhon, Roland, who still lives in Ambert, has been interviewed and featured in the M6 TV programme. He said that they spent an evening together four years ago, and that they spoke very frankly, so he asked him if he had lied about his story.



Claude Vorilhon replied squarely:

"Yes, I lied, I confirm that, but you knew it, anyway, so I am not teaching you anything!"

And he went on to explain that he had never seen any "little green men", but that his tale had helped him reach the place that he enjoys today.

However, the present situation of the Raelian movement in France is not as good as claimed by its members. According to the administration watching the sects, there are less than a thousand members in France, and the authorities are more and more looking into their activities, especially their revenues and their tax payments.

Some sect members would also have judiciary problems. According to Christophe Dubois, in "Le Parisien" of January 15, official sources said that there are no less than five cases of sexual abuse under investigation.

The Raelians claim that they have never been condemned in the French courts. Well, I know personally a case to the contrary. French journalist Jean-Yves Cashga gave me written proof that Vorilhon, who sued him in 1991 for defamation, lost in court and was condemned to pay Cashga 10 000 Francs as reparation, and reimburse him 35 000 Francs of expenses. But Cashga told me in 2002 that he was never paid.

Rael has left France and lives now in Canada.

When interviewed recently, his mother said that the last time he came to visit her was in 1996. More recently, he told her on the phone that if he comes to France he is afraid policemen will "handcuff him as soon as he arrives"!

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 12:04:06 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 18:21:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Hatch

>From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 09:43:47 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 00:56:04 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>This was how she "explained" the event, and there was no  
>>indication in her description of her experience that what she  
>>saw was in fact a quarter of a million miles away. A mis-  
>>perception of that order surely must merit the description  
>>"radical"?

>Ok, John, I'd like to ask you this directly.

>In the case above, did you give the witness a football and ask  
>them to hold it at a distance which matched the appearance of  
>the object in the sky? Or did they offer the description  
>unsolicited?

>What is supposed to be the mystery here beyond a straightforward  
>size/distance illusion seen from a moving vehicle? (An object  
>the size of a car a few hundred meters away will subtend roughly  
>the same angle as the Moon.)

>Similarly, in the Cracoe Fell case you mention (I hadn't heard  
>of it, but that's nothing new) is there anything about this case  
>which is inconsistent with binding failure/segmentation  
>ambiguity as an explanation? (Reflections are particularly prone  
>to binding failure, that's why amateur artists find it so hard  
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>these cases were at all obvious or easy, just that the  
>perceptual mechanisms involved don't so far appear to be  
>anything out of the ordinary.

>The problem is, I am getting the definite feeling that some of  
>those people who are talking about "radical misperception" don't  
>actually know all that much about perception, and that they are  
>seeing mysteries where there are none.

Hello Cathy:

I can't speak for others, but the Cracoe Fell matter has been on  
my Discredited Sightings web page for months or years now.

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

You can find it by date. I dismissed it with a single line:  
(which folds over here)

Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Hatch

!1981/03/16 CRACOE FELL, England: Honest cops tricked by sun's reflection on hillside quartz.

Its a dead issue. I see no good reason to dredge it up, unless one wants to generalize about unrelated sightings.

Best wishes

- Larry

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**Re: Re: [canufo] Duncan, British Columbia Report -**

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 13:39:39 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 18:28:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Re: [canufo] Duncan, British Columbia Report -

>From: Brian Vike <[hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net)>  
>To: <[canufo@yahoogroups.com](mailto:canufo@yahoogroups.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 19:31:34 -0800  
>Subject: [canufo] Duncan, British Columbia

>A witness called this evening - using the new Toll Free Hotline  
>from Duncan, B.C. - to report he was walking his dog in the park  
>when he saw a circular object with what he described as a ring  
>of fire around it...He also said the ring  
>which surrounded the object would twirl around the main body...

>He said it moved up and down, and when it got close to the cloud  
>cover it would change to all the different colors, but when it  
>dropped back down to a lower level the color changed to orange...  
>the ring still circling the main body of whatever it was.

That description is fascinating to me because almost precisely  
or precisely forty-six years ago (1957), in the wild and  
venturesome days of my youth (but I was NOT on any drugs even  
though in Peru), the following event occurred:

LOCATION: South America, Peru, state of San Martin.

ENVIRONMENT: Bright, sunny, mid-afternoon (It was Summer,  
because we were south of the equator.), elevation about 3,000  
feet above sea level, on the Rio Mayo, a far-western tributary  
of the Amazon River.

WITNESSES: Douglas Sharon (from Toronto, Canada) and Ray  
Stanford (that's me, from Texas, USA), along with possibly one  
or two others whose identities I do not recall.

SIGHTING DURATION: Realistically, perhaps fifteen to twenty  
seconds, but it seemed longer, in the excitement.

OBJECT DESCRIPTION: An incredibly black, very sharply-outlined  
DOMED DISC with sloped upper flange, with a ring of deep orange  
(or orange-red) 'flame' (possible plasma) fairly slowly  
'ROTATING' (perhaps one revolution took 2 to 2.5 seconds) around  
and just off and out-from the object's rim. As seen from about a  
45 degree angle from 'below' and to the object's south, the  
direction of rotation of this orange 'flame' ring was  
unambiguously counter-clockwise.

OBJECT SIZE: Actual size was, of course, unknown, but because  
its image in the sky would have subtended somewhat over an inch  
(about 1.3 cm) on a ruler held at arm's length (say 2.5 to 3  
degrees, or up to six full-moon diameters), and because of the  
clarity (suggesting it was fairly close), I guessed it might  
have been very roughly twenty-five to thirty feet in diameter.

SOUND: None heard, even in that jungle quietness.

OBJECT ANGULAR VELOCITY: Average is estimated at 5.5 to 7  
degrees per second, and the object was observed through roughly  
110 degrees of arc path.

OBJECT COURSE: Approximately west-to-east while descending to a  
seeming landing to the north-east of us and on the opposite

(east) side of the Rio Mayo, slowing somewhat and altering its course to more vertical just before descending on the far side of the river.

DISAPPEARANCE: It disappeared behind a wall and trees during descent east of the river. We had no way to safely cross the river to reach the possible landing area, and although we watched for a while, intermittently, we did not get a chance to see the object depart the area, but we presumed it eventually did.

COMMENTS: The blackness of this distinctly outlined object was absolutely bizarre. It was as if all (or most) light were being absorbed by the black surface. The sun was NOT in the direction of the object, so we were not seeing the object as black due to some silhouette type effect. Years later, I sometimes tend to think of that light-absorbing surface as almost an 'event horizon' of some sort. No windows or openings of any kind were visible. The deep, orange-red, vermilion-colored 'flame' seemed to exude from the very edge of the disc, but the 'flame' may not have begun visibility until perhaps a short distance out from that very distinct rim edge.

The shapes in the ring of 'flames' were themselves very sharply outlined! That, too, seemed inexplicable to me.

I was eighteen years of age at the time, but after forty-six years, memory of this bizarre object and its very pretty orange ring of 'fire' is almost as clear as ever, and I have a drawing of it in my file, made soon afterward. I felt ashamed that I had not had a camera with me, but at age eighteen, one tends to live more for the moment and sometimes does not think ahead very far.

This was an observation, however, that helped convince me to turn to cameras, magnetometers, gravimeters, spectroscopy, etc. to study UFO phenomena, because it was obvious that we were seeing some physics that only instrumented studies could record and help understand.

To see what this kind of observation had caused me to have done by eighteen years later (at age 36, in 1975), click on:

<<http://www.nicap.org/madar/psi.htm>>

To see some of the results of that instrument effort, STAY TUNED to the NICAP web site. The best is yet to come.

So important are documented instrument-obtained records of UFO images and effects that I would no longer normally bother talking publicly about something I saw (but did not record with some kind of 'objective' instrument), except that I am struck by how amazingly like the Peruvian observation the Canadian one may have been (although the Canadian observation was not in daylight, but the Peruvian one was). By sheer coincidence, the Canadian observation might even have occurred 46 ago to-the-day (But, I'm not absolutely sure of the exact day, and not that it really matters). Also, by pure coincidence, the other in-Peru witness whose name I remember was, himself, a Canadian (not that it matters).

At best, the 'synchronicity' (I use the word loosely, of course.) only means that 'God' has a sense of humor! :)

More likely or most certainly, the coincidences mean nothing, unless one is into 'synchronicities'.

Since this comes from someone thoroughly dedicated to instrumented UFO monitoring since 1964, please forgive the anecdotal account. Instrumented studies of UFOs are the only way to thoroughly penetrate the mystery to the satisfaction of physical science, but reasonably reliable anecdotal accounts have value in the overall study, so let's not toss out the baby with the bath.

I hope readers find this observation at least a fraction as fascinating as did we. It made us wonder what the heck 'they' might be doing landing down there in the Peruvian 'jungle'. Of course, 'they' might have wondered the same about us, IF 'they' somehow knew we were watching.

In a few days, events became such that I began to wonder why the

Re: Re: [canufo] Duncan, British Columbia Report -

heck I was down there. A bit wiser and weary, I retreated home to Texas, vowing to carry a camera, but never to return to Peru.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
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Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 18:33:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Shough

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 00:46:43 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 10:42:53 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

<snip>

>>>Certainly people do have radical misperceptions about a variety  
>>>of anomalies, including a wide range of paranormal phenomena.

>>Now reread that sentence. I was specifically not talking about  
>>"a wide range of paranormal phenomena," but about an unusual  
>>natural phenomenon which science, after long skepticism, has  
>>finally mostly come to accept, based on eyewitness testimony  
>>from credible witnesses.\*

>Well, you actually said "say, ball lightning sightings", the  
>"say" suggesting that this was only one option amongst others  
>that you could have thought of. You might have said "say,  
>ghosts", or "say, the Loch Ness Monster", or "say, the Surrey  
>Puma", or "say, apparitions of the Virgin Mary". These are some  
>of the "other ostensible anomalies" which people might have  
>radical misperceptions about. But you want to stick to ball-  
>lightning. I think there are other, more interesting, phenomena.

John

Excuse me for butting in here (belatedly) but I think you're missing the point of Jerry's argument in this instance. The particular qualities of ball lightning that make it interesting as a case-law precedent are that it is a phenomenon which has only ever existed as product of witness reportage, that it was once plausibly argued away on that basis, and that it is now plausibly embraced on that same basis.

It's a fascinating instance of the sort of dynamical social process that Cathy Reason was talking about. It is a process which is to a surprising degree inert with respect to 'truth' and 'falsehood' and highly reactive to normative social pressures of one polarity or another.

This is very evident in the history of ball lightning, and the 'UFO' data are much more highly reactive even than that, although in many ways the parallels are extremely close - so close that I dare say it would be difficult to define either phenomenon (using the word in a value - and theory-neutral way) so as to clearly exclude the other. But a socially real distinction exists.

This is very largely a theory-driven distinction rather than an evidential one.

In a sense, the familiarity of novel plasma theories beginning

in the 1950's acted to select out post facto a certain subclass of aerial anomalies without much attention being paid to those erstwhile Very Important issues of epistemological principle being guiltily compromised in the process. It was still the same 'data' - but it acquired a different status in the socially-constructed 'reality' that we inhabit for quite pragmatic reasons. No one captured a kugelblitz or got unimpeachable photos or instrument readings - all the photos had long ago been thoroughly impeached.

What changed was not in the world but in us. And this 'fundamental sociological fact' - that reality, as Berger and Luckman classically pointed out, is sociologically defined, is the vitally interesting and vitally important common foundation of what might seem - to a superficial eye - to be irreconcilable perspectives.

I think Dave Clarke and Cathy Reason are both looking in the same direction, albeit only out of the corner of one eye.

It might be very useful to formalise the problem a little from the point of view of the sociology of knowledge, so as to try to construct a neutral platform on which all parties might be willing to trust their weight instead of the ramshackle epistemological structure from which everyone presently jumps various suicidal conclusions.

Martin Shough

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## EW: Shuttle Study Groups & Digital Camera Glitch

From: Kurt Jonach - The Electric Warrior  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 14:11:01 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 18:37:16 -0500  
Subject: EW: Shuttle Study Groups & Digital Camera Glitch

EW Readers: The SF Chronicle coverage of the Columbia "lightning strike" photo is gaining national attention. Some have asked about a possible camera glitch. The WND article is cited herein. At this time, the photographer has not publicly released the photo.

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The Electric Warrior : Web Log February 11, 2003  
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/>

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>> SHUTTLE STUDY GROUPS & DIGITAL CAMERA GLITCH  
space exploration

photo: Red Sprite  
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/img/RedSprite.jpg>

(The Electric Warrior) - An unusual purple lightning bolt that can be seen in a photograph of Shuttle Columbia has gained national attention and also sparked discussion about rare forms high-altitude lightning.

NASA investigators have set up a panel of both government and private experts to study the San Francisco photograph. Another panel is studying input from a network of powerful Air Force telescopes and radar stations. The Space Agency has pooled data from a variety of sources including private citizens and secret government cameras in an effort to create a time-line of events leading up to the Columbia disaster.

A NASA official has said the "lightning strike" photo is being studied to see what it means. The digital camera that took the photo is known to have its own color glitches. Nikon told WorldNetDaily that unless they examine the camera it would be speculation to say whether the anomalous purple light had anything to do with a defect in the device.

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RELATED RESOURCES

\*\*\* SF CHRONICLE \*\*\*

11-Feb-03  
NASA studying Columbia photos  
<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2003/02/11/MN150539.DTL>

SAN FRANCISCO (Chronicle) - NASA investigators of the Columbia space shuttle disaster have set up a study group to analyze a photograph, taken by an amateur astronomer from a San Francisco hillside, that appears to show a bolt of electricity striking the doomed orbiter as it streaked across Northern California...If the San Francisco photograph does indeed depict a bolt of electricity in the ionosphere, the "infrasonic" sensors in Colorado might be able to detect the faint thunderclap that accompanied it.

\*\*\* SPY PLANES & HIGH ALTITUDE LIGHTNING \*\*\*

11-Feb-03

Spy telescopes, radar could help shuttle probe

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/space/02/11/shuttle.eyesinspace.ap/index.html>

NATIONAL (CNN/AP) - NASA officials said Monday that they have asked the Air Force Space Command to review all data that might contain information about the shuttle's last flight. The effort has already uncovered an observation made by ground-based radar suggesting that an object may have hit or broken off the shuttle on day two of its 16-day mission.

10-Feb-03

Shuttle mystery in the 'ignorosphere'

<http://www.msnbc.com/news/870915.asp>

SAN JOSE, CA (MSNBC/AP) - Scientists are just starting to understand phenomena in the upper atmosphere. "The research we've been able to do has made us realize it's even weirder than we thought," Lyons said. "There may be other things that happen up there that we just don't know about. Maybe we just encountered a new phenomenon the hard way."

\*\*\* DIGITAL CAMERA GLITCH \*\*\*

06-Feb-03

Camera catching shuttle 'zap' had own glitch

[http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=30904](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=30904)

INTERNET (WorldNetDaily) - Nikon admits digital devices sometimes show purple aberrations. The Nikon 880 occasionally produces a purple fringe around the edges of some photographs, said a top Nikon official.

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## Re: Signal Detection Theory - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 17:16:13 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 18:39:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory - Clark

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 18:14:33 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory

>>From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 09:11:27 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Signal Detection Theory

>>Um, yes, Andy. All instruments, human or otherwise, are  
>>potentially subject to many variables, but that doesn't make  
>>them immune to the laws of probability.

>It certainly doesn't Cathy. And in fact the radical  
>misperception theory which Jerry Clark has so much trouble  
>grasping, proves that perfectly, ie all the probability of all  
>sightings of 'exotic' 'craft' (or whatever your buzz word is)  
>being resolved as IFOs is extremely high. That is, unfortunately  
>for Colin and Jerry a fact.

When all else fails, as it has for Andy, he follows the predictable course of eschewing rational argument and restating his faith as loudly and belligerently as possible. This on the mistaken belief that the rest of us will radically misperceive what he's up to and fail to notice his inability to engage in meaningful debate or defense of his extraordinary claims. I think we now have all the information we need to judge the cogency of those claims.

Jerry Clark

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## Huge Increase In Canadian UFO Reports

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Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 13:00:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 13:00:49 -0500  
Subject: Huge Increase In Canadian UFO Reports

News Release: 12 February 2003

Study Finds Huge Increase in UFO Reports in Canada in 2002

A new study by an independent research group has found that more people are seeing UFOs in Canada. The group collected UFO reports from private, public and government sources.

UFO sightings continue to be reported in significant numbers each year, says Chris Rutkowski, research co-ordinator for the study. People still report observing unusual objects in the sky, and some of these objects do not have obvious explanations. Many witnesses are pilots, police and other individuals with reasonably good observing capabilities and good judgement. Although most reported UFOs are simply lights in the night sky, he says a significant number are objects with definite shapes observed within the witnesses frame of reference.

Other findings of the study:

- \* There were 483 reported sightings of UFOs in Canada in 2002 - at least one sighting a day.
- \* There were about 29 per cent more UFO reports in 2002 than 2001. The number of UFO reports per year in Canada has increased almost 250 per cent since 1998.
- \* In 2002, more UFOs were reported in the late summer than any other time of the year, but February also had an unexpectedly large peak in UFO report numbers.
- \* In 2002, about 18 per cent of all UFO reports were unexplained. This percentage of unknowns falls to about 7 per cent when only high\*quality cases are considered.
- \* Most UFO sightings have two witnesses.
- \* The typical UFO sighting lasted approximately 15 minutes in 2002.

Rutkowski cautions, a popular opinion to the contrary, there is yet to be any incontrovertible evidence that some UFO cases involve extraterrestrial contact. However, the continued reporting of UFOs by the public suggests a need for further examination of the phenomenon by social, medical and/or physical scientists. This research can give scientists the raw data needed to properly evaluate this popular social phenomenon that is so pervasive throughout our culture.

The study is available online at:

[www.geocities.com/aristotl.geo](http://www.geocities.com/aristotl.geo)

For further information, contact:

Chris Rutkowski  
e-mail: [rutkows@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:rutkows@cc.umanitoba.ca)

Note: A toll-free telephone number to report

Huge Increase In Canadian UFO Reports

UFO sightings in Canada has recently become operational.

This UFO Hotline is: 1-866-262-1989

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## Re: A UFO Case From Nearly A Century Ago - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 15:34:43 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 15:36:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: A UFO Case From Nearly A Century Ago - Warren

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos@yahoo.es](mailto:ballesterolmos@yahoo.es)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 09:46:18 +0100 (CET)  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: A UFO Case From Nearly A Century Ago

>>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 8 Feb 2003 21:47:17 -0800 (PST)  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Subject: A UFO Case From Nearly A Century Ago

>>In 1904 and 1905, many travellers in the countryside near  
>>Dayton, Ohio, reported sightings of a strange flying machine.  
>>Some of them took photographs. Some of them signed sworn  
>>statements as to what they had witnessed. Despite these  
>>eyewitness accounts, editorials in the New York Times and in  
>>Scientific American maintained that all of these people were  
>>either mistaken, were suffering from delusions, or were involved  
>>in an elaborate hoax.

>Anyone of our US colleagues willing to search in newspaper  
>morgues of the epoch and look for these alleged photographic  
>records of aerial flying machines over Ohio, 1904-1905? Can Mr  
>Bowden to provide any more accurate reference or clue to help  
>the search?

>I believe that, if existing, those cases should be found and  
>documented.

>Any volunteers?

>V-J

Tom & V-J

Perhaps this will explain those sightings:

Source:USAF Museum Centennila of Flight Pre-WWI History

Early in 1904 the Wrights constructed another plane and engine, and resumed their private flying experiments in Huffman's pasture near Simms Station, about eight miles from Dayton. During these flights the Wrights continued to gain knowledge about flying. They constructed a derrick catapult for getting the plane off the ground faster and made a number of changes in the machine itself, and by the end of the year had made two flights of five-minutes' duration each. In May 1905 they began assembling another airplane, all new with the exception of the engine and the propeller-driving mechanism. On 5 October the new plane made a flight of 24.2 miles in 38 minutes 3 seconds.

Up to this time little or no attempt had been made by the Wrights to keep their operations secret. In fact it would have been impossible to do so since an interurban car line and two highways passed the field they used for flying; certainly, their flights were witnessed by some of their close friends and by farmers living nearby. The Wrights had even invited the newspapers to send out reporters to watch them fly on 23 May

1904. About 12 newspapermen came but atmospheric conditions prevented flying. The newspapermen were invited back the next day and given an invitation to come anytime in the future that suited them, and two or three did return on the 24th. This time the plane rose five or six feet from the ground and traveled about 60 feet before it came down with only three cylinders working. The reporters (who, incidentally, never returned) evidently were disappointed, because the articles they wrote about the flight were unimpressive and varied considerably in content. In October 1905 the flights were discontinued for almost three years because the Wrights had not received their patent and they thought it prudent to stop before the details of the machine's construction became popular knowledge.

Regards,

Frank

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### Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video

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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 15:39:36 -0500  
Subject: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video

A packed crowd of nearly fifty people sat and watched the most compelling piece of UFO video footage ever to be shot in the UK.

Many sceptics slapped BUFOSC's Eric Morris on the back and stated 'You have the real smokin gun evidence of UFOs invading our skies.'

Several left very shocked after only coming to be sceptical and to see just a few lights in the sky, however what they observed was very different.

Shown on video projection for the first time the footage Morris took on 16th January 2003 there are certainly three circular discs in the sky, one chasing an aircraft into the John Lennon Airport at 11:50am (One of Lennon's songs called 'Nobody Told Me' had the lyrics "there's UFOs over New York and I ain't too surprised".) Well there were UFOs over Liverpool on January 16th and BUFOSC have them exclusively on VHS tape.

BUFOSC have always been on the look out for video shots and photos, well aware that certain entities are trying to catch them out(see the Knutsford Incident March 1999). Well there is no denying this footage it was taken by Morris carrying out field investigations into cases from that area on January 3rd and 7th (and other dates).

It is believed this really is the evidence UFO groups have been after for so long.Enquiries have gone to the Ministry of Defence and other external agencies and we are holding our first Conference on May 10th 2003 at the Waterloo Community Centre in Runcorn to mark this special occasion.

All enquiries referrig to this footage should be made through this address but in 2003 BUFOSC have just hit the Lottery Jackpot in UFO footage, a long time coming but well worth waiting for, every single day since 1978.

"What we have on tape here is Priceless" said Morris and we are not releasing the tape until scrupulous investigations into it have been made.

However at this moment in time BUFOSC hold the most important piece of UFO video footage you will ever see.

Eric Morris  
Press Statement  
11.02.03.

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 20:10:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 15:42:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Sandow

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 19:00:58 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>Conscious recall of going inside a UFO, etc. is not so common,  
>we could even argue about Travis Walton case.

>Looking thru my listings, we got the Salzburg 1951 case  
>(anonymous witness), Antonio Vilas Boas, and then many tales  
>more on the contactee side, but nothing really valuable up to  
>the 70s

Might not be common in whatever literature you've read, but it's  
reasonably common among abductees I've talked to.

I can't quantify "reasonably common." But I believe that Eddie  
Bullard, in his paper on hypnosis and abductions, didn't list  
memories of being in the UFO among the recollections that seem  
to depend on hypnosis.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Ledger

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>The defenders of mystery will never accept RMP even when it is  
>proven by case after case. Ah, they say, but what about the  
>cases that \_aren't\_ resolved. Yeah, well, what about them?

It hasn't been proven case after case. There are now millions. A half dozen doesn't support a theory. You will have to go the extra mile. I'm afraid your just saying it first doesn't make it so Andy.

>But it doesn't alter the facts above, or that RMP is \_the\_ only  
>workable, demonstrable theory for UFO sightings.

You really are putting yourself out on a limb aren't you. Imagine, after all these years of study, little old you has come up with the answer.

Shut down the list Errol. Burn your files boys and girls - we can all go home. Thank God that's over with.

CAVU

Don Ledger

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## Great Los Angeles Air Raid Relived

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Wednesday, February 12, 2003

SP military museum relives 1942 Great Los Angeles Air Raid

By Dennis Johnson  
DAILY BREEZE

Just as they likely did early Feb. 25, 1942, armed guards stood watch Saturday over Fort MacArthur's Battery Osgood-Farley in San Pedro.

An MP manned the guard shack at the entrance to the modern-day military museum, while two others walked the rampart above the massive concrete installation. A World War II-era searchlight stood at the ready below.

Dorothea Evans remembers back to that day when Los Angeles went into self-defense mode, sure the Japanese were looking for a new target, three months after they attacked Pearl Harbor.

As a teenager living in Los Angeles, she remembers hearing the sirens and looking outside to see spotlights throwing their beams miles into the sky while the big guns boomed, raining flak down on cars, people and buildings.

"I took one look at it and fainted I'm embarrassed to say," said Evans on Saturday. "It was a tad too realistic for me."

What Evans remembered was the Great Los Angeles Air Raid of 1942, when unidentified flying objects caused the entire city to go on alert while coastal defense guns fired 1,440 anti-aircraft rounds into the air. The raid resulted in three deaths, attributed to traffic accidents, but no enemy craft were ever found.

What helped her were volunteers at the Fort MacArthur Military Museum's monthly living history program, an event aimed at drawing real historical events out of the books and into the here and now.

Through authentic period clothing and restored military items, the program can present the information to people in a performance art-like setting, said Steve Nelson, the museum's director. The idea is based on more famous living history installations such as Colonial Williamsburg or the Plimoth Plantation.

"There certainly is no reason we can't create the different eras represented by this hill," he said. "We want to be on the leading edge by taking the last century and bringing it to life for the current generation."

For example, next month's event on the Nike Missile program will include information on the Cold War and the Cuban Missile Crisis, he said. Nelson hopes that the museum and Fort MacArthur

will one day be viewed as less of a park and more of a historical site.

Find out more: For more information about Fort MacArthur Military Museum's monthly living history program, call 310-548-2631 or log on to, [www.ftmac.org](http://www.ftmac.org).

"The right to speak, and the right to print, without the right to know, are pretty empty." Harold Cross -the father of the Freedom of Information Act.

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Velez

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>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

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>Sorry, John but strictly speaking, you did not remember  
>consciously any abduction in this case, just a UFO.

>The same can we said about the Hills, they just remembered a UFO  
>with occupants.

Hola Luis,

You went on to say:

>Conscious recall of going inside a UFO, etc. is not so common,  
>we could even argue about Travis Walton case.

On-List or anywhere in 'public' I only speak of the incidents that I recall clearly, and that I know happened because I had to live through them. Some of those incidents involve multiple witnesses. Myself and many others I have interacted with do consciously recall incidents 'on-board' UFOs. I don't discuss them publicly because memory of the incidents may be incomplete, or happened at night, after I had gone to sleep. One such memory involves a procedure where 'something' that resembled a man-sized praying mantis shoved a rod/probe up my nose. I felt pain and pressure as it pushed the object deep into my head. As if it wasn't terrifying enough, what really rattled me and sticks out in memory is the dull crunching sound I 'heard' inside my head as the probe (obviously) penetrated a sinus cavity or bone. That memory replayed in my head for weeks after the incident. BTW, there was dried blood on my face the next morning from the same nostril that I recalled the 'thing' had shoved the probe into.

That's the kind of thing that I would only discuss with someone I trust and who has extensive knowledge of UFO abduction reports. In public... unless it is to make a point as in this case, you won't hear me 'volunteering' the information.

When speaking in public (ie; here, or on the radio with Errol) I always make it a point to keep my reports honest, simple and unembellished at all times. I'm not trying to sell anybody any belief systems. Just report as best I can what has been happening to myself, and to my family members for years. After that, people can make up their own minds about it. I have discharged the dictates of my own conscience by responsibly reporting and by standing up to be counted among those who are having UFO abduction experiences.

Yes, I recall 'on-board' incidents. I just don't discuss them in

public for the reasons I gave above. If I'm not -dead certain- about something abduction related that happened to me, I won't talk about it in 'mixed' company. I'm very selective about 'who, when and where' I discuss such things with.

Ask anyone who has known me for years. I am as straight as anyone can be about this stuff. But I don't tell it all and for good reasons. The public's incredulity is already stretched to the limits. I don't wish to add to that or to make it worse.

>Looking thru my listings, we got the Salzburg 1951 case  
>(anonymous witness), Antonio Vilas Boas, and then many tales  
>more on the contactee side, but nothing really valuable up to  
>the 70s.

As Budd has stated on many occasions; ufologists didn't even acknowledge that UFOs might have an 'inside' until the 60's. I'm hoping and praying that professionals, scientists and academics begin to take on the investigative work that is now being done by 'un-credentialed' paraprofessionals with varying degrees of applicable experience and expertise.

I'm with Dick Hall... we need more scientific investigation and less blather.

Some day, I don't know when, an independent team composed of professionals from many disciplines will look into the abduction phenomenon. That it will happen I have no doubt. 'When' it will happen is anybody's guess. Could take another 25 years!

Awaiting the day...

regards,

John Velez, Abductee

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Bennett

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>>>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Tonnies

Hi List Bears,

For some months I have been arguing for a more postmodern approach to many matters discussed on this List. This discussion between Don and David affords another example of how a postmodernist approach can bridge gaps, and will be of interest to David as he says he is now interested in postmodernism.

As a deconstructed text, the aeroplane is pure folklore. It represents wonder, sex, glamour, power, the thrill of danger, adventure, and high endeavour. It combines technological intrigues with state of the art science. It is thrilling entertainment, power, adventure and mystery. It represents the mystique of applied national, political, psychological, and social symbols. The airplane itself arose from all kinds of mythology and folklore of the past 2000 years. Therefore when we call it merely a hunk of metal, period, we are merely changing the frame of reference in order to perform a certain kind of mental navigation suitable to certain specialized tasks, missions, and roles. This doesn't prove the optional folklore texts "untrue" or "false but shows that they are symbols of a natural scaling down. In turn, instrumentation itself can be revealed to be part of a living drama of ideas. Now here is a perfect example of what I termed management of wonders in a previous post. David will agree that folklore is the last thing you want to be in your mind if you are a jet pilot about to approach Mach 3. Therefore the pilot will automatically scale down all the previously mentioned texts as far as he can and think about a mere "hunk of metal" if he thinks about anything such at all. This scaling is an old tribal vanishing technique. It enables a bridge to be built between those information states called fact and fiction and creates whole new ideas of different states of Matter and Mind.

In this sense what we do is load and upload programs.

In fear and trembling I suggest this idea of programmatic concept scaling might also be a possible approach to a solution of Andy/Jerry problem. If instead of a state of mystery versus a



state of no mystery, we postulate a managed scaling of mystery within different kinds of experience, then we might begin to get somewhere.

I can tell all parties here assemble that within Literature, Philosophy, and Arts departments of colleges and universities in which I lecture from time to time, the fact-versus-fiction mode has long gone. The arguments between Jerry and Andy about the "factual" real and the unreal would be laughed out of court in a seminar or tutorial these days. As I have said in previous posts, it is a bit of a cheek for List Ufologists to sneer at postmodernism. Postmodernism is successful and accepted by academic institutions world-wide, and corporate Ufology is not successful, it is failing, and is not accepted by academic institutions. This situation is so bad that not a single paper on postmodernism has appeared in Jerry's influential International UFO Reporter. I here and now publically submit this post as a paper to that Journal, and dare them to publish and be damned, or reject it. Then we will know where things stand.

I do this because I feel unless corporate Ufology updates itself and brings in new systems of up-to-date ideas, it will go into a museum and be a mere curiosity whilst Fort's "damned" things themselves still swoop and dive over our heads, laughing at our baffled loin-cloth assumptions and our cargo-cult ideas about mechanistic "factual objectivity".

>>>And in fact the radical  
>>>misperception theory which Jerry Clark has so much trouble  
>>>grasping, proves that perfectly, ie all the probability of all  
>>>sightings of 'exotic' 'craft' (or whatever your buzz word is)  
>>>being resolved as IFOs is extremely high. That is, unfortunately  
>>>for Colin and Jerry a fact.

The trouble is that I have the same problem with the concept of fact as Andy does with the concept of mystery. We are both analogical twins. He demystifies mystery to show that there is nothing there in his opinion, I in turn, as a mirror image, demystify fact to show that when deconstructed, "fact" is the entry to as many mysteries as you like.

In Ufological discussions there is of course a factor hardly present in any other discussions. This is the difference between those who have had a sighting and those who have not. I have had a spectacular sighting and I have lost time. When this happens to Andy, he knows my telephone number is in the London Telephone Directory. I will help reprogramme his software and adjust his framework of reference.

I would like to suggest respectfully (the Bad Man is in a good mood this morning) that Andy and Jerry are not right or wrong, but completely out of date in this respect. To bring themselves up to date they might consider the postmodern view that they are both uploading and downloading advertising programs. (shriek on cue from Andy, frown from Jerry, pout and smirk from Dick, who has take a vow of silence as regards Bad Man posts).

Both Andy and Jerry are trying to out-advertise one another. Both are carefully managing information fields rather than demonstrating "fact" versus "fiction"

This is the modern view of mind as media, and this view is going to make a big impact on newly merging views of Artificial Intelligence alone. Of course, I myself slip into the shrieking fact/fiction mode as much as anyone else because like Andy and Jerry part of me lives in the 19th century. But I realize what is happening here, and others do not.

Now this revealing of the psychological scaling down of different scripts and texts by postmodernist techniques solves a problem that has bedeviled science and Ufology both. It breaks the wretched real/unreal false/true binary lock. It introduces that gray-area Fuzziness which Western science is so uncertain about. Yes, Fuzzy neuron-states and switches have been constructed by the Japanese in particular, but they have hardly entered the metaphors of Western science (and especially this List), which still prefers to stick to the prim roots of late Victorian trading class deterministic materialism where Newtonian atoms still bounce against one another, and absolute states of the true and the false are the only two possible

"objective" states of matter. Unbelievable that we can assume such simplicity is Nature's axis of operation!

Postmodernism introduces us to Complexity in fact, language, and belief. Its influence regarding what we do, who are, and where we are going has been most profound. Theoretical Ufology is nowhere near doing such a thing. In a postmodern sense, use an electronic multimeter, and the whole and entire history of ideas of the 19th century tumbles into action no less. Read the scale of such a "measuring rod" as Einstein call such things, and we think and act then within the resulting measurement texts as the 19th century thought and acted. Thus the idea of finite life within the old terms is meaningless. Postmodernism shows us that personality is not finite but historical. It offers new holistic horizons in anomaly-sympathetic psychiatric practice alone, and shows that we live instantaneously within many generations of time and culture.

As I have said, such common List views of materialist science went out of discussions of literary criticism, art, philosophy and psychology generations ago. Intellectually, corporate Ufology is desperately obsolete.

Therefore Ufology is out on a dangerous limb. It is stuck on the railway lines of the 19th century. It can make no progress because it refuses to adapt and change. When that happens in Nature, we all know what the result, be we Andy or Jerry, David or Don, or even Dick.

As I have pointed out in previous posts, we should see that Andy's need to disbelieve and deny is a function of the UFO Set. It has to occur alongside the Men in Black, the destruction of evidence, the cover up by authority et al. As I have said in previous posts, this information Set is the UFO gene. We have to see the UFO in terms of this new kind of Matrix-like event structure, of which the MJ12 spectra may be a part of some previously inconceivable world-structure. As a species, we are evolving far more rapidly than we would ever think.

Postmodernism reveals this rich mysterious complexity within "fact", which, like linear time, poses as a simple finite "hard" wired thing. Both poses or "acts" are equally rich cultural camouflage. Thus can postmodernism penetrate game plans in Nature, communities, and in individual Minds.

Thus we can see language, and texts, advertisements and agendas in just about everything, and see the rites of mental passage between mythological journeys of initiation. These are the subtexts relating matter, experience and belief. If we cannot read their trail, our culture will die of what Norman Mailer called a massive failure of nerve, and break both its head and its teeth on objective empirical materialism.

These are powerful old magics, and role of science to act as their psychic manager according to which theory of description allows us to get stay sane and get some sleep at night. I hope these few suggestions will help bridge the gap between the views of David and Don, Jerry and Andy, but I don't suppose it will.

>>>Colin wrote: "If Mac Tonnies can connect it to his theories >>>about mimes..."

>>>If this isn't a candidate for the UFO UpDates Hall of Memorable >>>Typos, I don't know what is.

Sorry about the typo, Mac! It must have given the postmodern debunkers a night to remember amongst the other nights I have given them to remember.

David, I say again, your inspired leap over the electrified barbed wire into postmodern freedom will prove to be one of the great existential escapes of the 21st century.

But will Andy run for the wire before it is too late?

What will the next episode bring in this List, which is undoubtedly the great moral comedy of our Age? Sheridan, Boswell, and Dr. Johnson alone would love it

I'm going out now to buy a loaf and some socks.

Believe it or not List Bears, as I step over the sleeping forms of no less than three 21st century fallen heroes (two with Ph.Ds), I see now less, dear List philosophers, than a Scorpion light tank pass the window, no less.

I have seen some things pass this window straight out of Dante's Portobello inferno, but I have not seen a light tank before. The Portobello Road might be a very rough place on occasion, but its need for light tanks is unusual, even on Saturday nights down on the old plantation.

One young woman Ph.D wakes, astonished to see the tank. The dogs stare equally astonished. Perhaps Allah, like Beckett's Godot, has finally arrived.

Never has Divine Philosophy been so pregnant with expectation, good List Bears.

I'll be back.(at least I hope so!)

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

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Feature article High Moon on Oberg and NASA running now in current Fortean Times 168

Wendy and Dick, you're not supposed to be watching this, so change channels now, please! You know your mums warned you about the wrong side of List town.

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>The defenders of mystery will never accept RMP even when it is  
>proven by case after case. Ah, they say, but what about the  
>cases that aren't resolved. Yeah, well, what about them? The  
>Cracoe case went unsolved for ten years or so despite several  
>UFO organisations spending literally thousands of pounds and  
>hundreds of man hours on the case, not to mention involving  
>scientific analysis (if Philip Mantle were available at the  
>moment he'd back this up as this case featured large in his  
>life). It was proclaimed as being one of the best cases ever in  
>the UK and clear evidence of aliens etc etc

>Er, until it was resolved. Then for some reason few people ever  
>spoke of it again. The spell was broken and the mystery mongers  
>went on to the next absoluteley best ever case. And so the cycle  
>continues, over and over. Jerry and Don are part of this  
>cycle, they can't see how it works, trapped forever in a miasma  
>of mystery. We'll still be having this debate with them in 50  
>years if they haven't croaked.

Hi Andy,

Depressingly your prediction is probably accurate. There's a lot of truth in what you say, but is it the whole truth? I suspect that the list of 'definitively explained' cases will also continue to pile up at the front even as it frays out into uncertainty at the back. Both the 'explained' and 'unexplained' lists contain classic exemplars which change with time. With all this churning going on it is not easy to keep a meaningful score, and both sides can point to particular cases on the other which have been lofted as trophies for a while but then turned into what fairy gold usually turns into.

Of course classic 'knowns' are much less vulnerable to this process. I don't think anyone could dispute that the 'unexplained' list is more unstable and has a much higher decay rate than the 'explained' list. There are probably many more unknowns turning into knowns than vice versa, and each such transmutation has a whole lot more force because a satisfyingly definitive resolution as a 'known' is possible in principle, whilst a satisfyingly definitive resolution of a case as an 'unknown' is not possible in principle.

An unknown is an unknown is an unknown, and belongs, by its very nature, together with those ambiguous quasi-knowns that recirculate in the wake of the growing body of knowns. But this speaks to the dynamics of our process of 'knowing' rather than to some objective property of the events. From this sort of mixed statistical population it is very difficult to draw reliable conclusions about what it really contains. A defensible

inference would be: "If there are 'genuinely new empirical phenomena' (to use Hynek's phrase) then my experience suggests that they must be rare". But to say that

>RMP is the only workable, demonstrable theory  
>for UFO sightings

is simplistic. It may be strictly true in the pragmatic sense that misperception is the only theory which ever achieves an across-the-board consensus, but this is a semantic nicety which can't be made a reliable basis for knowledge. It arises because one cannot 'identify' an event as 'unidentified'. This is about classification of experience.

The world which we experience must be conceded to contain the possibility of 'new empirical phenomena', and allowing for this is what a category of 'unknowns' should be for. The fact that proving novelty in any given case is not guaranteed ever to be possible does not mean that a category of 'unknowns' ought to be entirely discounted on the grounds that 'RMP' achieves a workable consensus in some cases, any more than because 'weather balloon' achieves a consensus in some cases.

>But, as I keep saying - if you can show us  
>another cause for any of them please let us know. But it's not  
>happening guys, is it?

If our condition for taking 'unknowns' seriously is that we have to be able to conclusively categorise them as 'knowns' of some kind - which is the paradoxical implication of the above - then we make it very difficult to discover any 'genuinely new empirical phenomena'. We are requiring that we know the answer before we are allowed to ask the question. Again this is a limitation we risk imposing on our socialised process of 'knowing', which may not properly reflect any such limitation either on human experience or on 'empirical phenomena'.

I'm sure you're right that if one doesn't recognise the self-referent circularity in the way one reinforces one's own reality then one risks being 'trapped forever in a miasma of mystery'. It seems to me that the proper core function of ufology is exactly what the likes of yourself and Dave Clarke have been doing for years, which is to dig out and correlate objective information, as carefully and as intelligently as possible, on behalf of some future that may be capable of discerning what is or is not of relevance to this or that discipline. That future capability may not come from within ufology at all.

Martin Shough

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>>Still can't spell the guy's name right, can you, John? It's  
>>McDonald.

>Nor, I note, can your friend Stanton Friedman, who spells it  
>MacDonald. Our Man in the Glens with the Haggis and Single Malt  
>tells me that historically all these versions are  
>interchangable, and it was only in the last hundred years or so  
>that people started getting pedantic about Mc, Mac or M'.

As one who bides north of the border (an adoptive Scot and all the more vehement for that), and raises an eyebrow at occasional mentions of 'English sceptics' and so forth (Hume was a Scot) allow me to point out that the 'Mac' is the Scottish form, 'Mc' the Irish form. The distinction may seem pedantry to the likes of you and me, but rest assured that inattention to detail which can be passed over as a trifle on this List becomes a matter of honour in a highland bar at 12:30 on a Friday night!

Martin Shough

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## Inexplicata: UFOs Over Japan

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
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UFOs in the Land of the Rising Sun  
by  
Scott Corrales  
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While seldom mentioned in UFO chronicles, Japan has been a major theatre of operations for the phenomenon over the past three decades, and boasts prehistoric lore that links it closely to the possible presence of ancient astronauts.

The most significant postwar sighting turned out to be singularly dramatic: a luminous object, dangling in the air from an enormous, darkened craft, was witnessed by many observers over Tokyo Bay in the summer of 1952. The objects were also picked up by radar, prompting jet fighters to scramble to intercept. The huge aerial contraption proceeded to elude the military aircraft with maneuvers never thought possible before. In the early days of the Cold War, with the Korean conflict still brewing on the other side of the Sea of Japan, the thought of a surprise attack by unknown Soviet technology was fresh in every strategist's mind.

But it wasn't until 22 years later, in June 1974, that an interceptor--an F4 Phantom--would lock on to its mysterious quarry and experience the nearest of close encounters: a head-on collision with a UFO.

Originally under the impression that the signal on the screen was a notoriously errant Soviet Bear bomber, the fighter's crew was surprised to see that their target was a 40-foot wide disc with square portholes that could have been viewports or exhausts. When the Phantom trained its weapons on the object, the intruder hurtled toward it, smashing the fighter's nose and causing the pilot and weapons officer to eject. The latter died in the collision, and the Japanese government remained silent about the event, never acknowledging if the UFO had fallen to the ground during the "accident". The Phantom's loss was tersely attributed to "a collision with an unknown object at 30,000 feet."

The Japanese Air Force's tight-lipped silence was triggered, perhaps by the number of sightings that had already been reported by civilians. Four months prior to the Phantom incident, a young woman, Akiko Nakayama, had come into contact with three strange creatures in a rice paddy in the village of Hoshimachi. The alien trio re-entered a glowing orange vehicle that took to the night skies in a matter of seconds, rejoining what was a veritable armada of UFOs slowly crossing the skies over Japan. Magazines devoted to the subject of UFOs in both Japan and the U.S. made much of the fact that Ms. Nakayama's sighting had taken place not too far from the site of the unique, mysterious prehistoric statue of the Inu-Ningen, the "man-dog" that has been taken by many to be a depiction of a prehistoric, nonhuman visitor to our world. This large,

perplexing statue, along with the small Dogu statues (helmeted figures that suggest respirators and air hoses) have defied all rational explanation.

In February 1975, near the town of Kofu, two boys walked around a grounded UFO which bore distinctive "oriental characters" on its hull (reminiscent, perhaps, of the Oriental script on the object recovered in Kecksburg, PA in 1965). The youngsters reported seeing "a ladder emerge from the craft" and a Klaatu-esque, silver-clad entity descend toward them. In what can best be described as a case of "unrequited contact", the boys broke and ran from the spot in abject terror. One of the children's parents was later able to confirm having seen an unusual craft rising skywards from the direction in which the boys had run. But by September of that very same year, UFOs would be seen by everyone living in western Japan, prompting a deluge of phone calls to the authorities. A Japan Air Lines DC-8 was "tailed" by an unknown device for twenty minutes until it landed safely at a local airport.

The sightings were building up to a climax: in 1976, fifty witnesses beheld a golden UFO in the early morning hours of October 17th. The scintillating disk remained suspended in mid-air for ten minutes, prompting the air traffic controllers at Akita Airport to warn all approaching planes of the potential obstacle. The crowd of witnesses included members of the Japanese media, who had been filming a documentary on pilot instruction at the airport. Earlier in the year, a dark UFO had hovered directly over the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, its maneuvers witnessed by agents of the National Police from their office building.

The increasing frequency of the sightings became such that in 1977, the country's first official investigation of the phenomenon was launched under the auspices of the Japanese Air Force, with inconclusive results.

The phenomenon did not wait around for the government findings either: strange globes of light were seen flying around Mount Senohara in 1982, and two years later, the crew of a passenger jet reported seeing what first appeared to be the mushroom cloud following a nuclear detonation, rising to a height of sixty thousand feet and expanding to a diameter of a hundred miles before dissolving altogether. No explanation was offered for this event. UFOs are not the only enigma bewildering the Japanese. In the summer of 1986, a circular, levelled "crop circle" was discovered in Yamagata, constituting the first instance of this mystery's appearance in Japan.

Like the United States, Japan has either the fortune or ill luck of being located next to one of the dozen or so anomalous areas that surround the planet. The Devil's Triangle, the Pacific Ocean's equivalent of the Bermuda Triangle, which extends from the Japanese archipelago to the Marianas, covering an area of tremendously deep marine trenches and underwater volcanoes. Aside from the legendary number of disappearances recorded as having taken place in or near the site, frequent UFO sightings have also been reported, suggesting the possibility of a natural aberration that serves as a materialization spot for the phenomenon.

The crew of the Kitsukawa Maru reported, in April 1952, an encounter with a pair of wingless, silver disks that plunged into the ocean off the port bow. The ship's captain promptly noted the event, which occurred at the edge of the nineteen thousand foot deep trench surrounding Japan. In 1967, a number of U.S. fighters were sent after a formation of UFOs off Okinawa, which had been picked up on radar.

There have been indications that the Japanese government is possibly ready to re-open its investigations into the UFO enigma: at the International UFO and Space Symposium, held in Hakui City in the fall of 1991, then prime minister Toshiki Kaifu expressed an opinion that "it was time to take the UFO situation seriously." Time will tell if his suggestion will be taken with equal seriousness.

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Secrecy News -- 02/12/03

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Lincoln's -- and Darwin's -- 194th birthday

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## ONLINE ACCESS TO CRS REPORTS SOUGHT

A bipartisan resolution to provide internet access to reports of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) was introduced on February 11 by Senators John McCain, Patrick Leahy, Joseph Lieberman, and Tom Harkin.

"The American public paid over \$81 million to fund CRS's operations in fiscal year 2002 alone," noted Senator McCain. "The informational reports covered by this resolution are not confidential or classified, and the public deserves to have access to them."

At Congressional direction, CRS has for years resisted allowing direct public access to its research reports, arguing not very persuasively that such access could interfere with the performance of its mission. Nevertheless, CRS reports are readily available to Washington insiders and are even marketed by some private publishers. Many of the most significant CRS reports have been put online independently by non-governmental organizations.

"The goal of our bipartisan legislation is to allow every citizen the same access to the wealth of CRS information as a Member of Congress enjoys today," said Senator Leahy. "CRS performs invaluable research and produces first-rate reports on hundreds of topics. American taxpayers have every right to have direct access to these wonderful resources."

See the introduction of Senate Joint Resolution 54 on access to CRS products here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2003/sr54.html>

The debate on this issue, which has persisted for several years now, is immensely flattering to CRS.

"The Congressional Research Service has a well-known reputation for producing high-quality reports and information briefs that are unbiased, concise and accurate," said Senator Leahy.

But they also tend to be derivative, equivocal, and even-handed to the point of incoherence. Issues that do not lend themselves to concise summaries or split-the-difference conclusions, or that depend upon original investigation of remote sources, tend to get short shrift. And the

methodological conceit of non-partisanship means that CRS reports often lack the penetrating insights of the best opinion journalism and partisan analysis.

Still, many CRS publications serve as fine introductions to complex issues and reliable guides to longstanding debates. It is remarkable that public access to them should even be in question.

The Project on Government Oversight published a new report this week that was cited by Senator Leahy. See "Congressional Research Service Products: Taxpayers Should Have Easy Access":

<http://www.pogo.org/p/government/go-030201-crs.html>

Some recent CRS reports of note include these:

"Iraq: Potential U.S. Military Operations," by Steve Bowman, January 13, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RL31701.pdf>

"Iraq: Divergent Views on Military Action," by Alfred Prados, updated January 31, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RS21325.pdf>

"Nuclear Earth Penetrator Weapons," by Jonathan Medalia, updated January 27, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/crs/RS20834.pdf>

#### PATRIOT II PROPOSAL DRAWS CRITICISM

The reaction this week to word that the Justice Department is developing follow-on legislation to the Patriot Act that would further expand law enforcement surveillance and other authorities was almost universally critical, on both substantive and procedural grounds.

"If there is going to be a sequel to the USA PATRIOT Act, the process of writing it should be open and accountable. It should not be shrouded in secrecy, steeped in unilateralism or tinged with partisanship," said Sen. Patrick Leahy in a press statement. "The early signals from the Administration about its intentions for this bill are ominous, and I hope Justice Department officials will change the way they are handling this." See:

<http://www.senate.gov/~leahy/press/200302/021003.html>

The package of Justice Department proposals does contain some positive features, the Washington Post noticed. For example, the draft Section 108 would enable the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review (FISCR) to appoint an attorney to represent a point of view opposing that of the Justice Department. The record of last September's FISCR hearing was defective, Secrecy News complained on February 6, precisely because it lacked such an opposing view. Apparently, the Justice Department independently reached the same conclusion.

On the whole, however, the draft legislation would give the government "more power unilaterally to exempt people from the protections of the justice system and place them in a kind of alternative legal world. Congress should be pushing in the opposite direction," the Post editorialized.

See "Patriot Act: The Sequel," Washington Post, February 12:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A59690-2003Feb11.html>

#### WORLDWIDE THREAT BRIEFING

The leaders of the U.S. intelligence community presented their annual worldwide threat briefing to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on February 11.

They offered a digest of U.S. intelligence views on a host of

global security issues, beginning with what was described as an imminent threat of terrorist attack -- "plots timed to occur as early as the end of the Hajj, which occurs late this week," as Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet put it.

See the prepared testimony of DCI Tenet, FBI Director Mueller, Defense Intelligence Agency Director Adm. Jacoby, and State Department INR Director Carl Ford here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_hr/index.html#threat](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_hr/index.html#threat)

#### SCIENTIFIC DATA SHARING ERODES

Research scientists have an ethical obligation to share the scientific data that underlies their published research. But increasingly, that obligation has been neglected or violated, according to a new National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report.

The sources of this deviation notably include "the commercial and other interests of authors in their research data and materials." In other words, publication of data is subordinated to proprietary interests in the commercialization of research. Other factors are the "growing role of large datasets in biology" and "the cost and time involved in producing some data and materials."

The NAS report proposes a set of principles that it says should inform community standards on data sharing, beginning with the foundational principle that "in exchange for the credit and acknowledgment that come with publishing in a peer-reviewed journal, authors are expected to provide the information essential to their published findings."

See "Sharing Publication-Related Data and Materials: Responsibilities of Authorship in the Life Sciences" from the Academy's Board on Life Sciences, 2003:

<http://www.nap.edu/books/0309088593/html/>

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 13:31:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 16:29:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 13:52:07 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

<snip>

>Does anybody have a good URL for progress on the FEB matter?  
>Hopefully, they might display updates from time to time. Those  
>might be fun to watch, unless they fade, fade away too, like the  
>Ghost of Interstellar Ether.

Well, Larry,

<http://www.lutec.com.au>

...doesn't have much about progress, though he does have a nice  
photo of his "free" energy motor/generator there.

His contact info is from his site:

Mail:

Post Office Box 2288  
Cairns, Queensland, 4870  
Australia.

Email:

[info@lutec.com.au](mailto:info@lutec.com.au)

\*\* Any chance Victor Viggiani might be sufficiently interested  
to pop in and chat with the inventor? His site suggests he is  
open to have his device viewed.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@earthlink.net](mailto:DRudiak@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 10:39:44 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 16:34:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Rudiak

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 09:58:47 EST  
>Subject: Re: Validating The Ramey Memo - Randle

>That said, let's address some of the things that seem to plague  
>the thinking of a few on this List. First, as both Jim Houran  
>and I have attempted to make clear, the original score sheets  
>for our experiment were inadvertently destroyed. This is a  
>regrettable error.

I would say it was more than a "regrettable error." It was catastrophic to your paper. You needed to redo the experiment at that point, not write up a paper claiming you found an effect with no numbers to back up the conclusion.

The fact that you submitted the paper without these numbers, also proves that you never had them to begin with when you wrote the paper. So why was the paper submitted in the first place?

>Once our article was submitted, the point was  
>questioned by a referee and he found that our data and our  
>answers to be satisfactory. In other words, he did not see this  
>as a fatal error. Had the raw data entered into the computer  
>database been inadequate or unavailable, then we would have had  
>to recreate the experiment, but those judging the situation  
>didn't believe that necessary.

Since this very missing data is absolutely essential for validating your primary conclusion, it is indeed "fatal" that it doesn't exist. Not only should you have never submitted the paper without it, it should have triggered an automatic rejection by the peer reviewers when you couldn't provide it.

That it passed peer review is only a condemnation of the JSE peer review process, not a validation of your article. I have never in my life seen a peer reviewed article in a scientific journal missing the very data it needs to support its conclusion. This is not science.

>Second, neither Jim nor I have been attempting to avoid this  
>discussion.

So why wouldn't you provide the critical numbers that Dave Morton and I have been asking for? In your last post you claimed that it wasn't "exactly" true that the data was missing, that it was still in the computer data base, but here is another post by you and still no numbers. And in this post you are back to stating that the score sheets were thrown out, therefore no numbers. However you want to spin this, there are no numbers forthcoming and probably never will be any numbers.

>Jim believed then, and believes now, that part of  
>the debate should take place in the pages of JSE because it  
>would be of benefit to science and to Ufology,

It is not to the benefit of science and Ufology to arrive at a conclusion with nothing to back it up. JSE already flubbed the science part in accepting the paper without the data. That only

one of the standard three peer reviewers even noticed the critical data missing shows that the other two probably didn't even read the paper. That the third passed the paper even without the data suggests a "good ole boy" favoritism at work.

Will the numbers magically materialize if the debate takes place in the pages of JSE? How do I know that JSE won't engage in a little ass-covering by refusing to publish my complaints or editing them down to nothing and letting you have the last word?

> if such was done.  
>Again, this is not an attempt to avoid the dialogue, just an attempt to open it to a wider audience. Members on this List who >have published in a refereed journal should understand this.

I understand that it would take months for a letter to appear in JSE, perhaps as long as 6 to 9 months (standard lead-time for science journals). In the meantime, there would be no discussion. And if I feel that author response was inadequate, then there is another 6 to 9 month delay before the next published discussion. I hardly call that dialogue.

I do think this is nothing but a feeble excuse to avoid discussion right now on Updates before other peers, where there can be a daily back and forth dialogue.

This all comes down to where are the numbers? If you don't have them, then there is nothing to discuss, other than you withdrawing your fatally flawed paper and starting over again.

>Jim has offered, off-line to Rudiak, SPSS analysis sheets so he >could verify the SDs and ANOVA results were now correct. Ruidak >never wrote back.

False. I did write back 3 days ago (Feb. 8). Houran had e-mailed me and acknowledged that your standard deviations were completely wrong, as I pointed out here on Updates. The results he offered to send me had to do with the SD's, not with the critical data concerning the "exclusive words" that I have been asking for now for over two weeks.

I pointed out that the core issue remains those missing numbers that you still have not or cannot provide. Do you have a printout of those numbers?

> For Morton, Jim clarified how Letters to the >Editor work, because one of Morton's more recent posts gave the >impression that he assumed those preparing such letters were in >fact asking the Editor questions about the study and that this >approach allowed authors to dodge having to answer for >themselves. Jim's e-mail corrected this assumption, and Morton >merely acknowledged that, yes, he understood how the process >worked and that he understood that that point was obscured in >his posts. He has not corrected, in later posts, the implicit >assumption his message gives, which was that Letters to the >Editor are meaningless exercises.

For over 2 weeks, both you and Jim Houran have repeatedly dodged producing the numbers to back up your main conclusion. It is quite obvious that they will never materialize.

Suppose letters were written to the Editor and published? What is going to be any different about the situation? As authors, you get the final say, and I have no doubt that your response will be the usual doubletalk and evasion we've seen here displayed on Updates, and still no answers because you have none.

>Finally, I would like to point out that, in writing the article, >we did not spin it, leave out relevant data, or engage in >careful selection of the data included.

The absolutely essential data needed to back up your "expected" finding of a "significant" "priming effect" isn't there. The data that you did publish instead showed a highly significant improvement in reading of the "common" words by the Roswell group, demonstrating the obvious advantages of knowing correct context. But there was zero discussion of this, even though it glaringly obvious and begs discussion.



There was also zero discussion of the commonalities in readings amongst the early Ramey memo readers, such as "victims of the wreck" and "the disc/disk". Instead you devoted nearly 5 pages to selected quotes and statements suggesting that there was zero agreement and everybody was just seeing "faces in the clouds", just imagining things, carrying out personal agendas, etc.

>We did try to provide an  
>historical context for the attempts to read the memo, including  
>the situation as it existed in 1947 when J. Bond Johnson took  
>the photograph. We noted that there had been several individuals  
>and teams working to understand what was written there and that  
>there was little in the way of initial agreement.

There is not a single sentence in your entire paper noting the significant points of agreement. E.g., "To the delight of many Roswell supporters, other investigators also reported seeing letters, words, and images, as suggested by Johnson and his team. The problem was that many of those doing the work were not seeing the same things as Johnson claimed."

That's the closest you ever come to saying that there was any sort of agreement, but you never discuss what the words of agreement are. That is definitely an omission, and a deliberate and misleading one. That's what I mean by spin or propaganda. This should have been a key part of the paper.

> Even the line,  
>"Victims of the wreck" was not universally understood.  
Your "Table 1" lists comparison readings from 5 different people, and the text has Johnson and his RPIT team's reading. 5 out of 6 agree on "victims". 4 out of 6 agree on "victims of the wreck." In fact, the same table lists "victims of the wreck" as being a consensus reading.

I know of no branch of human knowledge, even hardcore science, that makes demands for "universal" agreement on interpretations of data. This is yet another example of how you frequently spin the material. It is also yet another example of how you choose to raise the bar of evidence to impossibly high levels when it suits your purposes.

>Some could not read it at all and others claimed it said,  
>"Remains..." If the key word is remains, then the context is altered.

Maybe you should read your own paper Kevin. You don't seem to be very familiar with the contents. One, not "some" people thought it was "remains". Everybody else agreed on "victims."

The same person who read "remains" also tried to squeeze the 8-letter word "material" into the 5 letter word that 4 of the 5 others read as "wreck." This is a good indication that maybe this person's readings shouldn't be taken too seriously, since he was trying to pound a large square peg into a small round hole.

It also suggests to me that this person may have been working from a lower resolution image of the message. "VICTIMS" can look a little bit like "remains" if you work from lower resolution, unenhanced images, and don't realize that everything is in all caps and evenly spaced. That is the situation you put your own subjects in by giving them the unenhanced Friedman scan, as depicted in my graphic:

[www.roswellproof.com/randle\\_houran\\_demo.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/randle_houran_demo.html)

When you enhance the images by increasing contrast and stretching the letters vertically to more normal proportions, add in the expected letter positions (indicated by tic marks in my graphic), and know that everything is in caps, then it is quite obvious that the word isn't "remains". There is no way, e.g., that the first 3 letters could be "rem".

Another comparison graphic can be found at:

[www.roswellproof.com/victim\\_compare.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/victim_compare.html)

This shows "VICTIM" compared against "REMAINS" and "FINDING" as alternates, using various high-resolution, enhanced scans. I would say, and I think the vast majority of people would agree, that there is no way that either "remains" or "finding" match

the actual word.

I would also like to point out, yet one more time, that "VICTIMS" is not an arbitrary word. When you compare the enhanced images against the actual telex font, the first letter can only be a "Y" or a "V". To my eye, the first letter by itself looks slightly more like a "Y" than a "V". But if you do a very broad word search (see [www.onelook.com](http://www.onelook.com)) using YI??I??, only three hits come back: yi jing (AKA I Ching), yiddish, yipping. Does anybody seriously think any of these choices belong there?

The same story occurs when searching VI??I??S. There are only 8 hits, my often used example, with other words like VIOLINS, VIRGINS, etc. The only word that makes sense in context is VICTIMS.

Even if you expand the search using VI??I??, there are only 73 possibilities, wonderful extra "matches" like "vitriol", "vizzini", "viatico", "vialing", etc. If you go through the list, the only remotely possibly plausible extra word that might make any sense is "viewing". The phrase becomes "the viewing of the wreck", which might make sense in isolation, but makes no sense whatsoever in the context of the complete sentence: "the viewing of the wreck you forwarded to the ?????? at Fort Worth, Tex." How do you forward a viewing?

Again, I reemphasize, VICTIMS is not an arbitrary word. It is the only one that could possibly fit there. This has nothing to do with "wishful thinking" or agendas or various people being aware of the work of others. The same argument, incidentally, also applies to the keyword "DISC", another consensus word. These words are literally forced by the clarity of certain letters, the limited number of matches, and the correct context, which you instead refer to as "confounding."

>I'm going to make several additional comments here. First, I  
>wonder just how independent that original research is.

Oddly, this question rarely seemed to concern you when you relied on witness testimony to built your theories of the Roswell case. Of course, debunkers routinely seize on this argument to dismiss testimony. People already knew about alien bodies, etc., from reading the books, magazine articles, etc., therefore the are just bandwagon witnesses, etc., etc. Now you are adopting this same line of argumentation against the Ramey memo.

Did everybody know about "VICTIMS"? Of course we did. Does this mean everybody is jumping on a bandwagon? No, people are reporting what they think they see. In the case of words like "VICTIMS" and "DISC" it is more than that, because letter clarity, the English language, and context make those words uniquely correct.

>Neil Morris, I believe, was the first to publish his analysis,  
>and he might have been the first to mention "victims",

No, it wasn't Neil. That was Johnson's RPIT group that first read "victims" there. Credit for first picking out the word may go to Ron Regehr. Johnson first announced the reading on  
Updates:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1998/sep/m24-017.shtml>

>though with no  
>great confidence. So, did David and the others, knowing of  
>Neal's work, validate what it said? Did David know of Neal and  
>his original interpretation?

Anybody on UpDates who read Johnson's initial post, including you, should know that they were reading "victims" there. That word above all others piqued everybody's interest. That you don't know even this is yet one more indication of how inaccurate your whole treatment of the Ramey message has been.

I have long suspected that your hostility towards the Ramey memo, sometimes bordering on the irrational, has a lot to do with your hated nemesis, J. Bond Johnson, being the one to rekindle interest in reading the message, and doing a lot of grandstanding and spinning of his own in the process. Bringing

down the Ramey memo is a way of spiting Johnson.

>Second, David Rudiak seems to object to our report that J. Bond  
>Johnson carried the document into General Ramey. That Johnson  
>made the claim, later that he said that he just handed the  
>document to Ramey which had been on his desk, is an important  
>point. If Johnson brought it with him, then it certainly relates  
>to the Roswell events, but it has no real importance because it  
>would be a teletype message from the wire services and not a  
>classified document created inside the military.

It is rather astonishing that Kevin Randle, of all people, would resort to citing J.B. Johnson's ever-changing and increasingly elaborate story of what happened in Ramey's office. This is the same man who also claimed that he was left alone in Ramey's office and then personally opened the wrapped packages of debris and spread them out on the floor. Kevin Randle thought this story preposterous, as do I, and added a comment to the effect of "Did you also rifle through Ramey's desk while you were at it?"

This is also the same man who for the last dozen years has accused Kevin Randle of lying about the contents of his first interviews in 1989 and 1990, even somehow "editing" the tapes to completely alter what Johnson had said to Randle. I e-mailed Kevin and asked him if he would send copies of the taped interviews, which he did immediately, along with relevant written correspondence. Listening to the tapes, it was quickly evident that Johnson was lying. Kevin hadn't misquoted him and did not misrepresent what he had said. It was Johnson who later changed his story.

In case anyone thinks I'm just a Kevin Randle basher, I finally got fed up with Johnson's accusations, and wrote a lengthy defense of Kevin here on Updates:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2000/apr/m29-028.shtml>

Incidentally, Johnson in an interview with Dennis Balthaser, stated he was just speculating about handing Ramey an AP dispatch:

JB: "Yes, that was an early speculation of mine that I might have handed Ramey the copy of the AP "flash" my editor had given me regarding the Roswell crash craft being flown to Fort Worth. Obviously I was in error in that speculation."

This interview dates from April 2001 and can be read at:

[http://www.truthseekeratroswell.com/interview\\_James\\_Bond\\_Johnson.html](http://www.truthseekeratroswell.com/interview_James_Bond_Johnson.html)

In fairness, Kevin mentions Johnson's inconsistent story and his recanting of his speculation in the Balthaser interview. My point is, why bother to even devote any space to it in a science paper when the evidence is so obviously poor? It's not even worth mentioning.

But let's ignore Johnson for the moment and concentrate on the hypothesis that this was actually a civilian telegram. Portions of these wire service bulletins ended up as wire service stories in various papers, with the editors doing some "cut and paste" jobs, but retaining most of the original wording. We can see that, e.g., in the early United Press stories when we compare them with the originals retained by Roswell radio announcer Frank Joyce. And we have a pretty good idea of what AP wrote, even though we don't have the originals, because the Daily Illini newspaper wrote a summary chronology of how AP reported the story on the newswire. Links to all of these can be found at:

[www.roswellproof.com/press\\_coverage.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/press_coverage.html)

The point here is, there are no wire service stories that have wording even remotely resembling what is present in the Ramey memo. The burden is on Kevin Randle if he wants to claim otherwise.

There are also other details that contradict the civilian telegram hypothesis. The signature line is only 5 or 6 letters

and lacks the usual date sign-off (V7/8) and the transmitter code. Often the time of transmittal is found here as well. But not in this case.

Then there is the problem of trying to make sense of phrases like "the victims of the wreck YOU forwarded to ...Fort Worth, Tex." Even if this were "the remains of the wreck", why would this be followed by "YOU forwarded?" What one would expect would instead be "THEY forwarded," i.e., it would be reported in the third person if this were a civilian telegram. No news reporter forwarded any remains or anything else to Fort Worth.

>Third, if it is a military teletype, then there are problems  
>that have not been addressed. For example, in that era, military  
>teletypes rarely had punctuation marks on them and the vast  
>majority of those messages used PD for period and CMA for comma,  
>yet in none of the various interpretations do any of those sorts  
>of things appear.

This is old, spurious argument of yours that should have dropped long ago. Yet here it is again, and also in your JSE paper along with Johnson handing Ramey the message.

The reason none of the interpretations read PD or CMA is simply because they aren't there. That this message uses ordinary punctuation is very easily seen, e.g. at the end of the end of the first paragraph with the words "FORT WORTH, TEX." This has the expected comma between the city and state and the expected period at the end of the sentence and abbreviated word. Literally everybody sees this.

I pointed this out to Kevin in e-mail at least 2 years ago, when his argument then was that since nobody was seeing PD or CMA here, that the readings must be wrong. As I recall, he admitted that the ordinary punctuation was there when I pointed it out. I also stated that there were many examples of military telexes which use ordinary punctuation. He agreed.

In his paper, he changed the argument. Because it uses ordinary punctuation, Kevin now argued that this must be a civilian telegram:

"Indeed, our participants also interpreted some marks to be formal punctuation. \*\*\*Thus, it would seem that we are not dealing with a military memo.\*\*\*"

This is just more illogical spin. Note the hidden assumption. He has changed most military memos using nonstandard punctuation into all memos.

I pulled out Timothy Good's "Above Top Secret", flipped to the Appendices and quickly found several military telexes using standard English punctuation and only one that used the CMA and PD. For those of you with the book, check out pages 468-469 (1975 North American Defense Command), pp. 493-494 (1954 USAF Intelligence Report), pp. 497-500 (1976 Defense Intelligence Agency), pp. 501-502 (1978 DIA report), pp. 503-504 (1980 DIA report), p. 528 (1980 AFOSI document). The only example in Good's book of nonstandard PD/CMA punctuation is on p. 488 (1953 USAF Intelligence report). Obviously, standard English punctuation in these military communications is not all that uncommon after all.

Brad Sparks provided the following relevant information to me in a recent e-mail:

"Let me point out something that may help: The CMA and PD spelled out words for punctuation were used for RADIO voice and radiotelegraph Morse Code messages where it was thought the chances of mishearing the punctuation was too great. It was generally NOT used for telexes."

Kevin Randle's argument that this must be a civilian telex because it uses standard punctuation is complete nonsense. It is yet another example of how he is obviously trying to debunk this document using false, illogical argumentation.

> This is not a fatal flaw because I can find a  
>few, though rare, examples that suggest that some teletype  
>messages used regular punctuation.

They aren't particularly rare, and you have no basis to claim that Ramey's message literally must be a civilian telex.

>There are no examples of military jargon in the various  
>interpretations.

False. You are at least 2 years out of date on this and it also completely contradicts what you said in your paper:

"Rudiak stated that he has found jargon words, acronyms and abbreviations, and unexpected punctuation in the document and these have been stumbling blocks."

Now this has suddenly evolved to no military jargon?

I am reading abbreviations and jargon terms like AF (Air Field), HQ 8th, HQAAF, FWAAF, Al-8th, B29 ST, C47, PR (Press Release), D???RAWIN, CIC, ARMY???? and maybe 1 or 2 others. Some of these have been difficult to read, and assuming initially that they standard English words was a stumbling block. So?

>Dave Rudiak has said we must assume proper  
>grammar and spelling and that the memo will conform to standard  
>English.

I never said any such thing. This is just more spin on your part. I said I operated under the assumption that there was a minimum of jargon, not that there was no jargon at all (which would be foolish to assume), and that I would usually try to find an English word first before resorting to consideration of jargon.

>I have just spent several days in military briefings  
>and have to say that sometimes they became so jargon happy that  
>I couldn't follow what was being said.

Part of Brad Sparks e-mail to me about 10 days ago had the following interesting commentary concerning this point:

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I read lots of messages from General to General and would have thought it was common knowledge among those spending any time with large numbers of military messages. The generals back then usually knew each other personally. But I also have rarely observed a general using jargon in any letter or message they personally wrote -- in contradistinction to those prepared by staffers for generals' signatures.

For example here is a recently released personal telex TOP SECRET Priority OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE to Gen Curtis LeMay, CINCSAC, from Gen. James Walsh commander 7th Air Division at Lakenheath on nuclear weapons accident on July 27, 1956:

"Aircraft then exploded, showering burning fuel over all. Crew perished. ... Preliminary exam by bomb disposal officer says a miracle that one Mark Six with exposed detonators sheared didn't go off."

Look at all the informal talk, non-jargon: What military jargon is it's "a miracle"? A Mk-6 nuke didn't "go off" (instead of "detonate" or "explode" or whatever jargonese).

More complete version in all caps, I don't feel like making more readable:

PERSONAL FOR CINC LEMAY FROM WALSH. MORE TO MY PHONE CALL. HAVE JUST COME FROM WRECKAGE OF B-47 WHICH PLOUGHED INTO AN IGLOO IN LAKENHEATH ADS. THE B-47 TORE APART THE IGLOO AND KNOCKED ABOUT 3 MARK SIXES. A/C THEN EXPLODED SHOWERING BURNING FUEL OVER ALL. CREW PERISHED , MOST OF A/C WRECKAGE PIVOTED ON IGLOO AND CAME TO REST WITH A/C NOSE JUST BEYOND IGLOO BANK WHICH KEPT MAIN FUEL FIRE OUTSIDE SMASHED IGLOO. PRELIMINARY EXAM BY BOMB DISPOSAL OFFICER SAYS A MIRACLE THAT ONE MARK SIX WITH EXPOSED DETONATORS DIDN'T GO OFF. FIRE FIGHTERS EXTINGUISHED FIRE AROUND MARK SIXES FAST. PLAN INVESTIGATION TO WARRANT DECORATING FIREMEN.

The only "jargon" is just CINC, B-47, A/C for "aircraft," etc., but what else would he say???? The B-47 WAS a B-47. What else should he have called it?

It certainly doesn't read like McNamara 60's gobbledegook. Now that's "jargon"!

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I am likewise reading this as a telex from Ramey to Vandenberg, or general to general. According to Sparks, these high level, personal communications tend to be low in jargon, which is also how I read the Ramey telegram. It appears to have slightly more jargon than the Walsh/LeMay example above, but not a lot. I have no doubt that there are numerous exceptions to this "rule," but the point is that it is typical for jargon to be low in such communications and my assumption of little jargon was probably a good one.

>Yet, in this military  
>memo we have no jargon and we have no designations of military  
>organizations. I find this a little strange... again not a fatal  
>flaw, but one that raises a red flag for me (though a very small  
>one).

Again, this is false. There is some jargon, but not a tremendous amount of it that I can see. There are also references to military organizations, perhaps three to the 8th AAF or Fort Worth AAF ("HQ 8th", FWAAF, and "A1-8th Army????"), perhaps one to headquarters of the AAF ("HQAAF"), and perhaps another one to Wright Air Field ("Wright AF").

>David points out that we concentrated only on the differences,  
>but not on the commonality. The problem is, we saw little  
>commonality in the various interpretations of the memo. One  
>named location in the memo was translated as Magdalena, Roswell,  
>or Carlsbad by various researchers and was unidentified in our  
>experiment. Well, all three interpretations can't be right, yet  
>each has it's advocate and each is positive that he is right and  
>the others are wrong.

It is very obvious that Magdalena can't be right, because it is 2 letters too long. Carlsbad can't be right because it is one letter too long.

But Kevin's example is yet another diversionary side-show. The real issue are critical words and phrases like "the victims of the wreck" and "the 'disc'" on which there was consensus. This was never discussed by Randle and Houran, yet it is of extreme importance. It demolishes any balloon theory, finally documents the recovery of bodies at Roswell, and has Ramey using the word "disc" to describe the crash object.

Other points of convergence were words and phrases like "you forwarded to the ?????? at Fort Worth, Tex.", "meaning of story and", "weather balloons", "land", "crews". Altogether, the various groups reached consensus on about a third of the words in the most visible portion of the message. Surely this also merited some discussion, instead of being flippantly dismissed as having "little commonality."

A number of these words (like "weather balloons") also formed the "common" words seen by people in their various experimental conditions, something else that should have been very clearly pointed out.

>We have the same problem with the name at the bottom. It is said  
>to be either Ramey or Temple, with a variation that it is  
>RRamey. One researcher thought that Temple was the internal  
>code name for J. Edgar Hoover and tried to verify this with the  
>FBI. I applaud his effort. The FBI would neither confirm nor  
>deny which was no help to us.

Again, this is a comparative sideshow. The important words are "victims" and "disc", and there is no discussion that they were definitely consensus words. There were other consensus words like "Fort Worth, Tex.", "meaning of story", "weather balloons", "land" and "crews." By themselves, they do not tell us the overall contents of the message, other than it is definitely about Roswell. However, the importance of "the victims of the wreck" is so obvious, it is inexplicable that this was never discussed. There was a discussion of casualties, and this was obviously no balloon crash.

As to Ramey being the signer of the letter, this is consistent with the second letter in the name pretty clearly being an "A" in high resolution and when enhanced. It is also self-consistent with the message being directed to "Vandenberg" at "HQAAF" in "Washington", was "From: HQ 8th (AAF)", and starts out with "FWAAF acknowledges."

The confusion in the number of letters in the signature I think stems from handwriting beneath the signature line slanting up and crossing over the end of the signature

I might mention that with Ramey holding the message, we have a 50/50 chance from the beginning of this being from Ramey. We also know from newspaper stories that Ramey was, in fact, in direct communication by phone with Vandenberg at the Pentagon during this exact same time period. And finally, we know of nobody named "Temple" who was in any way involved with Roswell or anything else on this day.

The point is, it is possible to look at the evidence collectively and arrive at a likely determination of who signed this message.

>They also complain about our bias, but we attempted to avoid  
>that by reporting on the facts of the case.

It is definitely a "fact of the case" that there was highly significant agreement on key portions of the message. But you never discussed this, spending a great deal of time instead pointing out the disagreements.

> They have ignored  
>our conclusions which we boldly stated,

Nonsense. We didn't "ignore" your conclusions. We pointed out that you have no data to back up your primary conclusion that people's readings were badly tainted by the context, or as stated in your abstract:

"Many participants indeed claimed to be able to read the document, although their subsequent solutions appeared to follow directly from the experimental suggestions."

Here's another statement of this in a letter of response in JSE, Winter 2002 (Vol. 16, # 4):

"[This] does not change the conclusion of our research.... Specifically, the interpretation of the message appears to follow directly from the expectations of those who are attempting to read it."

Here it is again in the introduction of your paper, in which you state your "expected" results:

"We expected that each suggestion condition would elicit significant differences in the participants' interpretations."

Followed in the results section by:

"The findings generally supported our expectations..."

But where is the data that there were indeed "significant differences" in interpretations? It doesn't exist. Instead you admit that it was thrown out, and obviously thrown out before you ever wrote the paper and submitted it, or the numbers would be there in the summary table.

In place of hard numbers, you instead provide a few anecdotal examples of context "primed" words. But if these are the only examples you could come up with, then the so-called priming amounted to only a tiny percent of the words. And a number of these context "exclusive" words were very neutral and had no obvious relation to context, or were also read in a different context. E.g., "meaning", a very neutral word, you listed as a word "exclusive" to the "atomic testing" context, yet it was a consensus word of the original Roswell researchers reading it from a Roswell context. Anecdotal evidence like this demonstrates nothing, especially backed up by no hard data. It doesn't belong in a science paper, and certainly shouldn't form the backbone of the main conclusion of the paper.

Your other "bold conclusion" was that there was some agreement on certain words like "weather balloons" and "Fort Worth, Tex". These did have actual numbers telling us how many people saw them in the various conditions.

However you weren't so "bold" as to note that the first Roswell readers also saw these words, instead of spending page after page claiming everybody was seeing only what they wanted to see.

Also you weren't so "bold" in discussing the highly obvious fact that your data showed the Roswell group being far more likely to pick out these words than people in the other two conditions. Why was this omitted? Either it was incompetence--you and Houran couldn't see the obvious right under your nose. Or it was deliberate, because it ran counter to your ongoing claim that context is "confounding" and makes readings "unreliable" (to use Houran's words).

> which suggest that those  
> attempting to read the memo in our experiment did, in fact, in  
> all three conditions, agree on the interpretation of some of the  
> words. This tells us that some of the memo can be read. Instead,  
> they choose to concentrate on what they consider the negatives.

"Negatives" like you not discussing that these were also consensus words of the original Roswell readers, or the fact that they also agreed on critical words like "the victims of the wreck" and "the disc." Negatives like you not discussing the obvious enhancement in reading "common" words by those knowing the correct context. Negatives like pointing out that you didn't provide your readers with optimized images, burdening them with the task of both reading and enhancing their own images. Yes, there are many, many serious negatives in this paper.

> And to return to "victims of the wreck" I might point out here  
> that, in our investigation, no one interpreted the line in that  
> way.

Do you suppose maybe this had something to do with the subjects being asked to read poorer quality, non-enhanced images? Or the fact that you asked them to look at the entire message instead of focusing in on certain portions? Again, to see what the readers were confronting, see:

[www.roswellproof.com/randle\\_houran\\_compare.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/randle_houran_compare.html)

Not providing the readers ahead of time with the best available enhanced images is just plain bad experimental design. Oops, there I go again concentrating on the negatives and failing to mention the "positives", like your main conclusion without any supporting data.

> If it is as clear as these investigators believe, then  
> someone outside the Roswell research community should have seen  
> it independently. That no one did should be viewed as a  
> significant revelation but certainly not one that invalidates  
> the work done by others.

Try redoing the experiment (which you should have done anyway without data) with top-quality, enhanced images and key in the readers to this section, and I have little doubt that some people will start picking out the phrase, at least the word "victims."

> In fact, if the interpretation of the memo is as self-evident as  
> the researchers have claimed, then shouldn't some of those in  
> our sample have spotted those words and if they didn't, why  
> didn't they?

Subjects starting out with crappy images, double-tasking the subjects (both reading and image enhancement), asking them to look at everything instead of focusing on certain sections, little time spent per subject, obviously little motivation by most of the subjects, and 2/3rd's not knowing the correct context. Do you suppose that might have had something to do with it?

> Jim has offered, off-line, to provide data to both Rudiak and  
> Morton, but, for the most part, they have failed to respond.

Neither you or Houran has ever offered to provide us with the data that backs up your primary conclusion of a "significant" priming effect. Everything else is mostly a sideshow. After more than 2 weeks, we are still asking for this data, and getting



nothing but doubletalk and evasion.

>Instead, we are attacked for "spin" and for dodging the  
>questions.

By all appearances, that is exactly what you are doing, even  
right now.

>Well, our methodology is laid out in the article, we  
>have answered, in public, the criticisms of our article, and Jim  
>has made the reasonable request that we engage in this debate in  
>JSE. Why is it that they refuse?

Just more spin and dodging. You have never properly addressed  
the various criticisms of your article.

But this can all be boiled down to one key issue: you don't have  
any data to back up your main conclusion. The only refusals I  
see are by you and Houran to provide it. Without that data, you  
didn't really have a publishable paper, even though the sleeping  
peer reviewers at JSE let it by.

We could take it to JSE, but how will this produce the missing  
data when you claim it was tossed out and can't produce it for  
us here? Or will it suddenly magically appear to support your  
conclusion in your letter of response in JSE, even though it was  
not presented in your original paper?

You are like the prosecuting attorney who has lost the forensic  
evidence. What does the prosecutor tell the judge? "Trust me. We  
really did have the fingerprints and the murder weapon to prove  
guilt, but the janitor threw them out. But let's proceed with  
the trial anyway, your Honor. You can instruct the jury that the  
word of the prosecutor is good enough."

Instead the judge would declare a mistrial and tell the  
prosecutor not to come back without the evidence in hand. What  
we have here is the scientific equivalent of a mistrial--a  
conclusion with no data. And the peer reviewers, as judge,  
should have rejected the paper.

The only sensible thing to do at this point is to admit the  
paper is fatally flawed, withdraw the paper, and rerun the  
experiment, instead of charging ahead with a brand new  
experiment with completely ignorant readers, using your first  
study as a justification. The problem is, you never showed that  
context significantly affected readings, except in a positive  
way. Instead, the negative data was allegedly tossed, your  
primary claim remains unsupported, and this is hardly the solid  
foundation for a new study.

Withdrawing your paper and repeating the experiment will also  
get Dave Morton and me off your back and start restoring your  
credibility, which very sadly has gone into a deep tail-spin  
recently. I also hope you go back to your forte of digging up  
good evidence and leave the debunking to the debunkers.

David Rudiak

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

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>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 12:04:06 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>I can't speak for others, but the Cracoe Fell matter has been on  
>my Discredited Sightings web page for months or years now.

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

>You can find it by date. I dismissed it with a single line:  
>(which folds over here)

>!1981/03/16 CRACOE FELL, England: Honest cops tricked by sun's  
>reflection on hillside quartz.

>Its a dead issue. I see no good reason to dredge it up, unless  
>one wants to generalize about unrelated sightings.

So solved, resolved, sorted. It wasn't a flying saucers (oops!)  
therefore it's no further interest to anyone and we can't learn  
anything from it.

Somehow the phrase "that tells us more about you, Larry, than it  
does about the Cracoe case" comes to mind.

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John Rimmer  
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>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 16:55:36 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough

<snip>

>>Being "showy" is sometimes  
>>needed to grab public attention.

>If being 'showy' is sometimes needed, how would you feel about  
>getting Stan Friedman, Dick Hall, Don Ledger, Kevin Randle, and  
>Jerry Clark (five researchers I respect, picked absolutely at  
>random), having them dress up in little green alien outfits  
>while picketing the White House? It certainly wouldn't be  
>science (although, for the debunkers, no doubt worth a good  
>laugh). I'm sure it would get plenty of press coverage, but not  
>the kind ufology needs. It would also be no different, in  
>principle, than the activities engaged in by Greer, with the  
>exception that at least the aforementioned five wouldn't be  
>fleecing people out of their hard earned cash in the process.

Putting on a press conference with government employees as  
witnesses is showy in a very positive way, as I see it.

>>Additionally, we know that UFO occupants use telepathy,

>'We know' UFO occupants use telepathy? Some may believe, others  
>may maintain, and more may suspect, but we are a long way from  
>'knowing' anything about this aspect of the abduction  
>phenomenon. Accordingly, expecting that only certain individuals  
>may be able to initiate flashlight contact, while a convenient  
>explanation, is nothing more than idle - and perhaps wishful -  
>speculation.

The sum total of all telepathy reports I've heard about or  
read, over the past half century, is good enough to colloquially  
say "we know", in my opinion. If someone declares they have  
received a telepathic message, I don't leap to deny it. I have no  
grounds to deny it.

Telepathy on less important everyday matters doesn't happen  
every day, but it happens often enough and to enough people that  
the term telepathy was coined to cover the phenomenon.

>It does set Dr. Greer up as a priest-like figure however - 'the  
>aliens can only be contacted through me, etc. etc.' which seems  
>to fit his MO.

Sorry, I never said he's priest like. Just that he is trying to  
bring about UFO disclosure, and perhaps "free" energy  
disclosure, in innovative ways.

>>I would hope that more people who find themselves looking at a

>>UFO and with a flashlight will give it a try.

>Assuming abduction reports are true, the absolute last thing I  
>would do if I saw a UFO would be to signal it with a flashlight!

Well, it's a case of nothing ventured, nothing gained. Each such success is a little more evidence which can attract the necessary public attention, and makes it a little harder for government to keep saying there is nothing to UFO sightings and abductions.

I don't like the idea of being abducted either, but I would not hesitate if I found myself in a position to try flashlight communication.

I say kudos to those who try and succeed.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 16:38:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 00:45:20 EST  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

<snip>

>It would just be nice to see Greer put up or shut up. It would  
>also be great to see someone taking money from him for a change.

Managing a roster of over 400 government witnesses, in something as historic and emotion-charged and seriously risky as UFO disclosure, must be one of the diciest projects anyone could undertake. Particularly in the post 9/11 environment, in which new laws like the Homeland Security Act and USA PATRIOT act, version I and the leaked version II. Such laws can, if the authority interpreting them decides to, tag any criminal offence as 'terrorism' with all of the extra-Constitutional penalties that go with such a label.

Remember that the "free" press and Congress totally dropped the ball on UFO disclosure, apparently as a result of 9/11. That was not Dr. Greer's fault.

He's using "free" energy to hopefully (and logically, IMO) to 'do an end run' around the stone wall erected by the press and government. These are not simple tasks.

I'm sure Dr. Greer would like to end the suspense too, but all who challenge government authority right now are walking a tightrope.

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 16:41:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Clarke

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 11:46:11 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 10:39:22 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>How ever if it turns your crank to use "flying saucer", then go  
>for it. I had more of a problem with your professional, Dr.  
>Cassie. He probably spent more time at the officers  
>mess swapping war stories than actually getting his hands dirty  
>and risking the embarrassment of investigating UFOs.

Don,

How do you investigate something that behaves like a will o'the  
wisp? You can't, therefore all you have are the people who make  
the reports; that's the problem faced by all scientific and  
Government investigations of these phenomena.

Cassie is far more open-minded about the possibility  
of 'exotic flying saucers' than you give him credit for. In one  
field investigation report from 1967, he spent some time  
speculating about the possibility of an optical illusion, only to  
conclude "...if his experience can't be explained in some  
such way, then maybe he saw an extra-terrestrial object  
[E.T.O]."

Maybe Cassie was smirking when he wrote those words - your  
remote-viewing ability might come in handy here - but he was  
immediately 'ticked off' by a colleague who wrote in a margin:  
"We [intelligence] think that the probability of there being an  
E.T.O. is of a very low order."

Who says debunkers never criticise other debunkers?

>Face it Dave, would you want your psychologist publicly  
>ridiculing some group program you were involved in? How would  
>you handle his remarks if they were directed at people who said  
>they saw fairies and ghosts and/or investigated them? Would you  
>still think him the pillar of science you tote him as now? I  
>don't think so.

I draw upon the advice of psychologists and sociologists  
routinely, and I've yet to meet one who "publicly ridicules"  
those who claim to have had unusual experiences. You seem to be  
under the impression that the very act of scrutinising the  
people who make reports, by definition implies they are crazy or  
deluded. Psychology has a role to play in understanding  
anomalous personal experiences, as does a whole range of other  
"ologies." It doesn't have all the answers, but neither do you,  
or you wouldn't still be searching for them.

>You had to be  
>derogatory, not because you are an interested investigator of  
>the phenomenon, looking for answers, but because you are a

>debunker. Wiggle all you want Dave, you are not fooling anybody  
>except perhaps yourself.

I don't need to fool anyone, my approach to the subject has  
always been up-front. If you don't like what I say, don't  
read it.

>I haven't heard any of the  
>military people I've talked to mention fairies, elves or trolls  
>and you don't see many of them hanging out at 100 or 45,000  
>feet.

I take it you have never heard of the gremlins?

Best,

Dave Clarke

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Subject: EBE-ET Bulletin Next Issue

Hello List,

We would like to remind you that the next issue of the EBE-ET International Bulletin will be published in the last week of March. The contents:

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Thank you very much.

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 16:48:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

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>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 22:29:07 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Don wrote:

>It hasn't been proven case after case. There are now millions. A  
>half dozen doesn't support a theory. You will have to go the  
>extra mile. I'm afraid your just saying it first doesn't make it  
>so Andy.

The theory is proven time and time again Don, and, as I keep asking, has anyone got a better one which is proven. No answers yet I'm afraid.

>You really are putting yourself out on a limb aren't you.  
>Imagine, after all these years of study, little old you has come  
>up with the answer.

No, the answer is just there Don. No-one 'came up' with it. It just works that's all, unless...well, see above.

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

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Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 15:20:22 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 16:50:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 15:54:23 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 00:10:45 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>Nor, I note, can your friend Stanton Friedman, who spells it  
>>MacDonald. Our Man in the Glens with the Haggis and Single Malt  
>>tells me that historically all these versions are  
>>interchangable, and it was only in the last hundred years or so  
>>that people started getting pedantic about Mc, Mac or M'.

>As one who bides north of the border (an adoptive Scot and all  
>the more vehement for that), and raises an eyebrow at occasional  
>mentions of 'English sceptics' and so forth (Hume was a Scot)  
>allow me to point out that the 'Mac' is the Scottish form, 'Mc'  
>the Irish form. The distinction may seem pedantry to the likes  
>of you and me, but rest assured that inattention to detail which  
>can be passed over as a trifle on this List becomes a matter of  
>honour in a highland bar at 12:30 on a Friday night!

Well, I guess I know which bars I'll be staying out on Friday  
nights!

Seriously, in line with what you say above, it's worth  
mentioning that James McDonald was an Irish-American.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video - Roberts

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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 16:53:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video - Roberts

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>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 23:59:31 +0000  
>Subject: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video

Oh dear!

Ericthe pressreleasemeister wrote:

>A packed crowd of nearly fifty people sat and watched the most  
>compelling piece of UFO video footage ever to be shot in the UK.

Only fifty? For such valuable information. Surely not.  
Compelling? Exactly how compelling - more so than say, the  
Peter Day footage for instance?

>Many sceptics slapped BUFOSC's Eric Morris on the back and  
>stated 'You have the real smokin gun evidence of UFOs invading  
>our skies.'

Which sceptics exactly Eric, like, er, their names please.  
And did they really say 'smokin gun' (without the 'g' at the  
end?). And did they really slap you on the back?

>Several left very shocked after only coming to be sceptical and  
>to see just a few lights in the sky, however what they observed  
>was very different.

Who exactly left 'very shocked' - what are their names and on  
what streets do they live? Surely you have a duty to public  
safety not to shock people and then let them drive home? Frankly  
I'm shocked.

>Shown on video projection for the first time the footage Morris  
>took on 16th January 2003 there are certainly three circular  
>discs in the sky, one chasing an aircraft into the John Lennon  
>Airport at 11:50am (One of Lennon's songs called 'Nobody Told Me'  
>had the lyrics "there's UFOs over New York and I ain't too  
>surprised".) Well there were UFOs over Liverpool on January  
>16th and BUFOSC have them exclusively on VHS tape.

And no-one saw them but Eric and his lonely video camera. How  
queer. Being near an airport an' all.

>BUFOSC have always been on the look out for video shots and  
>photos, well aware that certain entities are trying to catch  
>them out(see the Knutsford Incident March 1999).

That'll me be me Eric, watching you. If this footage is as good  
as the summer fayre balloon your chum videod last time then we  
wait with bated breath for Bush and Blair to cease saddling up  
and to discuss your sighting.

>Well there is  
>no denying this footage it was taken by Morris carrying out  
>field investigations into cases from that area on January 3rd  
>and 7th (and other dates).

Isn't it just a tad 'odd' that all Eric's fantastic video evidence

takes place very near where he lives? Are the ufonauts watching  
\_him\_?

>It is believed

By who? And why?

>this really is the evidence

Of what?

>UFO groups have been  
>after for so long. Enquiries have gone to the Ministry of Defence  
>and other external agencies and we are holding our first  
>Conference on May 10th 2003 at the Waterloo Community Centre in  
>Runcorn to mark this special occasion.

Has anyone on this List been to Runcorn? It's a strange place.  
But has one of the UKs few contactee stories based there from  
the mid 1950s. He took some photos as well.

>All enquiries referring to this footage should be made through  
>this address but in 2003 BUFOSC have just hit the Lottery  
>Jackpot in UFO footage, a long time coming but well worth  
>waiting for,

Well, I'm enquiring with the above questions Eric - got any  
answers or are you waiting for a cheque-book laden journalist  
perhaps?

>every single day since 1978.

The relevance of which is what?

>"What we have on tape here is Priceless"

Ahh, I knew money would be mentioned somewhere. Let's  
see how 'priceless' it is if a media source wants to use it!

>said Morris and we are  
>not releasing the tape until scrupulous investigations into it  
>have been made.

Hope they're better than the unscrupulous nature of the investigations  
into the previous 'best ever' UFO video mentioned earlier.  
And what happened to the UKs best ever UFO crash you were  
hawking only a few weeks ago?

>However at this moment in time BUFOSC hold the most important  
>piece of UFO video footage you will ever see.

Pah!

Seen (or not seen) it all before Eric. My prophecy is for  
another 'best ever' UFO case from Cheshire in, say, two months  
time - probably around Easter. Unless, of course, you move.

I could liken this incident to the strange case of Russ Kellett.  
Famous throughout Yorkshire UFO circles, when he lived in  
Bradford 'best ever' footage was shot all around Bradford.  
Then he moved to Filey (on the east coast) and bugger me if  
the east coast papers aren't full of 'best ever' footage shot  
by Russ there. Strangely 'best ever' footage seems to have stopped  
appearing for the cameras round Bradford!

Ah well. There y'go.

Happy Trails

Andy

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 18:30:50 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>The defenders of mystery will never accept RMP even when it is  
>>proven by case after case. Ah, they say, but what about the  
>>cases that \_aren't\_ resolved. Yeah, well, what about them?

>It hasn't been proven case after case. There are now millions. A  
>half dozen doesn't support a theory. You will have to go the  
>extra mile. I'm afraid your just saying it first doesn't make it  
>so Andy.

>>But it doesn't alter the facts above, or that RMP is \_the\_ only  
>>workable, demonstrable theory for UFO sightings.

>You really are putting yourself out on a limb aren't you.  
>Imagine, after all these years of study, little old you has come  
>up with the answer.

>Shut down the list Errol. Burn your files boys and girls - we  
>can all go home. Thank God that's over with.

>CAVU

>Don Ledger

Yes, kudos to Andy Roberts who has managed to find the "only"  
answer for UFOs. Not sure what he means by a "workable,  
demonstrable theory" though. Theories are theories, not final  
answers. Now that he has solved it for us, I can retire. I also  
recommend that his armchair be enshrined in the British Museum.

- Dick

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 7

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COLUMBIA DESTROYED BY WEIRD ENERGY BOLT?

"Top investigators of the Columbia space shuttle disaster are analyzing a startling photograph--snapped by an amateur astronomer from a San Francisco hillside--that appears to show a purplish electrical bolt striking the craft as it streaked across the California sky" seven minutes before the shuttle plunged to Earth in eastern Texas.

"The digital image is one of five snapped by the shuttle buff at roughly 5:53 a.m. (Pacific or California time, which is 7:53 a.m. Central or Texas time--J.T.) as sensors on the doomed orbiter began showing the first indications of trouble. Seven minutes later, the craft broke up in flames over Texas. The photographer requested that his name not be used and said he would not release the image until NASA people had time to examine it."

"Although there can be possible benign explanations for the image--such as a barely perceptible jiggle of the camera as it took the time exposures--NASA's zeal to examine the photo demonstrates the lengths to which the agency is going to tap the resources of ordinary Americans in solving the puzzle."

"Late Tuesday (February 5, 2003) NASA dispatched Tammy Jernigan, now a manager at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratories, to the San Francisco home of the astronomer to examine his digital images and to take the camera straight to Mountain View, where it was to be transported by NASA T-38 jet to Houston..."

"A Chronicle reporter was present when the astronaut (Ms. Jernigan--J.T.) arrived. First seeing the image on a large computer screen, she had one word: 'Wow!'"

"Jernigan, who is no longer working for NASA, quizzed the photographer on the aperture of the camera, the direction he faced, and the estimated exposure time--about four to six seconds--on the automatic Nikon 880 camera. It was mounted on a tripod, and the shutter was triggered manually."

"In the central shot, a glowing purple rope of light corkscrews down the (shuttle's) plasma trail, appears to pass behind it, then cuts sharply towards it from below. As it merges with the plasma trail, the streak itself brightens for a distance, then fades."

"'It certainly appears very anomalous,' said Jernigan, 'We sure

will be interested in taking a very hard look at this.'"

"Jernigan flew five shuttle missions herself during the 1990s, including three in Columbia. On her first flight, the pilot of the craft was Rick Husband, who was at the controls when Columbia perished."

"'He was one of the finest people I could ever hope to know,' said Jernigan."

"It was an astounding day for the San Francisco photographer, who said he had not had any success in reaching NASA through the published telephone hot lines. He ultimately reached investigators through a connection with a relative who attends the same church as former astronaut Jack Lousma, who flew 24 million miles (in orbit) in the Skylab 3 mission in 1973. Lousma put him in direct touch with Ralph Roe Jr., chief engineer for the shuttle program at the Johnson Space Flight Center in Houston."

"After a series of telephone conversations Tuesday afternoon, the photographer had a veteran shuttle mission specialist (Jernigan) knocking at his door by dinnertime. Within hours, he was left with a receipt, and his camera was on its way to Houston."

However, James E. Oberg, a 22-year veteran of NASA's Mission Control and the NBC News analyst on this story, pointed out that the Nikon 880 is notorious for creating "streaks" in its digital photos and the bolt might simply be a "computer glitch." (See the San Francisco Chronicle for February 6, 2003, "S.F. man's astounding photo." Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr., for forwarding this newspaper article, and to Jim Oberg for the additional commentary.)

#### RADAR TRACKED UNKNOWN OBJECT BEHIND COLUMBIA

"NASA officials confirmed Sunday (February 9, 2003) that military radar at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida spotted a mysterious object near Columbia while the shuttle orbited the Earth. But investigators don't know whether the object was a small meteorite or something that came from the shuttle itself."

"The tracking radar spotted the object (Friday) January 17 (2003), one day and 20 minutes into Columbia's mission. The object moved away from the shuttle at 10 miles per hour (16 kilometers per hour) and fell into the Earth's atmosphere two days after the radar spotted it."

"A NASA spokesman said he didn't know how near the object approached the spacecraft or why the radar was aimed at the shuttle. (Good question!--J.T.)

Nor does NASA know how big the object was, only that it's at least the size of a softball. The radar can only detect debris that size and larger."

"Some suspect the radar image is from Columbia dumping excess water. That's a routine maneuver during shuttle missions. Usually, the water falls in small crystals, but at least once before, it formed a block of ice."

"Investigators were also trying to decipher an image an Air Force camera took of Columbia as it crossed New Mexico--hundreds of miles before the shuttle fell to pieces. The grainy picture seems to show a jagged edge on the front of the shuttle's left wing, in contrast to the smooth curve of the front of the right wing."

"Some engineers interpret the picture as evidence that the front edge of the left wing had broken up. That would cause serious problems in maneuvering the shuttle."

James E. Oberg, a 22-year veteran of NASA Mission Control, stated, "You can't see the actual object; it's in the dark. You can only see the glowing plasma sheath around it, caused by its high-speed passage. The actual size of the object, as the size of a meteorite compared to the meteor images they create, is much smaller. Because it (the mystery object) falls back so quickly, my assessment is that it is very 'undense,' much like a



tile.'" (See USA Today for February 10, 2003, "Searchers find shuttle landing gear hatch," page 11A. Many thanks to Jim Oberg for the NASA commentary.)

#### SHUTTLE DEBRIS FOUND IN TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA

"NASA has recovered a two-foot (0.6 meter) long piece of Columbia's wing near Fort Worth (Texas), a find officials hope can help turn the investigation in the space shuttle crash."

"The 26 to 27-inch (65 to 68 centimeter) piece of wing was found near the western edge" of the 100-mile (160-kilometer) long debris zone, which stretches eastward into Louisiana, and "where pieces of the shuttle have been found. By Friday evening (February 7, 2003) NASA officials said they were unsure which wing the black, carbon-composite section came from, but the answer is certain to have a bearing on how useful it proves to be."

The piece, designed to withstand scorching temperatures on the leading edge of the wing, was taken to a Texas military base for further examination.

The location of the discovery was not released because officials hope to find more critical debris at the site."

In California, where strange light flashes were photographed by on-the-ground amateur and professional astronomers in San Francisco, Sacramento, Bishop and at the Lick Observatory in San Jose, anomalous debris was found in the state's high desert.

"A resident of Joshua Tree (population 4,027) in the high desert of southeastern California reported finding a piece of debris on a driveway that that might have come from the disintegrating space shuttle Columbia."

"The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department does not believe it came from the shuttle. But the Sheriff's Department contacted NASA about the debris. The Sheriff's Department is holding a four-inch-square object, described as looking like a piece of exposed film. It has foil-like material on one side and apparent burn marks."

"A small piece of something was found in a Target parking lot in Sacramento," the state capital, "and siezed by the sheriff's department, Sgt. Lou Fatur said."

"'We got notified from the CHP (California Highway Patrol--J.T.) to keep an eye out. We're just kind of following what they're doing,' Fatur said."

"At Soquel (population 5,081), on the north end of Monterey Bay, a state parks official told police of an object on the beach and tagged it for NASA, a Santa Cruz County emergency dispatcher said."

"NASA asked state park rangers to hold the object--an aluminum cylinder just over one foot (0.4 meters) long with inch markings on it--until space agency officials could retrieve it Wednesday morning (February 6, 2003), state parks spokesman Steve Capps said."

"Video taken from the Lick Observatory in San Jose also showed flashes of light and what appeared to be parts breaking off the shuttle. It was taken by amateur astronomer Rick Baldrige."

James E. Oberg, a 22-year veteran of NASA Mssion Control, had this comment: "Several reports of 'finds' of funny-looking junk have come in from California. So far, according to my information, none have proven to be from Columbia." (See the Chicago Tribune for February 8, 2003, "Chunk of shuttle's wing found in Texas," page 5; and the Los Angeles Times for February 7, 2003. Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. and Loren Coleman for these newspaper articles, and to Jim Oberg for the commentary.)

#### STRANGE SECRETS OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA

Since the Colombia disaster, all sorts of strange, odd and

downright spooky links and coincidences have emerged. Many have been listed or discussed on the Internet.

Christian seer Tom Gaston used the Bible Code to check out the name Columbia. He claims to have found predictions of the space disaster in the Old Testament, notably Song of Songs 8:6 and Esther 2:12.

"I have already found a (Bible) code for the space shuttle," Gaston reported, "The code: Crew, 16 days, which is the amount of days they were in space. Code: the fracture, the first day, the wing, followed by the defect, the defect, the inferno, spaceship returning to Earth, the seven dead, burning, Holocaust."

Curiously, the shuttle Columbia was carrying Holocaust memorabilia when the disaster happened. According to an Israeli news source, Arutz Sheva, "Yet maybe the strangest irony of all was that the Holocaust became a motif of the mission. (Israeli astronaut Col. Ilan) Ramon, whose mother beat the odds to survive Auschwitz, took with him on Columbia a drawing depicting the earth as seen from space, sketched by a 14-year-old boy, Peter Ginz, who didn't survive the Nazi death camp."

Ramon also carried a small Torah scroll which had been hidden in the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp and used on the Sabbath by Jewish prisoners.

Before the flight, Ramon told news reporters, "I carry on the suffering of the Holocaust generation. I'm kind of proof that despite all the horror they went through, we're going forward." (Editor's Comment: Maybe Col. Ramon should have waited until he was safely back on the ground before making that statement.)

Cryptozoologist Loren Coleman explored strange Fortean lexilinks (odd word links and coincidences--J.T.) in the shuttle disaster. He wrote, "In the wake of the pattern, I asked if the debris distribution from the space shuttle Columbia, with the first Israeli on board, raining down on Palestine, Texas, some Fortean 'name game' coincidences were being revealed."

"On February 3, 2003, reports from Texas talked of (shuttle) debris being found near Venus, Texas, 'and in a tree in Joshua, Texas.'"

"Now, on February 5, news services were saying the search for debris was spreading westward, because a piece of what appeared to be charred Columbia debris had been found in the driveway of a home in Joshua Tree, California." (See the related news story earlier in this issue--J.T.)

"Joshua Tree National Monument is an oft-discussed 'power point' in the occult community," Loren added, "Country rock musician Gram (short for Ingram) Parsons' death on September 19, 1973 took place at the nearby Joshua Tree Inn. (Parsons was famed for his music with Emmylou Harris, the Byrds and the Flying Burrito Brothers--L.C.) His death is legendary in music and magick because of what happened after he died."

"While Parsons' body was waiting at the Los Angeles International Airport to be flown back to New Orleans, his road manager, Phil Clark Kaufman, and a friend, Michael Martin, borrowed a broken-down hearse and drove it to LAX (the airport) to steal the body. Kaufman (who had produced the album Lie for Charles Manson--L.C.) and Martin took Parsons' body out into the Joshua Tree desert and burned/charred it." (Editor's Comment: Here's another lexilink. The name Parsons could also refer to Jack D. Parsons, pioneering rocket scientist, friend of Robert H. Goddard and disciple of Aleister Crowley, who helped launch the USA's space program in the 1950s. Jack Parsons is infamous for a lot of things, notably a certain black magickal ritual in Pasadena, California in 1952, which is not discussed in polite society. But this one is my favorite: Jack got drunk in Tularosa, New Mexico one night and told the bartender: "Listen, fella, I've burned up more alcohol in five seconds than you've sold across this bar in twenty years!")

If you suffer from triskadeiphobia (fear of the number 13--J.T.), you might want to skip employment at NASA. "The number 13, and the month of January, take on a tragic significance in NASA's manned space program."

"Consider these haunting facts:"

"The doomed Columbia mission was launched January 16 (2003) as the 113th space shuttle mission."

"After several delays, the space shuttle Challenger finally lifted off January 28, 1986 at 11:38 a.m. One minute and 13 seconds into the flight, Challenger exploded, killing all seven astronauts" on board, including Christa McAuliffe, the first teacher in space. (In numerology, 11:38 a.m. works out to 1 plus 1 plus 3 plus 8 equals 13--J.T.)

"Apollo 13 lifted off at (gulp!) 13:13 Houston time, April 11, 1970. Two days later, on April 13, it had a near-fatal explosion onboard caused by a fault in electrical circuit 13."

And in 1952, the movie Abbott and Costello Go to Mars premiered. In the film, comedians Bud Abbott and Lou Costello accidentally launch themselves into space aboard a "rocket ship." By some eerie coincidence, the ship first lands in central Louisiana, where the easternmost debris from the shuttle Columbia fell to Earth.

Believing they are really on Mars, Bud and Lou put on space suits and venture forth. Of course, they've landed on Mardi Gras Tuesday, so they encounter lots of people in fantastic costumes, whom they believe to be aliens. Nor are the locals alarmed when they see the pair, figuring they're just dressed up for the festivities as "spacemen." After some comical misadventures, Bud and Lou blast off again. This time, though, they have two escaped convicts on board, and their spaceship heads for Venus.

Oh, yes, and the name of the "rocket ship" in Abbott and Costello Go to Mars?

Why...the Columbia. (See the tabloid Globe for February 18, 2003, "The Unlucky 13s," page 21. Also many thanks to Loren Coleman, Steve Wilson Sr., and others for the trivia.)

#### BIG UFO FLOTILLA RETURNS TO MEXICO'S YUCATAN

On Wednesday, January 29, 2003, at 11 p.m., witnesses in Progreso, a seaport town on the northern coast of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, saw another large flotilla of spherical silver metallic UFOs hovering just south of the community.

"The sighting was reported along the Merida-to-Progreso highway, this time in the vicinity of the Flamboyanes subdivision," 5 kilometers (3 miles) south of Progreso."

"Sra. Maria Barrera, 42, who witnessed the earlier flyover of 40 metallic UFOs on January 17, 2003, has seen the phenomenon once more but this time in greater numbers."

On Wednesday, January 29, 2003, "80 spheres, double the number of the previous incident, were seen. On this occasion, the event lasted between 15 and 20 minutes, and the spectacle was also seen by dozens of civilian vehicles which pulled over to watch the phenomenon, among them an official vehicle of Mexico's Federal Election Commission."

Sra. Barrera "states that she looked carefully at the spheres as they made figure-like shapes in the air, first a rhomboid and then an arrow. The apparent diameter of the spheres, explained Sra. Barrera, was between 30 and 40 centimeters (12 to 16 inches)" at arm's length. The sky was clear over the Yucatan that night." (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y David Triay Lucatero del Centro de Analisis de Fenomenos Espaciales (CAFE) para eso informe.)

#### UFOs REMAIN ACTIVE IN SOUTH AMERICA

UFO sightings remain at an all-time high in the countries of South America.

In Brazil, on Monday, February 3, 2003, "a local radio station in Atibaia," in the state of Bahia, "reported that at 2:30 a.m., there was an electrical power blackout throughout the city.

Several witnesses went out in the street and saw two bright UFOs zigzagging through the sky. The UFOs were spherical in shape. Locally, silver UFOs have been seen repeatedly in the mountains near Itapetinga," also in Bahia state.

"One witness in Atibaia, who asked not to be identified, saw the UFOs from the balcony of his apartment building."

"The radio announcer said that, while zigzagging, the UFOs were festooned with bright lights colored blue, green and yellow, and others also saw them. Light from the two UFOs faintly illuminated the darkened streets of the city."

Itapetinga is located 200 kilometers (120 miles) southwest of Salvador, the state capital, and about 500 kilometers (300 miles) north-northeast of Rio de Janeiro.

In Peru, "an unidentified flying object was reported on Monday, January 13, 2003 over the" city of Pucallpa, located on the Rio Ucayali in La Selva, the tropical jungles of eastern Peru.

"The witness was a functionary of Aeropantanal, a private (airline) corporation."

"Alberto Santiva Panduro, a functionary of the airline, claims having seen the UFO in the morning when the skies were 'completely clear.'"

"He added that the unknown object was headed southward" over the trackless rain forests, "adding that during the same week, he had seen another similar object in the northern reaches of the Peruvian community."

Pucallpa is located about 600 kilometers (360 miles) northeast of Lima, the capital of Peru. (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Guillermo D. Gimenez para eso informe.)

#### SOLITARY UFO TRAILS A CAR IN NORTHERN INDIA

On Sunday, January 26, 2003, a car left Chandigarh, a city in northern India's Himachal Pradesh state, bound for the hill resort of Simla in the Himalayas.

"The witnesses said they were driving on a two-lane road in the Himalayas," south of Simla, "when they observed a strange object approaching from the east at a very high altitude. The UFO 'left a strange contrail' in the blue mountain sky."

"For over three hours, the UFO remained at the same point in the sky in relation to the automobile. Then it suddenly zipped away over the high snow-covered mountains and out of sight of the witnesses."

Chandigarh is located about 250 kilometers (150 miles) north of New Delhi, the capital of India. (See NotiOVNI for February 2, 2003. Many thanks to Prasant Solomon of UFO India and Daniel Munoz for this news story.)

Well, that's it for this week. Conflicting reports about the shuttle Columbia are still pouring in. The focus of the investigation sometimes seems to be changing on a daily basis. But we'll be back with more on the Columbia, plus the usual 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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UFO sightings increase sharply in 2002 and once again B.C. leads Canada

Scott Edmonds  
Canadian Press

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

WINNIPEG (CP) - From white cylinders in British Columbia to an object with windows and flashing lights near Inkerman, N.B., last year was a banner one for sightings of unidentified flying objects over Canada.

"In 2002 we had the largest number of separate events for a single year in the history of collecting UFO data for Canada," Chris Rutkowski of Ufology Research of Manitoba said Wednesday. "We have some extraordinary cases in Canada last year reported literally from one end of the country to the other." Since 1989 his group has been compiling reports from across Canada.

There were 483 UFO sightings reported in 2002 - almost 30 per cent more than in 2001 and a 250 per cent increase since 1998.

That's a record if 1993 is excluded when one celestial fireball contributed to a high of 489 reports that year, explained Rutkowski, who added that 154 of them were easily explained because of the fireball.

"Overall it's fascinating to see that the number of cases in Canada rose so dramatically last year," he said.

There is no easy explanation for the increase, he added.

Rutkowski said one of the strangest unexplained sightings occurred in January 2002 near the tiny community of Inkerman, N.B.

"A large object with flashing lights and brightly lit windows flew slowly and fairly silently over a highway," he said.

"A couple stopped their car and watched it as it moved down behind some trees."

It was one of the sightings he looked into personally.

Overall, British Columbia was once again the place to be in 2002 to see a UFO. The province produced 176 sightings, more than Ontario and Quebec combined and up from 123 in 2001.

B.C.'s numbers represent a third of all UFO sightings in Canada. Rutkowski said part of the reason is likely due to two UFO organizations in the province which have done a good job encouraging reports, although he suggested that doesn't tell the whole story.

"I don't think that the increase can be ascribed completely to the fact people are looking up a little more or know where to

report."

Many of the reports from British Columbia come from the north of the province, not the densely populated south.

"In the Yukon there (also) still seems to be an extraordinarily high number of cases," he noted.

The Yukon produced 20 reports last year and has consistently produced about that many or more since 1998.

Ontario produced 128 reports last year, Alberta 51, Manitoba 36, Quebec 34, Nova Scotia 23, Saskatchewan 6, New Brunswick 4, Newfoundland 3 and Nunavut 2. Prince Edward Island and the Northwest Territories were UFO-free zones in 2002.

In general, more UFOs were reported in late summer than any other time of the year, although February also produced a peak.

About 18 per cent of all UFO reports remained unexplained but only about seven per cent were what researchers consider high-quality cases. Most sightings involved at least two witnesses and lasted approximately 15 minutes.

Rutkowski and the other researchers who helped compile the report don't draw any conclusions from the sightings and don't suggest alien spacecraft are visiting planet Earth.

"As with previous studies, the 2002 Canadian UFO survey does not offer any positive proof that UFOs are either alien spacecraft or a specific natural phenomenon," notes the report.

"However, it does show that some phenomenon, which is often called a UFO, is continually being observed by witnesses."

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(CP) - Here's a list of some unidentified flying objects sighted by Canadians in 2002:

Jan. 12, 2002, 9:40 p.m., Inkerman, N.B. - A couple in a car watch a large object with flashing lights and brightly lit windows fly slowly and silently over a highway. Dozens report sightings about the same time.

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March 28, 2002, 10:30 p.m., Hamilton, B.C. - A pale-coloured light rises from a mountain, then disappears. It repeats this performance several times.

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April 7, 2002, 1:57 a.m., Hudson's Bay, Nunavut - The aircrew of a cargo plane watch a small light grow in size to become a jagged ball, then fizzle out.

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May 7, 2002, 11:23 p.m., Winnipeg - A fuzzy patch of light is seen and photographed near the Big Dipper by an experienced astronomer and physicist. It was not a comet, cloud, or any other known phenomenon.

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May 26, 2002, 11:44 p.m., Winnipeg - Three people watch a dark object with three red circles on its underside silently glide across the sky.

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July 28, 2002, 10:00 p.m., Smithers, B.C. - A barrel-shaped silver object flies across the sky towards the southwest.

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Aug. 13, 2002, 1:00 a.m., Waterville, N.S. - Twelve witnesses watch two luminous silver objects fly silently over an RV park, then one of the objects angles sharply away and is lost to sight.

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Aug. 13, 2002, 2:15 a.m., Cow Bay, N.S. - A huge, slow-moving black triangular object appears to block out the sky. Inquiries with radar operators confirm a large unknown object had flown over the area at that time.

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Aug. 23, 2002, 7:00 p.m., Houston, B.C. - A shiny white cylindrical object flies overhead and is videotaped.

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Sept. 1, 2002, 8:47 p.m., Molega Lake, N.S. - Two witnesses watch an object with rectangular slit-like lights and a large red flashing light fly slowly eastward.

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Sept. 22, 2002, 3:13 p.m., Vancouver - A small orange object moves slowly in the sky, changes direction and shape, and is observed for hours by more than a dozen people.

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Oct. 22, 2002, 10:25 p.m., Granisle, B.C. - An orange disc-shaped object hovers over a mine, then slowly rises and flies north until it's out of sight.

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Roberts

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Colin wrote:

>>The trouble is that I have the same problem with the concept of  
>fact as Andy does with the concept of mystery. We are both  
>analogical twins. He demystifies mystery to show that there is  
>nothing there in his opinion, I in turn, as a mirror image,  
>demystify fact to show that when deconstructed, "fact" is the  
>entry to as many mysteries as you like.

But Colin that's my whole point. I would suggest that the entire  
phalanx of English Magonian sceptical ufologists will  
wholeheartedly agree with you when you say 'fact' is the entry  
to as many mysteries as you like'. As Jerry would, has, and will  
say "you've made my case for me!".

'The Mystery' is purely cultural. The 'entry point' by which  
people access these 'mysteries' is the interesting bit.  
Mysteries are two a penny. Knowing how they come about is, as  
Eric has, would and will say, 'is priceless'. We differ on the  
interpretation is all, as far as I can see.

>In Ufological discussions there is of course a factor hardly  
>present in any other discussions. This is the difference between  
>those who have had a sighting and those who have not. I have had  
>a spectacular sighting and I have lost time. When this happens  
>to Andy, he knows my telephone number is in the London Telephone  
>Directory. I will help reprogramme his software and adjust his  
>framework of reference.

Now, now - that's the religious argument - or that of the hard  
core smack head (and I work with them so I should know) -  
"you've haven't been abducted/taken by fairies/experienced how  
good smack/acid/ecstasy is, you don't know." Arguing with  
initiates is always difficult when they pull that one. But the  
opposite is also true.

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>I would like to suggest respectfully (the Bad Man is in a good  
>mood this morning) that Andy and Jerry are not right or wrong,  
>but completely out of date in this respect.

Jerry and I are hip as hip can be. We just disagree a lot.

>But I realize what  
>is happening here, and others do not.

The other argument, "only I know the truth" - which in this case  
when it's so fuzzy as to purr is a bit wide of the mark.

>David, I say again, your inspired leap over the electrified  
>barbed wire into postmodern freedom will prove to be one of the  
>great existential escapes of the 21st century.

Don't worry Colin - the guards will easily spot his papers are forged. We've had to bring him back before, then we just give him a baseball and put him in the cooler. We know he can't ride a motorbike.

>But will Andy run for the wire before it is too late?

No. I'm too busy fashioning it into a garrotte!

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

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>>It would just be nice to see Greer put up or shut up. It would  
>>also be great to see someone taking money from him for a change.

>Managing a roster of over 400 government witnesses, in something  
>as historic and emotion-charged and seriously risky as UFO  
>disclosure, must be one of the diciest projects anyone could  
>undertake. Particularly in the post 9/11 environment, in which  
>new laws like the Homeland Security Act and USA PATRIOT act,  
>version I and the leaked version II. Such laws can, if the  
>authority interpreting them decides to, tag any criminal offence  
>as 'terrorism' with all of the extra-Constitutional penalties  
>that go with such a label.

>Remember that the "free" press and Congress totally dropped the  
>ball on UFO disclosure, apparently as a result of 9/11. That was  
>not Dr. Greer's fault.

>He's using "free" energy to hopefully (and logically, IMO) to  
>'do an end run' around the stone wall erected by the press and  
>government. These are not simple tasks.

>I'm sure Dr. Greer would like to end the suspense too, but all  
>who challenge government authority right now are walking a  
>tightrope.

>Eleanor White

Eleanor,

I have bitten my tongue and refrained from responding to your many adulatory postings about Greer, but this one reached my gag reflex threshold. The evidence indicating that Greer is a hustler and a con-man is rather overwhelming. I will not bother repeating it all here because you obviously are impervious to facts when they contradict what you want to believe.

From my own direct, first-hand knowledge and experience and based on what a number of his former supporters have said to me, the man is a slick con-artist. He stole our (Fund for UFO Research) material and claimed it as his own; it took a threatened lawsuit for him to back off from that. As others have noted, he accepts large sums of money from gullible people who want to make alien contact, and takes them out on "field trips" which are yet to produce a single, documented encounter as a result of his flashlight waving. What a naive concept to begin with!

I have had members of these "field trips" tell me what a joke it turned out to be. I even received a phone call from one of his

former employees who became totally disillusioned when she discovered him manipulating the books for his own profit. It goes on and on and on.....

Many or most of his "400 military witnesses" were already on record or had been interviewed by others (including us), but he claimed them as his own. Some of them are demonstrable liars, which is very unfortunate for the legitimate witnesses among them. But the fault lies with Greer for never bothering to vett potential witnesses at all. Very recently I heard from a prominent person who confided in me that a few years ago, Congressional hearings on UFOs were shaping up and might well have taken place, but Greer showed up with his dog and pony show and undermined the whole thing.

And give me a break on "free energy." There ain't no free lunch, and Greer is simply following a long tradition of prior con-men in touting such wishful thinking. He is clever about tapping into human desires, and human gullibilities.

Others (not me) have commented on Greer's diabolical timing in these matters and even suggested that his charade smacks of disinformation. I don't know about that, but I do know from direct contact with the man and direct knowledge of his nefarious activities that he has set back any possibility of Congressional hearings rather than advancing the possibility.

And 9/11 has nothing to do with it.

- Dick

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

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>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Larry wrote:

>I can't speak for others, but the Cracoe Fell matter has been on  
>my Discredited Sightings web page for months or years now.

Rimmer got to you first Larry but do you or any other Listers  
\_really\_ think that when a complex 'best ever' case is solved it  
can just be disregarded? Now that would make an interesting  
discussion.

At what point exactly does a 'best ever' case stop being  
relevant? When cracks appear? Or when it is finally resolved?  
And where does its 'mystery' go, and why is it less important  
after than before?

Less a case of misperception here than several cases of pissed  
deception. Bottoms up Larry!

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - White

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<snip>

>One such memory involves a procedure where 'something' that  
>resembled a man-sized praying mantis shoved a rod/probe up  
>my nose. I felt pain and pressure as it pushed the object deep  
>into my head. As if it wasn't terrifying enough, what really rattled  
>me and sticks out in memory is the dull crunching sound I 'heard'  
>inside my head as the probe (obviously) penetrated a sinus  
>cavity or bone. That memory replayed in my head for weeks after  
>the incident. BTW, there was dried blood on my face the next  
>morning from the same nostril that I recalled the 'thing' had  
>shoved the probe into.

<snip>

Not trying to pry, and no need to reply if you don't feel comfortable John, but I'm curious about whether you've ever had a face or skull x-ray which showed anything unusual?

And a comment that popped up as I looked at your Abduction Information Center's Implants page:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/pa.htm>

I'm wondering if the reason the implants don't look like what we might expect "implants" to look like (i.e. miniature circuitry) is that the implant-ers disguise them to look like lumps of ordinary stuff.

The book "Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain", by Lynn Schroeder and Sheila Ostrander, who visited Iron Curtain people who were psychic notables, describes what are called "psychotronic generators" which were lumps of ordinary material yet had extraordinary properties. Materials like wood and various metals.

These were invented by Czech industrialist Robert Pavlita, and once "charged" psychically, could cause unusual things to happen in their vicinity.

The "psychotronic generator" the authors were given to inspect had the ability to attract as if magnetic objects which were not magnetic. A daisy chain of paper fragments was mentioned.

But it was not static electricity, because the attraction worked equally well under water.

So it might be that an ET implant maker could get a considerable amount of functionality into a seemingly simple, inert lump of metal, using something like Pavlita's discovery.

And perhaps NIDS would do well to look up today's Pavlita family who may be able to shed some light on these "lumps" of implanted material.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

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>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>Excuse me for butting in here (belatedly) but I think you're  
>missing the point of Jerry's argument in this instance. The  
>particular qualities of ball lightning that make it interesting  
>as a case-law precedent are that it is a phenomenon which has  
>only ever existed as product of witness reportage, that it was  
>once plausibly argued away on that basis, and that it is now  
>plausibly embraced on that same basis.

>It's a fascinating instance of the sort of dynamical social  
>process that Cathy Reason was talking about. It is a process  
>which is to a surprising degree inert with respect to 'truth'  
>and 'falsehood' and highly reactive to normative social  
>pressures of one polarity or another.

>This is very evident in the history of ball lightning, and the  
>'UFO' data are much more highly reactive even than that,  
>although in many ways the parallels are extremely close - so  
>close that I dare say it would be difficult to define either  
>phenomenon (using the word in a value - and theory-neutral way)  
>so as to clearly exclude the other. But a socially real  
>distinction exists.

>This is very largely a theory-driven distinction rather than an

>In a sense, the familiarity of novel plasma theories beginning  
>in the 1950's acted to select out post facto a certain subclass  
>of aerial anomalies without much attention being paid to those  
>erstwhile Very Important issues of epistemological principle  
>being guiltily compromised in the process. It was still the same  
>'data' - but it acquired a different status in the socially-  
>constructed 'reality' that we inhabit for quite pragmatic  
>reasons. No one captured a kugelblitz or got unimpeachable  
>photos or instrument readings - all the photos had long ago been  
>thoroughly impeached.

This is very interesting. It seems from what you are saying here that science began to select data which fitted into a theory after it gained general acceptance. This is an interesting social phenomenon, and obviously has relevance to a wider range of socially acceptable anomalies. The way in which normal human behaviour is medicalised through the creation of "syndromes" for instance. Has anybody written any sort of "social history" of ball-lightning?

>From your first paragraph, where you say "it is a phenomenon which has only ever existed as product of witness reportage, that it was once plausibly argued away on that basis, and that it is now plausibly embraced on that same basis", there would seem to be very little difference between BL and UFOs. Misinterpretations, radical or otherwise, may well be as significant a part of BL sightings as they are of UFO reports. However, as science has established a comfortable phenomenological niche for such reports, perhaps the impetus to identify and eliminate misinterpretations from the data base is



not as strong amongst BL researchers?

If BL, like UFOs, only exists via eyewitness reports, it seems to me that the general scientific acceptance it has received, vis-a-vis UFO reports, is probably unjustified, and perhaps here is an area where some IFOs might be re-classified as UFOs with sufficient investigation.

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Filer's Files #7 -- 2003

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UFO SEEN NEAR SHUTTLE AS SIGHTINGS INCREASE WORLDWIDE.

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. This report includes an: Unidentified object near Shuttle Columbia, Connecticut green object lights up sky brighter than day, New Jersey dancing lights, Virginia morphing spheres in a chemtrail, Florida huge daylight disc seen, Texas green or purple plasma near Shuttle, Montana glowing object appears to be balloon, California red orbs sighted with chemtrails, Oregon stationary, fairly large saucer with rotating lights spotted, Washington sightings continue, Peru UFO sighted, England rotating lights, Netherlands red lights, Malaysia high speed disk, and Australian UFOs. My sponsor's anti-aging nutritional products can help you live longer and healthier lives. <http://www.filer.unfranchise.com>

DID A MYSTERIOUS UFO CAUSE THE SHUTTLE DISASTER?

TEXAS -- The Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated in flames over Texas on February 1, 2002, after it was hit by a mysterious purple or green streak or object that is shown hitting the Columbia. NASA reports that there were no indications of ice on the Shuttle prior to lift off in 60-degree weather and that every square inch of the Shuttle was examined prior to lift off. They have essentially ruled out ice as the cause of the disaster. There is also the story that a couple of pounds of foam insulation broke off the shuttle booster tank during launch and may have damaged the left wing. It seems the light weight of the insulation would make any damage to the shuttle minimal. Video that I have seen shows a powerful electrical plasma or lightning-like strike that causes significant damage to the left wing and the tail of the Shuttle.

We do not know what caused the electrical plasma strike but this has happened before on several occasions. UFOs have been filmed launching similar electrical strikes at US missiles. The electrical charge may be caused by unknown high level electrical phenomenon that caused an imbalance between the earth's electrosphere and the Shuttle.

It is, also, remotely possible that terrorists have obtained the Physics International electrical beam weapons. The Air Force reports picking up an unknown flying object moving away from the Shuttle as it disintegrated over Texas. Six Americans and Israel's first astronaut lost their lives. People reported hearing "a big bang" at about 9 AM, as the Shuttle reentered the atmosphere and was operating normally at an altitude of 207,000 feet traveling at 12,500 mph. High-resolution images taken from a ground-based Air Force tracking camera in southwestern US show serious structural damage to the inboard leading edge of

Columbia's left wing, as the crippled Shuttle flew overhead about 60 sec. before the vehicle broke up. The images, under analysis at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, show a jagged edge on the left inboard wing structure near where the wing begins to intersect the fuselage. They also show the Shuttle's right aft yaw thrusters firing, trying to correct the vehicle's attitude that was being adversely affected by the left wing damage. Columbia's fuselage and right wing appear normal. Unlike the damaged and jagged left wing section, the right wing appears smooth along its entire length. The imagery is consistent with telemetry.

NASA is now considering the Red Sprite or Blue Jets phenomena, that generally travel up from thunder clouds into space. However, no bad weather was reported over the Western US. An expert in high-atmospheric physics at Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico says it is not likely that the electrical phenomenon has anything to do with the Columbia accident, but that it needs to be studied. "In the shuttle's final eight minutes, the morning of Feb. 1, temperatures surged in the left landing gear compartment, and the brake lines began overheating one by one. Sensors began showing overheating across other areas of the left wing and adjoining fuselage. Then Mission Control lost all contact.

ATKINS -- The Director of NUFORC, Peter Davenport spoke with an eyewitness to the Shuttle disaster, who reports that both he and his grandchildren had witnessed a green, self-luminous object move toward the Space Shuttle very quickly, seemingly from the southwest, as the Shuttle streaked across the Texas sky. The witness estimated that they first noticed the object an estimated two seconds after they had first witnessed the Shuttle in the sky to the northwest and just prior to the shuttle's explosion. He was there with his grandchildren watching for Columbia's re-entry and watched as it crossed from horizon to horizon and I can't imagine having a better overall vantage point than the spot where we stood. I saw...green light, explosion, sonic boom, etc.

The witness writes, "On May 23'rd, 1959 I had a very "up close and personal" encounter with two UFOs." Since that time I've had sort of a "been there, done that" attitude regarding UFO's. I don't try to convince anyone one way or the other, but I'm always very irritated when, through someone's stupidity, the idea that we are being visited by extra-terrestrials is "debunked." Which brings me to the green light and the Shuttle. We now know that pieces of tile were being ripped off Columbia over the west coast, and of course that would be most people's explanation for the green light. I wish I could rationalize the light away with the tile theory. I've tried. But I can't get my mind around this thing for several reasons. Why was it at such a great distance from Columbia? Why was it closing the gap between itself and the shuttle? What could have come off Columbia at that point that would burn such a bright, unremitting green? And most importantly, why wasn't the green object leaving a smoke trail? My eight year old grandson said it all when he asked, "Grandpa what's that green light following the shuttle?"

In any case you probably see where I'm going with this. This is a terrible tragedy for a lot of people and the world as a whole. People are not in the mood for, what they would no doubt consider a quack, coming out of the woodwork. So my question to you Peter is...do we say a whole lot about this now? Or anything at all for that matter? It could cause emotional pain to many people and badly damage Ufology.

It occurs to me at this exact moment that you might think I'm a nut case. So for the "unofficial" record I'll tell you this: Although I don't have a clue what the green object was, I don't believe for a second that it was anything from the shuttle. With that little bit of bravado I'll close. Let me know what you want me to do now. Let me know, too, if anyone else has reported anything similar to what I've told you. Misery likes company you know. God bless you and yours.

CNN and radio (700 WLW) reports that, "The Air Force reported tracking an "object" moving alongside Columbia on January 17, 2003, one day and 20 minutes into the mission.while the shuttle was still in space. They said it "may" have been a piece of the shuttle, but they don't know yet. NASA officials confirmed that military radar at Eglin Air Force Base spotted a mysterious

object near Columbia The object moved away from the Shuttle at 10 miles per hour.

During the first few hours of the coverage of the disaster released video showed an object following the Shuttle about an estimated thousand feet behind the Shuttle that seemed to launch a bolt of lightning like plasma toward the Shuttle.

David Perlman of The San Francisco Chronicle viewed the photos later that night, and on Sunday, the Chronicle reported an electrified discharge seen around the track of the shuttle's passage. "They clearly record an electrical discharge like a lightning bolt flashing past," said the photographer. NASA dispatched former shuttle astronaut Tammy Jernigan to acquire the camera. A Chronicle reporter was present when Jernigan arrived. "It certainly appears very anomalous," she said. "We sure will be very interested in taking a very hard look at this." In the critical shot, a glowing purple rope of light corkscrews down toward the plasma trail, appears to pass behind it, then cuts sharply toward it from below. As it merges with the plasma trail, the streak itself brightens for a distance, then fades. The pictures, taken with a Nikon-880 digital camera on a tripod, reveal what appear to be bright electrical phenomena flashing around the track of the shuttle's passage. Thanks to: SAN FRANCISCO (Chronicle) - 02-Feb-03 Photos show odd images near shuttle <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2003/02/02/MN221641.DTL>

DALLAS - Another viewer writes, "While watching the news on CNN Saturday morning about the explosion of the Shuttle, CNN showed a video of the Shuttle coming in from a front view. In the video the shuttle is coming from the left top hand of the screen downwards towards the right. There was a cloud in front of it with the sun reflecting on it making it glow, all of a sudden from the bottom left hand corner of the screen, dark shaped objects zipped upwards across the sky towards the right hand corner. It was moving quite fast and disappeared in seconds. My 14 year old son and I looked at each other and both said at the same time "What the heck was that?" We watched all day long for them to show the particular clip again, but the never did. It was very clear to us and we are wondering why it was never shown again.

Editor's Note: Filer's Files has been reporting plasma and UFO objects in our skies for the last six years. NASA has essentially ruled out ice as the cause of the Shuttle failure. Jeff Challender, who regularly monitors Shuttle video, has produced videos of hundreds of anomalous objects in space. NASA has repeatedly denied these objects and called them ice. UFOs exist and the Shuttle disaster may prove it. My hundred colleagues in the Disclosure Project which include high ranking military officers, FAA, and NASA personnel are prepared to testify on the reality of UFOs. In my opinion, launch tile damage did not cause the disaster. Both video and eyewitness testimony proves other forces were involved. Similar plasma like objects are reported in our skies thousands of times each year. We have suggested hundreds of times that UFO research is needed. Some UFO sightings may be plasmas that the eye and brain interpret as solid craft. Many eyewitnesses also report that plasma like objects when they slow down become craft. An object moving through space at 100,000 miles per hour and faster would glow and appear as a plasma. Objects entering the atmosphere also glow. I speculate the world has witnessed an encounter with a UFO that ended in disaster. Both NASA and military personnel have told me, these unidentified objects are regularly tracked on thier radars.

The electrical discharge appeared to come from an object that moved in behind the Shuttle that was flying at 12,500 mph. This may indicate a UFO was involved since an unidentified object caught up to the Shuttle and seemed to launch the electrical discharge . Space debris is an unlikely to have been the cause of this electrical discharge. The damage appears to have been caused at the 200,000 to 300,000 foot level. Watch for any release of data on metal fragments. Several mysterious aircraft accidents with the cause in question involve impacts with unidentified metal fragments. I suggest the NASA Accident Investigation Board needs a UFO expert to help sort out the cause of the disaster.

CONNECTICUT GREEN OBJECT LIT UP SKY "BRIGHTER THAN DAY

FARMINGTON -- This is the first time anything so strange has happened to me. I was out walking my dogs in the back yard, when, as I looked toward the treetops, a huge, intensely colored neon-green sphere was slowly rising. Once it got above the tops of the trees, and was completely visible, it quickly shot upward even more, and within a matter of seconds had moved from one side of the sky to the opposite, leaving behind it a distinct crackling sound, much as a jet leaves a sound trail. For the duration of this experience, the entire sky lit up neon green, and was, as I describe, brighter than day. I could see everything, and given the circumstances, thought we were being bombed. Once everything was back to normal, and the object was no longer visible, I could see flickering trails that were the same color as the UFO disappearing almost as quickly as they were able to be seen. This all happened within a matter of seconds. As I went back inside to tell my family, there had been reports of transformers blowing around the county, and a wire down on a nearby street. I know what I saw, and I've never seen or heard of anything that comes close to being like it, the entire sky was brightened even brighter than normal daylight.

Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/ndxevent.html> ]NUFORC

NEW JERSEY OBSERVED DANCE OF LIGHTS

ESSEX FIELDS --On February 8, 2003, at 3 PM, the witness was looking out the window, and noticed an airliner in the Newark Airport landing pattern. He states, "My attention was drawn to two points of light that were following the airliner, at a much higher altitude. The lights circled, flew straight then circled each other, and then disappeared. A third light joined in the dance. All were fading in and out and displaying unusual changes in motion. I called to my son Christopher to come and see if he saw them and he did. We both watched as the points of light continued to circle each other, disappear, and reappear again slightly different points in the sky. We both watched, and the lights moved towards each other, were gone, back, etc. The objects brightened at times, pulsing, and disappeared throughout the observation. One last point of light, appearing farther distant than the others moved eastward and disappeared. The elapsed time was about four minutes. At first I thought what I was seeing was some refraction in the window I was looking through, but after calling my son who had a slightly different perspective and was seeing the same thing, Thanks to MUFON Headquarters and WUFOD, [MUFONHO@aol.com](mailto:MUFONHO@aol.com)

VIRGINIA SPHERES IN CHEMTRAILS

BURKE -- At about 1 PM, on January 31, 2003, witnesses report heavy chemtrail activity. The witness reports, "I was outside, camcorder in hand filming the chemtrails and after five minutes of taping I saw what I thought was a passenger jet, flying through a chemtrail. I rolled tape on it, for about 30 seconds. It first looked like the sun reflecting off the wings of a jet. When I reviewed what I taped, I was astounded to see 4 or 5 rotating spheres traveling in a straight line within the chemtrails. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/ndxevent.html> ]NUFORC

FLORIDA HUGE DAYLIGHT DISK

MIAMI -- I went out to look on February 3, 2003, because my sister called me, and I saw it just over the city horizon towards the south. It was moving slowly from west to east, after almost three minutes at 6:45 PM, it disappeared because of the trees and the houses. It was very big almost like a Zeppelin, but I think it was not one. It reminded me of a mother ship not like the small ones that you see in pictures. It had lights all over, blinking lights, but not very bright. Later, after 20 or 25 minutes it came back in the opposite direction, but it was farther away.

Editor's Note: I was at a conference in Miami, but missed it.

PINELLAS PARK - On January 31, 2003, at 5:45 AM, I had noticed how big Venus appeared to be, and had called my wife outside to show her. She was getting ready for work, and she happened to look west and yelled for me to look. I turned just in time to see a bright round object descending at a steep angle from north

to south across the western sky. It appeared to be very large and changed colors from purple to green to red to yellow and finally to white as it disappeared behind the trees. We live a short distance from the coast, and from my estimation it landed/crashed into the Gulf of Mexico somewhere West of the Tampa Bay area

ORCHID ISLAND -- I am a security guard for an exclusive gated community and a retired police officer that is inherently skeptic about most non factual things. This is my first known sighting. I was on the Oceanside of the beach club on January 31, 2003, at 11:30 PM, checking the club's beach access boardwalk. I routinely look up and down the beach for small boats or boats out in the ocean because there is a lot of drug smuggling along what is know as the Treasure Coast. It was clear and the sky was full of stars. I saw a light on the horizon of the ocean, almost due east. At first I thought it was a fishing boat out on the Gulf Stream. However, I noticed the light seemed a little high off the horizon for the mast of a fishing boat. It was pitch black out there and all of a sudden, the light shot up into the sky going very high. It looked like an amber star, a small star or one that is very far away. Of course, I was astonished and began observing it. It appeared to be stationary in the sky then all of a sudden it would move right, then left, and made loops like a helicopter. This went on for a while so I went back to my cruiser and got out the 10X binoculars and this object emitted it's own source of light and had red areas on it's surface and was oval in shape. I had another officer observe the object and he said, "That thing is dancing." I locked my arms in a bipod position holding the binoculars in one position. The object would move out of my field of view and come back. The next two nights I saw the object in the eastern sky 45 degrees above the horizon. The third night I, also, noticed one, maybe two more objects at the same altitude that looked like the first object. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### MONTANA GLOWING OBJECT APPEARS TO BE LUMINESCENT BALLOON

BILLINGS - The object looked like a balloon caught in a tree on January 3, 2003, that glowed and seemed to be illuminated by the light of the moon (clear night but only a crescent moon). The object moved across to the other side of the tree 6:20 PM. It really looked like a glowing balloon. The object then moved away and actually was not near the tree. The object then appeared to be a more oval shape with a reddish/white light appearance. The object was just above the ground, moved upward to the east and reached an altitude of several thousand feet, like an airliner. The object then moved fast towards the east at the altitude of a commercial jet, but then it disappeared to the SE at high speed. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/ndxevent.html> ]NUFORC

#### ARIZONA I SAW AN ORANGE HALOGEN COLORED LIGHT.

GILBERT -- The witness says, "I was out driving with my infant son and wife at 8 PM on January 23, 2002, heading west on Elliot Road when I saw an orange halogen colored light hovering in the southwest horizon." It appeared to me to be at least 10 miles away. It hovered and flickered (like a flare) for eleven minutes then burned out. That was the only one that I saw. I concluded the light was hovering over Chandler Municipal Airport. NUFORC

#### CALIFORNIA TRIANGULAR OBJECT HOVERS OVER MARIN COUNTY

SAN RAFAEL -- While driving north on January 24, 2002, CA Highway 101, at 11:35 PM, my companion and I noticed an object in the sky with very unusual lights on it. The craft was larger than a commercial airliner, flying at a low altitude and did not appear to be moving. It was hovering just west of the highway. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/ndxevent.html> ]NUFORC

#### OREGON STATIONARY LARGE DISC WITH ROTATING LIGHTS

BEND -- The witness reports seeing a disc with rotating colored lights at 2 AM on January 28, 2003, in the southwest skies in the direction of Mount Bachelor. We watched it for 15 minutes until it dropped below the rooftop line of our neighbor's house. There was one single disc/saucer that was dropping in altitude and moving away during a fifteen-minute period. It was as if it was going sideways as it did get smaller and did drop in



altitude a little. It was fairly large as seen at a distance, and had a rotating outer circle of lights that would change colors from green, to all red, to all blue and to all white. Most of the time, they were all red, or all green as it rotated. With binoculars it appeared to be a white thin undefined mass with some sort of field that made it unobservable. I am 49 years old and a professional and my 20-year-old son is a college student, who originally spotted it. Thanks to Peter Davenport. [<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/ndxevent.html>]NUFORC

#### WASHINGTON BLACK ORB HOVERS

EVERETT - The witness reports, "As I was riding home from work in the cab last night at 3:20 AM, on January 21, 2003, something caught my eye... a big black ball, hovering in the sky that looked like a pitch-black moon." It wasn't emitting any light or reflection whatsoever, only a single small white light underneath. I couldn't tell if it was flat, or spherical; or the size, because I wasn't quite sure how far away it was. It was too big to be a balloon, too still, and too perfectly round. It was really foggy out, so I'm surprised I could see it at all. I couldn't see anything else, not even the stars. As we drove away, it stayed in place, and didn't follow like the moon does. It appeared to be rising up, out of sight. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

SPOKANE -- New photos from Judge Ed [estei@qwest.net](mailto:estei@qwest.net). Photos views are at: Weekly Files [[www.filersfiles-ufo.com](http://www.filersfiles-ufo.com)] Filers Files

#### CANADA POSSIBLE UFO LANDING

WINNIPEG, MB -- I was on my balcony having a smoke, on January 24, 2002, at 9:00 PM, and happened to see three objects moving south across the sky in a triangle formation, and rotating around each other. Then a fourth appeared and they broke formation. Then two disappeared and there was only two left. I called my brother to come look and to my surprise; they kept coming, first one at a time, then four at a time, then six. All together I counted sixteen headed south. They looked like fireworks at first, when they took off straight up in the air. I knew they were not fireworks, but might be jets. But no sound of jet engines could be heard, even at the time when there were six in the sky at one time. There was also a single engine airplane that seemed to be trying to chase the objects.

HOUSTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- Brian Vike reports: A couple of days ago, I reported that a Camphor Sawmill employee witnessed three blue/white lights in a triangular shape flying low over him. The object moved very quickly and disappeared over a mountain on February 3, 2003, at 8:10 AM.

Brian found a second witness to the sighting who works for Houston Forest Products, and was operating a heavy machine in the log yard when an "extremely" bright yellow/orange light caught his attention. The light was coming from the northern side of Pea Cock Mountain. There was a low lying fog in the valley that morning and there was an intense bright light over it on an object larger than a helicopter. The object at a distance of two kilometers on Pea Cock Mountain on a logged off area, that sat either hovering, or "sat on the ground" for about 40 seconds. The light was gray/white with changing color, as if it was translucent (almost as if it was flickering in and out). The craft was oval in shape with this bright yellow/orange light dead center at the bottom. It rose up only a little, and flew south heading to the top of Pea Cock Mountain. But before it even came close to the top of the mountain, it completely disappeared or just blinked out. Computer image at: <http://www.geocities.com/ufologia.canadiana/BritishColumbiasightings2003.html>

#### PERU UFO SIGHTED

PUCALLPA -- An unidentified flying object was reported on January 13, 2003, by a functionary of Aeropantanal, a private corporation. Alberto Santiva Panduro, an employee of the airline, claims having seen the UFO in the morning when the skies were "completely clear." He added that the unknown object was heading south, adding that during that same week, he had seen another similar object in the northern reaches of the

Peruvian community. Thanks to: Institute of Hispanic Ufology  
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#### ENGLAND ROTATING LIGHTS

STOKE-ON-TRENT -- On January 24, 2002, at 3:20 PM, my husband a 100% life long skeptic, awakened me to see the unusual sight quite high above the horizon. Surely, it was viewed by drivers on M-6 motorway, due to its height. I think that the lights of the craft or possibly each light was a craft flying in formation took on a larger (than the actual light source) hazy glow. The sighting consisted of twelve outer circle/oval light formations with an inner circle of approximately five light formations. The lights rotated repeatedly all together first in a clockwise manner and then counter clockwise for about five seconds each way. I actually felt afraid, since I have children and it seemed huge or perhaps many craft quite near. A couple minutes later we looked and it had gone. My feeling is that it was one craft, because it moved totally as one, but it could have been many. I felt it was not of this Earth's technology. I am an accountant property manager and my husband is an engineer/businessman.  
NUFORC

#### NETHERLANDS STRANGE RED LIGHTS

KROMMENIE -- Just before I went to sleep on January 30, 2003, I closed the ventilation hatch at 10:33 PM, and observed a light which was hovering over a couple of houses in the distance. This light was colored red and hovered for about a minute. When I grabbed my binoculars to take a closer look, the object was gone. I observed the object move east for about three minutes and I couldn't see it any more. I stayed up the rest of the night to see if the object came back, but this did not happen. The next day I checked with the residents where I spotted the object, but they had not observed any thing but they did hear a long lasting loud rumbling noise. They did not pay any attention to it because they thought it was an old Russian airliner landing

VOORBURG - At 2 AM on January 28, 2003, a small red object was sighted within the atmosphere flying very fast and turning around easily.

#### MALAYSIA TWELVE OBJECTS WITH YELLOW LIGHT

PENANG -- My wife and I live in an apartment building. It was around 12:45 AM, on Saturday morning, February 1, 2003, I was surfing the net when there was a blackout so, I went to the balcony and noticed a few objects with yellow-redish color lights in the sky. There were five or six of them moving very slowly and almost static. I awakened my wife to, also, see the event. When we went back to the balcony, more of the same objects appeared. There were twelve objects moving slowly to the left and they flew around for 10 to 15 minutes before slowly disappearing. I don't think the objects were commercial flights or air-force flights. Maybe they are UFO's? Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### AUSTRALIA UFO CHANGING COLOR, DIRECTION AND MAYBE SHAPE.

SYDNEY --I was looking out side our window at 8:45 PM on January 17, 2003, and saw in the distance a small shape flashing white across the sky. At first I thought it was a plane but the whole thing was flashing red. I thought this was a bit strange, so I got up to have a better look. Still moving left, it changed to a really bright white color and it was about four times bigger. I don't know if the actual craft changed shape, but this could certainly not be a plane. After a few seconds, it was flashing white in the smaller form and turned direction and headed to the right. Planes cannot change direction so abruptly. Then it headed diagonally down and to the left and flash red again. I lost sight of it because of the trees blocked our view.

#### IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH WITH ANTI-AGING PRODUCTS

Every one of us is growing older each day, but I have found some wonderful anti-aging products and information that will help us stay healthier and live longer. I am now involved with DNA testing that will help us grow old slower. The DNA testing determines the DNA variations that should be evaluated for



finding the best products to help us stay well. One of these products is Isotonix OPC-3.

Don Kile writes: "I have had allergies or asthma like respiratory problems that seem related to chemtrails/contrails or the general engine burning pollution in our air. I know that if I breathe car exhaust fumes, or get near certain plants, I start sneezing, coughing, my back hurts, and my eyes and my nose runs. Your Isotonix OPC-3 is the only product that has cleared these problems. I thought perhaps it was a fluke so I stopped taking it for a couple weeks. My symptoms appeared again and I remembered that for a dollar a day Isotonix OPC-3 was well worth it. After a couple days I was breathing normal again. Thanks for showing me this product from the Health Store.

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 07:00:06 -0500  
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>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 13:31:45 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 13:52:07 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

><snip>

>>Does anybody have a good URL for progress on the FEB matter?  
>>Hopefully, they might display updates from time to time. Those  
>>might be fun to watch, unless they fade, fade away too, like the  
>>Ghost of Interstellar Ether.

>Well, Larry,

><http://www.lutec.com.au>

>...doesn't have much about progress, though he does have a nice  
>photo of his "free" energy motor/generator there.

>His contact info is from his site:

>Mail:  
>  
>Post Office Box 2288  
>Cairns, Queensland, 4870  
>Australia.

>Email: [info@lutec.com.au](mailto:info@lutec.com.au)

>\*\* Any chance Victor Viggiani might be sufficiently interested  
>to pop in and chat with the inventor? His site suggests he is  
>open to have his device viewed.

>Eleanor White

Hello Eleanor:

I visited that site, and all the Dr. Lindemann pages, and this site: <http://www.FTN.info/Johnmeloney> .. which I corrected (added second slash) to get this url: <http://www.FTN.info/Johnmeloney> .. which page doesn't seem to exist. That last URL drops you into this site:

<http://www.FTN.info/mainsite/welcome.asp>

I clicked all over that. Looking for the Home Furnace powered by Permanent Magnets (only).

I browsed the net for the name Dr. Peter Lindemann etc. All I could find were mirror sites, some in various other languages .. and amazingly found no real rebuttal to this moonshine. I'm not talking about their side products, some of which may or may not work (miracle plant foods, natural insect repellants ..).

I'm talking about the generation of abundant heat and or electricity, with no input of energy .. just some permanent magnets or the like. If you want to believe it, that's that.

I'm still waiting for a response from John Meloney. I was hoping for a direct link to the Permanent Magnet Home Furnace.

Since he had a page on the on the www.FTN site, I presume he is affiliated with those people.

I want to ask more questions of John, since he already ordered the PM Home Furnace:

- 1) What are the general dimensions of this device?  
(shape, size, weight, appearance etc.)
- 2) How much did it cost? Is there a money-back guarantee?
- 3) When do you expect delivery? (please be specific)
- 4) With the proper modifications, could somebody run it in reverse for energy free refrigeration?
- 5) Could you keep us updated on its performance?

This is important in a time of rocketing heating bills. I think the list would appreciate hearing more, especially the poor freezing Canadians.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Hatch

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Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 00:32:54 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 07:01:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Hatch

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 08:08:08 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 12:04:06 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>I can't speak for others, but the Cracoe Fell matter has been on  
>>my Discredited Sightings web page for months or years now.

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

>>You can find it by date. I dismissed it with a single line:  
>>(which folds over here)

>>!1981/03/16 CRACOE FELL, England: Honest cops tricked by sun's  
>>reflection on hillside quartz.

>>Its a dead issue. I see no good reason to dredge it up, unless  
>>one wants to generalize about unrelated sightings.

>So solved, resolved, sorted. It wasn't a flying saucers (oops!)  
>therefore it's no further interest to anyone and we can't learn  
>anything from it.

>Somehow the phrase "that tells us more about you, Larry, than it  
>does about the Cracoe case" comes to mind.

Oh my, John!

I never meant to imply we cannot learn something from a long-  
standing misidentification like Cracoe Fell! Of course we can.  
If nothing else, it could help prevent the same mistakes in  
other instances.

Cracoe Fell is a dead issue for the purposes of my database! As  
much as I welcome IFOs, I do not catalog them. If one of my  
listings is convincingly discredited, I pull the plug on it. I'm  
the one who must be 'convinced' or strongly persuaded of course.  
[ Certain Yorkshire ales help. ]

If its a long-standing stinkeroo, or well publicized, I may put  
it up on my discredited page (URL above) to save myself and  
others useless work and wasted time.

My main implication was that we should avoid saying something  
like " See this bogus sighting? Well, they're all like that. "

I like the term 'flying saucers' out of nostalgia mainly. Used  
inappropriately, it can easily be seen as a simple term of  
derision... sort of like 'LGM'.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 13:29:35 -0500  
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 14:42:08 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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>>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 00:45:20 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>I have bitten my tongue and refrained from responding to your  
>many adulatory postings about Greer, but this one reached my gag  
>reflex threshold. The evidence indicating that Greer is a  
>hustler and a con-man is rather overwhelming. I will not bother  
>repeating it all here because you obviously are impervious to  
>facts when they contradict what you want to believe.

>From my own direct, first-hand knowledge and experience and  
>based on what a number of his former supporters have said to  
>me, the man is a slick con-artist. He stole our (Fund for UFO  
>Research) material and claimed it as his own; it took a  
>threatened lawsuit for him to back off from that. As others have  
>noted, he accepts large sums of money from gullible people who  
>want to make alien contact, and takes them out on "field trips"  
>which are yet to produce a single, documented encounter as a  
>result of his flashlight waving. What a naive concept to begin  
>with!

Dick is right on target. Greer is bad news on just about every  
level. In all my years in this field, I can think of only a  
handful of people - I'm sure Dick would have no trouble catching  
my references here - who have exploited ufology for such  
morbidly self-serving purposes.

I first met Greer in (if memory serves) May 1992, when I had  
occasion to be in his vicinity for several days. Till then, he  
was barely a name to me. The most charitable thing I can think  
to say about him is that he did not impress me as serious. I  
thought, though, that he was just another pan flash, like so  
many others, and soon would be gone. How wrong I was. In the  
years since then, it's all been downhill, at an ever  
accelerating rate.

An eye-opening, devastating (and, one might add, hilariously  
funny) profile of Greer appears as Chapter 5 ("Somebody Up There  
Likes Me") of Alex Heard's *Apocalypse Pretty Soon: Travels in  
End-Time America* (1999). For anyone who might be taken in by  
Greer's narcissistic nonsense, it's a powerful and effective  
antidote.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 13:33:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Reason

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>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 18:30:50 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Hello Andy

>Well I'm afraid it does rather show how little people know about  
>this most instructive case, which was the one which 'converted'  
>me into a supporter of RMP. I'll try and dig out a longer piece  
>on it for anyone who is interested but the salient points were:

Thank you for this information. I think there's enough here to confirm that this is almost certainly an example of binding failure (explanation given below for the benefit of anyone who doesn't know what that is).

>\* Police officer lives in same police house for two years,  
>looking at exactly the same view \_every\_ day

As I mentioned here last year, in figure/ground segmentation, the "ground" is often suppressed out of conscious awareness (there are neurophysiological correlates of this suppression). Many people cannot accurately recall the contents of their own dining room, for example, even when they've been living there for many years.

Visual attention is a statistical process, in the sense that the element of a visual field which becomes the focus of attention is determined by many different factors, such as type and number of distractor features, brightness contrast, incongruity of texture etc. If for some reason a particular feature or group of features becomes the focus of attention in its own right, then it may be segmented from the background rather than being bound to the background object to which it properly belongs.

This "segmentation ambiguity" is demonstrated by the vase illusion - this is an image in which two dark-colored regions are separated by a light-colored region. Depending on how the visual system segments the image, one either perceives the light region as a vase in front of a dark background, or two dark-colored faces in profile against a light background. (Note that this illusion does not involve binding errors, however.)

The ability of the visual system to segment out figures from a complex background is called "field independence" by psychologists, and there is a psychometric instrument, the "Embedded Figures" test, which is supposed to measure how good people are at doing this. Interestingly, in order to get a high score on this test, one has to override the natural binding tendency of the visual system. It is not clear (at least to me) that this is always necessarily a good thing, and it's certainly the sort of thing which can increase the probability of binding failure.

>\* His colleague was also ultra-familiar with this view

>\* Ditto his wife



>\* They had never seen anything unusual in the view

Presumably the view would normally have been processed by the visual system as a background scene.

>\* On one day only they notice a bright light, later described >by them as a UFO, 'hovering' against the cliff face, with >three or four 'ball's' underneath it. It is described as being >so bright it appeared that halogen lamps were used

Yes, this sounds like a textbook example of "pop-out".

The bright feature segmented itself out of the visual field and thereby appeared as an "object" in its own right.

>\* They watched it for over an hour - taking numerous photographs

Well, there would be no reason for them to realize their mistake, necessarily.

>\* A jet flew over it and they believed it was being investigated

Example of illusory correlation (not strictly a perceptual phenomenon, though).

>\* Other witnesses (after it had made the media big time) claimed >to have seen this very object flying in the air above the >fell

This is a bit more complicated, although still nothing unusual, it's more a sociodynamic process rather than a perceptual one.

Cultures, by the nature of things, define anomalous events out of existence, so that individual experiences of the anomalous become culturally invisible. Once some anomalous event is reported, then it is to some extent culturally acknowledged and that provides a kind of "license" for other anomalous experiences also to become culturally visible. The problem is that in order to take advantage of this "license", all subsequent events have to conform to the script for which the license has been given.

Amy Hebert gave an illustration recently of how this process can operate in abduction support groups, and I've seen it myself in support groups for abuse survivors.

>\* They appeared on national TV trying to convince people of what >they had seen

Well why not, since they had (in a perceptual sense) actually seen it.

>\* What they had seen was a light reflection

Reflections are quite "high-level" features - the low level, hardwired visual processes know nothing about them. This is why amateur artists find it so hard to draw reflections - if you aren't very careful, they tend to look like objects rather than features of other objects. In fact, we don't really know exactly how the visual system deals with reflections - though it may be that many low-definition reflections are suppressed by the visual system as noise.

>\* This same reflection was there every day and still is

But was and is, presumably, bound into the background and segmented out.

>\* It was no brighter on the day it was a 'UFO' than on many >other days

The visual system is deterministic, but not mechanical.

>\* The police officers had looked at it every day for two years >and for years afterwards. Yet on one day only it 'became' a >UFO. And it did that via RMP.

I'm afraid I'm not convinced that we need to invoke concepts such as "RMP". Straightforward binding/segmentation failure would seem to be quite adequate.

>\* This case is extremely well documented for those who  
>believe it to be an 'anecdote'

>\* There are many other similar cases of RMP - many of them even  
>more complicated, ie The Berwyn Mountain Case (which has been  
>in IUR) and the Rendlesham Case (which has been everywhere)

>The defenders of mystery will never accept RMP even when it is  
>proven by case after case. Ah, they say, but what about the  
>cases that aren't resolved. Yeah, well, what about them? The  
>Cracoe case went unsolved for ten years or so despite several  
>UFO organisations spending literally thousands of pounds and  
>hundreds of man hours on the case, not to mention involving  
>scientific analysis (if Philip Mantle were available at the  
>moment he'd back this up as this case featured large in his  
>life). It was proclaimed as being one of the best cases ever in  
>the UK and clear evidence of aliens etc etc

>Er, until it was resolved. Then for some reason few people ever  
>spoke of it again. The spell was broken and the mystery mongers  
>went on to the next absoluteley best ever case. And so the cycle  
>continues, over and over. Jerry and Don are part of this  
>cycle, they can't see how it works, trapped forever in a miasma  
>of mystery. We'll still be having this debate with them in 50  
>years if they haven't croaked. But it doesn't alter the facts  
>above, or that RMP is the only workable, demonstrable theory  
>for UFO sightings. But, as I keep saying - if you can show us  
>another cause for any of them please let us know. But it's not  
>happening guys, is it?

Is this true? Let's ask them - Jerry and Don, is it true that  
you have neglected this case since it was resolved? I can see  
how that would be understandable in a political sense (and all  
academia is politics at some level or other) but scientifically  
it would hardly appear satisfactory. Usually if some  
investigation procedure generates a false positive such as this,  
one would want to examine the procedure to find out how and  
where it went wrong. Perhaps a database of false positives would  
be a good idea?

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

PS - Binding is the process by which the visual system assigns  
properties of the visual field to the objects they belong to,  
and segmentation the process by which objects are separated from  
each other. For example, the door, windows and roof of the house  
next door must be bound together as properties of the house, but  
separated (segmented) from the car parked out in front.

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## Re: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video - King

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>Subject: Re: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video

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>>Subject: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video

<snip>

>>BUFOSC have always been on the look out for video shots and  
>>photos, well aware that certain entities are trying to catch  
>>them out(see the Knutsford Incident March 1999).

>That'll me be me Eric, watching you. If this footage is as good  
>as the summer fayre balloon your chum videod last time then we  
>wait with bated breath for Bush and Blair to cease saddling up  
>and to discuss your sighting.

<snip>

>>UFO groups have been  
>>after for so long.Enquiries have gone to the Ministry of Defence  
>>and other external agencies and we are holding our first  
>>Conference on May 10th 2003 at the Waterloo Community Centre in  
>>Runcorn to mark this special occasion.

>Has anyone on this List been to Runcorn? It's a strange place.  
>But has one of the UKs few contactee stories based there from  
>the mid 1950s. He took some photos as well.

>>All enquiries referrig to this footage should be made through  
>>this address but in 2003 BUFOSC have just hit the Lottery  
>>Jackpot in UFO footage, a long time coming but well worth  
>>waiting for,

<snip>

Here we go again with another British UFO researcher claiming  
"the best UFO footage ever"! Correct me if I'm wrong but the  
last time this best footage by Eric Morris was spammed all over  
the net it was just a balloon wasn't it? Or is this new balloon  
footage? The terms used reveal alot about the motives of the  
researcher. "Lottery Jackpot in UFO footage" and "priceless".

I've been researching UFO video for many years now. When you  
meet someone who has taped a possible UFO there are two typical  
responses they exhibit.

1. They don't know what they recorded and give the footage away  
to anyone who will research it. 2. They think they recorded a  
UFO and copyright it, get an attorney, and few ever see the  
footage. Usually it collects dust and biodegrades.

I ask the UpDates List which category do you think Eric's  
footage falls into?

I've seen many times the videographer mental state contaminated by the UFO researcher. Researchers tell them, their footage is worth \$1,000,000 to tv shows, or the government will break into their house, or don't ever work with the following list of people. Frankly I haven't seen anything out of the UK in years that is a UFO on video. I've seen alot of balloon videos and clusters of balloons tied together. The problem here is lack of optical power to resolve what the cameraman is seeing. Also the lack of education by video analysts to properly judge balloons from alleged UFOs. Most of these self-proclaimed video experts aren't skywatchers and don't field test cameras against known objects.

The difference between me and 'some' of these British Ufologists is I post the clips online for everyone to judge for free. I don't Spam the net with news I found a Gold Mine of UFO footage. Then use it as a self-aggrandizing promotional tool for an upcoming conference that you must pay for in order to view the footage.

I think the British have some house cleaning to do in their own backyard because I don't want to see another "best UFO footage" threads with balloons in the sky. Can anyone direct me to a URL with good footage from the UK in the last 5 years? A URL with actual material to study not a club you join or a conference I must go to.

Tom King  
[www.ufovideo.com](http://www.ufovideo.com)

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## Re: Filer's Files #7/UFO Seen Near Shuttle - Velez

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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 13:41:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #7/UFO Seen Near Shuttle - Velez

>FILER'S FILES #7 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.  
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>Warren -- My website is at: Filers Files  
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>UFO SEEN NEAR SHUTTLE AS SIGHTINGS INCREASE WORLDWIDE.

<snip>

>DID A MYSTERIOUS UFO CAUSE THE SHUTTLE DISASTER?

>TEXAS -- The Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated in flames  
>over Texas on February 1, 2002, after it was hit by a  
>mysterious purple or green streak or object that is shown  
>hitting the Columbia.

!@#%&\*!!!

I was waiting for this! I just knew that some ass with too much time on his hands and the sensitivity of a bag of hammers would get around to blaming a "UFO" for the shuttle disaster.

George... I am surprised and more than a little disappointed that this insensitive piece of poorly timed, speculative crap, made it into this months UFO "reports."

How did it get past you?

Freedom of speech issues aside, I for one wouldn't have minded if you'd edited this one out and spared us. Whoever the blooming idiot is that suggested it in the first place should be isolated in case his/her profound stupidity turns out to be contagious.

Let's all mourn the loss of those hero's and allow the surviving family members to do likewise. Without fueling an Internet circus. Some respect and dignity for the grieving is called for.

John Velez

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

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

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>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>Might not be common in whatever literature you've read, but it's  
>reasonably common among abductees I've talked to.

Well, even here in Spain I have been able to obtain all the main works about abductions from Hopkins, Jacobs, Klass, Rimmer or Schnabel to abductees like Karla Turner or Katharina Wilson.

Unfortunately, I have been unable to talk with any abductee. They are very scarce in Europe (and much more in Spain), you know.

For instance, I have just finished David Hufford's The Terror That Comes In The Night.

His reading has given me an idea. One of the reasons he believe that the Old Hag had an "objective component" was because the percipients described it in their familiar surroundings.

Let's put that upside down. What if the "Old Hag" is just the less extreme of a psychological condition which can easily go outside the familiar surroundings and show the same symptoms (paralysis, menacing figures...) in non-familiar surrounding such as the alleged interior of a UFO?

Worth pondering, at least IMHO.

Budd Hopkins himself named the Abduction Phenomenon as an "invisible epidemic" precisely because he advocated that its victims did not have conscious recall. Of course, after somebody has gone under hypnosis and have become convinced that he/she is being abducted periodically, how reliable are his/her "conscious memories" from then onwards?

Luis R. Gonz=Ellez

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>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 02:09:25 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>On-List or anywhere in 'public' I only speak of the incidents  
>that I recall clearly, and that I know happened because I had  
>to live through them. Some of those incidents involve multiple  
>witnesses. Myself and many others I have interacted with do  
>consciously recall incidents 'on-board' UFOs. I don't discuss  
>them publicly because memory of the incidents may be incomplete,  
>or happened at night, after I had gone to sleep. One such  
>memory involves a procedure where 'something' that resembled a  
>man-sized praying mantis shoved a rod/probe up my nose. I felt  
>pain and pressure as it pushed the object deep into my head. As  
>if it wasn't terrifying enough, what really rattled me and  
>sticks out in memory is the dull crunching sound I 'heard'  
>inside my head as the probe (obviously) penetrated a sinus  
>cavity or bone. That memory replayed in my head for weeks after  
>the incident. BTW, there was dried blood on my face the next  
>morning from the same nostril that I recalled the 'thing' had  
>shoved the probe into.

Just one question. Did you remember if the rod/probe was covered  
in blood when extracted? Surely, you should have had a big  
hemorrhage then.

<snip>

>Yes, I recall 'on-board' incidents.

I suppose your recalled 'on-board' incidents looked as real as  
that giant insect you saw one day in the streets of New York.  
John, I am not saying that you are lying or anything similar,  
only that your concious 'recalls' do not seem reliable always,  
IMHO.

<snip>

>As Budd has stated on many occasions; ufologists didn't even  
>acknowledge that UFOs might have an 'inside' until the 60's.

Well, one of those who did believe UFOs had an 'inside' was  
Project VISIT, 25 years ago. They worked hard to obtain  
scientific and engineering data about the internal systems of  
UFOs from abductees... We are still waiting.

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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## Re: Inexplicata: UFOs Over Japan

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>Subject: Inexplicata: UFOs Over Japan  
>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 10:56:50 -0500

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>In February 1975, near the town of Kofu, two boys walked around  
>a grounded UFO which bore distinctive "oriental characters" on  
>its hull (reminiscent, perhaps, of the Oriental script on the  
>object recovered in Kecksburg, PA in 1965). The youngsters  
>reported seeing "a ladder emerge from the craft" and a Klaatu-  
>esque, silver-clad entity descend toward them. In what can best  
>be described as a case of "unrequited contact", the boys broke  
>and ran from the spot in abject terror. One of the children's  
>parents was later able to confirm having seen an unusual craft  
>rising skywards from the direction in which the boys had run. But  
>by September of that very same year, UFOs would be seen by  
>everyone living in western Japan, prompting a deluge of phone  
>calls to the authorities. A Japan Air Lines DC-8 was "tailed" by  
>an unknown device for twenty minutes until it landed safely at a  
>local airport.

Hi Scott, List,

Scott if the characters referred to in your article from the Kofu UFO are those depicted in L.H. Stringfield's book sketch and photo, I can inform they are not literally Oriental script of any kind, ancient or modern, nor are the Kecksburg characters from the samples provided to the semiotics project by Stan Gordon.

Though perhaps to some western eyes, both could be forgiven for looking like Chinese or Japanese characters, especially in the case of the former. Hope this helps.

Best Regards

Gary Anthony

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Shough

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>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>Excuse me for butting in here (belatedly) but I think you're  
>>missing the point of Jerry's argument in this instance. The  
>>particular qualities of ball lightning that make it interesting  
>>as a case-law precedent are that it is a phenomenon which has  
>>only ever existed as product of witness reportage, that it was  
>>once plausibly argued away on that basis, and that it is now  
>>plausibly embraced on that same basis.

>>It's a fascinating instance of the sort of dynamical social  
>>process that Cathy Reason was talking about. It is a process  
>>which is to a surprising degree inert with respect to 'truth'  
>>and 'falsehood' and highly reactive to normative social  
>>pressures of one polarity or another.

>>This is very evident in the history of ball lightning, and the  
>>'UFO' data are much more highly reactive even than that,  
>>although in many ways the parallels are extremely close - so  
>>close that I dare say it would be difficult to define either  
>>phenomenon (using the word in a value - and theory-neutral way)  
>>so as to clearly exclude the other. But a socially real  
>>distinction exists.

>>This is very largely a theory-driven distinction rather than an

>>In a sense, the familiarity of novel plasma theories beginning  
>>in the 1950's acted to select out post facto a certain subclass  
>>of aerial anomalies without much attention being paid to those  
>>erstwhile Very Important issues of epistemological principle  
>>being guiltily compromised in the process. It was still the same  
>>'data' - but it acquired a different status in the socially-  
>>constructed 'reality' that we inhabit for quite pragmatic  
>>reasons. No one captured a kugelblitz or got unimpeachable  
>>photos or instrument readings - all the photos had long ago been  
>>thoroughly impeached.

>This is very interesting. It seems from what you are saying here  
>that science began to select data which fitted into a theory  
>after it gained general acceptance. This is an interesting  
>social phenomenon, and obviously has relevance to a wider range  
>of socially acceptable anomalies. The way in which normal human  
>behaviour is medicalised through the creation of "syndromes" for  
>instance. Has anybody written any sort of "social history" of  
>ball-lightning?

Apart from my own unpublished and probably unpublishable  
musings, no, I'm not aware of it - but it should be done.

>From your first paragraph, where you say "it is a phenomenon  
>which has only ever existed as a product of witness reportage,

>that it was once plausibly argued away on that basis, and that  
>it is now plausibly embraced on that same basis", there would  
>seem to be very little difference between BL and UFOs.

There ought not to be a difference. But there is. The difference is that calling a phenomenon "ball lightning" does wonders for witness credibility. When scientists cite dramatic tales of ball lightning they don't apply forensic chain-of-evidence rules with the same pedantic rigor that they are wont to apply in the case of UFO reports. This is not because the eye-witness evidence they're citing is of a different character; it's because the existence of a consensus allows them to lighten up and start to think positively instead of curling up and thinking negatively of what they stand to lose.

>Misinterpretations, radical or otherwise, may well be as  
>significant a part of BL sightings as they are of UFO reports.  
>However, as science has established a comfortable  
>phenomenological niche for such reports, perhaps the impetus to  
>identify and eliminate misinterpretations from the data base is  
>not as strong amongst BL researchers?

This is logical. You're probably right, and it would be interesting to suggest to BL physicists that they should study UFO research with a view to sharpening up their attitude to their data. What, I wonder, would they take from it? What would they make of the polarisation of psycho-social and physicalistic assumptions in this field? Would they be persuaded that the new physics they've begun to invent to explain BL was unnecessary? Would they conclude that if only they'd known about the Radical Misperception theory earlier then they needn't have bothered?

I don't think so because they and RMP are old 'friends'. They've grown apart from it, and are embarrassed by that immature liaison. BL physicists don't really like to be reminded of the fact that RMP was the default position of science with respect to BL ever since it was first recognised as 'a phenomenon'.

Had we been having this debate a century ago, or less, your position - which I take to be that there is a genuine atmospheric phenomenon called BL whose database may be corrupted with misperceptions - would have been heretically avant garde. Then, there was no BL at all in the view of the orthodoxy of the day, and all reports of it were explained away by a Victorian equivalent of the RMP theory. I suppose you would have been a sort of Jerry Clarke of the day, sighing at the conservatism of Professors Rimmer and Roberts.

This obviously doesn't prove anything about the nature of UFO reports. I offer it as something to reflect on concerning the nature of our own attitudes to them.

>If BL, like UFOs, only exists via eyewitness reports, it seems  
>to me that the general scientific acceptance it has received,  
>vis-a-vis UFO reports, is probably unjustified, and perhaps here  
>is an area where some IFOs might be re-classified as UFOs with  
>sufficient investigation.

But who is the arbiter of what is unjustified? The scientists who have (finally) begun to define a half-way-plausible physical model for BL are not going to say that their work has been unjustified are they? The acceptance of BL will be justified in practice by its results. If you are proposing that we should 'call their bluff' then we are into an interesting game indeed.

IF we should succeed in convincing them that their report data are substantially equivalent in character to UFO report data, then which outcome is more likely: - that they should capitulate and concede that they've been building maser-soliton theory, radio-frequency focusing theory, closed-loop em plasma confinement theory and all the rest on a foundation of fantasy for fifty years? Or that they should say: "Well, hell! Give me another look at those UFO data"? That acceptance would then in practice be justified - or not - by its results.

On methodology in science Percy Bridgeman wrote:

"The only possible attitude to the facts of experience as it unrolls is one of acceptance. . . . In particular, since there is no means by which we can foresee the future we cannot tell in

advance whether any mental device or invention will be successful in meeting new situations, and the only possible way of finding out is to try it."

This is what happened with BL. Cerrillo in the '40s then Kapitsa in the '50s, then others, began to explore the 'what if?' question. They 'tried out' the idea that at least some witnesses were describing something real and novel and came up with sketches of theories. Some of their peers then started to get the idea that maybe physics could model BL after all, and that's how the stories changed from old-wives' tales to reports. All of a sudden, what had previously been 'impossible' now became a fit subject for research grants. Serious analysis was begun on collections of BL tales - the same tales, not new and instrumentally validated ones.

Do you know that until laboratory experiments with artificial 'proper BL' started to have success towards the end of the last century one of the key data-sets of the theoreticians was the famous 'rain barrel observation'? This wasn't an experiment in a refereed journal but was a letter from a Mr. Morris of Ross-on-Wye that appeared in the Daily Mail in about 1933! I still get a shiver of delicious irony from reading Altschuler's calculation of the singly-ionised electron density of a lightning ball in the Condon Report, (based on the "singular" quantitative evidence that Mr. Morris's rain barrel boiled for "about 20 minutes" and that the BL was "the size of an orange"). No one at the Plasma UFO Conference seemed concerned that Mr. Morris may not have known a tangerine from a pomegranate or that his heirloom fob-watch might have stopped; but, of course, all the UFO cases considered "contained insufficient data for a definitive scientific conclusion".

Are the BL theoreticians wrong? Is there no 'new empirical phenomenon' called BL? Or did they make a good judgement call on "insufficient data" and thereby generate a scientific conclusion whose definitiveness is self-justifying? If they are right then the past rejection of BL was an exaggerated inference from natural caution that we need to understand if we are not to be condemned to repeat it.

Consider these statements culled at random -

John Lowke, Plasma physics CSIRO (Australia):

"Although there is at least one textbook on lightning that questions the existence of ball lightning and I have never seen the phenomenon personally, I feel that there is no question that ball lightning exists. I have talked to six eyewitnesses of the phenomena and think there is no reasonable doubt as to the authenticity of their observations. Furthermore, the reports are all remarkably similar and have common features with the hundreds of observations that appear in the literature... There have been hundreds of papers, and at least three books, discussing ball lightning. Most theories raise more questions than they claim to solve...There is no generally accepted theory of ball lightning."

Martin Uman, U. Florida:

"Ball lightning is a well-documented phenomenon in the sense that it has been seen and consistently described by people in all walks of life since the time of the ancient Greeks. There is no accepted theory for what causes it."

Peter Handel, U. Missouri:

"According to statistical investigations carried out by J. R. McNally in 1960 (J. R. McNally, "Preliminary Report on Ball Lightning" in Proceedings of the Second Annual Meeting of the Division of Plasma Physics of the American Physical Society, Gatlinburg, No. 2AD5 [1960], Paper J-15, pp. 1AD25), ball lightning has been seen by 5 percent of the population of the earth. ...Ball lightning was seen and described since antiquity, often by groups of people, and recorded in many places...[It] never occurs on sharp mountain peaks, high-rise buildings and other high points that attract lightning and that are used for lightning research by specialists in atmospheric electricity. (Lightning researcher Karl Berger told me he spent his life registering and measuring hundreds of thousands of lightning discharges hitting his laboratory on top of Mount Salvatore in

Lugano, Italy, without getting a trace of ball lightning.) The inability to observe ball lightning in such settings has led to widespread frustration and even skepticism about the reality of the phenomenon....Ball lightning thus keeps its secrets: it visits the farmer and avoids the scientist!"

lots more - "BL has been seen too often by trained observers to be classed with flying saucers", etc., anyone can fill in their own list of favourites here...

Any reader of the UFO literature will recognise these sorts of statements. They are typical of those which sceptical scientists often scorn as naivety and special pleading when attached to UFO reports. And they are naive - they aren't the language of sophisticated postmodern ironical deconstruction. But BL physics shows that they can get the job done. Some "UFOs" (appropriately defined) might be just as interesting, just as mundane (meaning reductively/analytically-real objective correlatives of observer *sensa*). The only way to find out is to find out.

At this point one thinks: "Well, sure, but how come we aren't finding out already? If it only took a few theorists in the case of BL, what's holding up the bus for UFOs?"

Maybe some things are just hard.

Martin Shough

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

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>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 18:30:50 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Hi, Cathy,

>Cultures, by the nature of things, define anomalous events out  
>of existence, so that individual experiences of the anomalous  
>become culturally invisible.

I know that from a series of extraordinary encounters my wife and I had (not, however, with a UFO) several years ago. The degree to which we went to assign a misperception explanation to these experiences, before finally and reluctantly conceding that none of them worked, astounds me. Someday, when I've sorted this all out in my head, I may write about it.

There is nothing wrong with skeptical checks, obviously (everyone should exercise them), but clinging to them even when they no longer had any utility told us, and particularly me, how I had fallen victim to the sort of unreflecting disbelief tradition that has so marred and distorted our understanding of anomalous experience, and made intelligent assessment so difficult.

By the way, have you ever read David Hufford's *The Terror That Comes in the Night* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1982)? I think this is the best book ever written on anomalous experience and society. Its empirically based conclusions about misperception in these experiences is, er, radically unlike Andy Roberts's. Like David Clarke, Hufford is a folklorist, but unlike Clarke, he's also a medical scientist, so he has training in both soft and hard science. The book is still in print in a paperback edition. Like a good broom, it sweeps the rubbish out of the room.

(Confession of possible conflict of interest: Hufford has generous things to say about my UFO Encyclopedia. Modesty discourages me from quoting them, but they're on the back cover of the second edition if you're interested.)

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>where it went wrong. Perhaps a database of false positives would  
>be a good idea?

Cathy, you've fallen victim to patented Robertsonian bloviation. I have never written about this case, never claimed it is about anything other than ordinary misperception. Everybody has a story about somebody's being fooled by a misperception, and every serious observer of the phenomenon does not need Andy to tell him or her about it.

Apparently, to Andy, the only issues of importance are the ones he chooses to take up, however inadequately. I am told, incidentally, by a highly informed source that Andy's account of this incident - and its reception by less UFOphobic British colleagues - needs to be read with at least a pinch of salt. Andy's account of how this happened, how ufologists dealt with it, and what its significance is turns out, no surprise, not to be the only and final word. His habit of, er, exaggeration has already been apparent to anybody who has follow his List postings on this and other matters.

Basically, where Don and I are concerned, Andy is just making it up. We've both debunked our share of cases (in my own history, at least one that had for a time attained classic status, but now - owing to my research - is universally recognized as a hoax). Neither of us has remotely invested in mystery what Andy has in RMP - which, as your own observations indicate, he can neither demonstrate nor define convincingly or clearly - and neither of us is making wild, sweeping statements about UFOs and IFOs, appreciating rather better than Andy how complicated these things turn out to be. I'm sure that off-List the guy has his virtues, but I am just as certain that no one has ever accused him of being a nuanced thinker. The very concept of subtlety in any area, intellectual or otherwise, seems, er, alien to him.

For a real, as opposed to a pretend, perspective on what I think and do not think about the UFO phenomenon, I urge you to check out my UFO Encyclopedia (second edition particularly) or the abridged trade-paper version, published as The UFO Book. I suppose I must add that the subtitle, "Encyclopedia of the Extraterrestrial," was my publisher's, not mine. I was given no say in the matter. I wanted the subtitle to be "Encyclopedia of the Unidentified," though even that isn't quite accurate, since the book has its share of "Identified" as well.

Incidentally, being in a generous mood today, let me recommend Clarke and Roberts's book Out of the Shadows, which seems quite informative and well-researched. It certainly has a commendable amount of new information in it.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Ledger

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<snip>

>This is very interesting. It seems from what you are saying  
>here that science began to select data which fitted into a  
>theory after it gained general acceptance. This is an  
>interesting social phenomenon, and obviously has relevance to a  
>wider range of socially acceptable anomalies. The way in which  
>normal human behaviour is medicalised through the creation of  
>"syndromes" for instance. Has anybody written any sort of  
>"social history" of ball-lightning?

>From your first paragraph, where you say "it is a phenomenon  
>which has only ever existed as product of witness reportage,  
>that it was once plausibly argued away on that basis, and that  
>it is now plausibly embraced on that same basis", there would  
>seem to be very little difference between BL and UFOs.  
>Misinterpretations, radical or otherwise, may well be as  
>significant a part of BL sightings as they are of UFO reports.  
>However, as science has established a comfortable  
>phenomenological niche for such reports, perhaps the impetus to  
>identify and eliminate misinterpretations from the data base is  
>not as strong amongst BL researchers?

>If BL, like UFOs, only exists via eyewitness reports, it seems  
>to me that the general scientific acceptance it has received,  
>vis-a-vis UFO reports, is probably unjustified, and perhaps here  
>is an area where some IFOs might be re-classified as UFOs with  
>sufficient investigation.

Hi John and Martin,

To add to the confusion. Several months ago I had occasion to give an impromptu talk about UFOs to a group of about 30 pilots during the course of a 3 day Fly-In in Eastern Canada. After the talk was over an acquaintance of mine came over and told me about an experience he had in 1959 while flying as PIC in a Dakota [C-47 or DC-3] and inbound to a new RCAF airfield in Alberta, RCAF Cold Lake. Today extensive testing is carried out there by NATO forces. The Cruise missile was tested there.

They were returning from a funeral type flight where they had delivered the body of a test pilot to Edmonton, Alta. for burial.

Besides the pilot Bob and his co-pilot there were 7 passengers in the Dakota - all RCAF personnel.

They were 22 miles DME out from Cold Lake at 5,500 feet on a

nice clear day with some puffball CU developing as forecast at 10,000 feet, when Bob said this huge, black cloud suddenly appeared several miles in front of them and at their altitude. There was no vertical development as you would expect in a black thundercloud, it was just this big, squat, fat thing that was very dark and menacing looking. Bob was in the middle of communications with Cold Lake tower when they lost contact with them. Since he was on an IFR [Instrument Flight Rules] flight plan and no way wanted to fly through what he figured was some new-born thundercloud he wanted desperately to get through to Cold Lake to change their IFR flightplan so as to deviate and go around the thing. At this point they were too far to the north to contact any other military field to attempt a flight plan change.

He was just about to make a decision to bust the IFR flight plan, go around this cloud and report it after the fact [a big deal] or turn back when both he and the CP spotted a brilliant yellow/white ball that seemed to have popped out of the black cloud and that at first seemed to remain stationary but got progressively bigger. Over several seconds they realized that since it was not moving in the windscreen and was getting bigger it was coming toward them.

Previously Bob had handed control of the aircraft over to the CP while he attempted to re-establish radio contact and get their flightplan changed.

The bright ball came at them so fast they had no time to decide whether to dive or bank away from the thing but suddenly it was filling the whole windscreen. Bob said he threw his arms up in front of his eyes and dove backwards through the door into the aisle. he said he got up off the floor and stared around at the passengers who he said probably thought he'd gone "nuts" since they were unaware if the drama unfolding up front.

He went quickly back onto the flight deck [which on a Dak means he got back into his seat] and saw that his CP was riveted to the control column and slowly letting his breath out and swearing in four languages - with feeling. Since the CP was in control, he couldn't dive into the aisle way like Bob did.

Bob said the CP told him the ball of light had swung upwards and to the right at the last second and went over the aircraft's cockpit on the starboard side.

I asked Bob how big was it. He said before he dove he figured it was about 10 feet in diameter but the CP was thinking it was maybe twenty feet when it went over him.

I asked Bob what he thought it was. He said he figured some form of ball lightning since it seemed to come out of the cloud.

The cloud incidentally just disappeared within 30 seconds of the near collision. Their radio came back on with the tower demanding to know why they hadn't been responding to their calls [a big deal when you are IFR] and they continued into Cold Lake without having to deviate from their IFR flight plan.

Did you report it?

Nope! Just the radio loss and the thundercloud.

"Didn't want that getting around the "mess" He said.

Bob was filling in as PIC that day. He flew Dak's in Korea and off and on when needed. Also Sea Furies, Grumman Avengers, Goblins and Vampires, DC-6s, F-104s, VooDoos, F-86 Sabres, Grumman S-2Fs [carrier landings] C-130 Hercs and even had stick time on American B-52s [a NORAD thing he says dismissively]. He's in his early 70s now and flies a little homebuilt aircraft - a Cygnet powered by a Volkswagen engine. He was in the Canadian airforce for 35 years and was an exchange officer to the USN in Pensacola. Fl.

So here we have what could have been a UFO coming out of the preverbal cloud, being explained away as ball lightning. Two unproved phenomenon, with one being used to explain away the other. Crossover phenomenon or the same thing?

There's more detail but what is above gets the gist across.

FYI

Best ,

Don Ledger

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>>\* There are many other similar cases of RMP - many of them even  
>>more complicated, ie The Berwyn Mountain Case (which has been  
>>in IUR) and the Rendlesham Case (which has been everywhere)

>>The defenders of mystery will never accept RMP even when it is  
>>proven by case after case. Ah, they say, but what about the  
>>cases that \_aren't\_ resolved. Yeah, well, what about them? The  
>>Cracoe case went unsolved for ten years or so despite several  
>>UFO organisations spending literally thousands of pounds and  
>>hundreds of man hours on the case, not to mention involving  
>>scientific analysis (if Philip Mantle were available at the  
>>moment he'd back this up as this case featured large in his  
>>life). It was proclaimed as being one of the best cases ever in  
>>the UK and clear evidence of aliens etc etc

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You know Cathy, I could throw this back at Andy by asking him  
about the Smith Brothers case or the Albert Fulton case or the  
Shearwater UFO chase case, but that would be unfair because Andy  
doesn't know anything about these cases, never heard of them.  
It's the same with me Cathy, I'd never heard of the Cracoe Fell  
case until Andy and David brought it up-so it would have been  
hard for me to neglect it.

We all have our little areas of operation, mine is the Maritime  
Provinces and Newfoundland/Labrador - an area roughly the size  
of the United Kingdom, the Neatherlands, France and Spain

combined - here in Canada and specifically Nova Scotia.

So the answer is no I didn't ignore the case because it was solved and then moved onto the next best case. I'd never heard of it.

In any event the case would probably have been outside my curiosity perimeter.

There are certain cases that make it above the horizon and just about everyone interested hears about them. Most don't get a hearing. I'm really not sure why Andy would say this because he knows this as well as I do.

Hope this helps.

Don Ledger

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>>>10:39:22 -0000 Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham

>>How ever if it turns your crank to use "flying saucer",  
>>then go for it. I had more of a problem with your  
>>professional, Dr. Cassie. He probably spent more time at  
>>the officers mess swapping war stories than actually  
>>getting his hands dirty and risking the embarrassment of  
>>investigating UFOs.

>How do you investigate something that behaves like a will  
>o'the wisp? You can't, therefore all you have are the people  
>who make the reports; that's the problem faced by all  
>scientific and Government investigations of these phenomena.

>Cassie is far more open-minded about the possibility of  
>'exotic flying saucers' than you give him credit for. In one  
>field investigation report from 1967, he spent some time  
>speculating about the possibility of an optical illusion,  
>only to conclude "...if his experience can't be explained in  
>some such way, then maybe he saw an extra-terrestrial object  
>[E.T.O]."

>Maybe Cassie was smirking when he wrote those words - your  
>remote-viewing ability might come in handy here - but he was  
>immediately 'ticked off' by a colleague who wrote in a  
>margin: "We [intelligence] think that the probability of  
>there being an E.T.O. is of a very low order."

>Who says debunkers never criticise other debunkers?

Hi Dave,

When he's right he's right when he's wrong he's wrong. In other words, he's human.

>>Face it Dave, would you want your psychologist publicly  
>>ridiculing some group program you were involved in? How  
>>would you handle his remarks if they were directed at  
>>people who said they saw fairies and ghosts and/or  
>>investigated them? Would you still think him the pillar of  
>>science you tote him as now? I don't think so.

>I draw upon the advice of psychologists and sociologists  
>routinely, and I've yet to meet one who "publicly ridicules"  
>those who claim to have had unusual experiences.You seem to  
>be under the impression that the very act of scrutinising the  
>people who make reports, by definition implies they are

>crazy or deluded. Psychology has a role to play in  
>understanding anomalous personal experiences, as does a whole  
>range of other "ologies." It doesn't have all the answers,  
>but neither do you, or you wouldn't still be searching for  
>them.

Re: "..and I've yet to meet one who "publicly ridicules"  
those who claim to have had unusual experiences.'

I have no doubt about that. Now-a-days they are more sensitive to people privacy as well-less likely to just jump in with both feet - plus there are laws about disclosure of medical information, here in Canada and in the US and I assume in the UK as well. As for answers, I've never claimed that-not for the phenomenon in general. I tend myself, to be overly conservative when it comes to the validity of each case I get involved with and have found myself positing some natural explanations for the sighting that I can't even-in good conscience- buy into because they leave too many loose ends. I've mentioned NLS. I have little patience for them and that's just a personal flaw. I lean toward the in-you-face sightings which there are more than enough of, to keep me busy.

<snip>

>>I haven't heard any of the military people I've talked to  
>>mention fairies, elves or trolls and you don't see many of  
>>them hanging out at 100 or 45,000 feet.

>I take it you have never heard of the gremlins?

Yeah but they-from a pilots perspective-are akin to Murphy's law, a handy catch-all, but for instrument problems that are intermittent. It's used in electronics as well.

Best,

Don

The Dam Busters line - "You know, we're not going to make it back alive from this raid." Answered by, "I know. Get aboard, we're going to be late."

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Velez

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>>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 02:09:25 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>On-List or anywhere in 'public' I only speak of the incidents  
>>that I recall clearly, and that I know happened because I had  
>>to live through them. Some of those incidents involve multiple  
>>witnesses. Myself and many others I have interacted with do  
>>consciously recall incidents 'on-board' UFOs. I don't discuss  
>>them publicly because memory of the incidents may be incomplete,  
>>or happened at night, after I had gone to sleep. One such  
>>memory involves a procedure where 'something' that resembled a  
>>man-sized praying mantis shoved a rod/probe up my nose. I felt  
>>pain and pressure as it pushed the object deep into my head. As  
>>if it wasn't terrifying enough, what really rattled me and  
>>sticks out in memory is the dull crunching sound I 'heard'  
>>inside my head as the probe (obviously) penetrated a sinus  
>>cavity or bone. That memory replayed in my head for weeks after  
>>the incident. BTW, there was dried blood on my face the next  
>>morning from the same nostril that I recalled the 'thing' had  
>>shoved the probe into.

>Just one question. Did you remember if the rod/probe was covered  
>in blood when extracted? Surely, you should have had a big  
>hemorrhage then.

I closed my eyes when he started pushing that 'thing' into my  
nose. I was scared half to death and it hurt. Right after I  
heard the 'crunch' sound inside my head (of bone or cartilage or  
whatever) there was a flash of intense white light. I then woke  
up and discovered the dried blood on my face. There was no  
'active' bleeding going on when I awoke. The blood stream on my  
face was tacky, almost dry. I would hope that

My own 'speculation':

If this procedure is being performed regularly on people, it  
would make sense for them to close or cauterize the wound in  
order to prevent people from bleeding to death internally,  
suffering a stroke from a stray blood-clot or drowning in their  
own blood while asleep or unconscious. In fact, doctors have  
found evidence of a 'surgical' procedure that was performed  
inside of my sinuses/head. See next.

A few years after this 'probe' incident was when the UFO  
encounter that I have already described in other posts to the  
list, transpired. I had to go to an emergency room for treatment  
the next morning. The attending ER physician and an ear, nose  
and throat specialist both saw evidence of "surgery" inside my  
head/sinuses. (Their term not mine, they were the ones who both  
asked me about the "surgery" I had had in my head.) "Surgery"  
which I have never had. In fact, I was as upset by that  
assertion as I was about the swollen eye and severe nose-bleed



that brought me to them in the first place.

Louis...

This is not a 'masturbatory' exercise for me. What I have been through is frightening, has altered the course of my entire life, and is something I am very serious about. I am convinced that what is happening is a physical, nuts and bolts, blood and bone reality that needs to be acknowledged and investigated until some reliable answers are obtained.

The threat and implications of this phenomenon are staggering. People better wake up... and soon. Condescension and giggling are extremely inappropriate responses to something that could be knocking on -their door- next.

><snip>

>>Yes, I recall 'on-board' incidents.

>I suppose your recalled 'on-board' incidents looked as real as  
>that giant insect you saw one day in the streets of New York.  
>John, I am not saying that you are lying or anything similar,  
>only that your concious 'recalls' do not seem reliable always,  
>IMHO.

Hey man, the good news is; I don't particularly care if you or any one else "believes" me or not. :)

I am responsibly reporting what has happened to me as clearly, honestly and openly as I possibly can. My conscience dictates that I do so. I have been compelled and counselled by people who I trust and look up to that I should 'report.' And I have been doing just that for seven years. I will continue to do so until an independent, multi-disciplinary team of professionals, scientists, academics is assembled and an investigation into this phenomenon is commenced. Until they nail my coffin shut if I have to. Even then my voice will reach out from beyond the grave via this public record that we're all leaving behind.

What people do afterwards with the reports and information I provide is entirely up to them and it is their own business. Believe, don't believe, I don't give a rats ass. I'm not looking for "believers." What is important to me is; that they think about the phenomenon. That people become aware that 'some' of the reports of UFO abduction are coming from ordinary but perfectly credible and reliable, family oriented, working people just like themselves. That they begin to realize that "all" abductees are not 'air-heads' or 'nutcases' or 'starved for attention' and 'trying to get on TV'.

If what we suspect is happening is true... then this is very serious business and should be treated that way. I'm no sloucher or BS artist Louis. I'm the 'real thing.' There are reasons why Budd Hopkins took me with him everywhere he spoke for over 5 years. My family's case is not a 'weak' or easily dismissed one. I'm glad that you're not calling me a liar, and if you 'think' that I am not "reliable," (without having conducted a background check on me or my 'credibility' or my 'character' as Budd Hopkins did,) then there isn't much that I can do about it. You are entitled to your opinion - even if it isn't based on first hand knowledge.

You can't win 'em all as they say. ;)

><snip>

>>As Budd has stated on many occasions; ufologists didn't even  
>>acknowledge that UFOs might have an 'inside' until the 60's.

>Well, one of those who did believe UFOs had an 'inside' was  
>Project VISIT, 25 years ago. They worked hard to obtain  
>scientific and engineering data about the internal systems of  
>UFOs from abductees... We are still waiting.

I'm not familiar with "Project VISIT." Could you elaborate for the benefit of those of us who do not know what it is?

Regards,

John Velez \_Abductee\_

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

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Secrecy News -- 02/13/03

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SECURITY NEWS  
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## CRS ON SCIENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

The ongoing debate over how to balance the openness that is essential to scientific research against national security concerns about creating new vulnerabilities is comprehensively described in a new Congressional Research Service (CRS) report.

"A fundamental trade-off between scientific progress and security concerns is the crux of the policy debate," writes CRS consultant Dana A. Shea.

"The scientific enterprise is based upon open and full exchange of information... On the other hand, this very openness provides potential enemies with information that may allow them to harm U.S. interests."

"This report presents recent examples of scientific research results whose publication raised concern... Past and present information control mechanisms are discussed... Recent policy actions regarding dissemination of federal information and federally funded research results are outlined...."

The new 27 page report does not exactly advance the debate over how to proceed -- that is not CRS' role -- but it does a good job of explaining recent developments, identifying the most significant points of contention, and laying out the available policy options. The footnotes helpfully identify most of the important documentary sources and news reports.

See "Balancing Scientific Publication and National Security Concerns: Issues for Congress," by Dana A. Shea, January 10, 2003, here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL31695.pdf>

## A LOOK BACK AT THE ANTHRAX ATTACKS

Official secrecy marred the government's response to the anthrax attacks of 2001 and generated needless panic and confusion among members of the public, according to a report published by the Century Foundation today.

"This case study explores how government agencies rationed bioterrorism information during the anthrax crisis of late 2001, how the press reported the news, how the public responded, and what these events portend," wrote science writer Patricia Thomas, author of the new study.

She also sounded a cautionary note for the future. "More recent actions of the Bush administration have made thoughtful journalists increasingly worried that tight government control of health and science news may disrupt the flow of timely, accurate information about scientific research and personal health to readers and viewers."

See "The Anthrax Attacks" by Patricia Thomas here:

[http://www.tcf.org/Publications/Homeland\\_Security/thomas\\_anthrax.pdf](http://www.tcf.org/Publications/Homeland_Security/thomas_anthrax.pdf)

The report was sponsored by the Century Foundation's "Working Group on the Public's Need to Know in a Post-9/11 Era" which is described here:

<http://www.homelandsec.org/WGneed/index.htm>

#### WAXMAN ON GAO V. CHENEY LAWSUIT

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) ruminated angrily yesterday on the implications of the conflict between the General Accounting Office and Vice President Cheney over access to records of the Vice President's Energy Task Force.

In December, a court ruled that the congressional investigating agency lacked the standing to sue for access to the Vice President's records. Recently, the GAO announced that it would not challenge the ruling.

"When GAO decided not to appeal the District Court decision in Walker v. Cheney, it made a fateful decision," Rep. Waxman said.

"In the Comptroller General's words, GAO will now require 'an affirmative statement of support from at least one full committee with jurisdiction over any records they seek to access prior to any future court action by GAO.' Translated, what this means is that GAO will bring future actions to enforce its rights to documents only with the blessings of the majority party in Congress."

"This is a fundamental shift in our system of checks and balances."

"For all practical purposes, the Bush administration is now immune from effective oversight by the Congress," said Rep. Waxman.

In other words, and stated a bit more moderately, the ability of this or any future Administration's to resist unwanted GAO investigations has now been considerably strengthened. Which is to say, existing checks and balances on executive authority have been significantly weakened.

See Rep. Waxman's February 12 comments on "Cheney Task Force Records and GAO Authority" here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2003/h021203.html>

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## Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 16:56:28 -0500  
Subject: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 21:04:35 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 22:29:07 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>It hasn't been proven case after case. There are now millions. A  
>>half dozen doesn't support a theory. You will have to go the  
>>extra mile. I'm afraid your just saying it first doesn't make it  
>>so Andy.

>The theory is proven time and time again Don, and, as I keep  
asking, has anyone got a better one which is proven. No answers  
yet I'm afraid.

>>You really are putting yourself out on a limb aren't you.  
>>Imagine, after all these years of study, little old you has come  
>>up with the answer.

>No, the answer is just there Don. No-one 'came up' with it.  
>It just works that's all, unless... well, see above.

So far, Andy, what I've seen you refer to is a narrow segment of  
the phenomenon. Lights at night for example [though I'm not sure  
the lighthouse explanation will fly as a good resolve on the  
Rendlesham incident] but what happens in the UK is not as well  
known to me.

In the last 8 months I have been saddled with reports of huge  
objects in the sky. In one case [see IUR] I was able to get a  
rough estimate of the baseline size of this thing [thanks to  
radar conformation of altitude] of more than a kilometer on a  
side. How do you use the theory of radical misperception on  
this one? Or the case I had from '87 in broad daylight of a  
football field sized object over a small village here in NS-  
reported by a retired Canadian Army major who was then a  
Captain, the object which was also witnessed by his driver. They  
were actually up on a hill looking down on the top of the thing.

How about the many photographs, radar traces etc.?

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 18:08:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Sandow

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 16:35:48 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>Well, even here in Spain I have been able to obtain all the main  
>works about abductions from Hopkins, Jacobs, Klass, Rimmer or  
>Schnabel to abductees like Karla Turner or Katharina Wilson.

I hope you've also read the proceedings of the 1992 conference at MIT, along Eddie Bullard's 1987 study and his many abduction papers. But the published literature isn't enough. In my opinion, it doesn't tell you enough about what abductees are really like. The reality is both more strange and more grounded in everyday life than you'd guess from reading all these books.

>Unfortunately, I have been unable to talk with any abductee.  
>They are very scarce in Europe (and much more in Spain), you  
>know.

I'm not going to be sarcastic, the way you are, and suggest your work is worthless, unless you go to Britain or America and meet some abductees. Or that you find some abductees in Europe. They exist, even if they aren't as public as they might be elsewhere. To do this would take both time and money, which I'm in no position to insist that you spend. But I do think that until you talk to abductees, your work is in some ways incomplete.

>His reading has given me an idea. One of the reasons he believe  
>that the Old Hag had an "objective component" was because the  
>percipients described it in their familiar surroundings.

>Let's put that upside down. What if the "Old Hag" is just the  
>less extreme of a psychological condition which can easily go  
>outside the familiar surroundings and show the same symptoms  
>(paralysis, menacing figures...) in non-familiar surrounding  
>such as the alleged interior of a UFO?

>Worth pondering, at least IMHO.

It's pretty easy to make up any psychological condition you want. But does it actually exist? Hufford's work is very careful. He only theorizes on the basis of real, substantial data.

>Budd Hopkins himself named the Abduction Phenomenon as an  
>"invisible epidemic" precisely because he advocated that its  
>victims did not have conscious recall. Of course, after somebody  
>has gone under hypnosis and have become convinced that he/she is  
>being abducted periodically, how reliable are his/her "conscious  
>memories" from then onwards?

There you go. Jumping to conclusions, once again. Abductees report these conscious memories before they're ever hypnotized. That's why I (and others) call their memories conscious. I've spoken to many abductees, and heard them describe the memories they had before they were ever hypnotized. Of course, they were describing these memories to me some time after they were



hypnotized, so if you want, you can get all superior, and tell me that their descriptions were contaminated by hypnosis. One thing I've noticed, though - and this is yet another reason why it's good to talk to abductees, rather than just read about them - is that most of them were very specific about what they remembered before hypnosis, and what kind of alleged memories hypnosis brought up. John Velez is a good example. He knows the difference very well, and so do other abductees.

Finally, I've heard abductees describe being inside UFOs before they were ever hypnotized. I heard one abductee do that in his first meeting with Budd. He never returned, as far as I know, and never was hypnotized. But the memories that brought him to Budd included experience inside a UFO. Nor did Budd prompt him to remember this or anything else. I've also heard similar things from a couple of people I've encountered outside any abduction context. These are people I've met socially, who - on hearing of my interest in UFOs - volunteered what sound very much like abduction stories.

There's also Eddie Bullard's statistical study of which memories abductees have consciously, and which characteristically only emerge under hypnosis. I think it was published in IUR. Unfortunately, all my back copies of IUR were just burned in a fire, so I can't look the article up. But it's one of the most important references for any discussion of conscious memories. (The fire was a very bad one, and I lost things much more important than back issues of IUR, including very nearly my life. I only mention this to forstall any snarky comment about how convenient it is that I can't check my reference here. )

Greg Sandow

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## Strange Indiana Sightings Reported

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Subject: Strange Indiana Sightings Reported

[http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1078&dept\\_id=151030&newsid=7044344&PAG=461&rfi=9](http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1078&dept_id=151030&newsid=7044344&PAG=461&rfi=9)

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Strange Sightings Reported

John Phillips

I was out shoveling the driveway Tuesday evening when I heard a strange noise, a noise kind of like what the refrigerator makes when it turns itself on - a drone.

It was blowing and cold and the lights were making tricks. My eyes were watering, so I can't be sure, but I thought I saw a large, oval-shaped object with greenish lights around its midsection come down in the field across the way. And then I couldn't see it.

I went into the house, got my flashlight and went back out into the night to investigate.

I had my gum boots on, but it was still hard going in the snow. By the time I got to where I thought I saw the thing come down, there was nothing there - nothing, that is, but a large depression in the snow where something heavy and ovoid had just been.

I hustled back to the house to get my camera, but the wind was howling and the snow was drifting and by the time I got back to that spot in the field, it had already almost entirely disappeared. Photos would show nothing, and I would be a fool to mention to anyone that I had apparently seen a UFO.

Which is all just a bunch of baloney, of course. I made it up, yeah, I did.

But it's a strange world, folks, and a lot of strange reports, press releases and such, come to us in the newsroom.

One such report, from Stan Gordon of Greensburg, found its way to my desk for some reason.

Gordon, a self-described researcher/investigator of UFOs, says that 2002 was an active year for UFO sightings and strange encounters across Pennsylvania.

According to Gordon's report, "Close observations of strange flying objects, reported encounters with mysterious creatures such as Bigfoot and giant birds, strange footprints and sounds, and odd ground markings were some of the oddities reported."

He says that some of the cases reported last year could be explained as bright meteors, automated searchlight displays and even the northern lights, but that also some strange incidents couldn't be explained.

A couple of those incidents were from our area.

On April 15, 2002, Gordon reports, two people traveling on Route 286 near Clarksburg observed an elongated object about the size

of a passenger bus hovering at treetop level. The silent object's body appeared to be extremely wide, and it had a very bright light at the front.

In Derry Township (Westmoreland County) in September, members of a family reported observing a Bigfoot creature on two different occasions in a heavily wooded area.

On the afternoon of Sept. 27, a driver was traveling on a back road and heard a noise from the woods. The driver reportedly stopped the vehicle, thinking that some deer were approaching.

Not so, as you may have guessed. "At a distance of about 145 feet, the witness observed a tall man-like creature covered with long brown hair and arms that hung down to the knees.

"The creature was estimated to be about 8 feet tall and took long steps as it crossed a field. The driver watched as the creature crossed over a barbed-wire fence with no hesitation or break in stride."

Gordon says he measured the fence and the top was 44 inches off the ground.

According to Gordon, Pennsylvania has a long history of observations of strange animals, including Bigfoot, the Thunderbird (a giant bird), the eastern cougar, and the black panther. (We always heard about a black panther when we were kids, but we never knew anyone who saw one.)

Anyway, with the weather so bad and such, we might as well be out looking for Bigfoot. If you find him (or her) Gordon wants you to give him a call at (724) 838-7768 or e-mail him at [paufu@westol.com](mailto:paufu@westol.com).

In the meantime, here's a news item that'll perk you up - Friday the 13th fell on a Thursday this month. Hoo hah!

(John Phillips is a Gazette assistant editor. He can be e-mailed at [jphil@indianagazette.net](mailto:jphil@indianagazette.net).)

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - White

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Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 00:49:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - White

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 16:47:49 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 02:09:25 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>Yes, I recall 'on-board' incidents.

>I suppose your recalled 'on-board' incidents looked as real as  
>that giant insect you saw one day in the streets of New York.  
>John, I am not saying that you are lying or anything similar,  
>only that your concious 'recalls' do not seem reliable always,  
>IMHO.

When someone reports an on-board experience which seems bizarre  
by every day life standards, what logical reason is there to  
doubt the person making the report?

With no other evidence either pro or con, I give such reports an  
exactly 50% chance of being either true or false. Further  
reports and other evidence from the same or other abductees  
causes the probability to go up or down from the original 50%.

I don't see how anyone can simply wave away experience reports  
because they don't happen in our current-day Earth society  
environment.

Eleanor White

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>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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>>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 14:42:08 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

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>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 00:45:20 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>>>It would just be nice to see Greer put up or shut up. It would  
>>>also be great to see someone taking money from him for a change.

<snip>

>Eleanor,

>I have bitten my tongue and refrained from responding to your  
>many adulatory postings about Greer, but this one reached my gag  
>reflex threshold. The evidence indicating that Greer is a  
>hustler and a con-man is rather overwhelming. I will not bother  
>repeating it all here because you obviously are impervious to  
>facts when they contradict what you want to believe.

No ... I didn't have the information you report in your post  
before now.

And as to "free" energy, if UFOs are ET craft, then they likely  
have a virtually inexhaustible source of energy to do what they  
do. I'm simply predicting it is just a matter of time before we  
in the unclassified world have such an energy source too.

Rather than wave "free" energy away, I know it will come sooner  
or later, so every current inventor has the chance to make the  
final breakthrough. I treat them with the same respect as  
inventors in any other field, and don't label them frauds just  
because the field they are working in happens to be "free"  
energy. I see no logical reason to, any more than I would label  
someone 'crazy' because they research UFOs.

Eleanor White

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## Report From Laughlin UFO Conference

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Hey, what's that!?

True believers mingle with scientists at annual UFO convention

By Heidi Walters

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LAUGHLIN - Last week, hundreds of people descended into Laughlin for the week-long 12th annual UFO Congress Convention & Film Festival at the Flamingo. I parachuted in for a day of it - and found myself to be the alien, not at all conversant in the common language of this crowd. New World Order. Abductions. Grays. Budd Hopkins. Star people (identifiable, among other traits, by their "compelling eyes" and "personal charisma"). Re-ensoulment.

But that didn't matter. I came away with an understanding that could have come from any modern-day human gathering in this time of pending war, environmental disaster and planet overload: a sense, that is, of the hopeful, sad and troubled depths within the human psyche, and of the emotional, mental and physical creativity with which humans attempt to clamber from those depths.

Inside one colorful room filled with booths - crystals, kitschy big-eyed knickknacks, emu oil lotions (the latest alternative beauty trend, it seems), books, documentaries - a woman at one booth was telling a man about "a kind of fog" and what it's like to emerge from it at last, and the guy responded, "Mother's gonna take care of it, one way or another. Either nuclear war or... And if it's gonna happen, it's gonna come down this year - Pow!"

At another booth, Conrad DeFlon was setting up guru Budd Hopkins' books and tapes. DeFlon, a soft-spoken, been-through-the-wringer-of-depression man of about 40, had the semi-wild aspect of a coyote and the sweetness of the humbly saved. He said he remembered reading Hopkins' book *Intruders* and how he flashbaked to when he was 17 and on a fishing trip with buddies in the Eastern Sierra. There, apparently, he stepped out of the cabin one night "to take a whiz," stepped back inside, and his buddies told him he'd been gone for more than an hour. It was a case of missing time - something other abductees, he said, have reported. Eventually, dogged by anxiety for years, he called up Hopkins and said, "Either I'm flipping out, or I was abducted by aliens." When Hopkins hypnotized him, DeFlon described a time

when he was 3 years old and a frog-like being came to him. And then he described what he saw on that fishing trip: "It was half a dozen of these 'Grays' [the quintessential alien with the two-globed big head and odd eyes, described by many abductees across the world], and they told me their species could no longer reproduce. And then I had an orgasm - the leader said, 'I did that to you.' They were taking my sperm."

It's a common theme among abductees, DeFlon said.

Then I met David Liebehart, a portrait artist who works at La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles. When he was in high school, he said, in 1968, he was taken aboard a UFO. "They took hair and skin samples. I was raised in a Christian Science Church - and you can put that in your article. I still have an implant in my arm, but because of Christian Science I haven't had it removed. ... I'm related to the Wright brothers on my dad's side. My grandmother told me the Wrights got the idea [to build an airplane] from aliens. The government used to throw aliens in with the slaves and American Indians."

Talking to people, looking about this room, reading titles - it was easy to feel overwhelmed by craziness and conspiracy theories: Electricity, the Coming Revolution in Medicine. The Secrets of the Federal Reserve. A Writ for Martyrs. Wisdom of the Rays. Mind Stalking: UFOs, Implants & the Psychotronic Agenda of the New World Order. The Crystal People. "Astro-carto-graphy relocation map - \$205 - Map your future. Do not relocate without it!" "A channeling event: What really happened to space shuttle Columbia?" "The Government's Cosmic Cover-up."

Inside a more serious room, the reknowned Dr. John Mack was speaking. Mack is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and professor of psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School. He founded the Department of Psychiatry at the Cambridge Hospital, and in 1983 founded the Center for Psychology & Social Change. But when he started taking alien abductees seriously, he was nudged out of the main academic arena. Mack said they were missing the point, which has nothing to do with literal truth but everything to do with philosophy. It's important to "legitimize experience," he said. We are, he said, in an anomolous age in which, unlike in past cultures and present-day aboriginal societies, we have adopted a purely materialistic world view that is "soulless and unconscious."

He talked about the need for a "re-ensoulment of the universe."

"The abductees, they get this - that we all will become one with nature," he said. "It's only in the past 200-300 years that the gods have been so totally banished."

If the world regained its "soul," he said, "we would be unable to treat the earth the way we do, because it would violate some sacred relationship."

He said great changes could come to human cultures "if we come to see UFO phenomena as having a relationship to other anomalies [such as] crop circles, near-death experiences, precognition, spiritual healing, apparitions of the Blessed Virgin - or whoever that woman is that so many people see - and organ transplants, when a person experiences personality traits of a person from whom the organ was taken."

The mental health field would change, he said. "Many of the conditions that are now diagnosed and given pathological labels will be honored, will be considered part of the human condition."

Plus, studies of parapsychology and such would finally get some funding, he said. The problem now, he said, is the experiences that abductees and others have related to such phenomena cannot be proved. And the problem with that is the assumption that we need proof in order for an experience to have real meaning. "In the emerging world view, fact and metaphor can be one. The inner world, the subjective world, would become as much if not a greater subject for us to take on and understand."

The speaker after Mack had much less comforting news for the attendees. An expert in "non-lethal weaponry" - a discipline that got him ridiculed in a Scientific American article - John Alexander cautioned those with "very emotional views" that they



wouldn't like what he had to say.

Alexander, a longtime military man, at one time had the opportunity to interview "all the heads of the [federal] letter agencies" and he concluded that, institutionally, the government just doesn't care enough about UFO-related phenomena to pursue it. This, even though some had actually had UFO-like experiences. "The good news is, the government's been telling the truth about UFOs," he said. That's also the bad news, he added. "The reality is, nobody cares."

But 7 percent of the population says it's seen UFOs, he said.

"My view has been, there is a very substantial amount of evidence that says these phenomena are real," Alexander said. "I have personally seen a number of phenomena. These are white crows - it only takes one white crow to prove that not all crows are black. If you find one anomaly, there must be exceptions to the rule. We definitely have exceptions, so we study it -

because it will lead to a deeper understanding of the universe." While he takes a purely scientific, curiosity approach to the study, he says about 98 percent of the people at the conference are true believers. "For them it's like coming home," he said. "These people take it a whole step further. It becomes a whole cosmology. It's very like religion, and that's why it's very emotional."

For Philip and Kay Hart, from a town in England "not far from Stonehenge," that's okay. They're not into the crystals and kitsch, but they do believe there's something out there.

"I think everybody's just looking for something beyond this life," Kay said. "And we hope it's positive."

And maybe it can even come to our rescue. "Everyone's afraid [the U.S.-Iraq situation] is going to escalate, that it's the beginning of Armageddon. I think it's a possibility. I think there's some hope there's an intelligence beyond us that can stop the war."

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## FOIA Request To Chief Of Naval Operations

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 18:46:43 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 00:52:05 -0500  
Subject: FOIA Request To Chief Of Naval Operations

[LWB mea culpa: UFOlogist-linguist Richard W. Heiden has pointed out my imprecise use of the expression "deja vu" in my header for the recently posted contents of an FOIA response from the U. S. National Security Agency. Since the term denotes a SENSE of one's already having seen a yet-to-be experienced event or scene, it shouldn't be applied to an actually occurred action. The better wording for the header, then, would be another (overworked?) French-derived term: "UFOpolitik Redux."]

TO: Chief of Naval Operations  
Headquarters, U. S. Department of the Navy  
ATTN: Freedom of Information Manager  
The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20350

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

DATE: February 13, 2003

This freedom-of-information request seeks from you a copy of the latest edition of OPNAV Notice 3820 of Sept. 26, 1952 (which governs Navy processing of UFO/"flying saucer"-encounter reports solicited/received from U. S. Navy personnel); as well as a copy of all current Navy instructions/directions/notices that happen to augment and/or supersede that notice.

Since I make this request on behalf of the public's interest in knowing and evaluating how your department seeks out, processes, transmits, records, categorizes, assesses, and shares official UFO-encounter reports, I ask that you waive all records-search fees incident to your fulfilling it.

Please note that I'm snail-mailing to 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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Chairman, U. S. Senate Committee on Intelligence

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 18:51:01 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 00:54:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Maccabee

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 17:08:56 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 22:01:10 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

<snip>

>After all, since the phrase has a precise meaning which renders  
>the adjective "unidentified" obsolete, why not insist that those  
>who disagree with you now refer to all UFOs as "spaceships"? Or  
>"thoughtforms"? Or "etheric craft from other vibrations"? Or  
>"Nazi rockets from the hollow earth"? Perhaps we can insist on  
>even more specificity than that, e.g., "Martian Module",  
>"Saturnian Shuttle", "Ashtarian Aerospace Craft"? This last  
>strikes me as a particularly rewarding pursuit. Let us reorient  
>ufology - excuse me, "saucerology" - toward the documenting of  
>those sightings representing observations of the fleet of the  
>Ashtar Command. After all, as any number of psychic channelers  
>have assured us, Ashtar and his starship troopers are far and  
>away the most important Space Brothers visiting us.

I certainly learned my lesson from the "Space Brothers"! (I'm  
lucky to still be around!)

You \_Don't Mess with Ashtar\_!

To see what I was "told" by Ashtar, go to:

<http://brumac.8k.com>

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## IFO Imagery [was: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video]

From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 01:41:17 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 07:39:03 -0500  
Subject: IFO Imagery [was: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video]

>From: Tom King <[tomking2030@hotmail.com](mailto:tomking2030@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 16:50:11 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video

>>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 21:21:28 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video

>>>From: Eric Morris <[bufosc@hotmail.com](mailto:bufosc@hotmail.com)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 23:59:31 +0000  
>>>Subject: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video

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>The problem here is lack of  
>optical power to resolve what the cameraman is seeing. Also the  
>lack of education by video analysts to properly judge balloons  
>from alleged UFOs. Most of these self-proclaimed video experts  
>aren't skywatchers and don't field test cameras against known  
>objects.

Amen!

Well said, Tom.

You and I both collect images of known flying objects (or Identified Flying Objects, IFOs) for comparison purposes and post them on the internet for others to use as a research and investigative tool. However, there is still much work to be done in this area.

I will soon purchase a digital video camera and other equipment and begin filming and photographing birds, bugs, debris, lens flare and conventional aircraft in flight to add to my IFO Database:

<http://ifo.s5.com>

Through my studies of IFOs, I have found there is a great lack of digital images of known objects in flight for comparison purposes. I would like to encourage others interested in contributing to their own IFO databases and who may have digital cameras (especially digital video cameras) to join us in this type of research.

If you have a digital camera (video and/or still), go outside at any hour of the day or night and film or photograph flying objects you have first clearly identified and then review the results. Identified Flying Objects often take on all kinds of shapes, sizes, colors, etc. when filmed or "frozen in time" in images produced through photography. Digital photography seems to add even more distortion of distant images which has led to many bogus UFO photo's and footage being posted all over the internet.

Again, if we are ever going to separate the wheat (UFOs) from

the chaff (IFOs), we must make every effort to first isolate and identify the variables.

A. Hebert

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 00:00:33 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 07:41:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Hatch

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 22:20:35 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 12:04:06 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>Larry wrote:

>>I can't speak for others, but the Cracoe Fell matter has been on  
>>my Discredited Sightings web page for months or years now.

>Rimmer got to you first Larry but do you or any other Listers  
>\_really\_ think that when a complex 'best ever' case is solved it  
>can just be disregarded? Now that would make an interesting  
>discussion.

>At what point exactly does a 'best ever' case stop being  
>relevant? When cracks appear? Or when it is finally resolved?  
>And where does its 'mystery' go, and why is it less important  
>after than before?

>Less a case of misperception here than several cases of pissed  
>deception. Bottoms up Larry!

>Happy Trails

>Andy

Hello Andy:

I hope I [burp!] clarified that with my answer to John Rimmer.

As for Cracoe Fell being called the 'best ever' case, I certainly never thought so. In fact I did have it listed in the \*U\* Database, possibly from some old issue of the Apro Bulletin, that deriving from some account in the UK.

Checking back early versions of \*U\*, by early 1999 I had noted that it was discredited as a reflection of an outcropping of quartz (or whatever) on a hill. In that version, I reduced the strangeness rating to near bottom (1 on a scale of 0- 15), mind you that was 4 years ago.

So who did call this the 'best case', specifically the best photographic case? The YUFOS group in Yorkshire apparently. That's what I learned from a Google search, where I found a page you wrote.

As for the importance of Cracoe Fell in the public (mis)perception of UFO matters, I made several Google searches for comparison.

In each case, I noted the place name as an exact quote (some place names are multiple words) .. together with

the single word UFO. Here are the results, the number of web pages Google found.

"Roswell" + UFO : 85,900 (apprx)  
"Rendlesham: + UFO : 4,150 "  
"Trans-en-Provence" + UFO: 460  
(same count, with-or-without dashes)  
"Redwood City" + UFO : 595  
"Cracoe Fell" + UFO : 5 (five)

Redwood City, where I live, had 119 times as many UFO related hits as Cracoe Fell.

Of those five (5) Cracoe pages, the first one was mine; my list of Discredited Sightings.

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

The other four, (your name comes up repeatedly BTW) all discredited the same Cracoe sighting. None of them support Cracoe as a 'real' UFO, let alone a best case.

I'm babysitting some 17,940 UFO sightings here, not just one or two. Another photographic case from California, this one a hoax, is about to get delisted (and roasted a bit) on this end. I must attend to that now.

I think Cracoe is instructive as a clear and somewhat surprising case of misperception, but I cannot devote much time to it.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Bennett

From: Colin Bennett <[colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 10:36:27 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 10:43:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Bennett

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 22:16:54 -0000  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: New Documentary On Rendlesham - Roberts

The Strange Case of Clarke's Credentials, or Dave's Reverse Jump  
This the first of the Bad Man's Epistle to Andy Roberts  
(Which will replace the Epistles of St. Paul to the Corinthians)

Dearly Beloved,

Andy, I don't know whether I have proved your case for you as you say. But more on this later as there is now a much more important consideration afoot.

Any Lurker or List Bear opening this post entitled New Documentary on Rendlesham Forest and finding David in reverse motion perched atop his vaulting pole in philosophical stasis above 100,000 volts of prison razor wire will be astonished, surely, beyond all compass.

This, Andy, is a true Zen crisis. I think there should have been a warning notice gone out before you suggested that your co-writer's new found postmodern credentials are suspect. David's plight is now perilous. He could go into withdrawal after your statement. He might have to go into philosophical detox. Or he might be stuck up there forever, like the mythological figures described by Keats in Ode on a Grecian, not knowing which way to jump. This scene would make an interesting mural for the foyer of a List HQ building. I don't think I have ever been so intrigued by a sight since I came across the Ken Dodd Karaoke Memorial Home strung between the Last Chance Deport of the Brentford Salvation Army and the ruins of the Henry Macclesfield Bingo Parlour.

David's miraculous condition up there suspended must be the most important theological issue since the Diet of Worms. If Dave is a Catholic the Vatican must be informed immediately, and when he gets down he will have to be extensively examined for marks of devilish intercourse. His Sainthood might have to be seriously considered. In which case he should inform his dear mother immediately.

It could be miraculous, of course. In case a Special Ecumenical Council might ahve to be called. The Great Treatises of St Cyprian and St Cyril may have to be consulted, as well as hose of Tertullian and Juston Martyr. He will certainly have to be re-baptised.

Anything is possible. There could be cures if you know what I mean. There could be walking stick, crutches and spectacles thrown beneath David's vaulting pole, With cures, anything could happen, Andy, even your powerful nuclear Protestantism could see the Light of St. Jerome.

But to put theology in more modern terms, if only for my constantly baffled Americans, always it seems aghast at the concepts of the old pre-Opra theology.

I think Andy, you have proved my postmodern case for me. Now David's new postmodern credentials are not false, but in the region between fact and fiction I so often talk about. Put it this way. One man says he has seen a fairy. Another says they don't exist. The fairy is a locus sculptured by the subtraction of the two beliefs, the result of which is never quite zero. There is always a little bit of belief-protein left with which the weave the next universe in line. Thus David's gray-area credentials enter the region of the UFO. Dave says he has jumped, but Andy says not really. Dave's jump therefore as a concept now enters the transient virtual region in which the fairy and the UFO live. Like James Oberg's would be NASA commission, Dave's magnificent escape (or would-be escape, or partial escape) now lives in the virtual region consisting of both matter and symbol, the ghost and the flesh.

Dave himself might like to describe what it is like to live in this region. It must be rather like those early space experiments where weight loss was experienced for about half a minute in a diving aeroplane.

Andy I am worried about you, your reasoning is getting dangerously near the postmodern region. You are either in love, or about to become a modern, if not yet a postmodern. Take the intermediate modern option first, otherwise like David you might be frozen in philosophical limbo. Fast time travel can affect you like a diver getting the bends through coming up too quickly if you know what I mean. There's plenty to think about whilst meditating in the cultural Decompression Chamber (good title for my next novel, what?) No, I'll get rid of the word "cultural" my novelist American wife doesn't like it) novel, yes? A theme for mediation would be that Postmodernism and love are the same thing. The ironmaster steam footplatemen and factual Prussians and document gurus and factspeil hogmeisters of the Silence Group do not realise this in their lust for me. Alas, I am spoken for.

The only question that remains is what will your postmodern cursing be like, Andy? We had your pre-postmodern cursing, and that was biblical enough.

I am worried about you on another count. I see you are now writing with wit and clarity and humour. This will never do, Andy. You will scare these Americans to death. You have got to remember they are very young, and the young take themselves very seriously indeed. Look what happened to me through doing this. These straight American palefaces can't stand parody. They've not come across it before. They're not old enough for such things. They cast me out into the rainforest from where I make guerilla raids and enter their subversive dreams.

So I warn you. You might be trying to reverse the Stalinist factspeil of most List 1950s scientists (this being boring enough to stop hordes of charging rhinos in the track, and cause werewolves to roll over and die of grief), but it will do you no good with the factual saluting-campus-hordes factual-research pre-quantum hogmeisters, I warn you. Old native British wit like yours sends these Yanks up like Bing Crosby memorial candles in a Dean Martin chapel of Remembrance.

I am somewhat surprised to find their kitchen tops are as clean as their annuli. From the films, I thought they were all groovers and swingers and ravers and gone cats. Instead I find a bunch of effing solicitors. I definitely landed on the wrong List here. (stop that sneering, Dick). They're all dope with enough manic seriousness to kill buffalo on sight. It must something in the coca-cola, or all that Disneyland TV. I can't wait for the next profound point in line, which will be as funny as an old East German tractor factory. So keep using metaphor, images, jokes and symbols Andy, and you will get the ultimate "these are not serious and sincere people" List badge to wear. I wear mine in my underpants at the side of my Phone-Around and the Boycott the Bad Man campaign ribbon and pictures of Rosa Kleb and Herr Ulbricht, who are probably watching right now on the banned rainforest frequency.

Lord bless us there's camouflaged lorries full of soldiers with machine guns outside now, and Vera's gone mad again. And just when I was about to take and Sally to detox. You are a professional carer Andy, I am only a part-time amateur, but you know the feeling.

I have had everything outside my window. I have had shootings, suicides, a bus blown up by the IRA, and once a troupe of miserable circus elephants drenched with rain. And once my manservant, the Seething Elmon (so called because he has a permanent bad temper) got hot Indian hot bread and cartons of Pig N' Chicken safely through a Queens for Peace riot. He sat down in fear and trembling and had to have a hot cup of tea after that.

Oh my God, Sally's just run off. She'll have to be kept from the soldiers, or we'll have terrible trouble.

I'm going out now to get a pack of pork sausages, try and find Sally and see if Alla's arrived, whoever he be. I can't wait to see him. I hear he's from the Middlesborough Tabernacle up your neck of the woods, Andy, by the way. And I hear that your good self, he's quite a card is Allah. If I see him, I'll try and get him to joint the List. He'd make a good Factspeil New Ufology band with Herr Ulbricht, Toxic Shock, Rosa Kleb doing the vocals, and the Brentford Polonius on drums. Call themselves The Solutions, and they could be the future of Rock n'Roll, (West Indian) d'yah nah wat ah min, Andy?

I'll be back

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

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See the Bad Man's Combat Diaries at:

<http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

His Politics of the Imagination given the Anomalist Best Biography of the Year Award.

His Feature High Moon on Oberg and NASA now running in Fortean Times 168 (yes, the Bad Man can be serious and sensible, but only for money!)

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## Turkish Sighting On 12-01-02

From: Dave Acres <[dacres@austarnet.com.au](mailto:dacres@austarnet.com.au)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 03:11:47 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 10:45:12 -0500  
Subject: Turkish Sighting On 12-01-02

Hi Errol & List,

Found a couple of interesting links I thought some readers may be interested in. Here's one:

UFO hits the meteor that would wreck havoc on Earth

A Meteor that entered into the atmosphere and that would possible wreck havoc on Earth was broken into pieces by UFO before it hit

<http://www.para-normal.com/nuke/html/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=34>

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 11:38:40 +0100  
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>>Well, even here in Spain I have been able to obtain all the main  
>>works about abductions from Hopkins, Jacobs, Klass, Rimmer or  
>>Schnabel to abductees like Karla Turner or Katharina Wilson.

>I hope you've also read the proceedings of the 1992 conference  
>at MIT, along Eddie Bullard's 1987 study and his many abduction  
>papers.

Yes I have, from cover to cover... and did not find them convincing.  
For instance, Bullard famous finding about an abduction sequence  
was statistically wrong. I give here a short extract of my conclusion  
(hurriedly translated into English, excuse me):

>From the total of 302 incidents, only 195 include two or more  
>episodes. From that total, 165 present them in the same order,  
>and 27 others offer only one alteration.

>He considers that from chance only you will expect no more than 12  
>cases among the 136 cases with more than three episodes. It looks  
>irrefutable.

Not so. Bullard takes a simplistic strategy pointing that to  
order 3 elements (Capture, Exam, Return) there are 6  
possibilities (CER, CRE, ECR, ERC, REC, RCE) , but only one  
(CER) is correct. But, how many of those hypothetic possibilities  
would appear really in a witness account?... One, and only one  
(nobody will Return before being Captured, etc.). No surprise  
here.

Yes, before you say it, there is a contradiction with the above  
paragraph. So, the same analysis was expanded to 4 elements,  
with similar results. I can provide the complete review (in  
Spanish) to anybody interested.

>But the published literature isn't enough. In my  
>opinion, it doesn't tell you enough about what abductees are  
>really like. The reality is both more strange and more grounded  
>in everyday life than you'd guess from reading all these books.

Back to square one! Well, after reading a lot of first-hand  
abductees stories, I agree, the abduction as given a sense to  
everything that happen in their lives. All and everything is  
interpreted under its light. Maybe if they were able to do just  
the opposite...

>>Unfortunately, I have been unable to talk with any abductee.  
>>They are very scarce in Europe (and much more in Spain), you  
>>know.

>I'm not going to be sarcastic, the way you are, and suggest your  
>work is worthless, unless you go to Britain or America and meet  
>some abductees. Or that you find some abductees in Europe. They  
>exist, even if they aren't as public as they might be  
>elsewhere.

I was not being sarcastic (intending to wound anybody), just as you try to disqualify me wondering if I was familiar with the literature, I was just pointing to a fact you should take into account. Mysteriously, aliens seem to have America in their viewfinder (Sorry, but I cannot escape the similarities with the imminent war).

Sure, there are abductees in Europe... and even in Spain. Do you want a short resum=E9?

June 9, 1975 (the very first one) - Canary Islands. Several members of a contactee group go to an arranged meeting (by ouija) and later discover 2 hours of missing time. Under hipnosis, they recall an abduction.

Feb 1978 - Medinaceli. The famous "Julio F." case. The witness was discovered (and first hypnotized) by none other than Mr. Jordan Pe=Fla (confessed creator of the UMMO hoax) so its reality is very suspicious.

Dec 18, 1978 - Guadalajara. A truck driver was invited on board a UFO where he spent 3 hours speaking (by telepaty) with 16 men. One of them was his clone! Conscious recall. Considered a hoax by the more serious investigators.

I can continue, but will mention just the most widely known, Prospera Munoz. My colleague Jose Ruesga has concluded (after a ten years long investigation in very close friendship) that all was a psychological reaction to personal and familiar problems. I refer you to our bulletin "Cuadernos de Ufolog=EDa" (in Spanish). I can provide the exact reference if anybody is interested.

>But I do think that  
>until you talk to abductees, your work is in some ways  
>incomplete.

I completely agree. But incomplete does not means wrong.

>>His reading has given me an idea. One of the reasons he believe  
>>that the Old Hag had an "objective component" was because the  
>>percipients described it in their familiar surroundings.

>>Let's put that upside down. What if the "Old Hag" is just the  
>>less extreme of a psychological condition which can easily go  
>>outside the familiar surroundings and show the same symptoms  
>>(paralysis, menacing figures...) in non-familiar surrounding  
>>such as the alleged interior of a UFO?

>>Worth pondering, at least IMHO.

>It's pretty easy to make up any psychological condition you  
>want. But does it actually exist? Hufford's work is very  
>careful. He only theorizes on the basis of real, substantial  
>data.

The only real and substantial data collected by Hufford are anecdotes of his witnesses. In basis to their similarities and to the fact that they describe the incidents inside familiar surroundings, he theorizes there must be a common cause. He did not eliminates a psycho/physiological one. In fact, the sleep paralysis he discusses seems to fit quite good.

What I suggested is that Hufford (if only because the abduction phenomena had not arised by then) did not consider the possibility that his "Old Hag" phenomenon was just part of a continuum, just as the UFO phenomenon is part of a continuum with BVM apparitions, ghosts, etc. (Hilary Evans wrote about all this better than whatever I can say here)

>>Budd Hopkins himself named the Abduction Phenomenon as an  
>>"invisible epidemic" precisely because he advocated that its  
>>victims did not have conscious recall. Of course, after somebody  
>>has gone under hypnosis and have become convinced that he/she is  
>>being abducted periodically, how reliable are his/her "conscious

>>memories" from then onwards?

>There you go. Jumping to conclusions, once again. Abductees  
>report these conscious memories before they're ever hypnotized.

Sorry, no. At least, Hopkins' abductees in his first book didn't. Yes, there are people who say they have conscious recall about part or the whole incident (Vilas Boas was the very first example) but we should exam each case individually, and do not mix these kind of incidents (quite similar to the contactee stories, in general) with those who did not remember anything alien until they went under hypnosis.

(snip)

>There's also Eddie Bullard's statistical study of which memories  
>abductees have consciously, and which characteristically only  
>emerge under hypnosis. I think it was published in IUR.

Gotcha! I seem to have missed this one. Can anybody provide a reference? My condolences, I am very sorry about your fire, Greg, just to think something similar could happen to my library give me the creeps!

Luis R. Gonzalez

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>When someone reports an on-board experience which seems bizarre  
>by every day life standards, what logical reason is there to  
>doubt the person making the report?

>With no other evidence either pro or con, I give such reports an  
>exactly 50% chance of being either true or false. Further  
>reports and other evidence from the same or other abductees  
>causes the probability to go up or down from the original 50%.

>I don't see how anyone can simply wave away experience reports  
>because they don't happen in our current-day Earth society  
>environment.

Once again, I usually do not doubt the person, only the  
reality of his/her experiences and/or conclusions about them.

Why? Precisely because they don't happen in our current-day  
environment and some details are even impossible by our known  
Physics (going thru walls, levitating, even telepaty).

And yes, I may admit we do not know all about Physics, but I am  
sure that everything we will learn in the future, will never  
contradicts what we already know. And remember, those  
conclusions had already been corroborated by uncountless  
experiments and the everyday workings of our modern technology,  
in contrast with abductee's stories, whose lack of coherence is  
staggering.

I will never tire to repeat that if all those people were  
counting the same story, they will be much more believable.

Yours,

Luis R. Gonzalez



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## Discredited Canards

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I have just read Jerome Clark's review of Pflock & Moseley's "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" in IUR Spirng 2002 (I am quite behind my reading list :-))

Of course, I have not been surprised and every one is entitled to his opinion, but I cannot leave the following sentence unattended:

"(Moseley) repeats them with no hint of critical reservation, right down to the repeatedly discredited canard that Linda's story echoes the plot of a 1989 science-fiction novel"

Who has "repeatedly discredited" that "canard"? Sorry, the similarities are not a canard, they are a fact and they are there for anybody to ponder. The real question is their significance. I have asked about it several times in this List and I am still waiting for a panel of literary judges to decide if the undeniable similarities are trivial or not.

Must I repeat them again, for anybody in this non-unbiased List to opine?

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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First at all, it seems that I have to justify my skepticism. I do believe that you, John, are being sincere in what you say, in your feelings about your situation, how it has changed your life, etc..

But the scene you present (and share with many others) is so contrary to normal life and physics, and you (speaking in plural) offer so little unambiguous evidence that I maintain that the conclusions you have reached are unwarranted.

>>>On-List or anywhere in 'public' I only speak of the incidents >>>that I recall clearly, and that I know happened because I had >>>to live through them. Some of those incidents involve multiple >>>witnesses. Myself and many others I have interacted with do >>>consciously recall incidents 'on-board' UFOs. I don't discuss >>>them publicly because memory of the incidents may be incomplete, >>>or happened at night, after I had gone to sleep. One such >>>memory involves a procedure where 'something' that resembled a >>>man-sized praying mantis shoved a rod/probe up my nose. I felt >>>pain and pressure as it pushed the object deep into my head. As >>>if it wasn't terrifying enough, what really rattled me and >>>sticks out in memory is the dull crunching sound I 'heard' >>>inside my head as the probe (obviously) penetrated a sinus >>>cavity or bone. That memory replayed in my head for weeks after >>>the incident. BTW, there was dried blood on my face the next >>>morning from the same nostril that I recalled the 'thing' had >>>shoved the probe into.

>>Just one question. Did you remember if the rod/probe was covered >>in blood when extracted? Surely, you should have had a big >>hemorrhage then.

>I closed my eyes when he started pushing that 'thing' into my >nose. I was scared half to death and it hurt. Right after I >heard the 'crunch' sound inside my head (of bone or cartilage or >whatever) there was a flash of intense white light. I then woke >up and discovered the dried blood on my face. There was no >'active' bleeding going on when I awoke. The blood stream on my >face was tacky, almost dry. I would hope that

>My own 'speculation':

>If this procedure is being performed regularly on people, it >would make sense for them to close or cauterize the wound in

>order to prevent people from bleeding to death internally,  
>suffering a stroke from a stray blood-clot or drowning in their  
>own blood while asleep or unconscious. In fact, doctors have  
>found evidence of a 'surgical' procedure that was performed  
>inside of my sinuses/head. See next.

Well, considering how often the abductees talk about nasal hemorrhages (not dry residues as you, but flowing blood), your suggested procedure is not standardized (as usual with everything in this phenomena)..

>A few years after this 'probe' incident was when the UFO  
>encounter that I have already described in other posts to the  
>list, transpired. I had to go to an emergency room for treatment  
>the next morning. The attending ER physician and an ear, nose  
>and throat specialist \_both\_ saw evidence of "surgery" inside my  
>head/sinuses. (Their term not mine, they were the ones who both  
>asked me about the "surgery" I had had in my head.) "Surgery"  
>which I have \_never\_ had. In fact, I was as upset by that  
>assertion as I was about the swollen eye and severe nose-bleed  
>that brought me to them in the first place.

You have mentioned several times how two specialists saw evidence of "surgery" inside your sinuses. Well, I would like (and you should look for) a more precise conclusion with arguments. I can only suppose that they found some scarred tissue (size, form?) but that, in itself, not necessarily imply an operation.

A precision, please. Reading Brookesmith's version of your incident, he presents your \_conscious recall\_ as obtained under hypnosis several years after the UFO incident. More precisely, he wrote that the incident of the probe was \_precisely\_ what happened that fateful 1979 night.

According to your words, the incident of the probe refers necessarily to a different abduction.

>Louis...

>This is not a 'masturbatory' exercise for me. What I have been  
>through is frightening, has altered the course of my entire  
>life, and is something I am very serious about. I am convinced  
>that what is happening is a physical, nuts and bolts, blood and  
>bone reality that needs to be acknowledged and investigated  
>until some reliable answers are obtained.

>The threat and implications of this phenomenon are staggering.  
>People better wake up... and soon. Condescension and giggling  
>are extremely inappropriate responses to something that could be  
>knocking on -their door- next.

>><snip>

>>>Yes, I recall 'on-board' incidents.

>>I suppose your recalled 'on-board' incidents looked as real as  
>>that giant insect you saw one day in the streets of New York.  
>>John, I am not saying that you are lying or anything similar,  
>>only that your conscious 'recalls' do not seem reliable always,  
>>IMHO.

>Hey man, the good news is; I don't particularly care if you or  
>any one else "believes" me or not. :)

You do not care about being believed, but do insist that we should act as if what you believe were real. Contradictory.

>I am \_responsibly\_ reporting what has happened to me as clearly,  
>honestly and openly as I possibly can. My conscience dictates  
>that I do so. I have been compelled and counselled by people who  
>I trust and look up to that I should 'report.' And I have been  
>doing just that for seven years. I will continue to do so until  
>an independent, multi-disciplinary team of professionals,  
>scientists, academics is assembled and an investigation into  
>this phenomenon is commenced. Until they nail my coffin shut if  
>I have to. Even then my voice will reach out from beyond the  
>grave via this public record that we're all leaving behind.

Precisely because you \_very responsibly\_ report everything that has happened to you in all its incongruity (not like some

researchers who report only what coincides with their own ideas) we notice it.

I was very precise. I do not "think" you are "not reliable". I do think your memories are "not reliable", in the sense they do not refer to an objective, material reality.

An aside. Can you tell us how many separate abductions do you recall (conscious or unconsciously)? When was the last?

Excuse me for insisting, but referring to your consciously experienced (not recalled) sighting in broad daylight and in full view of several hundred people and occupied vehicles (who did not view anything) in New York's 42nd Street of a five stories tall insectoid creature, you must admit that was a physical impossibility. Biological speaking there can no exist such a big creature with such a spindly extremities.

<snip>

>I'm not familiar with "Project VISIT." Could you elaborate for  
>the benefit of those of us who do not know what it is?

Sorry, there is no much to elaborate about. The current MUFON's Director (sorry, I do not remember his name) exposed its goals (as commented) in a MUFON Symposium around 1978, and I never heard about VISIT again, until recently that they wrote they are still at it.

This is a question that goes in another thread. What happens when the researchers do not find whatever they were looking for? For instance, your own Dust Bunny test (in which I gladly participate). Several years later, nothing has been written about the conclusions. Surely, they did not find anything strange (contrary to Dr. Levengood who said he had), another matters pressed and so, why bother to report a failure? If only, because the lack of negative report will allow them to continue believing that their positive findings were significant.

Another example, on a more pedestrian way, inspired by recent media news about a man who stabbed his wife, allegedly during a nightmare. Why, John, had you discarded the possibility that those nasal hemorrhages were due just to a (involuntary and even unconscious, of course) jab by your wife because you were snoring? :-))

Yours,

Luis R. Gonzalez

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## Interpreting Paranormal Experiences Through Physics

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Elaine Bickle, Geologist and author of 'Voices or Echoes?' held a chat with us on Thursday, February 13th, to discuss her new autobiographical e-book, which is aimed to educate people to use science instead of superstition when interpreting anomalous events in their own lives.

Her e-book details many of her own experiences, such as experiencing the same day twice, waking up in bizarre places covered in blood, speaking to her dead grandfather, and holding conversations with her deceased twin who died at birth. The following is the transcript, edited slightly for clarity:

ParanormalNews: Could you tell us more about yourself and why you decided to write 'Voices or Echoes?'

Elaine Bickle: I am a retired geologist. I decided to write Voices or Echoes? because my position in the sciences will no longer affected by writing it. Many people keep their paranormal experiences to themselves until retirement. Maybe if enough of us "come out" people won't have to do that in the future.

ParanormalNews: Have you witnessed other people within professional fields who have planned on coming out after retirement as well?

Elaine Bickle: I worked for NASA as a research assistant when I was in graduate school. The lies told to the public are overwhelming! Richard Hoagland tried to tell the truth about some things and his pass to the base was taken away. I saw data come in from Voyager that showed two kind of chlorophyll on Europa, The next day NASA said it was all faulty data. I've heard some of the people saying they will tell all this when they retire.

ParanormalNews: when you say Hoagland's pass to the base was taken away, what specifically do you mean?

Elaine Bickle: He wasn't allowed on the property at Kennedy space center or Houston.

ParanormalNews: Were you at NASA while Hoagland was?

Elaine Bickle: No. I was at a separate NASA funded research lab. We were mapping ancient rivers and lakes on Mars. The water is frozen now, but the erosion patterns are still there.

ParanormalNews: How does the NASA power structure work? Covering up data does seem to be something that would be difficult to do with such a large amount of people working for them. Especially for an organization that considers its work scientifically based.

Elaine Bickle: It is done by mostly keeping military people around and by having the people sign secrecy papers. It is hard to keep things a secret, but nobody believes people when they

say NASA is lying.

ParanormalNews: How familiar are you with the inner workings of NASA when it comes to these military people? Do they have direct access to everything going on and call all the shots?

Elaine Bickle: Yes. I'm not privy to the inner workings except through the grapevine. Hoagland did get some of his data from someone at the "TOP" who secretly unscrambled the radio broadcasts from the space shuttle so people all over the world would pick it up. It's just that when someone does that, no one believes the data is real.

ParanormalNews: Are there other instances when NASA's employees have tried to release information and were removed from NASA? Does everyone sign papers to keep them quiet about what they witness?

Elaine Bickle: I don't know about everyone. They tried to get me to sign papers, but I wouldn't. I heard many of the military guys arguing over sending civilians up in the space shuttle because they couldn't trust them not to tell what they saw up there. When the shuttle blew up with a civilian on board, I was not surprised.

ParanormalNews: What are your opinions about NASA's investigations into the Challenger tragedy, knowing what you do about the organization?

Elaine Bickle: They knew it would blow up. They admitted that. I think it was a warning to other civilians.

ParanormalNews: So after a lifetime of being told to put a sock in it while you're on the job and in the field, where has this left you?

Elaine Bickle: Ready to take them all on! It's time that people realize these things go on. I'm talking not only about NASA, but paranormal events in people's lives.

ParanormalNews: Which you have had in your own life. Could you describe a few? I know you go into more detail in your book, but gives us a few examples.

Elaine Bickle: There have been two instances when I have awakened in remote areas sick, dirty and my lower body covered in blood. Before these events, I would wake up at home with a bruised and swollen navel. Once, I found human internal tissues in my navel. I have had time anomaly events. I once went through the same day twice. Not the same events, just the same date.

ParanormalNews: What are your own interpretations of why these events occur to you?

Elaine Bickle: I can explain the time anomaly events by using quantum physics. The other events happen because I am the subject of someone's experiment.

ParanormalNews: Are the time anomaly events any different than déjà vu? Which as far as I know, no one has had a good explanation of why the feeling occurs.

Elaine Bickle: The answer to that is a bit complicated. The universes next to ours have time going in the opposite direction to ours. That means that their past is our future. Our universes are phasing into each other all the time. So we are getting "memories" going in two directions.

ParanormalNews: Like when a drop of water hits a pond, the waves go in two directions?

Elaine Bickle: That is the basic premise of quantum mechanics, but it's more like crossed telephone wires. The Elaine in the next universe was born from the grave and has already lived my future. If I phase into her, then I can predict the future and have repeated memories when I do something for the first time, but she has already done it in her universe.

ParanormalNews: how would you cross the telephone wires, so to speak? Why would universes phase into one another?

Elaine Bickle: It's called an Einstein-Rosen bridge. These things connect universes through black holes. Fred Alan Wolf and other physicists think that we can also phase in and out of an adjacent universe by many other means.

ParanormalNews: how does the 19 1/2 degree theory fit into the time anomaly events which occur in your own life? I know Hoagland's an avid 19 1/2 degree researcher, but I am guessing that the significance of the hypothesis escapes most.

Elaine Bickle: The vortex that occurs on a 3-d sphere rotating in hyperspace could be a conduit to other dimensions or parallel universes. All his research has been born out. A steel ball that is spun will go higher into the air and stay aloft longer than a non-rotating ball. Hoagland thinks this may be the secret to their transportation between dimensions.

ParanormalNews: Which is where you could bridge across universes located in other dimensions?

Elaine Bickle: Yes. Or use it to flash in and out of hyperspace like UFOs seem to do.

ParanormalNews: How do you equate apparitions of deceased people, the feeling that something is behind you or in the room with you--or in your case, the visitations by your grandfather-- to unknown physical laws?

Elaine Bickle: Many ghosts are found in man made structures containing metal or rocks with metal. These magnetic anomalies could detain the electrical energy from a dead person or trap the "ghost" from the next universe.

ParanormalNews: How about 'orbs' that supposedly appear in homes and areas which are said to be haunted? the same electrical energies?

Elaine Bickle: Maybe, or magnetic anomalies like I found in the Puget Sound area.

ParanormalNews: Sightings of the Mothman? Bigfoot? How far does your definition of the paranormal go? How much is covered by these unknown physical laws?

Elaine Bickle: Good question. If these beings are from other dimensions or other universes and are just visiting, that would explain a lot. The laws aren't really unknown, just unlearned by most people.

ParanormalNews: Are you by any chance writing these concepts down in a kind of Para-Physics handbook yet? How much would you say is covered in Voices or Echoes when it comes to your ideas?

Elaine Bickle: I tried to be brief in my book because it is an e-book right now. If it comes out in print, I'll probably add more to it. I did cover all the main ideas. I didn't always go into detail.

ParanormalNews: According to your book, you've had a pretty strict upbringing. Could you describe some of it and how it has affected your own perceptions?

Elaine Bickle: My family were fundamentalists. They taught me that everything was the female's fault because she gave the apple to Adam. I knew that was poppycock when I was very young. I didn't swallow the things I was told because they were so outlandish. This caused me to become an outcast. I am so thankful for that. I broke away and became educated. This was not allowed. It was considered Devil worship to get an education. The pulpit can't hold educated people captive.

ParanormalNews: How have they held people captive and what would your recommended response to someone going through the same thing be?

Elaine Bickle: GET OUT! Don't let them fool you. They don't want to know the facts, but if you do, go for it! They hold people captive by scaring them with devils and demons. Uneducated people don't know any better.

ParanormalNews: And in the modern day, there's an equation



relating ufos and abduction experience to devils and demons as well. How would you respond to this?

Elaine Bickle: UFOs and abduction experiences are reported by 22 million people across the planet. We can't all be "Bad" people. Most of these things can be explained by using quantum physics. It is just that most people aren't familiar with physics and don't know the paranormal is just physics people don't understand.

ParanormalNews: Most people say that science is a reaction against the superstition of the past, which the paranormal has currently been pigeon-holed into. How are your own hypotheses into the paranormal trying to break this tradition?

Elaine Bickle: My hypothesis is that scientists are avoiding paranormal subjects because the answers are in hyperspace and people tend to deitize (is that a word?) anything they can't see or understand. I am trying to change that by teaching people that the paranormal is just physics we need to investigate further.

ParanormalNews: And the experiments that are being done with you. Why? Does someone want you to stop equating the paranormal to unknown physical laws?

Elaine Bickle: I can't form an opinion without more data. I think I have been an experimental subject since I was a child. Whenever we had to write an essay and we weren't given a specific subject, I would always write about being in someone's experiment. I've always felt that. When I was in junior high, several of the girls started breaking out after we were given shots by the county health department. Only girls seemed to be affected. A nurse came out to the school and told us that there was a rent in the atmosphere between Atlanta and Dallas and was causing the rashes. In the 90's the government was caught experimenting on several groups of people in the south.

ParanormalNews: Your e-book has a lot of autobiographical material in it about how your life events have affected your views. What would you want someone to get from it after they finish?

Elaine Bickle: What I want people to get out of my book is to learn! Find out what is going on don't be ashamed to come forward with your stories.

ParanormalNews: You've obviously read a lot of material being printed about the paranormal. What would your opinions be on the field, if you could call it a field of research? Whose would you recommend for further reading?

Elaine Bickle: First of all, I suggest not reading until after you have had an experience. IF you read about liver cancer long enough, you'll develop the symptoms. What I suggest in my "surviving the paranormal" section of my book is to learn as much science as possible. Then read only reputable authors who aren't trying to make a buck from people's misfortunes.

ParanormalNews: Is there anything else you'd like to add before we let you go tonight?

Elaine Bickle: I can only tell people to learn and keep on learning. And I thank you, Jeff, for allowing me to take up this much of your time.

ParanormalNews: And to everyone else, thanks for reading!

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**Dear (Lowly) Konstituent...**

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 20:23:20 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Feb 2003 10:52:50 -0500  
Subject: Dear (Lowly) Konstituent...

To readers following the saga of Congress's missed opportunity to help resolve the worldwide government coverup of the UFO experience, I offer yet another piece of this political puzzle - a response from Va. Sen. George Allen to my recent complaint about the U. S. Bureau of Land Management's censoring of the exact location of the University of New Mexico-conducted excavation of the Roswell crash's 'skip site':

Thank you for your recent communication. I welcome this opportunity to be of assistance.

In am sending your letter to the United States Department of the Interior for their consideration and I have asked them to keep me informed of their progress.

As we strive to protect our nation's cherished freedoms while embracing new opportunities for all Americans, please know that I consider it a high honor and privilege to work for you in the United States Senate. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance to you on any other matter.

With warm regards, I remain . . .

Sincerely, George Allen."

Please note that, based on Ufological history, I harbor no illusions as to what a lone senator can do toward ending the Cosmic Watergate. Indeed, consider the content of the following letter auto-penned by Rep. Jim Matheson to one of his constituents in Utah:

"Thank you for your recent letter concerning the Disclosure Project Press Event recently held in Washington, DC. I appreciate you taking the time to bring this information to my attention. I have received copies of many of the materials presented at this briefing.

Please be assured that should legislation be presented in Congress addressing these issues, I will keep your views in mind.

Again, thank you for bringing this to my attention. Hearing from you is important to me. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future on issues of importance to you.

Best wishes,

JIM MATHESON - Member of Congress."

When he saw the above slice of Form-speak, an investigative researcher based in Wisconsin had this to say:

Dear (Lowly) Konstituent...

"There seems to be many ways of saying, 'Don't call us: we'll call you.' In Hollywood, you know your project is dead in the water when they say they'll call you and then they don't. Congress has perfected a way of kissing people off and making it sound like they're taking them seriously. [Some opportunists] would use such letters as proof Congress is panting for more of [their] rantings."

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## CI: Space Exploration: The Next Fifteen Years

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 23:20:41 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Feb 2003 10:55:45 -0500  
Subject: CI: Space Exploration: The Next Fifteen Years

Cydonian Imperative  
2-25-03

Space Exploration: The Next Fifteen Years  
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 36)

Assuming NASA proceeds with an upgraded design to replace the obsolete Space Shuttle fleet in the wake of the Columbia disaster, it's likely the new spacecraft will be a close relative of the X-37, pictured below.

[image]

Artist's conception of the X-37.

The X-37 concept (or a derivative thereof) is needed in order to maintain a manned presence in Earth orbit. But can we continue to justify manned spaceflight for the sake of manned spaceflight?

While the ostensibly International Space Station (ISS) is supposed to provide justification for orbital flights, the catastrophic demise of Columbia has framed national space priorities in a stark new light. Space enthusiasts have long since grown bored by endless shuttle "missions" that consist of little more than going in circles. While the ISS is not completely without promise, the current "exploration" paradigm is incapable of utilizing it as anything more than a celestial rest-stop. A new destination is needed.

[image]

Moon base constructed with existing technology.

A resurrected shuttle program based on new designs and technologies should serve as the first stage in a new era of exploration. For instance, the ISS could be used as a construction platform for a long- overdue return to the Moon. It is well within our ability--and budget--to construct a permanently crewed lunar base while committing to a multinational expedition to Mars within the next fifteen years. Neither venture is exclusive. We can, and should, do both.

Turning our attention from the dreary familiarity of low Earth orbit to the beckoning vistas of the Moon and beyond justifies the expense of the ISS by turning it from an overpriced tourist attraction to a vital staging base. At the same time, the need to launch massive, expensive payloads from Earth is dramatically curbed. Astronauts living on the Moon will be able to extract water from ice deposits as well as grow their own food: techniques that will prove invaluable as we extend our reach into interplanetary space and onto the Martian surface.

[image]

Mars: the logical next step.

A new national space imperative must rise from the ashes of Columbia and Challenger before it. Exploration of the Moon and Mars is not a mere gesture; it is an evolutionary necessity, and the United States stands poised to reap enormous benefit if only we dare. If we don't, others certainly will; China, acutely sensing the forgotten urgency of the U.S.-Soviet "Space Race," has set its sights on the Moon and has hatched ambitious schemes for manned installations.

With nuclear space propulsion finally within our grasp courtesy of Project Prometheus, we would be masochistic to deny ourselves the new frontiers promised by the Moon and Mars. No more going in circles and false romantics. Unless we act aggressively, we will sacrifice the lessons implicit in Columbia's loss.

Let's keep going--in the spirit of peace and knowledge.

-end-

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## 'From Elsewhere' (Review)

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Feb 2003 11:04:28 -0500  
Subject: 'From Elsewhere' (Review)

FROM ELSEWHERE by Scott Mandelker  
review by Mac Tonnies

for more: <http://www.mactonnies.com/ufobooks.html>

Do you feel "different"? Like you don't belong? Have you always been an outsider or a loner? Do you daydream about places you've never been or experience a heightened sensitivity to environmental issues? If so, then you may be... "From Elsewhere", according to author Scott Mandelker, who alleges that not all aliens are of the short, big-headed variety. Some of them look just like regular folks. And the clincher is that you might be one of them and not even know it. No, this isn't the plot of a Philip K. Dick novel. Mandelker is perfectly serious about his subject matter, and writes about those who think they are extraterrestrial "walk-ins" and "wanderers" with candor, defining a loose-knit counterculture of humans convinced of their extraterrestrial origin.

"From Elsewhere" is not a scientific book in any recognized sense, so don't expect proof that aliens are among us. Mandelker's perspective is similar to the intuitive New Age epistemology embraced by John Mack in "Abduction" and "Passport to the Cosmos." Proving one's ET ancestry is not only deemed impossible but considered essentially pointless. Mandelker (who comes out of the cosmic closet as a human-incarnated ET in the book's concluding pages), emphasizes the role of "subjective knowing"--an alienating concept, to be sure, but one that supposed walk-ins and wanderers must deal with before tuning into their authentic selves. "From Elsewhere" is an unconvincing, if intriguing, cultural document that adds a new dynamic to the controversial evidence of alien visitation.

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## Spin Doctors - PhD

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Date: Sat, 15 Feb 2003 23:39:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Feb 2003 11:11:12 -0500  
Subject: Spin Doctors - PhD

Sounds a lot like the sort of spin a Roswell-type event would require, does it not?

Source: The Independent - UK

<http://www.independent.co.uk/>

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Armageddon Asteroids 'best Kept Secret'  
15 February 2003

A scientific adviser to the United States government has suggested that secrecy might be the best option if scientists were ever to discover that a giant asteroid was on course to collide with Earth.

In certain circumstances, nothing could be done to avoid such a collision and ensuing destruction, and it would be best not to tell the public anything, said Geoffrey Sommer, of the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, California.

"When a problem arises with high uncertainty, there is an opportunity to spin the problem to avoid global panic. If you can't do anything about a warning, then there is no point in issuing a warning at all," Dr Sommer told the association yesterday.

"If an extinction-type impact is inevitable, then ignorance for the populace is bliss. As a matter of common sense, if you can't intercept it and you can't move people out of the way in time, there's nothing you can do in terms of reducing the costs of the potential impact," he said.

"Overreaction not just by the public but by policy-makers scurrying around before the thing actually hits because we can't do anything about it anyway ... to a large extent you are better off not adding to your social costs," said Dr Sommer, who is also an adviser on terrorism.

The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) is conducting a 25-year survey of the sky to find asteroids wider than a kilometre which could have a devastating impact if they collided with Earth.

So far they have determined the orbits of about 60 per cent of these objects and none so far have a trajectory that threatens the world within the next couple of centuries, said David Morrison of Nasa's Ames laboratory in Moffat Field, California.

"There are, however, many things out there that we know nothing about," he said.



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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 16 Feb 2003 16:45:07 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Feb 2003 23:35:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 13:34:36 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Pilgrims,

>Apparently, to Andy, the only issues of importance are the ones  
>he chooses to take up, however inadequately. I am told,  
>incidentally, by a highly informed source that Andy's account of  
>this incident - and its reception by less UFOphobic British  
>colleagues - needs to be read with at least a pinch of salt.

This is most interesting Jerry. I presume, that because you chose not to name your 'source' we can take the above as an anecdote? However, let's probe deeper. There are probably only about five or six people who can talk with any degree of authority about the ins and outs of the Cracoe case; myself, Young Clarke The Post Modernist, Graham (and possibly Mark Birdsall) and Jenny Randles. Now I can't see Graham wasting his time on this List, Mark is out of the scene, which leave Jenny - so it must be her. So - why not tell us what you've been told and I'll happily post you (by airmail) all the necessary documentation to put you out of your ill-informed, anecdotal, misery.

Oh, and if you think the details of the Cracoe case are just 'ordinary' misperception then I think that says more about the Jerry Clark approach to ufology than your entire posting history on this List.

Elsewhere in one of your posts (and in one Cathy's) you also trot out the tired old chestnut 'what about radar and photographs'. There are no 'good' UFO photographs and I'm afraid radar is not even worth considering, being yet another layer of information to interpret. The radar specialists (both operators and technicians) that Dave Clarke and I have spoken to over the past few years are not impressed by any 'UFO' sightings obtained on radar as Out of the Shadows shows.

But Jerry, thanks for the kind words for OOTS - somewhat at odds about what you say about our research on this List but then we've come to expect the contradictory from you over the years. I'd recommend it to anyone out there - probably the best UFO book you'll have read from the UK in a very long time - take a risk and buy it - I guarantee you won't be disappointed!.

Happy Trails

Andy

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## College Programs?

From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 16 Feb 2003 19:11:31 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Feb 2003 23:44:32 -0500  
Subject: College Programs?

Hello Errol and List members,

If anyone can help with the following request please e-mail me via the list or privately and I will pass the info on.

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>Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2003 00:19:23 CST  
>From: \*\*\*\*\*  
>Subject: college programs  
>To: [webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)

>Hello-

>My name is \*\*\*\*\* and I am a current student  
>at the University of DePaul in Chicago, IL. I am  
>inquiring on behalf of my educational goals, and I was  
>interested in learning more about the paranormal and  
>UFO's. I have been in pursuit of finding a collegiate  
>institution that offers a program specializing in such  
>an area as UFO's. Do you know of any specific schools  
>that offer an undergraduate program like this?

>I appreciate your time and hope to hear back from you  
>soon.

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Thanks,

John Hayes

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## Creating False Memories?

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Date: Sun, 16 Feb 2003 15:51:48 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Feb 2003 23:47:05 -0500  
Subject: Creating False Memories?

Public release date: 16-Feb-2003

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University of California - Irvine

From kissing frogs to demonic possession, people are led to believe they experienced the improbable

Pioneer in false memory research presents latest findings at AAAS Symposium

Irvine, Calif. -- During a recent study of memory recall and the use of suggestive interviewing, UC Irvine cognitive psychologist Elizabeth Loftus successfully planted false memories in volunteers of several study groups -- memories that included such unlikely events as kissing frogs, shaking hands with Bugs Bunny at Disneyland, and witnessing a demonic possession. Her success at planting these memories challenge the argument that suggestive interviewing may reliably prompt real memories instead of planting false ones. A pioneer in false memory research and Distinguished Professor of Social Ecology at UCI, Loftus will present her latest research at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting in Denver at the "Remembering Traumatic Experiences in Childhood: Reliability and Limitations of Memory" symposium beginning at 2:30 p.m. MST Sunday, Feb. 16. Loftus conducted her study by having volunteers conduct a set of actions that mixed the common place (flipping a coin) with the unusual and even bizarre (crushing a Hershey's kiss with a dental floss container). Later, her research team asked volunteers to imagine additional actions they performed that day, such as kissing a frog. At a future time, participants were asked to recall their actions on that specific day[jl]. Ayanna Thomas, a doctoral student in Loftus' research group, found that 15 percent of the study's volunteers claimed they had actually performed some of the actions they had only imagined. In another study, Loftus showed how false memories can be planted with a visual. Loftus and her colleagues exposed volunteers to a fake print advertisement describing a visit to Disneyland where they would meet Bugs Bunny. Later, 33 percent of these volunteers claimed they knew or remembered the event happening to them. (Bugs Bunny is a Warner Bros. character and has never appeared at Disneyland.) The false memory rate was boosted when people were given multiple exposures to the fake advertisement. In one study, 36 percent of those given three exposures said they met Bugs Bunny, compared to only 9 percent in a control condition. Loftus' collaborators on this study included Kathryn Braun-LaTour, Melissa Grinley and Jacquie Pickrell. These studies continue three decades of research by Loftus proving that memory is highly susceptible to distortion and contamination. Her past work has shown that people can be led to remember rather familiar or common experiences, even when these experiences likely had not occurred. Much of Loftus's work has focused on

false claims of repressed memories of sexual abuse. She also has shown that eyewitness accounts, notably those given in court, often are inaccurate. Loftus has served as an expert witness or consultant on some of the nation's most high-profile trials, including the McMartin Pre-school molestation case, the "Hillside Strangler" case, the police officers involved in the Rodney King beating and the Bosnian War Trials. Ranked among the 25 psychologists most frequently cited in introductory psychology textbooks, Loftus is the author of "Eyewitness Testimony," which won a National Media Award, and co-author of the widely cited book, "The Myth of Repressed Memory." ###

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## Free UFO Database File

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Date: Sun, 16 Feb 2003 13:54:48 +1100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Feb 2003 23:49:05 -0500  
Subject: Free UFO Database File

Hello List Members,

Just wanting to inform you all that I have installed more new pages on my UFO site.

Free UFO Database

I have created a UFO Database for Microsoft '97 Access. Also converts in Access 2000 - 2002. This Database includes a very comprehensive user friendly GUI specially designed for face-to-face and over the phone live data entry.

The program includes access to the most necessary UFO sighting report questions. (one form)

Abduction reporting details are recorded in a two form comprehensive database toggled go-between with the click of the mouse.

Help windows are included with more difficult questions to be recorded, by single click opening.

Multiple choice answers already included or input your own.

Personal contact database, Plus, Phone book database also included in this huge one database program especially designed for the individual or Group who records UFO related reporting and data research.

I offer you this database free.

The program unzips into a huge 32Mb working Database.

Go to this link to download the 1.11Mb db1.zip file:

<http://home.manyrivers.aunz.com/stingray/dbase.htm>

Other recently installed pages of interest are:

Mystery lawn track

<http://home.manyrivers.aunz.com/stingray/lawn.htm>

UFO "Flap" & other UFO photos

<http://home.manyrivers.aunz.com/stingray/ozimage.htm>

UFO Photo Archives

<http://home.manyrivers.aunz.com/stingray/archives.htm>

My photos & research into "Spirit Orbs"

<http://home.manyrivers.aunz.com/stingray/spirit1.htm>

Hope you enjoy surfing my research web site.

Barry Taylor

Personal UFO Web Site

<http://home.manyrivers.aunz.com/stingray/>

Original site - (Est.1996)

<http://www.nor.com.au/users/stingray/>

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## Laughlin UFO Congress

From: Philip Mantle <[philipmantle@hotmail.com](mailto:philipmantle@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 14:10:39 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 11:51:57 -0500  
Subject: Laughlin UFO Congress

I know some of you on the List were somewhat critical of the Laughlin, Nevada UFO Congress.

This was my first time as a speaker at the Congress and I must say that the whole event was run very professionally. The organisers and their staff were extremely friendly and very helpful.

The speakers list was wide and varied with something for everyone.

All of those that I spoke to seemed to enjoy the whole week including the social events which were held on an evening.

I personally would recommend the Congress to anyone and the similar event staged by UFO MAGAZINE (UK) in Leeds this coming September.

Regards,

Philip Mantle.  
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## Alien 'Abductees' Show Real Symptoms

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Alien 'Abductees' Show Real Symptoms  
Many abductees share personality traits

By Jonathan Amos  
BBC News Online science staff in Denver

People who claim to have been kidnapped by aliens have a tendency to believe in fantasies and suffer disturbing experiences in their sleep, scientists have found.

But the researchers say "abductees" also believe in their experiences so deeply that they display real stress symptoms similar to those of traumatised battlefield veterans.

The latest research on the "taken" phenomenon was unveiled at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Denver.

"This underscores the power of emotional belief," Professor Richard McNally, from Harvard University, told the BBC.

I've had several encounters with alien craft and I've had an alien implant removed from my body

'Abductee'

"If you genuinely believe you've been traumatised and recall these memories, you'll show the same psycho-physiologic emotional reactions as people who really have been traumatised."

A group of abductees told the BBC about their experiences on Saturday. One of them said: "I've had several encounters with alien craft and I've had an alien implant removed from my body."

New-age beliefs

It was typical of the stories they all had to relate. It is thought there are about four million Americans who believe they have been abducted by extraterrestrials.

Scientists believe this clearly is not true, so why do abductees believe they have been taken?

Professor McNally has found that many of them share personality traits and sleep disorders.

"Most of them had pre-existing new-age beliefs - they were into bio-energetic therapies, past lives, astral projection, tarot cards, and so on," he said.

"Second, they have episodes of apparent sleep paralysis accompanied by hallucinations."

## Lab experiments

These frightening experiences usually prompted the individuals to visit therapists, who would frequently suggest alien abduction as a cause - an explanation which the abductees readily accepted, he said.

Professor McNally has come up with a rational explanation of alien abduction experiences which was endorsed by other psychologists in Denver. He said the individuals conformed to a "common recipe".

But the researcher stressed that many of the people really did believe what they were saying.

In laboratory experiments, individuals were asked to relate their experiences. These stories were played back to them and their physical responses recorded.

"When a Vietnam vet has his experiences played back to him in the lab of some combat event, his heart rate goes up and you see an increase in sweating. If you don't have post-traumatic stress disorder, you don't react that way.

"The heart-rate responses and sweating responses were at least as great in the alien abductees when they heard their memories of being taken and molested by space aliens and subjected to experiments as those of people with genuine traumatic events."

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The science fiction book is "Nighteyes," by Garfield Reeves-Stevens.

Would Luis care to tell us whether he himself has read it?

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
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>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 13:34:36 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Patient and gentle listfolk:

>Oh, and if you think the details of the Cracoe case are just  
>'ordinary' misperception then I think that says more about the  
>Jerry Clark approach to ufology than your entire posting history  
>on this List.

Nah, I don't think so. As Cathy has shown in her exchange with you, your understanding of what science knows about misperception is next to nonexistent, thus your continuing effort to elevate ordinary misperception into RMP, which you have never been able to define or demonstrate.

>Elsewhere in one of your posts (and in one Cathy's) you also  
>trot out the tired old chestnut 'what about radar and  
>photographs'. There are no 'good' UFO photographs and I'm afraid  
>radar is not even worth considering, being yet another layer of  
>information to interpret. The radar specialists (both operators  
>and technicians) that Dave Clarke and I have spoken to over the  
>past few years are not impressed by any 'UFO' sightings obtained  
>on radar as Out of the Shadows shows.

Well, I guess that settles it.

Seriously, folks, Andy just makes my point: that only his highly slanted perspective, and that of persons who agree with him absolutely, is worth heeding. I believe the psychiatric diagnosis for this sort of solipsism is narcissism. Those interested in more serious points of view may turn to the relevant literature. Three examples off the top of my head:

For an extraordinary investigation into an enormously puzzling, highly evidential radar/visual case, see Brad Sparks's entry on the RB-47 case in my UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., pp. 761-90. There is also Allan Hendry's in-depth investigation of the Ocala, Florida, r/v case (pp. 681-82). For an excellent photographic case, which has managed to resist decades' worth of pelicanist deconstruction, see Bruce Maccabee's work on the McMinville photo. Informed Listfolk will have their own favorite examples that will come to mind.

There is, of course, also the option of simply ignoring the usual hot air wafting our way from Roberts's cyberpsychosocialgeographical region.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Sandow

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Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 13:15:49 -0500  
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>Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 11:38:40 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>Yes I have, from cover to cover... and did not find them  
>convincing. For instance, Bullard famous finding about an  
>abduction sequence was stadistically wrong. I give here a  
>short extract of my conclusion (hurriedly translated into  
>English, excuse me):

>>From the total of 302 incidents, only 195 include two or more  
>>episodes. From that total, 165 present them in the same order,  
>>and 27 others offer only one alteration.

>>He considers that from chance only you will expect no more that 12  
>>cases among the 136 cases with more than three episodes. It looks  
>>irrefutable.

>Not so. Bullard takes a simplistic strategy pointing that to  
>order 3 elements (Capture, Exam, Return) there are 6  
>possibilities (CER, CRE, ECR, ERC, REC, RCE) , but only one  
>(CER) is correct. But, how many of those hypothetic possibilites  
>>would appear really in a witness account?... One, and only one  
>(nobody will Return before being Captured, etc.). No surprise  
>here.

>Yes, before you say it, there is a contradiction with the above  
>paragraph. So, the same analysis was expanded to 4 elements,  
>with similar results. I can provide the complete review (in  
>Spanish) to anybody interested.

I thought Eddie wrote about a sequence of six elements. (I think  
six is the right number.)

In any case, I regret that I don't read Spanish, and can't read  
your full review. You've obviously thought about this very  
seriously, and it's a shame I can't read what you wrote.

I'll forward your comments here to Eddie, and see what his  
response might be. Maybe he reads Spanish, and would be willing  
to read your complete review.

I do have to say, though, that this is just one aspect of  
Eddie's work, and a very early part of it, at that. I've found  
his later papers more interesting.

>>But the published literature isn't enough. In my  
>>opinion, it doesn't tell you enough about what abductees are really  
>>like. The reality is both more strange and more grounded in everyday  
>>life than you'd guess from reading all these books.

>Back to square one! Well, after reading a lot of first-hand  
>abductees stories, I agree, the abduction as given a sense to  
>everything that happen in their lives. All and everything is  
>interpreted under its light. Maybe if they were able to do just  
>the opposite...

Well, this shows why it's good - in my opinion - to meet some

abductees. Most of those I've met don't do what Luis says - they don't interpret their lives in light of what they think are their abduction experiences. They come to a researcher like Budd Hopkins with memories of experiences they can't understand. His work with them helps them, they say, to understand those experiences. But they generally don't take it further, at least in my experience with them. They go on with their normal lives, making the best of things as all of us do - without thinking that their abductions give their lives any special meaning.

I don't think I'd have known this if I hadn't met abductees, instead of just reading about them. The most misleading sources, in many ways, are books written by the abductees themselves. Any abductee motivated to write a book is more involved with the subject - far more involved -- than most abductees I've met.

>I was not being sarcastic (intending to wound anybody), just as  
>you try to disqualify me wondering if I was familiar with the  
>literature, I was just pointing to a fact you should take into  
>account. Misteriously, aliens seem to have America in their  
>viewfinder (Sorry, but I cannot escape the similarities with the  
>imminent war).

Can't blame you for drawing a parallel. Americans (as I think our present political leadership shows) have their own view of the world, and don't pay proper attention to what people in other countries think.

>Sure, there are abductees in Europe... and even in Spain. Do you  
>>want a short resum=E9?

>June 9, 1975 (the very first one) - Canary Islands. Several  
>members of a contactee group go to an arranged meeting (by  
>ouija) and later discover 2 hours of missing time. Under  
>hipnosis, they recall an abduction.

>Feb 1978 - Medinaceli. The famous "Julio F." case. The witness  
>was discovered (and first hipnotized) by none other than Mr.  
>Jordan Pe=Fla (confessed creator of the UMMO hoax) so its reality  
>is very suspicious.

>Dec 18, 1978 - Guadalajara. A truck driver was invited on board  
>a UFO where he spent 3 hours speaking (by telepaty) with 16 men.  
>One of them was his clone! Conscious recall. Considered a hoax  
>by the more serious investigators.

>I can continue, but will mention just the most widely known,  
>Prospera Munoz. My colleague Jose Ruesga has concluded (after a  
>ten years long investigation in very close friendship) that all  
>was a psychological reaction to personal and familiar problems.  
>I refer you to our bulletin "Cuadernos de Ufolog=EDa" (in  
>Spanish). I can provide the exact reference if anybody is  
>interested.

I meant that there are abductees whose cases haven't been published, and whose experiences are like the ones Budd Hopkins and David Jacobs describe in their books. I know this from talking with Budd and Dave, who've encountered abductees from other countrries. I myself have known a couple from Israel, and I've seen a video of Budd Hopkins and John Mack hypnotizing an abductee from Turkey.

>>But I do think that  
>>until you talk to abductees, your work is in some ways incomplete.

>I completely agree. But incomplete does not means wrong.

In this case, I think it comes close to that. I can only repeat what I've said several times. After I spent a lot of time with abductees, I felt that no abduction book I read - including those by people like Budd, who are my friends - really conveyed every essential part of the story.

>>It's pretty easy to make up any psychological condition you  
>want. But  
>>does it actually exist? Hufford's work is very careful. He only  
>>theorizes on the basis of real, substantial data.

>The only real and substantial data collected by Hufford are  
>anecdotes of his witnesses. In basis to their similarities and  
>to the fact that they describe the incidents inside familiar



>surroundings, he theorizes there must be a common cause. He did  
>\_not\_ eliminates a psycho/physiological one. In fact, the sleep  
>paralysis he discusses seems to fit quite good.

>What I suggested is that Hufford (if only because the abduction  
>phenomena had not arised by then) did not consider the  
>possibility that his "Old Hag" phenomenon was just part of a  
>continuum, just as the UFO phenomenon is part of a continuum  
>with BVM apparitions, ghosts, etc. (Hilary Evans wrote about all  
>this better than whatever I can say here)

One of the most admirable things about Hufford is how careful  
he is with hypotheses. In fact, if I remember correctly (I don't  
have access to his book right now), the main point of his book  
about the "Old Hag" is to carefully compare theories about the  
phenomenon to the actual data.

Hilary's work is very striking, and important. But there's also  
a certain "Wow" element to it - in the sense that he looks at  
all these phenomena, and says, "Just look at what the human mind  
can come up with!" He doesn't try (because it's not his purpose)  
to form any detailed psychological hypothesis about how these  
many phenomena are related.

Hufford, I think, would insist on studying such a theory in  
detail. If he considered it the way he considered the theories  
about the "Old Hag," he'd want to know exactly what this  
"continuum" was, and how, exactly, we know that the phenomena  
that are supposed to be part of it are actually related. He'd  
want to look at each phenomenon independently, just as carefully  
as he studied the "Old Hag," and show in each case how the  
phenomenon was part of the supposed continuum.

In fact, he does something similar with abductions, in his  
remarks at the MIT abduction conference. He's pretty scathing to  
abduction researchers, for, in his view, forming the theory that  
abductions are physically real long before the data is strong  
enough to show that. I think, though it's only my guess, that  
he'd be just as scathing toward the idea that all these many  
phenomena are related.

>>>Budd Hopkins himself named the Abduction Phenomenon as an  
>>>"invisible epidemic" precisely because he advocated that its  
>>>victims did not have conscious recall. Of course, after  
>>>somebody has gone under hypnosis and have become convinced  
>>>that he/she is being abducted periodically, how reliable are  
>>>his/her "conscious memories" from then onwards?

>>There you go. Jumping to conclusions, once again. Abductees report  
>>these conscious memories before they're ever hypnotized.

>Sorry, no. At least, Hopkins' abductees in his first book didn't  
>not. Yes, there are people who say they have conscious recall  
>about part or the whole incident (Vilas Boas was the very first  
>example) but we should exam each case individually, and do not  
>mix these kind of incidents (quite similar to the contactee  
>stories, in general) with those who did not remember anything  
>alien until they went under hypnosis.

I don't think abductees with conscious recall sound much like  
contactees. They don't tend to remember actual contact - the  
aliens speaking to them, telling them things. They remember very  
impersonal procedures.

But again I think we're seeing here the dangers of relying only  
on the literature, and not on first-hand contact with abductees,  
and with abduction researchers. Budd's first book was written  
many, many years ago. His views of the phenomenon have changed.  
If you talk to abductees, you find that nearly all of them have  
some conscious memories. You can't take a group of real  
abductees, and separate them into two subgroups, those with  
conscious memories, and those who don't have them. Instead,  
you'd have to group people on a spectrum, according to how many  
conscious memories they had, and what they said they remember.  
Plenty of abductees have conscious memories of aliens. Eddie  
Bullard has shown that the stories retrieved under hypnosis  
aren't notably different from the stories told from conscious  
memories.

>>There's also Eddie Bullard's statistical study of which memories  
>>abductees have consciously, and which characteristically only emerge  
>>under hypnosis. I think it was published in IUR.

>Gotcha! I seem to have missed this one. Can anybody provide a  
>reference? My condolences, I am very sorry about your fire,  
>Greg, just to think something similar could happen to my library  
>give me the creeps!

Thanks, Luis. It's a pretty horrible experience. I may be luckier than I think - a salvage crew went through the house and removed everything they thought could be saved. Some of my stuff was in boxes I hadn't unpacked yet (we'd gotten the house not too long ago). So I don't know for sure what was saved and what wasn't. My wife wasn't so lucky. She knows where a lot of her archives were, and could see that they burned.

Maybe Jerry Clark can supply the Bullard reference.

Greg Sandow

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>Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 13:11:46 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

<snip>

>Once again, I usually do not doubt the person, only the  
>reality of his/her experiences and/or conclusions about them.

That is a classic response from psychiatrists, which is double  
speak. There is no difference, IMO.

>Why? Precisely because they don't happen in our current-day  
>environment and some details are even impossible by our known  
>Physics (going thru walls, levitating, even telepaty).

Hold on, please. Name one law of physics that bars such things  
from being possible using that portion of physics humanity has  
yet to discover.

>And yes, I may admit we do not know all about Physics, but I am  
>sure that everything we will learn in the future, will never  
>contradicts what we already know.

<snip>

I'm sure that levitation, going through walls, and telepathy do  
not contradict any laws of physics. Because we do not yet  
know all there is to physics, these things only appear to  
contradict whate we observe.

Eleanor White

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>Subject: CI: Space Exploration: The Next Fifteen Years

>Cydonian Imperative  
>2-25-03

>Space Exploration: The Next Fifteen Years  
>by Mac Tonnies

>See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 36)

<snip>

>While the ostensibly International Space Station (ISS) is  
>supposed to provide justification for orbital flights, the  
>catastrophic demise of Columbia has framed national space  
>priorities in a stark new light. Space enthusiasts have long  
>since grown bored by endless shuttle "missions" that consist of  
>little more than going in circles. While the ISS is not  
>completely without promise, the current "exploration" paradigm  
>is incapable of utilizing it as anything more than a celestial  
>rest-stop. A new destination is needed.

Say, anyone good enough at calculating orbits to know if it is possible to insert a space station into an orbit around both the Earth and Moon? I strongly suspect that is possible.

That would be a humdinger of a reason to keep exploring "near space".

Eleanor White

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>Would Luis care to tell us whether he himself has read it?

Greg,

Your memory is failing you. I re-post something I wrote here  
almost 3 years ago!

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>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote  
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 11:08:28 -0400

>No way! I've read the novel, and its alleged similarities with  
>the Linda case are a complete and total myth, promulgated by  
>George Hansen, Joseph Stefula, and Richard Butler in their  
>notorious "white paper" on the case.

<snip>

>The other alleged similarities are just as dissimilar.

Sorry, Greg, I have also read the novel and I disagree. I kindly refer you to my post last July that (curiously) nobody commented on. I will quote the main point again:

The three main points in Linda Cortile's abduction (a) abductee speaking alien tongue, b) abductee working with the aliens, c) sexual bonding since childhood between pairs of abductees) were written several months before the alleged abduction. This is, at least, a clear evidence of a sociological influence or, in the worst scenario, proof of a hoax.

Let me put it more clearly. The most amazing point made in Hopkins' book, the cornerstone of Linda Cortile's case, was how the aliens had orchestrated the lives of two abductees in order to reunite them one night in lower Manhattan for an apocalyptic message. The main surprise of Nighteyes' plot (besides the aliens being humans) is when two apparently independent abductees met again, in order to become the founders of a future race. How can anybody miss the paralelism?

Any comments?

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Still waiting!!

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 14:46:06 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 15:48:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Ledger

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>UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>Date:  
>Sun, 16 Feb 2003 16:45:07 -0000 Subject: Re: Radical Or  
>Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 13 Feb 2003 13:34:36 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>Apparently, to Andy, the only issues of importance are the  
>>ones he chooses to take up, however inadequately. I am  
>>told, incidentally, by a highly informed source that Andy's  
>>account of this incident - and its reception by less  
>>UFOphobic British colleagues - needs to be read with at  
>>least a pinch of salt.

>This is most interesting Jerry. I presume, that because you  
>chose not to name your 'source' we can take the above as an  
>anecdote? However, let's probe deeper. There are probably  
>only about five or six people who can talk with any degree of  
>authority about the ins and outs of the Cracoe case; myself,  
>Young Clarke The Post Modernist, Graham (and possibly Mark  
>Birdsall) and Jenny Randles. Now I can't see Graham wasting  
>his time on this List, Mark is out of the scene, which leave  
>Jenny - so it must be her. So - why not tell us what you've  
>been told and I'll happily post you (by airmail) all the  
>necessary documentation to put you out of your ill-informed,  
>anecdotal, misery.

>Oh, and if you think the details of the Cracoe case are just  
>'ordinary' misperception then I think that says more about  
>the Jerry Clark approach to ufology than your entire posting  
>history on this List.

>Elsewhere in one of your posts (and in one Cathy's) you also  
>trot out the tired old chestnut 'what about radar and  
>photographs'. There are no 'good' UFO photographs and I'm  
>afraid radar is not even worth considering, being yet another  
>layer of information to interpret. The radar specialists (both  
>operators and technicians) that Dave Clarke and I have spoken  
>to over the past few years are not impressed by any 'UFO'  
>sightings obtained on radar as Out of the Shadows shows.

>But Jerry, thanks for the kind words for OOTS - somewhat at  
>odds about what you say about our research on this List but  
>then we've come to expect the contradictory from you over the  
>years. I'd recommend it to anyone out there - probably the  
>best UFO book you'll have read from the UK in a very long  
>time - take a risk and buy it - I guarantee you won't be  
>disappointed!.

Hi Jerry,

It seems Andy pretty much researches by decree and cliché rather than any serious attempt at exploration. Imagine, another "tired old chestnut". What techs was he talking to? What photographs

are not genuine? That's only supposition on his part, not fact.

Blowing off hundreds if not thousands of good radar reports because they talked to a few techs and operators means nothing.

I'll put my faith in the likes of Bruce Maccabee where photographs are concerned not Andy's decree. I'll take the word of those that have had good radar anomalies over those afraid to speak of them to Andy and David. I would have expected better than this from Andy, but his lackadaisical attitude of late is getting just a little too "take my word for it". It's more rhetoric than substance. Sorry, but I can't take his word for any of it. His approach to the phenomenon is too narrow.

Best,

Don

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 20:51:47 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 15:50:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 11:38:40 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>From the total of 302 incidents, only 195 include two or more  
>>episodes. From that total, 165 present them in the same order,  
>>and 27 others offer only one alteration.

<snip>

I thought Eddie wrote about a sequence of six elements. (I think six is the right number.)

He spoke of 8 elements

Capture  
Examination  
Conference  
Tour  
Otherworldly Journey  
Theophany  
Return  
Aftermath

This is what I wrote about (again, a hurried translation, excuse me):

Upon a total of 227 useful incidents, only 136 included more than 2 episode and (p. 50) only 113 include the exam. The main symptom of abductions appeared in less than half of the cases! The conference is mentioned in only 79 cases. The Otherworldly Journey had values still acceptables (54 cases) but the Tour (16 cases) and the Theophany (6 cases) do not seem to justify its clasification as independent incidents. If that was acceptable, there is at least another episode with a similar incidence: plain sex (a choking way to hybridate, from our modern technological point of view).

>In any case, I regret that I don't read Spanish, and can't read  
>your full review. You've obviously thought about this very  
>seriously, and it's a shame I can't read what you wrote.

>I'll forward your comments here to Eddie, and see what his  
>response might be. Maybe he reads Spanish, and would be willing  
>to read your complete review.

If he is really interested, I may even try to translate it into English!

>I do have to say, though, that this is just one aspect of  
>Eddie's work, and a very early part of it, at that. I've found  
>his later papers more interesting.

Always a way-out! After years proclaiming Bullard's work as a preminent example of good work, it has lost interest... Not so to me. It gives an interesting overview of the genesis of the Abduction phenomena, even if many had read too much in it!

>>But the published literature isn't enough. In my

>>opinion, it doesn't tell you enough about what abductees are really  
>>like. The reality is both more strange and more grounded in everyday  
>>life than you'd guess from reading all these books.

>Back to square one! Well, after reading a lot of first-hand  
>abductees stories, I agree, the abduction as given a sense to  
>everything that happen in their lives. All and everything is  
>interpreted under its light. Maybe if they were able to do just  
>the opposite...

<snip>

>The most misleading sources,  
>in many ways, are books written by the abductees themselves. Any  
>abductee motivated to write a book is more involved with the  
>subject - far more involved -- than most abductees I've met.

Good for them! Maybe they somehow realize that the ETH  
interpretation is not right, and keep on living.

<snip>

>In this case, I think it comes close to that. I can only repeat  
>what I've said several times. After I spent a lot of time with  
>abductees, I felt that no abduction book I read - including  
>those by people like Budd, who are my friends - really conveyed  
>every essential part of the story.

Well, here is an opportunity for you. Write that book.

>One of the most admirable things about Hufford is how careful  
>he is with hypotheses. In fact, if I remember correctly (I don't  
>have access to his book right now), the main point of his book  
>about the "Old Hag" is to carefully compare theories about the  
>phenomenon to the actual data.

Not exactly. He defined a "straw man", and then proceeds to take  
him to pieces. He defined the "cultural hypothesis" as saying  
that all those incidents have not any real basis, they were all  
a "cultural artifact" and went on in saying that, as the people  
who describe them to him have never heard about the "old Hag"  
before, the "cultural hypothesis" was insatisfactory. But there  
exist a "cultural hypothesis" that do admit a real basis for the  
experience: sleep paralysis

>Hufford, I think, would insist on studying such a theory in  
>detail. If he considered it the way he considered the theories  
>about the "Old Hag," he'd want to know exactly what this  
>"continuum" was, and how, exactly, we know that the phenomena  
>that are supposed to be part of it are actually related. He'd  
>want to look at each phenomenon independently, just as carefully  
>as he studied the "Old Hag," and show in each case how the  
>phenomenon was part of the supposed continuum.

That is exactly what I ask, an impartial appraisal. This is my  
quest. Any other volunteer?

<snip>

>I don't think abductees with conscious recall sound much like  
>contactees. They don't tend to remember actual contact - the  
>aliens speaking to them, telling them things. They remember very  
>impersonal procedures.

Examples, please. Published examples, of course.

<snip>

>If you talk to abductees, you find that nearly all of them have  
>some conscious memories.

Well, I did try (for instance with Mr. Velez). But if you dare  
to question the reality of their memories, somehow the exchange  
broke. Any volunteers?

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Tonnies

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Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 12:09:50 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 15:51:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Tonnies

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 13:00:18 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

<snip>

>I'm sure that levitation, going through walls, and telepathy do  
>\_not\_ contradict \_any\_ laws of physics. Because we do not yet  
>know all there is to physics, these things only appear to  
>contradict whate we observe.

The more I read about nanotechnology, the more I'm reminded of  
ufonaut technology. "Utility fog" is one example of a  
technology that could be used for levitation and walking through  
"solid" matter.

This is interesting from a historical perspective. "Aliens"  
used to show abductees and witnesses cool gadgets like holograms  
and, in the case of Betty Hill, amniocentesis. Now they're  
showing us \_new\_ cool "gadgets" we haven't yet invented or  
perfected.

You have to wonder: Is this part of "their" plan?

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 15:58:17 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 16:48:28 -0500  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 13:00:18 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 13:11:46 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

<snip>

>>Once again, I usually do not doubt the person, only the  
>>reality of his/her experiences and/or conclusions about them.

<snip>

>>Why? Precisely because they don't happen in our current-day  
>>environment and some details are even impossible by our known  
>>Physics (going thru walls, levitating, even telepaty).

>Hold on, please. Name one law of physics that bars such things  
>from being possible using that portion of physics humanity has  
>yet to discover.

>>And yes, I may admit we do not know all about Physics, but I am  
>>sure that everything we will learn in the future, will never  
>>contradicts what we already know.

<snip>

>I'm sure that levitation, going through walls, and telepathy do  
>not contradict any laws of physics. Because we do not yet  
>know all there is to physics, these things only appear to  
>contradict whate we observe.

Hi everyone!

I have to agree with Eleanor instead of Luis on this one and I think the late Carl Sagan would agree too. In UFO Magazine's (UK) 'Letter of the Month' feature (see page 79, January 2003 issue), R. C. Stone of Normandy, France quotes the following from Sagan's book 'Cosmos' (page 263):

"If a fourth-dimensional creature existed it could, in our three-dimensional universe, appear and dematerialise at will, change shape remarkably, pluck us out of our locked rooms and make us appear from nowhere."

We often hear statements such as "According to science the Bible account of creation cannot be true." but as our knowledge grows, science evolves too. What was considered to be scientific and true in an earlier generation is no longer accepted as true in a later one. For this reason, one cannot use science as an absolute standard to judge what can and cannot be. By continuing to study all such abductions cases instead of discounting them, we are in fact contributing to human scientific knowledge of the 21st century.

Besides, the physics of the second half of the 20th century accepted a multiple-dimensional reality for our universe to best explain certain puzzling observations we could not understand otherwise. Interestingly, Canadian flying saucer researcher Wilbert B. Smith who wrote 'The New Science' with the help of the "Boys Topside", and also the Bible, both make references to 12 dimensions of reality too.

Nick Balaskas

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## France's Velasco, CNES & SEPRA

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<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/features/story.jsp?story=3D378557>

Do aliens really exist?  
Just ask France's official UFO hunters

By Adam Sage

Flying saucers and alien spacecraft have long been favourites of film and TV producers, but Jean-Jacques Velasco believes that not all UFO sightings can be dismissed as products of over-active imaginations

On a cold Monday morning 22 years ago, Jean-Jacques Velasco was sitting in his office when a gendarme rang to tell him about a strange incident. Renato Nicolai, a retired technician, had been working in his garden in Trans-en-Provence, near Nice, when he saw a dark, round object come down from the sky, settle on the ground and take off again, the gendarme said. Over the years, Velasco has heard many such stories, and disproved most of them. But this one was different - this one was credible, he believes. Something seems to have landed in Trans-en-Provence, he says, and that something has never been identified.

But who is Velasco? Another crackpot determined to find a flying saucer? No, he is a scientist working for the state-run National French Centre for Space Studies (CNES), where he heads a department responsible for analysing what are commonly called unidentified flying objects (UFOs) but what are officially known as unidentified aerospace phenomena (UAP).

A neatly-dressed, bespectacled man, Velasco talks with the careful precision of an academic who is keen to be understood. He is not saying that he has come across visitors from another planet; he is saying merely that events occur for which science has yet to find an explanation, and which merit further inquiry.

Velasco's department was set up in 1977, the year that Close Encounters of the Third Kind was released amid a global UFO fever. Across the world people thought they saw strange figures, flying saucers and bright lights.

But there were few serious attempts to probe the issue. The CNES set up the Service for Expert Appraisal of Atmospheric Re-entry Phenomena (SEPRA). Based in Toulouse, the department is as pedantic as its title sounds: the staff are state-employed scientists, shaped by a prudent, rigorous and somewhat bureaucratic culture. In France such bureaucracy can often be cumbersome and painfully rigid. Yet in this domain at least, this rigidity offers a guarantee of impartiality that is rare as far as UFOs are concerned.

Last year, when the CNES was told to reduce its 1.3 billion budget, the organisation's president, Alain Bensoussan, ordered an audit into SEPRA's work. A wide range of French scientists was asked whether it was worth continuing research; almost all said yes.

One reason is because, unlike most other UFO-hunters, SEPRA's staff are neither seeking publicity nor peddling an obscure belief in extraterrestrial civilisation. They say they do not

know whether extraterrestrial beings exist or not, and look disparaging when you ask them to voice their hunches on the question.

They do not have hunches, only statistics. Yet the statistics that Velasco has made public are eloquent. Since, 1977, SEPRA has received some 6,000 reports of alleged UFO sightings. Of these, 110 are from civil or military aircraft crew, and the rest from ordinary French people who have almost invariably contacted their local gendarmerie.

In 21.3% of cases there is a clear, indisputable and banal explanation: a firework display, a novel lighting system involving a luminous balloon, a cloud above the Pyrenees that is shaped like a flying saucer. In 24.9% there is a probable explanation, and in 41.3% the information is too vague to be of use. But in 12.5 per cent of cases about 750 sightings since 1977 the evidence is detailed and inexplicable, and is thus categorised as an unidentified phenomenon.

Most alleged UFOs are spotted by the sober and sensible, says Velasco. "In all our statistics on the people who see these phenomena only one in 1,000 is not credible because of alcohol. People go to gendarmerie spontaneously; mainly because they want to know what they have seen."

Yet a witness's good faith is not enough, and the story must be corroborated. Consider, for instance, a case reported in 1994, when the crew of an Air France flight from Nice to London saw a dark, 300-metre long object over the Paris region. The object disappeared before the aircraft had got near it, and the flight continued without difficulty. A few days later Velasco travelled from his office in Toulouse to the military aviation control centre outside Paris, where he was given a read-out of the radar information from the day in question. It revealed that an unknown object had indeed flown over the French capital.

Consider, too, the Trans-en-Provence case. Velasco went through the usual checks with the gendarme. Was there evidence? The apparent answer was yes, as there were marks in the grass where the object had supposedly landed.

Velasco drove to Trans-en-Provence and took ground samples. These showed that the area had been heated to between 300=BAC and 600=BAC, that it had been compressed by something weighing up to a tonne and that the plants there had been affected by a strong electromagnetic field. Velasco concluded that Nicolai had indeed witnessed a strange happening. So should we conclude that little green men were taking a look at Provence from their spaceship? Velasco dismisses such ideas.

"We cannot say whether there is a link between the question of extraterrestrial life and that of non-identified aerospace phenomena," he says. "But we can show that UFOs exist. The problem is interpreting them, and I hope that scientists, and other people, look at this question more seriously."

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## Re: Discredited Canards - Sandow

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Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 21:42:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Discredited Canards - Sandow

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 19:29:55 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Discredited Canards

>>The science fiction book is "Nighteyes," by Garfield Reeves-  
>>Stevens.

>>Would Luis care to tell us whether he himself has read it?

>Greg,

>Your memory is failing you. I re-post something I wrote here  
>almost 3 years ago!

<snip>

Yes, my memory failed me. I congratulate you on having such a fine archive, with posts you wrote so long ago.

I believe I'm the one who discredited the alleged connection between this book and the Linda case. I did it in my 1997 study of the case for IUR. That study is available on my UFO website, at [www.gregsandow.com/ufo](http://www.gregsandow.com/ufo).

>The three main points in Linda Cortile's abduction (a) abductee >speaking alien tongue, b) abductee working with the aliens, c) >sexual bonding since childhood between pairs of abductees) were >written several months before the alleged abduction. This is, at >least, a clear evidence of a sociological influence or, in the >worst scenario, proof of a hoax.

>Let me put it more clearly. The most amazing point made in >Hopkins' book, the cornerstone of Linda Cortile's case, was how >the aliens had orchestrated the lives of two abductees in order >to reunite them one night in lower Manhattan for an apocalyptic >message. The main surprise of Nighteyes' plot (besides the >aliens being humans) is when two apparently independent >abductees met again, in order to become the founders of a future >race. How can anybody miss the paralelism?

I thought everyone agreed that the most amazing - and most distinctive - point in the case was the witnessed abduction. UFO hovers over New York apartment building... Linda is floated up into the UFO... people watched that happening.

There's nothing like that in the book. There's one brief description of a UFO high over a New York apartment building, but it's flying away, not hovering. And the only people who see it are people who've just finished a pitched battle with the aliens, using guns. Obviously there's nothing like that in the Linda case.

The dissimilarities between the book and the case far outweigh any similarities. The things Luis cites are reasonably familiar science fiction motifs. Some of them go right back to (just to cite one place) Robert Heinlein's fine old novel, The Puppet Masters. There you have humans working with aliens, and people with childhood contact with aliens. You wouldn't have to read

the book Luis talks about to come up with things like that.

The book has a particular flavor. The case has a very different flavor. The book recounts many events. The case does the same, but they're completely different events. You can pick out of this anything you want, just as you could say that ducks and humans must be the same species, because they both walk on two legs. I'd need more to say that the two things are similar - some accumulation of large points and random details, that together show a detailed and specific influence.

Here's what I wrote about it in my IUR piece. I wasn't responding to Luis' points, which I didn't know about at the time (or maybe he hadn't made them). I was responding to the somewhat famous "white paper" about the case, by Joseph J. Stefula, Richard D. Butler, and George P. Hansen:

In conversation, Hansen told me that, back in 1989, some of Hopkins's abductees had read a now-forgotten science fiction thriller, *Nighteyes*, by Garfield Reeves-Stevens. This novel, he, Stefula, and Butler charge in their report, has similarities to the "Linda" case, similarities that are "sufficiently numerous to lead us to suspect that the novel served as the basis for Linda's story." They list the parallels in tabular form, beginning with these:

\* Linda was abducted into a UFO hovering over her high-rise apartment building in New York City. Sarah [a character in the book] was abducted into a UFO hovering over her high-rise apartment building in New York City.

\*Dan and Richard initially claimed to have been on a stakeout and were involved in a UFO abduction in during early morning hours. Early in *Nighteyes* two government agents were on a stakeout and became involved in a UFO abduction during early morning hours.

\*Linda was kidnapped and thrown into a car by Richard and Dan. Wendy was kidnapped and thrown into a van by Derek and Merrill. [These, of course, are other characters in the book.]

By the time they're finished, the three find 15 alleged resemblances, some of which, I have to say, are pretty frivolous. "Linda claimed to have been under surveillance by someone in a van. Vans were used for surveillance in *Nighteyes*." Stop the presses! "Before her kidnapping, Linda contacted Budd Hopkins about her abduction. Before her kidnapping, Wendy contacted Charles Edward Starr [a UFO researcher in the book] about her abduction." As if this weren't simply art imitating life. Don't many abductees seek out abduction investigators?

Some parallels, though, do seem impressive - until, that is, you read the book. Take the kidnapping. What Stefula et al don't mention is that Derek and Merrill - a renegade intelligence agent and a newspaper reporter, by the way, not two active intelligence agents like Richard and Dan - were really kidnapping the abduction researcher, Charles Edward Starr, whom they thought knew more about the aliens than he'd said in public. Wendy, an abduction-prone teenager, was snatched by accident, along with her father, because both of them happened to be standing next to Starr. Does this sound even remotely like the "Linda" case? (Starr, by the way, does indeed know more than he's letting on. He's in league with the aliens, yet another difference from the Cortile affair - unless, of course, Budd Hopkins has sinister allegiances that he's hiding from us.)

The stakeout, too, has no resemblance to the case. It takes place on a California beach, and the agents - who end up fighting with the aliens -- are watching someone from their own agency. But to see how fanciful these supposed similarities really are, just look at the first one, which - once you read the book - turns out to be a mighty stretch, verging on a fabrication. There simply is no scene in *Nighteyes* where a UFO hovers over any building in New York.

The closest thing to it - and maybe this was what Stefula et al were referring to; Hansen, when I spoke to him, wasn't sure - is an episode in an Upper West Side penthouse, where Stephen, Sarah's husband, lives. He and Sarah have been separated, but the trauma of Sarah's and Wendy's abductions has brought the family back together. But just as the three are relaxing in the

penthouse, savoring their renewed attachment, the aliens strike! The nasty little buggers come right down through the ceiling. Stephen somehow fights them off, but when the smoke clears, Sarah is missing. Stephen races to the roof, where he finds his faithful bodyguard dying of wounds sustained in a gun battle with the aliens. A UFO, with Sarah aboard, is disappearing in the sky above.

This doesn't come within miles of Linda Cortile's story; the tone, atmosphere, and details are entirely wrong. The most crucial event is entirely missing; even if the UFO had been hovering, nobody observed it, which (as the title of Hopkins's book tells us) is the central fact of the "Linda" case. But then, as I've said, there's nothing in the novel to tell us that the UFO did hover. It might have, while the aliens came through the ceiling. But it also might have landed on the roof, or, for all we know, flown off to Manhattan's only drive-through McDonald's (at 10th Avenue and 34th Street), so the pilots could have a snack while their commando team dispatched the pesky humans.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: CI: Space Exploration: The Next Fifteen Years

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Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 21:44:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: Space Exploration: The Next Fifteen Years

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
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>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 13:17:46 -0500  
>Subject: Re: CI: Space Exploration: The Next Fifteen Years

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>Say, anyone good enough at calculating orbits to  
>know if it is  
>possible to insert a space station into an orbit  
>around both  
>the Earth and Moon? I strongly suspect that is  
>possible.

>That would be a humdinger of a reason to keep  
>exploring "near  
>space".

Or, rather, colonizing near space a la Gerard K. O'Neill's  
"L5" program. If you haven't read "The High Frontier," do so.  
It's all about exploiting near-Earth space.

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

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>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 11:07:17 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Oh Dear!

Jerry wrote, regarding Cracoe Fell and things:

>Nah, I don't think so. As Cathy has shown in her exchange with  
>you, your understanding of what science knows about  
>misperception is next to nonexistent, thus your continuing  
>effort to elevate ordinary misperception into RMP, which you  
>have never been able to define or demonstrate.

Firstly Jerry, your neat but highly visible side-stepping of dealing with Cracoe only serves to amuse. Your deafening silence indicates your anecdotal source was in fact Jenny. I'm afraid Jenny was a bystander to much of the Cracoe charade and is highly confused about some of the key elements. However, as she, I and Dave wrote a book in which there was a chapter about Cracoe, and as she agreed with the contents of that chapter I can only assume she's teasing you, as we all are!

I've more than adequately described, with examples, of what RMP is and I didn't even have to talk the sociological gobblydygook Cathy feels it necessary to retreat into. Your continued panic on this list when anyone explains how to resolve cases, or how cases have been resolved tells us more about you than (cont. page 23 Jerry Clarke Bingo Weakly & Gazette).

>Seriously, folks, Andy just makes my point:

Bingo!

>slanted perspective, and that of persons who agree with him  
>absolutely, is worth heeding. I believe the psychiatric  
>diagnosis for this sort of solipsism is narcissism. Those  
>interested in more serious points of view may turn to the  
>relevant literature. Three examples off the top of my head:

Yes, yes Jerry - why not discuss cases eh? With the Cracoe case I've been quoting you the 'relevant literature'. Problem is it's from the UK where ufologists do their R&I properly and it is thus ignored by Mystery Inc. in downtown wherever you live.

>For an extraordinary investigation into an enormously puzzling,  
>highly evidential radar/visual case, see Brad Sparks's entry on  
>the RB-47 case in my UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., pp. 761-90.  
>There is also Allan Hendry's in-depth investigation of the  
>Ocala, Florida, r/v case (pp. 681-82).

So that's all of two cases - which have proved what exactly? That a mystery still exists? Maybe. But set against the huge flaws inherent in (especially early) radar (and where are the modern radar cases eh Jerry?) I don't think we should set too much store in those particular examples Jerry. Show me a radar case which has proved something truly exotic was the cause, then you'll be talking sense.

>For an excellent  
>photographic case, which has managed to resist decades' worth of  
>pelicanist deconstruction, see Bruce Maccabee's work on the  
>McMinville photo. Informed Listfolk will have their own  
>favorite examples that will come to mind.

McMinville! Your avin' a laff incha? There has been just as much work published on why McMinville may be something and nothing as anything published by a self-proclaimed abudctee on why it may be anything.

Indeed, there are many well respected ufologists who have their doubts about the case and only a short while ago Jan Aldrich was on the P54 list with:

>I visited McMinnville and met with the editor of the  
>McMinnville newspaper. We talked about the photograph  
>for over an hour. I don't agree with the idea that Paul Trent  
>was not smart enough to hoax such  
>a photograph, but whether he did or not is a different story.  
>The editor who had been the reporter who worked on the  
>story at the time was evasive on this aspect.

'Anecdotes' perhaps, but anecdotes which Jan feels may add (or subtract) to the McMinville Mystery. There's nothing set in stone about McMinville, nothing at all Jerry. Can you really not do better than that after all this time? Just out of interest, if you really feel there might be something to McMinville what are your suggestions? If it's 'real' (sorry Colin) then it's not atmospheric, astronomical or man made. Would you agree Jerry? What do you personally reckon it is Jerry. Take a guess, we'll indulge you. List folk - expect incoming of the most evasive and mystery promoting kind.

>There is, of course, also the option of simply ignoring the  
>usual hot air wafting our way from Roberts's  
>cyberpsychosocialgeographical region.

There is. But you seem unable to do so Jerry. And as I've said before, as long as you're wasting your time arguing the inevitable with me you aren't out in the real world inflicting your mystery befuddled world view on others. You'll come round to my way of thinking in the end. It will just be less profitable for you is all.

Now, when you're ready to fess up with your problems about Cracoe, do tell and as previously noted I'll be happy to provide you with full, and I do mean full documentation, with references, video etc. Perhaps you'll save us the anecdote next time and give us the, uh, 'beef'.

Happy Trails  
Andy  
Amused in Brighthouse

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Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 21:47:26 -0500  
Subject: Binding References

For anyone who's interested, here are some articles on visual binding/segmentation in pdf format, available on the internet:

Lecture in theoretical neuroscience - "The Binding Problem" by Jan Scholz

Go to:

[http://www-lehre.inf.uos.de/~bwagense/theo\\_NS/Binding\\_Problem.pdf](http://www-lehre.inf.uos.de/~bwagense/theo_NS/Binding_Problem.pdf)

Adina L Roskies "The Binding Problem" - Neuron vol 24 pp7-9  
(September 1999)

Go to:

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and select "binding.pdf"

M Usher and N Donnelly

"Visual Synchrony Affects Binding in Segmentation and Perception"

Nature 394 (July 9 1998) pp179-182

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Cathy

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 20:26:58 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 21:48:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Velez

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 14 Feb 2003 14:42:30 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

Hola Luis,

You write:

>First at all, it seems that I have to justify my skepticism. I  
>do believe that you, John, are being sincere in what you say, in  
>your feelings about your situation, how it has changed your  
>life, etc..

>But the scene you present (and share with many others) is so  
>contrary to normal life and physics, and you (speaking in  
>plural) offer so little unambiguous evidence that I maintain  
>that the conclusions you have reached are unwarranted.

And here we are again. As I mentioned in my last post to you, my  
'objective' is to raise awareness about this phenomenon and  
'hopefully' to start people thinking about it seriously. (As  
opposed to thinking it's all a joke or made up and dismissing  
all the reports out of hand.)

I am pleased when I see bright, thoughtful people such as  
yourself taking the time to try to 'think' their way through  
this maze. It isn't easy and is quite possibly one of the  
toughest 'conundrums' (nut to crack) in modern times. I think  
it's great when 'alternative' explanations are explored, I just  
haven't found one yet that explains what I have experienced in  
my life with the same degree of dead-on accuracy as the  
UFO/abduction scenario.

The UFO/abduction scenario not only 'fits' the experiences to a  
tee, but the details of the many reports that have been gathered  
by Budd and others, match my own stroke for stroke. Mind you  
that I knew absolutely nothing about the body of material about  
ufology, UFOs, aliens or abductions before 1993. The year I read  
"Missing Time."

If and when an alternative 'explanation' comes along that fits  
the experiences and addresses all of the attendant details as  
well as the 'abduction' scenario does, I will be the first to  
cluck about it. That hasn't happened yet. In fact, no one has  
even come close.

You included.

Luis, because what I am reporting does not fit into what is  
known or accepted by modern physics, or your 'world view'  
doesn't mean that I must be misinterpreting, or that I have  
drawn the wrong conclusions about what has happened. You're a  
fairly bright guy, have you ever considered the fact that we may  
be dealing with 'something' that is so far in advance of what we  
know at the present time, that it only sounds "impossible."

A part of being open-minded is being open to new information.



New data that may not jibe or fit in with what is currently known or accepted. To some degree we are required to be able to 'think outside the box' from time to time. Especially when we are confronted with something as radically removed from the known as UFO occupant abductions.

We've had this same conversation before. At least three times that I can recall. We always reach a stalemate when you begin to tell me that I am not correctly interpreting events that I had to live through. It's fine for you or anyone else to consider alternative explanations... as long as you don't try to tell me that I didn't see what I saw (in many instances along with others) or that I am misinterpreting something that I know happened. Again, because I was there and it happened to me.

I'm not going through this again. I don't mind answering questions about anything I have reported in public. I always accommodate you and respond to your questions regarding my experiences. But, I draw the line at you or anyone else sitting in judgement of them/me. Or trying to tell me that I didn't see what I saw, that it -has to be- misinterpretation, hallucination, or whatever only because it may not fit in with your world view or knowledge about what is possible in the universe, or not.

Greg has engaged you on a parallel thread about abduction. I will leave you to him. Greg knows more about abduction research than I do, and he has enough first hand knowledge and experience with the abductees to handle any questions you may have about it. Greg is one of a very few who can expound on the subject competently and accurately. He has carte-blanc to speak for me in regard to the abduction phenomenon.

If I can provide you with any more details regarding my own experiences I will be happy to do so. "Debate" them... no. I know what happened to me thank you very much. I don't need any 'help' interpreting them. How sure are you that you are 'interpreting' the details of abduction reports accurately? How sure are you that you're even on the right track?

Just one more:

>Another example, on a more pedestrian way, inspired by recent  
>media news about a man who stabbed his wife, allegedly during a  
>nightmare. Why, John, had you discarded the possibility that  
>those nasal hemorrhages were due just to a (involuntary and  
>even unconscious, of course) jab by your wife because you were  
>snoring.

This has to be one of the lamest and most absurd explanations I've ever heard. What did she jab me inside the sinuses with Luis? A pencil? A chop stick? Her finger? Accidentally? Give me a break man.

Are you married? I have been married for 34 years. In all my 54 years of life I have never heard of anybody being jabbed inside the nose by their partner with an implement of any kind. Have you ever heard of such a ludicrous thing? Lorraine Bobbit maybe, but then we're talking about a location a lot lower in the male anatomy than the nose! Ouch! Can you say, "Bye, bye huevos!" ;)

Keep it real, man. Or else, why bother?

Regards,

John Velez... passing the pill to Mr. Sandow. Take it to the hole Greg. :)

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

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 11:07:17 -0600  
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 16 Feb 2003 16:45:07 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>Elsewhere in one of your posts (and in one Cathy's) you also  
>>trot out the tired old chestnut 'what about radar and  
>>photographs'. There are no 'good' UFO photographs and I'm afraid  
>>radar is not even worth considering, being yet another layer of  
>>information to interpret. The radar specialists (both operators  
>>and technicians) that Dave Clarke and I have spoken to over the  
>>past few years are not impressed by any 'UFO' sightings obtained  
>>on radar as Out of the Shadows shows.

>Well, I guess that settles it.

>Seriously, folks, Andy just makes my point: that only his highly  
>slanted perspective, and that of persons who agree with him  
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>of pelicanist deconstruction, see Bruce Maccabee's work on the  
>McMinville photo. Informed Listfolk will have their own  
>favorite examples that will come to mind.

Regarding radar and photo I would also like to point out the New Zealand sightings of Dec. 31, 1978 which involved multiple witnesses (air crew and news crew), audio tape and movie made on the plane during the sightings and audio tape of the radar control center at Wellington.

This also involves ground radar and airplane radar. Ground radar targets in several cases were perfectly coincident with sightings of lights in the same direction as the radar, there being no known sources of light in the directions (from the plane) indicated by the ground radar.

Then there is the Japan Airlines 1628 series of sightings with ground radar and airplane radar. These are discussed at my web site:

<http://brumac.8k.com>

Look for New Zealand and look for JAL 1628

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## EW: Shuttle Sparks Electro-Physics & Explosions

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>> SHUTTLE SPARKS ELECTRO-PHYSICS. EXPLOSIONS RECORDED  
space exploration

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(The Electric Warrior) - An unusual purple lightning bolt seen in a San Francisco photograph of Shuttle Columbia has gained national attention and also sparked discussion about rare forms high-altitude lightning. A network of sensitive listening devices recorded subsonic explosions during the shuttle's re-entry which could shed light on the Columbia disaster. Another photograph captured by the US Air Force Research Laboratory as the shuttle passed over New Mexico is also being studied.

A purple corkscrew lightning bolt can reportedly be seen in a photograph taken by a Bay Area shuttle buff on the morning of the Columbia accident. NASA experts are examining digital photographs which await public release by a photographer who at this time remains anonymous.

Strange flashes of colored lightning with names like Red Sprites and Blue Jets are a recent scientific discovery that continue to intrigue scientists. One peculiar thing about the Blue Jets phenomenon is that their discharge travels away from Earth, up from a stormy cloud bank toward the ionosphere. The Sprites leap down from above.

### SUBSONIC EXPLOSIONS RECORDED

Researchers at a scientific conference in Denver, Colorado have confirmed the intercept of inaudible "infrasound" signals during the shuttle's reentry on February 1. Infrasound sensor arrays have been used to study the mysterious electrical discharges in the upper atmosphere. People cannot hear infrasound, but they can feel it from audio systems with the bass turned up.

The Toledo Blade reports that the Columbia recordings have been sent to NASA for analysis. An expert with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said "We've been asked not to discuss the results publicly, and we will honor that request." Some believe the recordings could shed light on the theory that a Blue Jet knocked Columbia out of the sky.

An expert in high-atmospheric physics at Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico has said it is not likely that the electrical phenomenon had anything to do with the Columbia accident, but it needs to be studied. "I'm highly skeptical they could have had anything to do with Columbia's demise," he told the San Francisco Chronicle. "But somebody needs to see how they interact with spacecraft."

SHUTTLE STUDY GROUPS. DIGITAL CAMERA GLITCH

NASA investigators have set up a panel of both government and private experts to study the San Francisco photograph. Another panel is studying input from a network of powerful Air Force telescopes and radar stations. The Space Agency has pooled data from a variety of sources including private citizens and secret government cameras in an effort to create a time-line of events leading up to the Columbia disaster.

A NASA official has said the "lightning strike" photo is being studied to see what it means. The digital camera that took the photo is known to have its own color glitches. Nikon told WorldNetDaily that unless they examine the camera it would be speculation to say whether the anomalous purple light had anything to do with a defect in the device.

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Listening devices record explosions from dying shuttle  
<http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/artikkel?Avis=TO&Dato030216&Kategori=NEWS08&Lopenr=102160051&Ref=AR>

DENVER, CO (Toledo Blade) - A little-known network of listening devices, used partly to detect rogue nuclear tests, overheard Columbia's death, recording explosions as the space shuttle broke apart 39 miles above the Earth. Government researchers gathered at a scientific conference here confirmed intercept of the so-called "infrasound" signals during the shuttle's fateful reentry on February 1.

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NASA studying Columbia photos  
<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2003/02/11/MN150539.DTL>

SAN FRANCISCO (Chronicle) - NASA investigators of the Columbia space shuttle disaster have set up a study group to analyze a photograph, taken by an amateur astronomer from a San Francisco hillside, that appears to show a bolt of electricity striking the doomed orbiter as it streaked across Northern California...If the San Francisco photograph does indeed depict a bolt of electricity in the ionosphere, the "infrasonic" sensors in Colorado might be able to detect the faint thunderclap that accompanied it.

11-Feb-03

Spy telescopes, radar could help shuttle probe  
<http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/space/02/11/shuttle.eyesinspace.ap/index.html>

NATIONAL (CNN/AP) - NASA officials said Monday that they have asked the Air Force Space Command to review all data that might contain information about the shuttle's last flight. The effort has already uncovered an observation made by ground-based radar suggesting that an object may have hit or broken off the shuttle on day two of its 16-day mission.

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 21:19:01 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 22:23:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
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>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 21:43:28 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 11:07:17 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Andy and patient, gentle Listfolk:

>>Nah, I don't think so. As Cathy has shown in her exchange with  
>>you, your understanding of what science knows about  
>>misperception is next to nonexistent, thus your continuing  
>>effort to elevate ordinary misperception into RMP, which you  
>>have never been able to define or demonstrate.

>I've more than adequately described, with examples, of what RMP  
>is and I didn't even have to talk the sociological gobblydygook  
>Cathy feels it necessary to retreat into. Your continued panic  
>on this list when anyone explains how to resolve cases, or how  
>cases have been resolved tells us more about you than (cont.  
>page 23 Jerry Clarke Bingo Weakly & Gazette).

(1) Andy calls the science of perceptual studies, with which Cathy Reason, as we have seen, is infinitely more familiar than he, mere "gobblydygook" which those who actually know the subject "feel it necessary to retreat into." Is, then, there any reason to take anything more that Andy says seriously? It is safe to say that Andy has no problem with ignorance and anti-intellectualism, if either serves the purpose he badly needs it to serve at any given moment.

(2) He apparently has morphed Dave Clarke and Jerry Clark, an odd fusion if I do say so. There is no "Jerry Clarke" on this list, to my knowledge. Or any "Dave Clark," as far as I know.

>>slanted perspective, and that of persons who agree with him  
>>absolutely, is worth heeding. I believe the psychiatric  
>>diagnosis for this sort of solipsism is narcissism. Those  
>>interested in more serious points of view may turn to the  
>>relevant literature. Three examples off the top of my head:

>Yes, yes Jerry - why not discuss cases eh? With the Cracoe case  
>I've been quoting you the 'relevant literature'. Problem is it's  
>from the UK where ufologists do their R&I properly and it is  
>thus ignored by Mystery Inc. in downtown whereveryouliveville.

Whatever.

>>For an extraordinary investigation into an enormously puzzling,  
>>highly evidential radar/visual case, see Brad Sparks's entry on  
>>the RB-47 case in my UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., pp. 761-90.  
>>There is also Allan Hendry's in-depth investigation of the  
>>Ocala, Florida, r/v case (pp. 681-82).

>So that's all of two cases - which have proved what exactly?



>That a mystery still exists? Maybe. But set against the huge  
>flaws inherent in (especially early) radar (and where are the  
>modern radar cases eh Jerry?) I don't think we should set too  
>much store in those particular examples Jerry. Show me a radar  
>case which has proved something truly exotic was the cause, then  
>you'll be talking sense.

Try the RB-47 case for starters. From the above, it is safe to  
infer that you haven't read Brad Sparks's paper on the case and  
haven't a clue as to what's in it. You're merely expending the  
cyber-equivalent of hot air. Nothing new blowing in that wind,  
I'm afraid.

>>For an excellent  
>>photographic case, which has managed to resist decades' worth of  
>>pelicanist deconstruction, see Bruce Maccabee's work on the  
>>McMin[n]ville photo. Informed Listfolk will have their own  
>>favorite examples that will come to mind.

>McMin[n]ville! Your avin' a laff incha? There has been just as much  
>work published on why McMinville may be something and nothing as  
>anything published by a self-proclaimed abudctee on why it may  
>be anything.

Take it up with those who've actually researched the case, like  
Brad Sparks and Bruce Maccabee, who know some things you don't  
and who did more than simply show up for an hour's worth of idle  
chatter with a journalist. I look forward to the exchange. Maybe  
you'll do as well in it you did when Cathy Reason tried to talk,  
er, reason with you. When Sparks and Maccabee bring physics and  
optics into the discussion, you can call it "gooblydygook" --  
which could become as all-purpose a phrase as "radical  
misperception." Congrats, guy.

To the rest of you patient and gentle Listfolk, I apologize for  
the time and bandwidth wasted. Still, one has to feel for poor  
Andy. We rude colonials just don't know our place, do we? Could  
Andy be the Yorkshire Colonel Blimp?

Jerry Clark

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## Nine Beeps

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 09:25:35 -0500  
Subject: Nine Beeps

Two weeks ago I woke and found that my digital answering machine had recorded nine evenly spaced beeps. Somehow these were recorded onto the memory chip without anyone calling; the phone never rang.

The spooky part is that I intuitively knew there would be nine of them before bothering to count them. The phone has never done this before except once, months ago, and I erased the "message" before bothering to count the mystery beeps. I don't know if there were nine of them then or not, but I have a strong feeling there were.

(And yes, I'm aware of the "nine knocks" phenomenon as reported by Strieber. In fact, I looked up some past posts from this list and found some interesting anecdotes and comments from John Velez and others.)

I checked into the possibility that this was my phone system and couldn't find anything in the instruction book that could remotely explain this.

Anyone got an explanation?

If anyone's interested, I posted a more detailed account of this on my "blog" (see URL below).

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## UK Jedi Official Religion Of More Than 390,000

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 09:28:09 -0500  
Subject: UK Jedi Official Religion Of More Than 390,000

Source: The Register (UK)

<http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/6/29331.html>

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Jedis reach the stars in UK census

By Tim Richardson

Posted: 14/02/2003 at 11:36 GMT

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More than 390,000 people in the UK claim to follow the Jedi way, according to the 2001 Census.

The figures revealed that 0.7 per cent of the UK population gave their official religion as Jedi, following a massive campaign to try and get it recognised.

At the time the issue caused a jolly great deal of fuss as deadly serious civil servants tried to comprehend the wave of interest. Even now, officials are describing the inclusion of Jedi as a religion as "not a serious answer". Of course, they won't be saying that when some "death star" parks itself in the Earth's orbit.

Anyhow, Jedi hotspots in the UK include Brighton and Hove (6,480), Manchester (5,476) and Wandsworth (5,024).

The "Force" does not appear to be strong in Merthyr Tydfil, Blaenau Gwent and Wear Valley. =AE

Related Story:

In Jedi We Trust Jedi Knights achieve official recognition as a religion UK Jedi get green light May the false declaration be with you

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## New Technologies Emerge in Search for Alien Life

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Source: National Geographic News

[http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2003/02/0207\\_030207\\_etsearch.html](http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2003/02/0207_030207_etsearch.html)

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New Technologies Emerge in Search for Alien Life

John Roach  
for National Geographic News

February 7, 2003

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Does life exist on other planets? Seeking an answer, scientists are busy developing the next generation of tools that will examine atmospheric chemicals of Earth-like planets for signs of life. For decades, scientists have searched the skies in vain for signs of extraterrestrial life. On April 8, 1960 Frank Drake, now Chairman of the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute in Mountain View, California, aimed a radio antenna at two nearby stars and listened for distant communications.

Drake heard no signals that day, but SETI has continued in earnest ever since. The search has primarily been based on the use of radio telescopes such as the Arecibo telescope in Puerto Rico. While conventional astronomers use the telescope for much of the year, SETI researchers are allotted a small amount of time each year to listen for messages similar to those broadcast by a disc jockey.

Search Programs

Scientists' desire to detect signals that any life form might radiate into space="not just life that has evolved the technology to broadcast radio waves="lies at the root of the next generation of search technologies.

Malcolm Fridlund, a scientist with the European Space Agency (ESA) in the Netherlands, said that if other planets follow a similar evolutionary pattern as Earth, it is much more likely that they will be inhabited by dinosaurs or bacteria rather than by something that can count.

Fridlund is working on ESA's Darwin Project, which aims to expand the search for life on planets orbiting suns outside our solar system to the detection of chemical signals that life might give off, such as oxygen, methane, and water vapor.

"We have defined a scientific search for our origins and future, remembering that life has existed on this planet for at least 3.5 billion years, while intelligent life not very long indeed," he said.

The efforts of ESA are complemented by a similar program at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California, known as the Terrestrial Planet Finder (TPF). The effort seeks to search 50 to 150 nearby stars for Earth-like planets with signatures of life in their atmosphere.

"Darwin and TPF are joined at the hip," said Charles Beichman, the project scientist for the TPF program at the California-based research institute.

The thrust behind Darwin and TPF is an idea first put forward by British scientist James Lovelock in the 1970s. Lovelock posited that by just breathing, life on Earth affects the composition of the atmosphere. He suggested that looking for similar distributions of atmospheric gas on other planets could be a way to search for life.

To find the planets, the telescopes may take advantage of a technology known as interferometry, which combines the power of several small telescopes to produce a final sharp and detailed image.

Viewing in the infrared, these images will be of a spectrum of colors representing the different chemicals in the planet's atmosphere.

"What we are looking for is an atmosphere out of chemical equilibrium," said Fridlund. "Currently the Earth's atmosphere is out of such an equilibrium through its oxygen."

Scientists believe that without life, all free oxygen in the atmosphere would disappear within just four million years because it reacts so easily with other chemicals. So if scientists detect a planet with a lot of oxygen, it could be a sign that it harbors life.

Other signatures the scientists hope to search for include water vapor and carbon dioxide. Later, they might scan for chlorophyll, the chemical compound found in plants which allows plants to convert solar energy from the sun into energy through the process known as photosynthesis. The detection of chlorophyll in space would provide strong evidence of active photosynthesis="an extraterrestrial life.

## SETI Today

As Darwin and TPF scientists plan for their missions to launch sometime in the middle of the next decade, the SETI Institute is moving forward with plans in collaboration with the University of California at Berkeley to build a massive radio telescope known as the Allen Telescope Array, which will be dedicated to SETI.

Currently the SETI Institute is limited to available time on radio telescopes, which is mostly allocated to other kinds of radio astronomy. The SETI Institute only gets three or four weeks of observation time each year.

The array will be a 350 dish interferometer and will simultaneously conduct SETI research and radio astronomy, said Edna Devore, the SETI Institute's director of education and outreach. The array is anticipated to be online in 2005.

The institute is also partnering with NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, California, on the Kepler Mission, which will launch in 2007 and for the first time allow scientists to search for Earth-sized planets in orbit around distant stars.

"The results of the Kepler Mission is essential for NASA and ESA in planning Darwin and TPF because Kepler will discover that planets like Earth are common or rare," said Devore.

## Related Stories

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Related Websites

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## Re: Binding References - Velez

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Subject: Re: Binding References - Velez

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 23:43:54 -0000  
>Subject: Binding References

>For anyone who's interested, here are some articles on visual  
>binding/segmentation in pdf format, available on the internet:

>Lecture in theoretical neuroscience - "The Binding Problem" by  
>Jan Scholz

>Go to:

>[http://www-lehre.inf.uos.de/~bwagense/theo\\_NS/Binding\\_Problem.pdf](http://www-lehre.inf.uos.de/~bwagense/theo_NS/Binding_Problem.pdf)

>Adina L Roskies "The Binding Problem" - Neuron vol 24 pp7-9  
>(September 1999)

>Go to:

><http://web.mit.edu.adinad/www/misc/publications>

>and select "binding.pdf"

>M Usher and N Donnelly

>"Visual Synchrony Affects Binding in Segmentation and  
>Perception"

>Nature 394 (July 9 1998) pp179-182

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>[http://www.psyc.bbk.ac.uk/people/academic/usher\\_m/visualsynchr.html](http://www.psyc.bbk.ac.uk/people/academic/usher_m/visualsynchr.html)

>and select "full text"

Hi Catherine,

'Kind of' related...

I have often wondered what kind of effect the act of seeing something completely new, a complete unknown, (such as a UFO) has on the brain. Established cognitive pathways and interpretive mechanisms must fail at some point in their attempts to identify/ label/categorize, what is being observed. Possibly creating new pathways and connections in the brain even as the event unfolds. That it disorients established routines in cognitive operations is beyond question. Ask any witness. An event with the impact of a UFO encounter must engender \_radical\_ changes and regrouping within the cognitive system's status quo.

I have, in the past, heard of studies that dealt with investigating the physical/chemical effects of trauma on the brain. A UFO sighting, especially one that is close-up, or seems focused on the witness/observer, (aside from being a cognitive issue) is very much an intellectually and emotionally violent, traumatic event. Threatening even. In terms of the level of

shock that 'can be' experienced either during or after the fact, my thought is; that it is up there with severe trauma -in terms of being a potential catalyst for dynamic, maybe even radical, alterations within the brain's established cognitive routines.

Not to mention the wanton shattering of ones comforting/ stabilizing world view. I have often compared the effect of a UFO sighting (on a person) with the emotional and psychological process that one goes through when dealing with the death of someone close. Only in this case, the individual is mourning the loss of his old, known and stable (pre-experience, life-altering event) self.

Such an experience can become a dividing line in ones life. There is the old, 'pre-experience' self and the new reconstituted self. The 'new' self being the result of all the shattered pieces coming back together again in a 'new' configuration. One that now includes/integrates/ accommodates the new experience.

My comments are based purely on self-observation. Someone with your knowledge of the subject will no doubt have something valuable to offer. I'd appreciate any feedback/info you may be able to provide.

Regards,

John Velez, changed man

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

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>I've more than adequately described, with examples, of what RMP  
>is and I didn't even have to talk the sociological gobblydygook  
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Andy,

I'm not too bothered by the stuff about "sociological gobbledygook" - it's the sort of thing that gets said all the time between experimental scientists and theoreticians. I indulge in the same sort of thing whenever I say that the number of psychologists who know anything about perception could squeeze comfortably into a matchbox and still have room left over for a small dog.

But I am rather disturbed by the implication that one can make statements about the role and extent of misperception in UFO reports without actually knowing anything about how the human visual system actually works. The only definition of RMP that I've so far seen from you is this one:

>about the difference between radical and ordinary misperception.  
>The latter is when someone sees something out of context and  
>assumes it's something else - like if you see a hang glider at a  
>distance and wonder what that big bird is etc. The former is  
>when people see things out of context and believe them to be  
>objects for which there is as yet no proof of, ie 'UFO's (and  
>many others things).

By this definition, any misperception that is reported as a UFO is a radical misperception, a definition that is so trivial as to be tautological.

I simply don't understand how you can hope to distinguish misperceptions that are possible from misperceptions that aren't possible unless you have understand something about how the human visual system actually operates. In the same way, I don't understand how you can make generalizations about the role of misperception in UFO reports without apparently knowing anything about relative probabilities.

Every competent theoretical scientist would acknowledge the absolute dependence of science on the work of experimenters - which in the case of UFOlogy, must mean field investigators. But by the same token, no competent field investigator should expect to make theoretical generalizations from the data without knowing anything about the relevant domains of theory.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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>to serve at any given moment.

Jerry,

If it's all the same to you, I'd just as soon be left out of this little dominance struggle you seem to be having with Andy. While it's very nice (however inaccurate) to be described as infinitely knowledgable, the realization that one is really just being used as a blunt instrument to hit someone else over the head with, does tend to neutralize that somewhat.

If we're going to talk about perception and misperception, then that's ok, let's talk about perception and misperception. But argument by authority has no place in science and I'd just as soon not be used in someone else's game of "my authority is bigger than your authority."

I wonder if I'm the only one, by the way, who thinks this whole question of how many people knew about the Cracoe Fell case and how long it remained unidentified, is something of a red herring. What's surely interesting is that it presents an opportunity for people to dry test their investigation techniques, and discuss whether they would have been sufficient to show this one up as an IFO. In a truly experimental or observational science, one would expect constant calibration and re-calibration of one's investigative apparatus, to reduce the number of false positives, as a matter of course.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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## Re: EW: Shuttle Sparks Electro-Physics &

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>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 18:32:43 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: EW: Shuttle Sparks Electro-Physics & Explosions

>The Electric Warrior : Web Log February 17, 2003  
><http://www.electricwarrior.com/>

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>RELATED RESOURCES

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>Listening devices record explosions from dying shuttle  
><http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/artikkel?Avis=TO&Dato030216&Kategori=NEWS08&Lopenr=102160051&Ref=AR>

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>DENVER, CO (Toledo Blade) - A little-known network of listening  
>devices, used partly to detect rogue nuclear tests, overheard  
>Columbia's death, recording explosions as the space shuttle  
>broke apart 39 miles above the Earth. Government researchers  
>gathered at a scientific conference here confirmed intercept of  
>the so-called "infrasound" signals during the shuttle's fateful  
>reentry on February 1.

<snip>

Could this be the Son of Mogul - the super-secret Son of the  
rubber-and-tinfoil super-secret Mogul? It sounds like we might  
have a major leak in our "secrets" system - or isn't Son of  
Mogul a secret?

What is this "space shuttle" debris they keep alluding to in  
various articles, and why do they want it back?

Dave Morton

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## UFOs In Ancient Art

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 10:00:55 -0500  
Subject: UFOs In Ancient Art

[Non-subscriber post]

I want to point out my web pages about "UFO in ancient art". I think I found explanations for many of the famous UFO in art cases: Uccello's Tebaide, Crivelli's Madonna and Annunciation, Montalcino "sputnik" and many others:

[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte\\_UFO.htm](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO.htm)

Unfortunately the pages are in Italian with some sentences in English, but I think the meaning is very clear.

In the last page I put the pictures I made two weeks ago in Florence, at the "Madonna with Child and Little Saint John", one of the most known UFO-paintings:

[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte\\_UFO\\_5.htm](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO_5.htm)

Yours sincerely

Diego Cuoghi

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SCIENCE JOURNALS WILL SCREEN PAPERS FOR HAZARDS

In a landmark statement, editors of numerous leading scientific journals declared last weekend that they will screen scientific papers for data that might pose a security threat, and that in cases where the risk of publication outweighs the benefits, the papers would be withheld or modified.

The Bush Administration had quietly pressured scientific groups to visibly adopt a policy of self-regulation, or face the possibility that Congress or the Administration would impose restrictions on scientific publication.

"We recognize that the prospect of bioterrorism has raised legitimate concerns about the potential abuse of published information," according to the new statement, "but also recognize that research in the very same fields will be critical to society in meeting the challenges of defense."

"We recognize that on occasion an editor may conclude that the potential harm of publication outweighs the potential scientific benefits. Under such circumstances, the paper should be modified, or not be published," the statement said.

Significantly, this voluntary approach would vest responsibility in individual journal editors who would have to exercise their own judgment. It would not concede to government officials any authority to suppress or censor scientific research.

Nor does the statement specify what kind of information might be properly withheld, noting that "we cannot now capture it with lists or definitions."

The statement itself is an act of good citizenship, insofar as it represents scientists and journal editors taking responsibility for the consequences of their work. It is also tactically wise, to the extent that it serves to forestall more extreme official measures.

But otherwise, its significance is rather limited. For one thing, there are likely to be few papers which pose risks that so obviously outweigh the benefits as to render them clearly unfit for publication. Furthermore, there are today innumerable opportunities for global dissemination of scientific research other than formal publication in prestigious scientific journals. The big journals' policy of self-regulation can send a signal of sensitivity and restraint to the scientific community and the general public, but it is unlikely to be the last word

on this delicate subject.

The February 15 "Statement on Scientific Publication and Security" was presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The text, to be published this week in Science, Nature, and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2003/02/sci021503.html>

#### CONGRESS LIMITS FOIA ACCESS TO GUN DATA

Members of Congress stealthily inserted a provision in last week's mammoth omnibus appropriations bill to block Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for certain information regarding gun sellers and buyers that is archived in Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) databases. The move could sharply curtail investigative reporting and other public scrutiny of gun sales.

Federal courts have ruled that such data is subject to disclosure under the FOIA. Most recently, a federal appeals court ordered that the ATF was obliged to comply with a FOIA request from the City of Chicago for the release of information from its gun databases. The Bush Administration appealed the decision to the Supreme Court, which is scheduled to hear the case on March 4.

The new legislative provision, promoted by gun industry lobbyists, seems designed to leapfrog the pending judicial process and overturn the court rulings that granted access to the gun data.

But if so, the provision may not achieve its intended goal. Instead, the existing disclosure policy may actually be reinforced by a clause that was added to the measure in conference, which states that "records may continue to be disclosed to the extent and in the manner that records... Have been disclosed under [FOIA] prior to the date of the enactment of this Act." At a minimum, this clumsily drafted provision is likely to generate confusion as to its practical legal meaning.

The text of the new provision, section 644 of H.J.Res. 2, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2003/atf-foia.html>

It was first spotted by the Brady Campaign, a handgun control advocacy group, which issued a February 13 press release, "Special Interest Rider Makes Crime Gun Data Secret," here:

<http://www.bradiycampaign.org/press/release.asp?Record=451>

It was reported in "Chicago gun plan hurt in House bill" by Lynn Sweet, Chicago Sun-Times, February 14, here:

<http://www.suntimes.com/output/news/cst-nws-cong14.html>

Information on the ATF FOIA case that will be heard before the Supreme Court next month may be found here:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/amicus0203/>

#### RE-READING RICHARD SHELBY

When the findings and recommendations of last year's congressional joint inquiry into September 11 were published, Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL) independently issued a lengthy statement of his own "additional views" on the subject.

The bulky document was largely overlooked at the time, except for its potshots at CIA Director Tenet, and by now it has nearly been forgotten. But Shelby's statement is littered with telling observations and original insights, and no one with an interest in intelligence policy should miss it.

Noting that "The CIA's Directorate of Operations usually refuses even to let CIA analysts see its own operational cable traffic," Sen. Shelby establishes that dysfunctional information policies,



including inappropriate controls on information, are at the root of much of what ails the U.S. intelligence bureaucracy.

"The fundamental intellectual assumptions that have guided our Intelligence Community's approach to managing national security information for half a century may be in some respects crucially flawed," he writes.

Along the way, he challenges some longstanding practices that are so deeply-rooted that no one normally thinks to question them, such as the application of the "need to know" standard for sharing information.

"It may not be true," Sen. Shelby proposes radically, "that information-holders -- the traditional arbiters of who can see 'their' data -- are the entities best placed to determine whether outsiders have any 'need to know' data in their possession. Analysts who seek access to information, it turns out, may well be the participants best equipped to determine what their particular expertise and contextual understanding can bring to the analysis of certain types of data."

But information sharing is not exactly the solution either, "inasmuch as 'sharing' connotes ownership by the party that decides to share it, an idea that is antithetical to truly empowering analysts to connect all the right 'dots'."

As for intelligence reform, "hard-wiring the IC in order to fight terrorists... is precisely the wrong answer, because such an approach would surely leave us unprepared for the next major threat, whatever it turns out to be." Rather, "we need an Intelligence Community agile enough to evolve as threats evolve, on a continuing basis."

The new regime also poses challenges for intelligence oversight, he notes. "Since the Department of Justice has taken the position that the intelligence oversight committees of Congress should not be permitted to see any grand jury information, this means that there is no oversight of what use is made of grand jury material passed to the Intelligence Community... The 108th Congress would do well to consider the civil liberties implications of passing grand jury information to the Intelligence Community without effective oversight."

There is naturally much to argue over, and disagree with, in the 84 page report. But on balance, Sen. Shelby's report is among the most thoughtful and the most rigorously argued congressional writing on intelligence in many years.

Sen. Shelby's December 10, 2002, report on "September 11 and the Imperative of Reform in the U.S. Intelligence Community" may be found here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002\\_rpt/shelby.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_rpt/shelby.html)

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Monday, February 17, 2003

Lose Your Sense Of Reality In The Skies

By John Grady,

Stars shine so much brighter on a crystal-clear sub-zero winter night, so alive. Makes me wonder what - or who - is out there. With all this strife on Earth, I think I might like extraterrestrial culture. Maybe there are some little, green people who can whisk us off in a flying saucer to some warmer world of happiness where there's no pain, hunger, disease or war.

Turns out a lot of other people on this planet share such outer space fantasies.

"The latest polls show more than 50 percent of Americans believe there's life on other planets - we're in the majority now," says Peter Geremia, who's been, since 1977, New Hampshire's director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). Even though he's researched and documented hundreds of sightings, including some in the Seacoast, he hasn't seen one himself - yet.

"I'd like to," he says.

So who makes up these Unidentified Flying Object culture groups? Well, first, there are millions of casual believers.

The next group would be the believers, ranging from those who read UFO magazines to persons who watch the skies or attend UFO conventions. People actively involved in the search for evidence are called Ufologists.

And we can't forget the disbelieving counterpart group involved as "de-bunkers." The most deeply rooted are participants who believe they're actually engaged with extraterrestrials in cosmic activities - and, who knows, maybe they are.

One of these "participants" is Pamela Loffredo-Palmer, a psychic medium and medical intuitive who lives in Lyman, Maine.

"I've dealt with many different types of extraterrestrials for 23 years. They've taught me to be fully aware, helped me to understand my connections with eternity and the universe."

Star systems she's in contact with include the Pleiadien, Sirian and Arcturian.

"It may sound strange to you, but I also have Arcturian bloodlines," says Loffredo-Palmer, who believes DNA from other planets was brought to earth. Many of her ideas and messages are on her Web site:

[www.starseedcentral.com](http://www.starseedcentral.com)

If you'd like to learn more, on April 6 she is giving a mediumship and channeling presentation as part of a total

wellness expo at the Doubletree Hotel in Portland.

The MUFON organization focuses on physical evidence and eyewitness reports. Geremia occasionally gives slide show lectures detailing the organization's investigations. I saw him at the library in Exeter, the town that was the scene of "Incident at Exeter," the mid-1960s book written by John G. Fuller about what would become a famous UFO sighting. He followed up that bestseller with "Interrupted Journey," about the 1961 abduction of Portsmouth residents Betty and Barney Hill in the White Mountains, which also became an international bestseller.

The place was packed with people of all ages and types. The presentation at the standing-room-only event was very low-key and factual. Geremia carefully explained each incident in terms of what colors the lights were, how the object moved, etc.

It was remarkable how similar each different experience was: lights moving silently, stopping and starting in the sky. Geremia didn't attempt to explain what was going on.

"Why are they here?" asked one white-haired grandmotherly type, who looked as if she had just left a cookie-baking project to explore extraterrestrial life.

"I have no idea," said Geremia. "You're looking at a skeptic. There's a lot of stuff mixed up with this that I don't buy, a lot of people who lose their sense of reality - whooo, not for me."

In fact, Geremia sees his role as more of a scientific investigator and feels that activities by people in the "participants" category undercut his work.

"The biggest problem for UFO sightings is getting those who see them to sign on to a report. When people make claims with no evidence, no basis in facts, it reduces our credibility and makes those who do have an experience reluctant to come forward."

Those interested in learning more or helping with investigations are welcome, for more information, to check the Web site at:

[www.nhmufon.com](http://www.nhmufon.com)

MUFON UFO Journal is an international magazine devoted to the investigation, study and research of UFOs.

Volunteers are also invited to help with a Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) project that uses giant antennas (like the big one at Arecibo, Puerto Rico, that was in the movie "Contact") to listen for radio signals from space. The data is analyzed for signs that it might be from intelligent extraterrestrials. The problem is there is too much data. Using peer-to-peer technology, SETI@home connects computers around the world across the Internet to boost processing power in the search. You can participate; get more information at [SETI@home.com](http://SETI@home.com).

The possibility of life on other planets has captured humanity's imagination for a long time. Jules Verne wrote "From the Earth to the Moon" in 1865. H.G. Wells wrote "War of the Worlds" in 1898. Orson Welles used this book as the basis of a radio drama that scared the wits out of people in 1938.

Thousands of people panicked, thinking Martians were actually landing. It landed Welles not only in a lot of trouble but, finally, in Hollywood.

Since then, our culture of aliens and UFOs has increased and multiplied. From 1964's Grade B movie "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians", through classics such as "Invasion of the Body Snatchers", "ET - The Extraterrestrial", "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", "Men in Black" to television's "X-Files," and to Steven Spielberg's recent series "Taken on the Sci-Fi Network," it's not hard to find alien beings - at least on screens or pages. You can even play X-COM's UFO Defense game on PlayStation and thwart predatory attacks by elusive aliens.

But some participant groups accuse Hollywood of injecting UFOs

with too much fear and danger. Many of these groups believe the extraterrestrials are friendly and beneficent.

Most of these "space" cults are harmless. The Aetherius Society, founded in England in 1955, believes the extraterrestrials are visiting to help usher in a new age of peace and enlightenment in our world.

Unarius, based in California, was founded in 1954 with a cosmic link to the Space Brothers who, they say, are helping to expand our awareness and connection with galactic intelligence.

The Raelian Movement, on the other hand, made recent headlines by announcing the first clone of a human being. Founded in France in 1973, the Raelians claim to have about 40,000 members and believe humans were created by extraterrestrials who mastered genetic engineering. Evidence, as always with these groups, seems to be seriously lacking. But what if they are starting to clone human beings? This technology exists and could become a scary reality.

The world was really frightened in 1997 when 39 young men between the ages of 18 and 24 were found dead in Rancho Santa Fe, an upscale San Diego suburb. Members of the UFO cult Heaven's Gate, their faces were covered with purple cloths. They supposedly believed aliens from outer space "planted" humankind on planet Earth and would come back in a spaceship to gather them into the future. With the appearance of the Hale-Bopp comet, they thought the time had come and made their move.

"They are the exceptions, not the rule," says Loffredo-Palmer about cults like Heaven's Gate. "The beings I am in contact with encourage me to take responsibility, they help me but they don't tell me what to do. They are speaking through me. They bring peace and hope into my life, faith in my own spirituality."

There are more stars in the universe than all the grains of sand on all the world's beaches combined. Gazing up into the sky, like an ocean full of twinkling stars, I can easily fantasize. But I want to stay positive. No attacks by monsters.

Maybe I'll be drawn up in a column of white light and taken to some sort of sultan's palace planet where all my wishes can come true. Or, at least, maybe an almond-eyed visitor will arrive with a cure for cancer for us. Who knows?

John Grady of Rye is a cultural astronaut willing to travel far and wide to interpret alien and other experiences. He can be reached at [jgrady77@hotmail.com](mailto:jgrady77@hotmail.com).

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Last month it was Clancy's (McNally's junior partner) "thematic word list" experiment, and now McNally's own "physiological response" study has finally come out (or at least he is speaking about it, which must mean it has been accepted for publication in a journal since he was staying mum about it for the past year, until that came to pass). So again, as one who participated in both of their studies as an experimenter subject, I feel I have a responsibility to make a statement. I left this one at the BBC site though I do not know that they'll print it:

As one of the participants in McNally's study, I've been aware of his personal position on the subject of alien encounters for some time now. As he is a decent fellow I do not hold it against him that his personal opinion is that alien encounters do not exist; such is entirely his right and it means little to me.

As one reads his study (or news articles about it), however, one needs to be aware that McNally's personal opinion is not the direct result of his results, which are remarkable. McNally's study proved that the physiological responses of experiencers is as authentic as the physiological response from people whose experiences are not considered "unreal." That has significant implications.

McNally has chosen the safest possible implication -- he chooses to view these results as evidence of the "power of emotional belief." However anyone can see that this is a conclusion which can only be reached if one presumes that alien encounters have not transpired, that they are unreal, and that they are therefore a matter of belief. The study did not prove that alien encounters were fantasy, on the contrary, it proved that the physiological response was as authentic as the response from any reality known to be true. The matter of reality remains unresolved, even as we now have evidence that the impact they leave upon people is significant.

Although I respect McNally for the research he has done, some of his opinions professed in the article above are based on dubious comparisons which I cannot hold in the same respect -- i.e., his suggestion that because some aspects of alien encounters sound somewhat similar to sleep paralysis and hypnogogic hallucination, that that may be an explanation. No study leading to that conclusion was performed, it is simply an idea no more valid than the opinion of anyone else.

A second statement I take issue with is McNally's suggestion that people who report alien encounters have unusual beliefs about reality, which he says in the BBC article existed prior to their encounters. There are two problems with that statement.

The first is simply a matter of fact, that I know that some of his subjects developed new ideas about reality as an outcome of being aware of their experiences. I must assume therefore that when he said this, he was speaking generally (on average).

Even if he was speaking generally, a second problem with his statement remains: Even if the majority of his subjects did report unusual beliefs about reality prior to their becoming aware of their alien encounter experiences, one needs to bear in mind that adult experiencers have inevitably found to have had experiences since childhood which they may have disregarded at the time (childhood experiences tending to have a different quality than those in adult life). If experiences do begin in childhood, then the development of novel ideas about reality may well be the result of their early experiences, and do not indicate a predisposition towards fantasy or whatever he was implying when he noted that experiencers had unusual beliefs about reality.

I hope that a critical reader will take into consideration the details of this report, and understand the remarkable results of his study are not diminished by the personal opinions of the researcher.

For that reason, I hope this study gets widely reported on in the MUFON Journal and so forth. I will be in touch with McNally later this week to see if the study itself has been published. has been published.

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A more extensive version of the earlier rebuttal, now with some photographs of the study, is now online at:

[http://centerchange.org/center/center\\_news.asp?id=158](http://centerchange.org/center/center_news.asp?id=158)

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>BBC News Online science staff in Denver  
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such states of consciousness, since they have been prompted by their experiences to learn about alternative explanations for what they perceived (including studying what is known about human psychology), and still remain unconvinced that these account for their alien encounter experiences.

Experiencers such as myself who have experienced sleep paralysis may have relevant information. I can easily appreciate how someone who is not personally familiar with both experiences may be tempted to make a connection between the superficial similarity between sleep paralysis and the initial moments of a typical alien encounter. By most estimates, greater than a quarter of the population (some say 30%) have experienced sleep paralysis, which is to say they have become semi-conscious during the natural condition which keeps our bodies from moving during sleep, a time when our perceptions tend to be skewed. That the experience is only superficially similar to some moments of contact seems to be given short shrift by McNally, and indeed as is common when making such comparisons he makes no mention of experiences which are perceived by two or more people simultaneously -- which while not establishing for certain that alien encounters take place in our "reality," certainly blur the distinction between objective (external) reality and internal (subjective) reality far beyond what scientists can account for.

[If experiencers in his study do report a higher incidence of sleep paralysis than the average, one may want to consider whether experiencers' knowledge of sleep-related states of consciousness may even have introduced error into the written history portion McNally's study: Since they, unlike the general public, are more likely to know what sleep paralysis is, and given their interest in knowing what was going on with their lives, they may well have made more of an effort in their daily lives to remember such episodes and therefore been more likely to answer in the affirmative when asked if they'd experienced such episodes -- in contrast to the people in the comparison group who would have had no reason to try to remember such episodes even if they'd had the language to assist them in remembering.]

And though the following third possibility may seem remote, both of those concerns do not even enter into the question of whether altered states of consciousness, such as the states of consciousness between wakefulness and sleep, may be conducive to extraordinary perception (Sherwood, S. in the Journal of Parapsychology, June 2002).

A second statement which deserves a closer look is McNally's suggestion that people who report alien encounters have unusual beliefs about reality, beliefs which he says in the BBC article existed prior to their encounters. One needs to bear in mind that according to most studies, adult experiencers have tended to have had encounters since childhood which they may have disregarded at the time for the most part (childhood experiences tending to have a different quality than those in adult life). If encounters do begin in childhood, then the development of novel ideas about reality may well be the result of their early experiences, even if they did not become fully aware of their experiences until later in their adult lives. In short, "cause and effect" remains in question even for that aspect of his study.

I hope that a critical reader will take into consideration the details of this report, and understand the remarkable results of his physiology study are not diminished by the personal opinions of the researcher.

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THE UFOS OF THE KGB

Once again, sensational news reports have exploded in the Italian mass media pertaining to the revelation of secret Soviet documents on UFOs.

This time around, it's about the publication, beginning in "Komsomolskaja Pravda" on 5 February, of the documents released in 1991 by the KGB (the infamous Soviet agency for internal security) to the astronaut Pavel Popovich, who had requested them in his capacity as president of a UFO association: they amount to a little more than 120 pages concerning 18 reports about sightings, these having occurred in great part at military bases and installations, or else at strategic locations in the Soviet Union, between the years of 1982 and 1990.

On the heels of the newswires, great emphasis (and some correspondences from Moscow) was given these documents by almost all newspaper, radio and TV stations, but practically in Italy alone.

In reality, there was no "scoop," especially not in our country, given that such documents had already been known and distributed as early as 7 years ago. In particular, these were integrally translated and published in 1995 as an appendix to Roberto Pinotti's book, "UFO: Top Secret", whose author had obtained them from Russian ufologist Boris Shurinov and then had even turned them over to Italian political and military authorities.

[Komsomolskaja Pravda, 5 February; ANSA, 5 February; La Stampa and other Italian dailies, 6 February; UFO-Italia, 5-6 February; Chucara2000, 5-7 February; collaboration by Paolo Fiorino and Gildo Person=E8]

PROJECT 1954

With the completion of the third volume of the Operazione Origini ("Operation Origins") book series dedicated this time around to the year of the "ghost rockets" (e.g., 1946), Giuseppe Stilo has begun the work on his planned next tome concentrating on the great wave of sightings in 1954.

In conjunction with these activities, the Italian Center for UFO

Studies (CISU) has proposed that foreign colleagues participate in an international project of in-depth research, for the purpose of sharing archival resources and study capacities by each national organization and numerous scholars around the world.

Thus was born "Project 1954", an Internet-based, coordinated effort onto which fifty or so researchers from over twenty-five countries have signed on, in the last few weeks. There are three objectives in mind, each respectively focused on the following: the heavy caseload of sightings from that year; the gathering and systematic analysis of the documentation of that era; and the re-examination of all studies and the subsequent body of work relative to the subject.

[Communications by Giuseppe Stilo]

#### 2003 HESSDALEN CAMPAIGN

The Italian Committee for Project Hessdalen (CIPH) has announced the launch of its 2003 Campaign for the raising of funds destined for research activities in the Norwegian valley where, for years, systematic campaigns of instrumental observation have been conducted on the renowned, recurring luminous phenomena.

But the CIPH program for 2003 does not limit itself to the organization, financing and management of a mission in Norway, where the Committee has sent researchers and technicians over the last few years from both the CNR and other scientific institutions.

Among the activities slated for this year, there are also the following: the development and installation of instrumentation equipment, some specially designed, and the transfer of research bases (e.g., radio, radar, optic, witness-based) to Italy, with a further improvement in both organizational and economic quality, for which an appeal is thus being made for contributions and donations.

Already available at the Committee's Website are various articles and reports relative to the 2002 Mission, as well as reference materials for participating in or contributing to Project 2003.

[Press release by Renzo Cabassi; [www.itacomm.net](http://www.itacomm.net)]

Collaborators on this edition were: Renzo Cabassi, Paolo Fiorino, Gildo Person=E8 and Giuseppe Stilo.

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clarke

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Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clarke

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>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 10:18:37 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>I wonder if I'm the only one, by the way, who thinks this whole  
>question of how many people knew about the Cracoe Fell case and  
>how long it remained unidentified, is something of a red  
>herring. What's surely interesting is that it presents an  
>opportunity for people to dry test their investigation  
>techniques, and discuss whether they would have been sufficient  
>to show this one up as an IFO. In a truly experimental or  
>observational science, one would expect constant calibration and  
>re-calibration of one's investigative apparatus, to reduce the  
>number of false positives, as a matter of course.

Hi Catherine,

Having been present 'in the flesh', rather than speaking from  
the comfort of two decades and several thousand miles  
separation, I think I am qualified to comment on the  
'investigation' or lack of in the Cracoe Fell case.

You are wrong about how long the 'UFO' remaining unidentified  
being a red herring - this is actually the most important aspect  
of the saga.

In this particular case, the investigating group actually had in  
their possession the evidence of a local farmer who lived beside  
Cracoe Fell. He contacted his local newspaper, The Craven  
Herald, when the photograph was originally published and said  
they showed a light reflection on the rock, something that was  
visible all year round but on some occasions brighter than  
others.

The investigation group dismissed the farmer's evidence as  
worthless and continued to promote the case as a genuine UFO -  
"a structured craft of unknown origin", hovering beside the  
Fell. The story was published on pg 1 of the Yorkshire Post,  
then appeared in the London tabloids and was well on the way to  
becoming a "classic" case, alongside Rendlesham Forest and the  
rest.

Here was a perfect opportunity to "dry test investigation  
techniques", but in this case ufology woefully failed to ask  
even the most basic questions.

If it was not for Andy Roberts' intervention, and some hard  
footwork - this case would now be touted alongside McMinnville  
and all the others as "the best evidence" for UFOs.

How short people's memories really are!

I remember Andy and another researcher Nigel Mortimer, virtually  
camping out on those fells, hoping to reproduce the 'UFO' with a  
camera - hardly the domain of 'the armchair ufologist.' And  
when the evidence was reproduced on film, and presented to the  
group promoting the UFO claims, they simply could not accept the  
facts. To the extent that Andy was physically assaulted by one

of the party who had arrived to examine the evidence!

For around five years they had promoted the case as the best yet - producing special issues, and case histories, even using it as the basis of public conferences. They had a vested interest in the continuing mystery - and did not want the little party spoilt by the likes of Andy Roberts and his pesky camera.

But after all the huffing and puffing, and tears before bedtime, by 1986 when the group had 'seen the light' for themselves, they reluctantly accepted that Andy was right all along.

The fantastic 'Cracoe Fell UFO' suddenly disappeared from the magazine, and the people who were promoting it as 'the best case yet' moved on to find another 'best case'. The case that had generated thousands of words and polemic against those nasty sceptics and debunkers was never mentioned again.

So when Jerry Clark claims that Andy is 'exaggerating' and 'making it up', my reaction is simply to fall about laughing.

I was there. I saw the whole performance, and watched in amazement as - like a magic trick - the Cracoe Fell case unravelled itself in front of my eyes. This, I thought at the time, was Ufology in a microcosm.

Nearly two decades later, I now realise that we are just watching the same magic trick being performed over and over again, in ever more complicated circumstances.....

Best,

Dave Clarke

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## Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Tonnies

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 17:53:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Tonnies

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>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 14:21:51 +0100  
>Subject: UFOs In Ancient Art

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>I want to point out my web pages about "UFO in ancient art". I  
>think I found explanations for many of the famous UFO in art  
>cases: Uccello's Tebaide, Crivelli's Madonna and Annunciation,  
>Montalcino "sputnik" and many others:

>[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte\\_UFO.htm](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO.htm)

<snip>

Congratulations on what is obviously a very well-done site. I  
just wish I spoke Italian so I could read more of the  
explanations!

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 17:55:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

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>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 21:19:01 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Cathy,

>>(1) Andy calls the science of perceptual studies, with which  
>>Cathy Reason, as we have seen, is infinitely more familiar than  
>>he, mere "gobblydygook" which those who actually know the  
>>subject "feel it necessary to retreat into." Is, then, there any  
>>reason to take anything more that Andy says seriously? It is  
>>safe to say that Andy has no problem with ignorance and anti-  
>>intellectualism, if either serves the purpose he badly needs it  
>>to serve at any given moment.

>If it's all the same to you, I'd just as soon be left out of  
>this little dominance struggle you seem to be having with Andy.

Sorry if you're taking this more seriously than it was intended.  
If so, I apologize.

I must point out, however, that this is nothing remotely so  
heavy as a "dominance struggle", just a tongue-in-cheek  
exchange. I don't take it all that seriously, and I hope you and  
Andy don't, either.

I don't mind anybody's view of UFOs, over which reasonable  
people can disagree. When somebody insists that his view is the  
only one any rational person can hold, on the other hand, the  
temptation to point out otherwise is irresistible. This isn't  
really anything important enough to occasion anything more than  
amusement on anybody's part. In short: Lighten up.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Creating False Memories? - White

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Subject: Re: Creating False Memories? - White

Hi -

I thought I'd ask a colleague who works in the field of false memories, and fighting disinformation about false memories, to respond to the List, the recent email titled: "Creating False Memories?"

His reply was too detailed to submit in full to the List, but for any who would like to read it, it is posted at this direct link:

<http://www.raven1.net/falsemem.txt>

(A reference to CSICOP is made.)

The following article was submitted by anti-mind control and anti-abuse, sexual, Satanic, ritual and otherwise, activist Neil Brick. Mr. Brick hosts an annual convention of practitioners and victims in this field at Bradley Field, Hartford, Connecticut.

Those who want to question or dialogue about this article should correspond directly with Neil Brick, at this email address:

[SMARTNEWS@aol.com](mailto:SMARTNEWS@aol.com)

I, Eleanor White, am not a practitioner or expert in this field and will be unable to answer questions concerning this article:

===== Article Begins =====

[This article has been excerpted due to the length of the original]

Loftus, IMO, misapplies research from nontraumatic memory to traumatic memory. Both are stored differently in the brain. Below please find data that shows ethical problems and backs up the above point.

"Notably, a similar study (Pezdek, 1995) found that although 3 (15%) of 20 participants recalled a plausible false memory of getting lost in a shopping mall, none of the participants accepted an implausible false memory that they had received a painful enema as a child from their parent."

"General, overstated claims about memory fallibility" don't take into consideration "the complex interaction of variables that affect memory performance."

Ottawa Recovered Memory Page:

<http://www.carleton.ca/~whovdest/calof2.html>

<snip>

For articles critiquing research by Elizabeth Loftus, see:

<http://users.owt.com/crook/memory/>

<snip>

"In further evidence of questionable activity by FMSF board members, Notes from the Controversy (Treating Abuse Today, Nov./ December 1995, Jan./ Feb. 1996), discusses ethics complaints filed with the American Psychological Association against Elizabeth Loftus regarding her article "Remembering Dangerously", which was published in a 1995 issue of Skeptical Inquirer, a publication of the Committee for the Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP)."

<snip>

quotes from: "Memory, Trauma Treatment, and the Law" by Brown, Schefflin and Hammond," (ISBN 0-393-70254-5) W.W. Norton and Co. New York and London, C 1998:

<http://www.wwnorton.com>

... Page 365-366. The book has excellent information about memory studies and a chapter called "The False Logic of the False Memory Controversy and the Irrational Element in Scientific Research on Memory" (pg. 382)

<snip>

Although we acknowledge that inaccurate and mistaken memories may occur, we must conclude that Loftus and Pickrell's mall study does not support in any manner the notion that false autobiographical memories of abuse in childhood can be implanted by therapists

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## Re: Discredited Canards - Gonzalez

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>Subject: Re: Discredited Canards

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 19:29:55 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Discredited Canards

>>>The science fiction book is "Nighteyes," by Garfield Reeves-  
>>>Stevens.

>>>Would Luis care to tell us whether he himself has read it?

>>Your memory is failing you. I re-post something I wrote here  
>>almost 3 years ago!

><snip>

>Yes, my memory failed me. I congratulate you on having such a  
>fine archive, with posts you wrote so long ago.

No, my electronic archive is not fine, I have lost all my e-  
mails more than once. I just look it up in the UFO UpDates  
Archives.

>I believe I'm the one who discredited the alleged connection  
>between this book and the Linda case. I did it in my 1997 study  
>of the case for IUR. That study is available on my UFO website,  
>at [www.gregsandow.com/ufo](http://www.gregsandow.com/ufo).

>>The three main points in Linda Cortile's abduction (a) abductee  
>>speaking alien tongue, b) abductee working with the aliens, c)  
>>sexual bonding since childhood between pairs of abductees) were  
>>written several months before the alleged abduction. This is, at  
>>least, a clear evidence of a sociological influence or, in the  
>>worst scenario, proof of a hoax.

>>Let me put it more clearly. The most amazing point made in  
>>Hopkins' book, the cornerstone of Linda Cortile's case, was how  
>>the aliens had orchestrated the lifes of two abductees in order  
>>to reunite them one night in lower Manhattan for an apocalyptic  
>>message. The main surprise of Nighteyes' plot (besides the  
>>aliens being humans) is when two apparently independent  
>>abductees met again, in order to become the founders of a future  
>>race. How can anybody miss the paralelism?

>I thought everyone agreed that the most amazing - and most  
>distinctive - point in the case was the witnessed abduction. UFO  
>hovers over New York apartment building... Linda is floated up  
>into the UFO... people watched that happening.

IMHO, not exactly. Three points.

A) Those cornerstones I mentioned are not mine, Budd himself  
proclaimed them as the most important elements in Linda's  
story.

B) You should notice that my argument (elaborated much

later than Hansen and your response, just when I could judge by myself after really reading "Nighteyes") is not about similarity of details (the dissimilarities always outnumber the similarities) but about similarity of themes. Something like comparing Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet" with "West Side Story".

C) The point about being witnessed has nothing to do with Linda's story. Of course, Hopkins made a lot of fuss about that (we will surely appreciate an update after almost 10 years). and clearly, it is a very important question to dilucidate, but from the point of view of the abduction phenomena is just an anecdote (if abductions were objective phenomena, sooner or later, something similar should have happened). The importance of Linda's case for the abduction narratives is being the first to add those points mentioned to the evolving scenario, witnessed or not.

(snip)

>The dissimilarities between the book and the case far outweigh  
>any similarities. The things Luis cites are reasonably familiar  
>science fiction motifs. Some of them go right back to (just to  
>cite one place) Robert Heinlein's fine old novel, The Puppet  
>Masters. There you have humans working with aliens, and people  
>with childhood contact with aliens. You wouldn't have to read  
>the book Luis talks about to come up with things like that.

We, skeptics, are in a no-win position. If we point to similar details (as Kottmeyer and others do assiduously), you argue that we should not pick details but see broader. When we see broader and discuss main themes as in this instance or others (Do you remember, Greg, our debate here about "2001 - A Space Odyssey" and "The Village of the Damned" films?) you ask for a perfect reproduction of details. But if any abductee told a story exactly like one of the episodes of "Star Trek", no serious investigator would believe him. One wonders. How many of these possible discarded cases had not been reported?

For example. You just mentioned Heinlein's "The Puppet Masters". I am glad you mention it. I quickly reached for my copy, an Spanish paperback translated none other than by Antonio Ribera, one of the first and leading Spanish ufologists (somebody should investigate this kind of "coincidences"). The novel is quite naive by actual standards but you can still find some gems in it:

The puppet masters (from Titan, one of Saturn's moons) are like giant slugs which in its own world enslave small humanoids with a small mouth, used only for breathing. Human doctors used "hypnotic psicoanalysis" to recall forgotten memories of a human captured in childhood, and obtain a very detailed and exact account. But the most amazing is =BFthe first? mention of an "incubatorium" inside the UFO:

"(...) The sides were not opaque. Thought translucent membranes we could see thousand and thousand of slugs, swinning, floating in a mysterious fluid".

(My translation back into English. I will appreciate if anybody can quote the original words to me).

In the same fluid, they later found human beings. (remembrances of the Andreasson case, for instance).

Greg, another precedent for the PSH, thanks!

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

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Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:44:29 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 18:06:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 15:58:17 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 13:00:18 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

<snip>

>>Hold on, please. Name one law of physics that bars such things  
>>from being possible using that portion of physics humanity has  
>>yet to discover.

Well, by definition, if there is a portion of physics humanity  
has yet to discover, we do not know if it bars such thing from  
being possible or not, doesn't we?

I always remember a short SF story about the scientific "cover  
up" of their findings about hyperspace. It resulted that the  
"light barrier" was even lower in that other Universe!

<snip>

>Besides, the physics of the second half of the 20th century  
>accepted a multiple-dimensional reality for our universe to best  
>explain certain puzzling observations we could not understand  
>otherwise. Interestingly, Canadian flying saucer researcher  
>Wilbert B. Smith who wrote 'The New Science' with the help of  
>the "Boys Topside", and also the Bible, both make references to  
>12 dimensions of reality too.

Something similar said those glorious Ummites. Does the  
similarities (even if the last time I look, string theories seem  
to be a little bit discredit) mean that they are also real  
aliens?

Good Doctor Asimov wrote about the why and wherefores of those  
scientific limits much better than I can never try

Luis R. Gonz=Ellez Manso

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## Re: Lose Your Sense Of Reality In The Skys - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 09:52:29 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 18:11:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Lose Your Sense Of Reality In The Skys - Warren

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 10:24:00 -0500  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Lose Your Sense Of Reality In The Skies

>Source: The Portsmouth Herald - New Hampshire

>[http://www.yorkweekly.com/news/02172003/col\\_grad/13356.htm](http://www.yorkweekly.com/news/02172003/col_grad/13356.htm)

>Monday, February 17, 2003

>Lose Your Sense Of Reality In The Skies

>By John Grady,

<snip>

Hello Fellow Listerions,

Following Mr. Grady's article, I felt compelled to drop him a line and comment on his descriptions of people involved in Ufology:

Dear Mr. Grady,

I just finished reading your article titled, "Lose Your Sense Of Reality In The Skies," and I felt motivated to comment on the piece.

Quite often when a writer is tasked to engage a subject that he or she is not familiar with, (and with time constraints in mind), they of course draw on their own perceptions of said subject. This is why your use of the term, "Unidentified Flying Object culture groups" did not surprise me, as well as the use of the word "believers." It did, however, urge me to point out a few things that may serve you in any future articles that you write on the subject. (UFO's)

First, your description, "Unidentified Flying Object culture groups" (from my perspective) tends to give the reader the impression that people who have an interest in the subject of UFO's, to what ever degree, are somehow different from "the rest of us." Although you fell short of using the terms "cult" or "sect" (thank you) I felt, as a reader, that "those people" have a "unique perspective" unlike "the rest of us." Moreover, combined with use of the term, "believer", this further clarifies my observation.

As often seen with writers that aren't knowledgeable with the topic (UFO's), they have a tendency to associate it with subjects that have no "scientific basis," and speculation and theorems are derived from lack of supporting scientific evidence. Hence the terms "believe, believers, etc." Since you have clearly defined "UFO's" (Unidentified Flying Objects) in your article, to use the term "believers" is completely erroneous and redundant. UFO's have been an accepted phenomenon,

to our government and military, as well as various scientists for over fifty years; since before the Air Force coined the term. To say, "believers in UFO'S," would be the same as saying, "believers in the Empire State Building," neither makes any sense.

In conclusion, there isn't/hasn't been any argument to the existence of UFO's for quite some time; the "origin" of UFO's is currently the great debate among many people in and out of UFOlogy. This is where speculation and conjecture runs rampant.

In any event I thank you for the attention you devoted to the subject.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

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Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 18:02:44 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 21:01:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 21:19:01 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Pilgrims,

Oh dear (again!)

Jerry wrote:

>Andy and patient, gentle Listfolk:  
>  
>>>Nah, I don't think so. As Cathy has shown in her exchange with  
>>>you, your understanding of what science knows about  
>>>misperception is next to nonexistent, thus your continuing  
>>>effort to elevate ordinary misperception into RMP, which you  
>>>have never been able to define or demonstrate.

Defined and demonstrated by example Jerry - the best way I usually find. That you cannot understand or accept any of the examples I have given (more if you want them - try Berwyn Mtn 'crash' for RMP on a huge scale from that of the original witnesses to the RMP of investigators who turned a mundane event into a saucer crash).

>(1) Andy calls the science of perceptual studies, with which  
>Cathy Reason, as we have seen, is infinitely more familiar than  
>he, mere "gobblydygook" which those who actually know the  
>subject "feel it necessary to retreat into." Is, then, there any  
>reason to take anything more that Andy says seriously?

Not if you say so Jerry - another neat sidestep. I can't discuss ufology in sciencespeak - but I am over qualified to discuss it as it is found native in the wild and it is from those observations and experiences I draw my conclusions.

>It is  
>safe to say that Andy has no problem with ignorance and anti-  
>intellectualism, if either serves the purpose he badly needs it  
>to serve at any given moment.

Pots, kettles and the color black Jerry. Don't be silly.

>(2) He apparently has morphed Dave Clarke and Jerry Clark, an  
>odd fusion if I do say so. There is no "Jerry Clarke" on this  
>list, to my knowledge. Or any "Dave Clark," as far as I know.

Fortunately I don't worry too much about spelling mistakes. They don't really matter Jerry. But they are a good distraction technique which you trot out every now and then.

>Whatever.

Whatever (bingo!)

>Try the RB-47 case for starters. From the above, it is safe to  
>infer that you haven't read Brad Sparks's paper on the case and  
>haven't a clue as to what's in it. You're merely expending the

>cyber-equivalent of hot air. Nothing new blowing in that wind,  
>I'm afraid.

Without addressing your silliness Jerry - yes the RB-47 case is interesting. But it 'proves' (sorry Colin) nothing. All the UFO radar cases which have been resolved have been resolved as mundane phenomena, the weight of opinion from radar operators and technicians is that the unexplained ones will also do so eventually.

I'm afraid I have difficulty accepting anything Vlad Sparks comes out with, as we've seen what he tried to do with the Bentwaters 'radar/visual' case ('scare' quotes intended).

>Take it up with those who've actually researched the case, like  
>Brad Sparks and Bruce Maccabee, who know some things you don't  
>and who did more than simply show up for an hour's worth of idle  
>chatter with a journalist. I look forward to the exchange. Maybe  
>you'll do as well in it you did when Cathy Reason tried to talk,  
>er, reason with you. When Sparks and Maccabee bring physics and  
>optics into the discussion, you can call it "gooblydygook" --  
>which could become as all-purpose a phrase as "radical  
>misperception." Congrats, guy.

We can pontificate about McMinwille for ever Jerry. Means nothing. Two pictures. No context. No evidence of anything. Man could have hoaxed them. Others believe he did. Some believe he didn't. Not exactly a case to found a mystery on eh?

As a previously asked you - if you believe it's not a hoax, not atmospheric (how could it be?) and not man-made, yet you still insist of mystery status, what are your personal beliefs about what it may be? Do share.

>To the rest of you patient and gentle Listfolk, I apologize for  
>the time and bandwidth wasted.

I don't apologise Jerry - these exchanges tells us more about your view of ufology than any of your books. And they are cheaper, in all senses of the word!

>Still, one has to feel for poor  
>Andy. We rude colonials just don't know our place, do we? Could  
>Andy be the Yorkshire Colonel Blimp?

Thanks. No and yes.

But before I go Jerry. I again notice that Cracoe and your, uh, 'informant' have dropped off the, uh, 'radar'. So I take it you are no longer interested in discussing that case Jerry? Or if you are let's have your problems and we'll deal with them in painstaking detail.

Now I know you'll be compelled by forces beyond your control Jerry but I can't play until next week. Going to Wales for a few days to visit my girlfriend (famous UK UFO witness and subject of several books - ask your 'informant' Jerry, it's a small world!)

Happy Trails  
Andy  
still amused in Brighouse

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 21:03:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

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>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 10:11:35 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Pilgrims:

Cathy wrote:

>But I am rather disturbed by the implication that one can make  
>statements about the role and extent of misperception in UFO  
>reports without actually knowing anything about how the human  
>visual system actually works. The only definition of RMP that  
>I've so far seen from you is this one:

>By this definition, any misperception that is reported as a UFO  
>is a radical misperception, a definition that is so trivial as  
>to be tautological.

>I simply don't understand how you can hope to distinguish  
>misperceptions that are possible from misperceptions that aren't  
>possible unless you have understand something about how the  
>human visual system actually operates. In the same way, I don't  
>understand how you can make generalizations about the role of  
>misperception in UFO reports without apparently knowing anything  
>about relative probabilities.

Have to be as quick as poss because I'm going away shortly. But RMP isn't strictly limited to UFO type phenomena. You find it in Yeti and ghost research too. In fact from work I've done over the past 20 odd years I'd say most, if not all, mythical and legendary creatures/objects have RMP at their root. If you take the time (Colin did!) to read my paper on the Big Grey Man of Ben McDhui in Fortean Studies you'll find a 'classic' legend which has evolved from the radical misperception of natural phenomena. That this legend still exists and is developing after almost 100 years - even when the root cause is known - says much about how these things develop. It's an article Jerry might also enjoy during those moments when he believes I aren't capable of 'nuanced thinking'. Different stokes Jerry!

I'm loathe to start bandying scientists and authors round as Jerry does as I see no reason to have to justify my research in others' terms just to make it look important. But if you need to read more about RMP from a scientific point of view there is a quite a body of literature available. One book in particular gives several instances of how something can be radically misperceived. In this case a rock as a 'Yeti'. I think the book in question is:

Dr Helen Ross, Behaviour and Perception in Strange Environments, George Allen & Unwin, London, 1974.

Obviously though we disagree Cathy - which is fine. But as I've said to Jerry elsewhere I've spent over 20 years seeing RMP as an originating force within the UFO phenomenon. It can be demonstrated, defined and proved. It happens over and over again. No other theory fits the majority of evidence so well. That people don't like it or in Jerry's case don't like it and

can't accept it, doesn't lessen its impact on the subject. When someone comes up with a better theory and shows us UFO cases which have been resolved using it I'll change my mind.

Happy Trails  
Andy

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 21:04:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 20:26:58 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

OK, John. Once again, we have reached a stalemate. Let's agree to disagree.

But before we continue with our lives, let's get some benefit for the Truth, whatever it is. Can you clarify the differences between Brookesmith's version and yours?

I also note that you did not take the bait. Whatever happened to the Dust Bunny experiment?

Yours,

Luis R. Gonz=Ellez Manso

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## Re: Nine Beeps - Gates

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Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 14:41:46 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 21:06:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Nine Beeps - Gates

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 19:35:59 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Nine Beeps

>Two weeks ago I woke and found that my digital answering machine  
>had recorded nine evenly spaced beeps. Somehow these were  
>recorded onto the memory chip without anyone calling; the phone  
>never rang.

>The spooky part is that I intuitively knew there would be nine  
>of them before bothering to count them. The phone has never done  
>this before except once, months ago, and I erased the "message"  
>before bothering to count the mystery beeps. I don't know if  
>there were nine of them then or not, but I have a strong feeling  
>there were.

Hi Mac,

What about the theory that you were getting a coded msg from say  
ET... Just don't follow the voices in your head..... :)

Actually, contact the manufacturer of the machine. You could  
find that it is some kind of defect, or brought about by certain  
circumstances.

Cheers,

Robert

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 8

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 21:13:25 -0500  
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 8

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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UFO ROUNDUP  
Volume 8, Number 8  
February 19, 2003  
Editor: Joseph Trainor

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

COLUMBIA DISASTER CAUSE  
IS STILL UNKNOWN

The cause of the space shuttle Columbia's catastrophic breakup during reentry into Earth's atmosphere on Saturday, February 1, 2003, is still unknown, but the NASA inquiry board is focusing attention on some probable scenarios.

"A preliminary analysis concludes that searing-hot air found its way into the shuttle Columbia's left wing before the shuttle broke apart, NASA officials said Thursday," February 13, 2003.

"Investigators still have to determine how the outside of the shuttle was penetrated. But temperature hikes shown by sensors in the left wing mean that superheated air burned or seeped through the shuttle's aluminum skin. Any intrusion by this superheated air, or 'plasma,' during reentry would be catastrophic."

"A cocoon of plasma envelops the shuttle when it reenters the atmosphere. The air measures 2,000 to 3,000 degrees (Fahrenheit). The shuttle's outside is armored with a heat shield. But the inside can't withstand such heat. The analysis makes it less likely that heating of the shuttle's aluminum skin alone caused Columbia to be destroyed, NASA spokesman James Hartsfield said."

"Since the loss of Columbia and its seven-member crew Feb. 1, engineers have sought to explain temperature rises measured during the shuttle's last moments. Sensors in or near the shuttle's left wheel well showed rising temperatures between 8:52 a.m. ET (Eastern time) and 8:59 a.m., when controllers lost contact."

(Editor's Note: At 5:52 a.m. Pacific time (8:52 a.m. Eastern time), Columbia was flying over California when it was apparently struck by some kind of energy bolt, a phenomenon photographed by an amateur astronomer in San Francisco. See UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 7 for February 12, 2003, "Columbia destroyed by weird energy bolt," page 1.)

"'You'd have to have a breach and plasma flow...to create that temperature trend,' Hartsfield said."

"Hartsfield cautioned that engineers must double-check the analysis. But they are studying how the plasma might have flowed inside the left wing."

"Possible breach points include:"

"The front or 'leading' edge of the shuttle's left wing. Some experts have speculated that this area may have been damaged when insulation from the shuttle's fuel tank hit the wing during launch" on January 16, 2003.

"An open landing-gear door or a leak in the door's

seal. One sensor showed Columbia's left landing-gear was down 26 seconds before contact with the shuttle was lost. But two other sensors showed the gear hadn't deployed. The drag on the shuttle's left wing was lower than would be expected if the gear had deployed, Hartsfield said."

"About seven minutes before the shuttle lost contact at 8:59:32 a.m. ET (Eastern time), the first unusual sensor reading appeared. It showed increasing heat in a hydraulic line near the left landing gear. Other nearby hydraulic temperature sensors quickly followed suit."

"Though the temperature increases were not severe, NASA concluded they could have come only from a break in the skin on the left wing. It appears that the break was relatively small at first because the shuttle flew normally until just before it broke up."

"It's really a function of how much plasma is getting in," said Ashley Emery, an engineering professor at the University of Washington state.

"Over time, the plasma would create a bigger breach."

"Eventually, the hole gets bigger and bigger and it gets critical--it starts to go really fast," said John Hansman, an aeronautics and astronautics professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology."

While many at NASA dismissed the "weird energy bolt" as a glitch in the amateur astronomers Nikon 880 digital camera, some scientists wondered if the shuttle might have been struck by little-known electrical phenomena of the high atmosphere.

"Red sprites are electrical discharges in the upper atmosphere. They occur over thunderclouds and have been considered to pose less than a 1-in-100 risk to the shuttle. Some rainstorm clouds did appear over northern California during reentry last Saturday," February 1, 2003, but no lightning was reported on the ground, says atmospheric scientist Walter Lyons of FMA Research in Fort Collins, Colorado."

"Blue jets are upward lightning strikes. In 1998, Lyons and a team of scientists reported one that was sparked by a meteor."

"The safety implications are just a gaping hole in our knowledge," he says."

"Meanwhile, Lyons says, scientists are still discovering unexplained phenomena" in the high atmosphere. 'We're nickle-and-dimeing to do our research,' he says, 'And there is all sorts of electrical foolishness going on up there that we still don't know anything about.'" (See USA Today for February 14, 2003, "Searing air got inside shuttle," page 1A, and "Plasma breach doesn't answer shuttle mystery," page 17A; for February 12, 2003, "Tapes show NASA actions when Columbia was lost," page 4A; and February 7, 2003, "Upper atmosphere may hold clues in Columbia mystery," page 6A. See also the Orlando, Fla. Sentinel for February 13, 2003, page 1.)

### THREE MYSTERIOUS FIREBALLS SIGHTED IN WESTERN JAPAN

"Observatories in western Japan were inundated by telephone calls and emails reporting UFOs over the islands."

"The massive sighting occurred at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2003, consisting of 'a huge ball of fire' which traveled from west to east across the sky before dividing itself into three fireballs of an equal smaller size and then disappearing simultaneously."

"According to dozens of witnesses, 'the strange object was initially white but, after splitting into three, each new object was a bright yellow and, a little later, a brilliant red.'"

"Scientist Shinya Narusawa of the Nishi Harima Observatory in Hyogo prefecture, commented, 'We received dozens of reports of a strange phenomenon over the city of Tanegashima, in Nagasaki prefecture, and also in Fukuoka and Kitakyushu.'"

"Scientists speculated that it might be a very large meteor that broke up as it entered Earth's atmosphere and then plunged into the Pacific Ocean. Japanese ufologists promised 'a detailed investigation of the event.'"

Tanegashima is on Japan's Kyushu Island, located about 600 kilometers (360 miles) southwest of Tokyo, that national capital. (See the Japanese newspaper Mainichi Shinbun for

February 7, 2003. Many thanks to Angela Tarohachi for forwarding this newspaper article.)

UFO FLAP REPORTED IN  
NORTHERN PERU

She's back! Jelu, the wardrobe-challenged "space princess" who occasionally pops up in South America, has a new playground--the department (state) of Piura in northern Peru.

According to Giorgio Piacenza, UFO Roundup correspondent in Peru, the network Television Panamericana - Canal (Channel) 5 in Lima, the national capital, "aired a 15-minute special report on Sunday evening, February 2, 2003. The towns of Chulucanas and Piura La Vieja in the department of Piura in northern Peru have been having recurring multiple-witness UFO events since October and November 1999. Some of these have been filmed and videotaped."

Television Panamericana broadcasted short clips from half a dozen home videos, interspersing these with interviews with UFO witnesses in Piura. The videos showed luminous UFOs at night. But there were also daylight videos of silver discs and spheres hovering over the oasis, the Rio Chira, the Plaza Mayor in Piura La Vieja and the outlying village of Tamarindo, before darting away at dazzling speed.

The "Jelu sighting" was in Tangarara, between Piura La Vieja and Sullana. Eyewitnesses claim to have seen "a beautiful woman with wild golden-streaked chestnut-colored hair wearing a golden tanga (Brazilian string bikini--J.T.) with little silver stars embroidered beneath the waistband." The entity reportedly appeared when "strange flashing colored lights appeared over the tile rooftops" of Sullana.

Piura La Vieja is on the Panamerican Highway approximately 476 kilometers (285 miles) north of Lima. (Muchas gracias a Giorgio Piacenza y Monica Gaetano de Silva para esos informes.)

(Editor's Comment: Jelu is the only ET I know who turns alien invasion into a fashion statement.)

UFOs REAPPEAR IN NORTHERN  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

On Monday, February 3, 2003, at 8 a.m., a man working at the Houston Forest Products lumber yard in Houston (population 3,934), a town in Canada's northern British Columbia province, had a UFO encounter.

According to Canadian ufologist Brian Vike, Houston Forest Products is one of the two large sawmills in the town, and the witness "was operating a heavy machine in the log yard when an 'extremely' bright yellow/orange light caught his attention. The light was coming from the north side of Peacock Mountain, which is at the south end of the company's property. There was a low-lying fog in the valley that morning. After he saw the intense light, he saw what he first thought was a helicopter but wondered why it had such a bright light on it. Then after a couple of seconds went by, he thought it couldn't be a helicopter due to the (large) size of it."

"The UFO was two kilometers (1.2 miles) away on the side of Peacock Mountain, either hovering or 'on the ground' for approximately 40 seconds. The witness said the colour of the object was a light gray/white. And the colour was changing, almost as if it were translucent. The craft was oval in shape with this bright yellow/orange light dead center at the bottom. As the witness was watching it, it rose up a little and flew to the south, heading for the top of Peacock Mountain. Before it even came close to the top of the mountain, it completely disappeared, or, as they say, 'blinked out.'"

Twelve hours later, at precisely 8:10 p.m., there was a sighting at Canfor, the other large sawmill in Houston, B.C. "A Canfor employee who runs a trackmobile at the sawmill was moving around (wood) chip cars on company property. He said he climbed down off the machine he was operating and switched over to another (rail) track, when an extremely fast object, or for a better word, three bright, hazy, blue/white lights came out of the north and disappeared to the south. The witness said, 'Everything happened too

fast,' and he could not make out any outline of what he was seeing. He said the three lights were in a triangular formation. He mentioned the lights were not that high above him, but had to be high enough to clear the mountains to the south of the Morice Valley, which are 2,000 to 3,000 feet (600 to 900 meters) high."

On Monday, February 10, 2003, a witness in Duncan, B.C. (population 4,583) "was walking his dog in the park when he observed a circular object with what he described as 'a ring of fire' around it. His dog was going completely nuts (crazy) while the event was going on."

Asked how far away the UFO was, the witness replied, "'Maybe four to six city blocks away, up in the sky.'" He also said the ring which surrounded the object would twirl around the main body of it. There were a number of colours coming from it such as blue, green, etc. It would move up and down. When it got down to the cloud cover, the colour changed to an orange. The chap also said that the object seemed to take its time moving up and down. The witness's dog at the time actually took a bite at its owner's foot, as it was frightened of what was going on. There was no sound heard from the object. He estimated that the UFO 'was the size of a dinner plate at four to six blocks away.' The sighting lasted for five minutes before the object disappeared." (Many thanks to Canadian ufologist Brian Vike for these reports.)

HOVERING ORANGE FIREBALL  
SEEN IN MANITOBA, CANADA

On Wednesday, February 12, 2003, at 10:30 p.m., a woman in Selkirk (population 9,885), a city in Canada's Manitoba province "was at her son's house in East South Selkirk. She took the dog outside for a walk and, while looking up at the stars, this witness noticed an orange-coloured ball with a short tail. The sighting lasted for approximately five to six seconds."

"She went on to say (that) right after watching it for about four seconds, the one fireball broke into two. It was only a second or two after seeing it break up that both objects disappeared."

Selkirk is 20 miles (32 kilometers) north-northeast of Winnipeg, the provincial capital. (Many thanks to Canadian ufologist Brian Vike for this report.)

READER FEEDBACK:

NO MEDIA MENTION OF SPACE  
SHUTTLE COINCIDENCES

Joan Clare writes, "Hello, Joe. Yes, I have noticed these coincidences (see UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 7 for February 12, 2003, "Strange secrets of the space shuttle Columbia," page 4). I have also noticed the lack of comment on same in the news media. There are none so blind as those who will not see."

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

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## Unscripted Show Gets Legal Papers

From: Kelly Peterborough <[kellymcg@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymcg@attcanada.ca)>

Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:28:43 -0500

Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 21:16:32 -0500

Subject: Unscripted Show Gets Legal Papers

Source: The Los Angeles Times

<http://www.latimes.com/la-fi-scifi17feb17,0,1971277.story>

February 17, 2003

Unscripted Show Gets Legal Papers

An unwitting participant in 'Scare Tactics' sues, claiming real-life trauma.

By Sallie Hofmeister, Times Staff Writer

The Sci-Fi Channel seems to have reached the outer limits of "reality" TV.

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The trouble is, one of the witnesses contends she suffered real-life trauma from her experience and says she was hospitalized several times as a result of a prank involving an "extraterrestrial murderer."

The resulting lawsuit underscores the growing risks - and expense - of television's genre du jour, particularly when these unscripted programs involve everyday citizens who haven't signed up for any role on the small screen.

In a lawsuit filed Friday in Los Angeles County Superior Court, L.A. resident Kara Blanc claims she suffered emotional and physical trauma when the cable channel and other co-conspirators allegedly abducted her and forced her to witness a staged homicide by an "alien" that she thought was real.

Blanc said she was led to believe by the organizers of the show, some of them allegedly using fictitious names, that she had won an invitation to an exclusive Hollywood party at a Southern California desert resort. She said she was traumatized after the car taking her to the party stalled along a remote stretch of desert and she was told by the people accompanying her, who are named in the suit as actors on the show, to run for her life into a nearby canyon to escape harm by an alien attacker.

The Sci-Fi Channel could not be reached for comment. Lawyers representing Blanc did not return a phone call Sunday.

Named as defendants in the case are the Sci-Fi Channel, two actors who staged the prank and the two creators of the show, Scott Hallock and Kevin Healey, and their production companies. Hallock and Healey were executive producers of NBC's 2001 summer staged-reality hit "Spy TV," which used hidden cameras to film comical pranks.

"Scare Tactics," hosted by Shannen Doherty, former star of "Beverly Hills 90210," is the Sci-Fi Channel's first program



using hidden cameras. The show is part of the network's strategy to broaden its audience beyond the "Star Trek" crowd, building off its recent success with "Taken," a miniseries by Steven Spielberg that broke cable ratings records.

The lawsuit is one of a growing number of complaints filed against networks and TV producers by consenting - and in this case, non-consenting - contestants. TV networks have increased their reliance on unscripted series such as "Fear Factor," "Survivor" and "Joe Millionaire" because they are cheaper to produce than serial dramas and comedies. But the risks associated with some of these reality programs are starting to exact a toll, as insurance premiums rise and lawsuits proliferate.

Shows involving hidden cameras present a particularly slippery slope because contestants do not sign release forms consenting to be part of a TV show. A fitness trainer, for instance, sued the Pax Network after being tricked at an Arizona airport into lying down on an X-ray conveyor belt for a security check before boarding his plane. His leg jammed and was injured during the process. He emerged from the machine to discover that he had been filmed as part of an updated version of the 1960s TV show "Candid Camera."

For her part, Blanc said she was hospitalized several times because of the alien prank, missing work and incurring medical costs for unspecified physical injuries and psychological trauma. Her lawsuit charges the defendants with negligence, invasion of privacy, assault, false imprisonment and fraudulent misrepresentation. It also seeks to enjoin the defendants from airing the videotapes in which Blanc said she was victimized.

Her lawsuit also requests that the court stop the producers from engaging in "the unfair, unlawful and fraudulent business practice of surreptitiously recording the traumatized reactions of any other persons in the future."

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## Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Murray

From: **Marty Murray** <[mmurray31@cogeco.ca](mailto:mmurray31@cogeco.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 18:14:23 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 21:21:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Murray

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 08:37:35 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art

>>From: Diego Cuoghi <[diego.cuoghi@tin.it](mailto:diego.cuoghi@tin.it)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 14:21:51 +0100  
>>Subject: UFOs In Ancient Art

<snip>

>>I want to point out my web pages about "UFO in ancient art". I  
>>think I found explanations for many of the famous UFO in art  
>>cases: Uccello's Tebaide, Crivelli's Madonna and Annunciation,  
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>>[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte\\_UFO.htm](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO.htm)

<snip>

Mac Tonnies wrote:

>Congratulations on what is obviously a very well-done site. I  
>just wish I spoke Italian so I could read more of the  
>explanations!

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I agree, Diego. The site is excellent and you have done a very  
good job. Like Mac, I wish I could read Italian. You must get  
this all translated into English

Marty

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## Sleep Terrors Not So Alien

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Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 21:27:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 21:27:02 -0500  
Subject: Sleep Terrors Not So Alien

[http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,5478,6004946%255E663,00.html](http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,6004946%255E663,00.html)

19 February 2003

Sleep Terrors Not So Alien

DENVER - They have terrified those who experience them and baffled those who investigate them.

But alien abductions - along with ghosts and other paranormal visions that have spooked mankind for centuries - have a simple explanation, scientists are claiming.

A study suggests that visits from aliens and night-time ghostly encounters all result from a surprisingly common sleep disorder.

Professor Richard McNally said his research suggested a condition called sleep paralysis can account for many types of paranormal experiences.

In a study of those who claimed to have been abducted by aliens, he found all suffered from the condition.

In sleep paralysis, victims begin to awake from deep sleep and become partially conscious of their surroundings but remain paralysed.

Crucially, dreams can still intrude into their consciousness, appearing to be genuine experiences.

"Almost one in three of us will have episodes of sleep paralysis at some stage in our lives," Professor McNally told a science conference.

One in 20, he added, experience sleep paralysis and vivid hallucinations. Professor McNally, of Harvard University, tested 10 adults who claimed to have been abducted by aliens and a similar number of people who did not.

"Crucially, the people who claimed they had been abducted had all had an episode of sleep paralysis," Professor McNally said.

How people interpreted this experience depended on their culture, Professor McNally added.

"Sleep paralysis ... has been reported in many different ways in many different cultures throughout history," he said.

"In Newfoundland, it's called being visited by the 'old hag'. In the southern US, it's being 'ridden by the witch'. In the Middle Ages, it was interpreted as being visited by agents of the Devil.

In Massachusetts, it's being taken up in a space craft and molested by aliens."

[UFO UpDates thanks [www.http://anomalist.com](http://anomalist.com) for the lead]

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## Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:50:48 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 10:49:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Bowden

>From: Diego Cuoghi <[diego.cuoghi@tin.it](mailto:diego.cuoghi@tin.it)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 14:21:51 +0100  
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>Unfortunately the pages are in Italian with some sentences in  
>English, but I think the meaning is very clear.

>In the last page I put the pictures I made two weeks ago in  
>Florence, at the "Madonna with Child and Little Saint John", one  
>of the most known UFO-paintings:

>[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte\\_UFO\\_5.htm](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO_5.htm)

Diego,

My impression after looking at the pictures is that it would  
take a good deal of explanation to convince me that the objects  
pictured were NOT UFOs of some type.

It would be greatly appreciated if your arguments could be  
presented in English. The only Italian I know are the words to  
some art songs I learned to sing many years ago, and that  
vocabulary would hardly help me understand your arguments.

I am particularly intrigued by the work Annunciazione, by Carlo  
Crivelli. It seems apparent to me that the artists was trying to  
represent some sort of communication between the hovering object  
and the woman kneeling in prayer. In this sense, the artist's  
work would seem to transcend verbal descriptions. If one were to  
offer an explanation that the hovering disc-shape object  
represents God in this painting, this conclusion in and of  
itself would be quite controversial.

Thank you for the very interesting post. I am hoping that some  
reader might be willing to translate your paper into English for  
us. If it were in Spanish, I would accept the challenge myself.

Sincerely,

Tom Bowden

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## Re: adical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 20:57:56 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 10:51:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: adical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 18:02:44 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 21:19:01 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Hi, Andy,

>>Try the RB-47 case for starters. From the above, it is safe to  
>>infer that you haven't read Brad Sparks's paper on the case and  
>>haven't a clue as to what's in it. You're merely expending the  
>>cyber-equivalent of hot air. Nothing new blowing in that wind,  
>>I'm afraid.

>Without addressing your silliness Jerry - yes the RB-47 case is  
>interesting. But it 'proves' (sorry Colin) nothing. All the UFO  
>radar cases which have been resolved have been resolved as  
>mundane phenomena, the weight of opinion from radar operators  
>and technicians is that the unexplained ones will also do so  
>eventually.

None of the paragraph above means much of anything, so what's to  
address? The first half of the last sentence is a tautology -  
without which there would be no pelicanists in this world,  
would there? Translation: cases that have been solved have been  
solved. No s\*\*t, Sherlock. The second half of the sentence  
sounds vaguely as if it is meant to communicate something, but -  
to paraphrase - is in fact pure wind. Or, as Woody Guthrie once  
put it memorably, that stew is so thin that even a politician  
could see through it.

The rest of your communication contains even less substance, if  
that's possible. Time to cease taking up the time, patience, and  
bandwidth of patient and gentle Listfolk and go on, if we feel  
so compelled, something else with somebody else. Something that  
might actually go somewhere. Okay?

Still amused, but bordering on bored, in Canby,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Unscripted Show Gets Legal Papers - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 23:00:58 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 11:58:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Unscripted Show Gets Legal Papers - Kimball

>From: Kelly Peterborough <[kellymcb@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymcb@attcanada.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:28:43 -0500  
>Subject: Unscripted Show Gets Legal Papers

>Source: The Los Angeles Times

><http://www.latimes.com/la-fi-scifi17feb17,0,1971277.story>

>February 17, 2003

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<snip>

If this report is true, the producers and the network should be ashamed of themselves. I have no idea why we persist in calling this type of programming 'reality' television, when it's anything but. Shows like this give all of us who work in film and television a bad name.

It may be un-cool, but give me Star Trek anyday, and leave the 'reality' to the evening news.

Paul Kimball

Redstar Films Limited

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## Re: Nine Beeps - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 04:43:07 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 11:59:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Nine Beeps - Stevenson

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 14:41:46 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Nine Beeps

>>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 19:35:59 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Nine Beeps

>>Two weeks ago I woke and found that my digital answering machine  
>>had recorded nine evenly spaced beeps. Somehow these were  
>>recorded onto the memory chip without anyone calling; the phone  
>>never rang.

>>The spooky part is that I intuitively knew there would be nine  
>>of them before bothering to count them. The phone has never done  
>>this before except once, months ago, and I erased the "message"  
>>before bothering to count the mystery beeps. I don't know if  
>>there were nine of them then or not, but I have a strong feeling  
>>there were.

>Hi Mac,

>What about the theory that you were getting a coded msg from say  
>ET... Just don't follow the voices in your head..... :)

>Actually, contact the manufacturer of the machine. You could  
>find that it is some kind of defect, or brought about by certain  
>circumstances.

Hi 9 beeps Mac and Robert

9 beeps on an answerphone means your backup battery needs replacing and is an old artifact of programming used on the old chips. I recommend judicious use of a long thick steel pole directed in a very fast downward direction onto the top of said devise repeatedly until the problem is eased. Doing this to mine was advantageous to a high degree and was also very satisfying. If you then pick up the pieces and throw these viciously against a hard wall then extreme satisfaction is achieved. We call it Technological Fight back here in the UK

Maybe ET was somehow responsible for the original hard programming of the chips. We like battered fish and mushy pea's with ours in the UK - best use for em !!

Bring back 'Valves' is what I say.  
We had no problem with those.

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:-)

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 01:43:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 12:06:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Velez

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:34:38 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 20:26:58 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

Hola Luis,

>OK, John. Once again, we have reached a stalemate. Let's agree  
>to disagree.

It's just that we've already been over this same ground, and more than once. Agreeing to disagree is fine by me meng. I'll do anything to avoid a rehash. ;)

>But before we continue with our lives, let's get some benefit  
>for the Truth, whatever it is. Can you clarify the differences  
>between Brookesmith's version and yours?

I thought I did that in my last response to you. (!) Oh well, here's a more detailed response. I hope this answers your inquiry.

1. Peter claimed that my abduction memories were derived from the hypnosis sessions with Budd.

Not so. In fact the opposite is true. I went to Budd with a truckload (lifetime) of conscious recollections. I already explained to you in my first response to you that there were some events where I recalled how it started but not how it ended. And vice versa.

The hypnosis was not 'random' in the sense that Budd was just 'fishing around' looking for experiences. We looked into very specific UFO related events that I had reported to him. The night I was confronted (and ran away from) a UFO, an incident involving hours of missing time, and which landed me in an emergency room the following morning, is a prime example of the kind of events that we used hypnosis to look into. The hypnosis was a tool we used to take a very 'focused' look at specific events. Again, 'events' that I reported to him.

It was my conscious recollections that brought me to Budd. Nobody suddenly decides, out of the blue, to contact an abduction researcher and ask to be hypnotized and investigated. If there were no pre-existing memories, nobody would be motivated to contact an abduction investigator in the first place. Why would anyone bother?

The whole premise behind Peter's 'theory' that abductees only recall 'abductions' via/after hypnosis is flawed. It is the pre-existing set of recollections of -repeated- events involving UFOs and non-human beings that motivates people to seek out researchers. To seek out help.

2. Peter failed to mention (at all) a very long list of

physical manifestations/evidence that I shared with him.  
Including several UFO sightings involving multiple witnesses.

3. When Peter was travelling around conducting interviews for the book, he already knew what tack he was going to take. It was a case of making the facts fit his theory. Anything that didn't 'fit' was ignored, discarded, or simply omitted from his final report.

>I also note that you did not take the bait. Whatever happened  
>to the Dust Bunny experiment?

I have written several posts explaining what happened. The last and most recent was in response to Kevin Randle's inquiry. Please, check the UpDates archive and spare me the task of repeating myself/rewriting the whole thing.

The short version is; I cannot post a report I never received.

Regards,

John

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for disclosure of information pertaining to UFOs.

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 10:17:53 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 12:08:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 10:53:16 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 10:18:37 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>If it's all the same to you, I'd just as soon be left out of  
>>this little dominance struggle you seem to be having with Andy.

>Sorry if you're taking this more seriously than it was intended.  
>If so, I apologize.

>I must point out, however, that this is nothing remotely so  
>heavy as a "dominance struggle", just a tongue-in-cheek  
>exchange. I don't take it all that seriously, and I hope you and  
>Andy don't, either.

>I don't mind anybody's view of UFOs, over which reasonable  
>people can disagree. When somebody insists that his view is the  
>only one any rational person can hold, on the other hand, the  
>temptation to point out otherwise is irresistible. This isn't  
>really anything important enough to occasion anything more than  
>amusement on anybody's part. In short: Lighten up.

This seems to be becoming a pattern with Jerry's posts. He gets  
all aereated over some issue, then whenever he's challenged  
claims that it was all a joke and we should "lighten up".  
However, if anyone else (e.g. The Pelican) makes a joke about  
him he suddenly seems to loose this great sense of humour.

Like Ms Reason, I certainly got the impression that he was very  
determined indeed to challenge Andy Roberts's views on radical  
misperception, but if it is, as he says, "a tongue in cheek  
exchange", why should we take seriously anything he writes in  
future? (copyright Jerry Clark Bingo, 1999-2003)

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: EW: Shuttle Sparks Electro-Physics &

From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 13:05:46 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 12:12:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: EW: Shuttle Sparks Electro-Physics &

>From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 06:59:12 EST  
>Subject: Re: EW: Shuttle Sparks Electro-Physics & Explosions

>>From: Kurt Jonach - The Electric Warrior  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 18:32:43 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: EW: Shuttle Sparks Electro-Physics & Explosions

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

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>>DENVER, CO (Toledo Blade) - A little-known network of listening  
>>devices, used partly to detect rogue nuclear tests, overheard  
>>Columbia's death, recording explosions as the space shuttle  
>>broke apart 39 miles above the Earth. Government researchers  
>>gathered at a scientific conference here confirmed intercept of  
>>the so-called "infrasound" signals during the shuttle's fateful  
>>reentry on February 1.

><snip>

>Could this be the Son of Mogul - the super-secret Son of the  
>rubber-and-tinfoil super-secret Mogul? It sounds like we might  
>have a major leak in our "secrets" system - or isn't Son of  
>Mogul a secret?

<snip>

Hi Dave and all

to add to your data base take a look at:

<http://www.brojon.org/index.html>

which I believe gives the real reason for the lightening effects  
noticed on other posts and I can only wonder what 9 cycles per  
second at high intensity does to us Humans who are 98 percent  
water. Whales beach themselves, so.....

Also does this thing destroy UFO entry's or trap them here  
(Disclosure Project appose the Star Wars thing). If the seas  
are vibrating then the land is also so this could account for  
the upsurge in geomagnetic IFO's we are seeing lately (the  
fuzzy moving light balls and Orb's).

Colin Stevenson

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## Re: Nine Beeps - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 06:20:59 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 12:13:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Nine Beeps - Tonnies

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 14:41:46 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Nine Beeps

<snip>

>Actually, contact the manufacturer of the machine. You could  
>find that it is some kind of defect, or brought about by certain  
>circumstances.

I wondered if it might be some sort of indicator but there's  
nothing in the instruction book about anything vaguely like  
that. I guess the next step is to contact the manufacturer.

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:57:01 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 12:15:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Reason

>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:27:24 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Hi David,

>Having been present 'in the flesh', rather than speaking from  
>the comfort of two decades and several thousand miles  
>separation, I think I am qualified to comment on the  
>'investigation' or lack of in the Cracoe Fell case.

>You are wrong about how long the 'UFO' remaining unidentified  
>being a red herring - this is actually the most important aspect  
>of the saga.

The problem is, it's all so subjective though, isn't it? How important you actually think it is depends on who you are, where you are, how close to the original case you were, and doubtless all sorts of other factors such as what your prior belief systems are, what peer group you happen to be in and what sort of social pressures are acting on your cognitive processes.

The fact that I'd never heard of this case probably doesn't mean very much, but the fact that Jerry and Don had apparently never heard of it either probably does. In the end, it all boils down to argument and subjective evaluation - this case might be representative of UFOlogy in general, or it might be an example of marginal or fringe behavior taken out of context. The fact is, no-one really knows. It's exactly the same kind of thing that happens in mainstream academia when someone asserts that certain mistakes could never have happened at high-class universities, or that certain papers would never have been published in high-status journals.

But even if you were right and it were possible to demonstrate that you were right "completely and convincingly" (to use your own phrase) I still think it would be a red herring - see below.

>In this particular case, the investigating group actually had in  
>their possession the evidence of a local farmer who lived beside  
>Cracoe Fell. He contacted his local newspaper, The Craven  
>Herald, when the photograph was originally published and said  
>they showed a light reflection on the rock, something that was  
>visible all year round but on some occasions brighter than  
>others.

>The investigation group dismissed the farmer's evidence as  
>worthless and continued to promote the case as a genuine UFO -  
> "a structured craft of unknown origin", hovering beside the  
>Fell. The story was published on pg 1 of the Yorkshire Post,  
>then appeared in the London tabloids and was well on the way to  
>becoming a "classic" case, alongside Rendlesham Forest and the  
>rest.

Except that it never got there, did it? That's the problem. You might be right, but it's all speculation because we'll never know what would have happened if this case had stayed "in the system". Perhaps it would have become a classic, perhaps on the

other hand if Andy hadn't solved it, someone else in the increasing circle of people who were becoming aware of it would have.

But even if it had become a classic, I still think that's a red herring - see below.

>Here was a perfect opportunity to "dry test investigation techniques", but in this case ufology woefully failed to ask >even the most basic questions.

Apparently much of ufology had never even heard of it.

>If it was not for Andy Roberts' intervention, and some hard >footwork - this case would now be touted alongside McMinnville >and all the others as "the best evidence" for UFOs.

Still speculation, though.

>How short people's memories really are!

>I remember Andy and another researcher Nigel Mortimer, virtually >camping out on those fells, hoping to reproduce the 'UFO' with a >camera - hardly the domain of 'the armchair ufologist.' And >when the evidence was reproduced on film, and presented to the >group promoting the UFO claims, they simply could not accept the >facts. To the extent that Andy was physically assaulted by one >of the party who had arrived to examine the evidence!

>For around five years they had promoted the case as the best yet >- producing special issues, and case histories, even using it as >the basis of public conferences. They had a vested interest in >the continuing mystery - and did not want the little party >spoilt by the likes of Andy Roberts and his pesky camera.

Well, yes. Andy and Dave, welcome to the world of academia.

I remember saying a while ago on this List that Ufology exhibited the same kind of politics and sociodynamics as mainstream academia, but in a much more raw and undisguised form. I haven't personally known a situation where academics have resorted to physical force to protect their respective intellectual icons, but I've known plenty of situations where a screen of politeness and urbanity concealed a depth of vitriol and viciousness to equal anything in UFOlogy.

Remember that academia works largely by consensus - there can be disagreement, but usually there are strict limits set on exactly what there can be disagreement about. Once academics start trespassing on each other's fiefdoms, then factional infighting sets in - communication decreases, confrontation increases, and the result is a turf war over intellectual property. (Sound familiar at all?)

>But after all the huffing and puffing, and tears before bedtime, >by 1986 when the group had 'seen the light' for themselves, they >reluctantly accepted that Andy was right all along.

Been there, seen that, more times than I can count.

>The fantastic 'Cracoe Fell UFO' suddenly disappeared from the >magazine, and the people who were promoting it as 'the best case >yet' moved on to find another 'best case'. The case that had >generated thousands of words and polemic against those nasty >sceptics and debunkers was never mentioned again.

>So when Jerry Clark claims that Andy is 'exaggerating' and >'making it up', my reaction is simply to fall about laughing.

>I was there. I saw the whole performance, and watched in >amazement as - like a magic trick - the Cracoe Fell case >unravalled itself in front of my eyes. This, I thought at the >time, was Ufology in a microcosm.

Maybe - but if so, it's also academia in a microcosm. If you haven't seen it yet, you will - unless you spend your entire academic life being obnoxiously docile and well-behaved. ;-)

>Nearly two decades later, I now realise that we are just >watching the same magic trick being performed over and over

>again, in ever more complicated circumstances.....

Now this is why I think it's all a red herring.

You might be right (although I very much doubt it) but, the thing is, you haven't demonstrated it. In the end, what you've given here is a subjective evaluation - which you're completely entitled to, of course, but that's all it is. Even if you were absolutely right about Cracoe Fell, and that could be shown definitively, there is still a problem.

The problem is the one I mentioned a few days ago in my post about the spinning saucers - it has to do with relative probability. When you're looking for statistically rare events, false positives - IFOs classified as UFOs, in this instance - are not just a risk, they're an inevitability. For an event with a frequency of one in a hundred occurrences, being detected with 90% accuracy, you would expect to get on average eleven times as many false positives as true positives. This is true for all kinds of detectors and observers, including human ones - it makes no difference how the detector works since it's a statement about outcomes, not internal workings.

Obviously the exact numbers vary depending on the frequency of the event to be detected and the accuracy of the detector - and there is another complication, which is that detectors almost never have neat symmetrical properties in the way I've assumed. In practice one can draw a curve, called the Receiver Operating Characteristic or ROC, which defines how many false negatives a given detector will produce for a given number of false positives. The fewer false positives, the more false negatives, and vice versa.

In other words it's a subjective judgement (again!) exactly how one determines the accuracy of the detector.

But it amounts to the same thing - for nearly all realistic situations, false positives are an inevitability, and for statistically rare events, there will be more of them for a given accuracy of detector. One can eliminate false positives almost entirely, but at the cost of allowing an even larger number of false negatives - or, of course, vice versa.

This isn't ivory tower stuff. It applies to real situations, such as radiologists examining mammograms for breast-cancer screening - which I myself have worked on. And the take-home lesson is that you absolutely cannot deduce anything about the frequency of statistically rare events from the number of false positives alone - and that however we might sometimes feel we can, it's an illusion (in fact, an example of a pattern-completion illusion, something the brain is especially prone to).

There's another lesson in all this - and that is that individual differences in the number of false positives generated by a particular observer do not mean that some observers are necessarily more accurate than others. It may be that they are all equally accurate - in the sense of having more or less the same ROC - but that each is using a different false positive/false negative criterion. This is something to bear in mind when we start cross-comparing investigators, be they UFOlogists, radar technicians, academic consultants or whoever else - any given investigator is only as reliable as the assumptions they make.

One last thought - this excessive significance which is attached to the issue of false positives is almost certainly affecting the politics of the UFO problem in a fundamental way. Given the amount of importance attached to even one example of a false positive (IFO classified as UFO) the political incentive for UFOlogists to brush the whole issue of false positives under the carpet is obvious.

In other words, by attaching excessive significance to the existence of false positives, you and Andy may be generating exactly the kind of collective denial which you (and I) believe is so damaging.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 07:47:59 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 12:17:15 -0500  
Subject: Nine-Beep Mystery Solved?

Thanks for those of you who wrote to me privately to offer possibilities for the weird nine beeps on my answering machine.

It turns out that some answering systems (even modern ones like mine that tell you repeatedly in a human voice if your backup battery is low) rely on some old-fashioned chips that emit nine beeps as a periodic low-battery notification. This isn't mentioned in the instructions - presumably because the manufacturers aren't especially eager to tell you they're using old, off-the-shelf parts.

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:57:22 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 12:19:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Hall

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:44:29 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 15:58:17 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>>Hold on, please. Name one law of physics that bars such things  
>>>from being possible using that portion of physics humanity has  
>>>yet to discover.

>Well, by definition, if there is a portion of physics humanity  
>has yet to discover, we do not know if it bars such thing from  
>being possible or not, doesn't we?

>I always remember a short SF story about the scientific "cover  
>up" of their findings about hyperspace. It resulted that the  
>"light barrier" was even lower in that other Universe!

>>Besides, the physics of the second half of the 20th century  
>>accepted a multiple-dimensional reality for our universe to best  
>>explain certain puzzling observations we could not understand  
>>otherwise. Interestingly, Canadian flying saucer researcher  
>>Wilbert B. Smith who wrote 'The New Science' with the help of  
>>the "Boys Topsy", and also the Bible, both make references to  
>>12 dimensions of reality too.

>Something similar said those glorious Ummites. Does the  
>similarities (even if the last time I look, string theories seem  
>to be a little bit discredit) mean that they are also real  
>aliens?

>Good Doctor Asimov wrote about the why and wherefores of those  
>scientific limits much better than I can never try

Luis,

I am going to piggyback on this post to comment on something you  
seem not to be considering in your various comments about the  
Linda case. To Greg Sandow you even said that the fact that the  
event was witnessed was not relevant! Surely that fact (if  
valid) indicates an objective reality to the event.

However, my main point is this: Heinlein, Asimov, and the other  
SF "greats" clearly represent some of our most creative and  
imaginative writers (though I am personally not a big fan of  
SF). A vast SF literature exists in which they have imagined and  
written stories about almost anything imaginable that might be  
possible and might actually occur eventually. Under these  
circumstances, it would be very surprising if some (obviously  
select and not broadly representative) elements of one or more  
SF stories did not resemble some elements of abductions. If  
you pursue this logic, you can use resemblances to SF to  
discredit just about any anomalous data in any area. A very  
useful, but illogical, technique.

- Dick

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## Balloons Not UFOs

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Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 11:50:16 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 12:21:13 -0500  
Subject: Balloons Not UFOs

Dear Friends of INEXPLICATA,

Researcher Luis Eduardo Pacheco from Argentina has kindly given us another "heads-up" regarding atmospheric balloon launches which will undoubtedly unleash an entire wave of misidentified UFOs.

"Aside from the Ultra Long Duration Balloon or ULDB," writes Pacheco in his e-mail, "to be launched by NASA momentarily from Alice Springs, and which will circumnavigate the world barring any unforeseen events, France's CNES is returning to South America with its MIR balloons, the true "masters of deception" when it comes to producing UFO reports."

"I do not yet have confirmed dates, but it is very likely that this week will witness the launch of the first of these balloons under the HIBISCUS program. Said initiative has the goal of measuring ozone concentrations in tropical regions and obtaining data aimed at validating several instruments aboard the ENVISAT satellite."

"The launch site," Pacheco continues, "shall be the same one used in the 2001 campaign: the balloon launching field belonging to the Instituto de Pesquisas Meteorologicas de la Universidade Estadual Paulista outside Bauru, Brazil. As you may recall, between November 2000 and April 2001, the Southern Cone experienced a veritable "flap" of sightings caused by these devices.

"Historically, the MIR series has been responsible for several famous cases of UFO misidentification, most notably the July 22, 1985 sightings in Zimbabwe (resulting in ZAF interceptors being scrambled); August 17, 1985 (a mass sighting in Santiago de Chile, related to the "Friendship Island" myth); and September 17, 1985 (a massive sighting over Buenos Aires Province)."

"It is therefore likely," he concludes, "that we will have UFO sightings similar to the ones we experienced exactly two years ago."

We wish to thank Mr. Pacheco for keeping us informed about these developments, and for keeping an eye out for those pesky IFOs.

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 11:35:02 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:52:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 10:17:53 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 10:53:16 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>>From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 10:18:37 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Sigh, John,

>>I don't mind anybody's view of UFOs, over which reasonable  
>>people can disagree. When somebody insists that his view is the  
>>only one any rational person can hold, on the other hand, the  
>>temptation to point out otherwise is irresistible. This isn't  
>>really anything important enough to occasion anything more than  
>>amusement on anybody's part. In short: Lighten up.

>This seems to be becoming a pattern with Jerry's posts. He gets  
>all aereated over some issue, then whenever he's challenged  
>claims that it was all a joke and we should "lighten up".  
>However, if anyone else (e.g. The Pelican) makes a joke about  
>him he suddenly seems to loose this great sense of humour.

I appreciate your endorsement of my sense of humor. The Pelican, whose real name we all know, does "loose [my] great sense of humor" on those occasions, admittedly sporadic, that I read him. He does, as John indicates, make me laugh, though possibly not for the reasons he intends.

Speaking of patterns:

I'm in the process of rebuilding my office, after moving. In the refiling operation, I'm going through masses of material, including issues of Magonia. It's become a running joke with me. Virtually every issue of Magonia or its satellite bulletin I pick up slams me. I'll bet my name appears more often in that publication than anybody else's. The Magonia folk are positively obsessed with me. I'm their own personal Great Satan (admittedly, being an American, and an American ufologists besides, helps here). I guess I should be flattered, and it does loose my sense of humor. But jeez, guys, get a life. And a sense of humor and proportion while you're at it.

>Like Ms Reason, I certainly got the impression that he was very  
>determined indeed to challenge Andy Roberts's views on radical  
>misperception, but if it is, as he says, "a tongue in cheek  
>exchange", why should we take seriously anything he writes in  
>future? (copyright Jerry Clark Bingo, 1999-2003)

Uh huh.

With amusement,  
Jerry Clark

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## Re: Radical or Ordinary Misperception - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 10:35:05 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:54:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical or Ordinary Misperception - Connors

Blank I certainly cannot, in any manner (nor do I desire to do so), compete with the cross and under currents of the no longer thrilling and excruciating eternal thread of Radical or Ordinary Misperception, but I can whisper that 2 new W. B. Smith lectures have been located.

This brings to 6 the known W. B. Smith recordings.

Wendy Connors

There ya have it, but whadda ya got?

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## Re: The WHY? FILES - Video/Audio Files Added -

From: **Geoff Richardson** <[geoff@thewhyfiles.co.uk](mailto:geoff@thewhyfiles.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 17:51:37 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:56:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: The WHY? FILES - Video/Audio Files Added -

A number of video and audio files have been added to The WHY?  
FILES: Contemporary Radio bulletin - see Roswell

Video files have been added to:

NASA, Astronauts and UFOs,  
Bob Lazar,  
Area 51,  
Phoenix Lights.

Geoff Richardson  
<http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clarke

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 16:00:00 -0500  
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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:57:01 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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Hi Catherine,

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>you are, how close to the original case you were, and doubtless  
>all sorts of other factors such as what your prior belief  
>systems are, what peer group you happen to be in and what sort  
>of social pressures are acting on your cognitive processes.

I most certainly agree with you - but you have fallen into the  
same trap yourself, as follows:

>The fact that I'd never heard of this case probably doesn't mean  
>very much, but the fact that Jerry and Don had apparently never  
>heard of it either probably does.

How subjective is that?

The fact that Jerry and Don, who live in North America, have  
never heard of the Cracoe Fell case, which occurred in norther  
England, settles it as far as you're concerned, in terms of its  
importance.

Don admitted on this List a few days ago that he had only been  
involved in the subject for around 10 years, so it's hardly  
surprising he had never heard of a case that happened in the UK  
in 1981.

This suggests that only those cases which North American  
ufologists recognise are of any significance, and we only need  
to hear what Don and Jerry says to settle this matter. I'm sure  
they would like you to believe that is the case, BUT:

Let's go back in time 20 years and ask the same question, not  
in North America, but in the UK. I can guarantee that just  
about anyone who as remotely involved in the subject during  
the subject during the 80s would have pointed to Cracoe as  
one of the most evidential cases there was at that time, far  
more so than Rendlesham Forest.

If Jenny Randles - probably the most active ufologist in the UK  
at that time - had never heard of Cracoe, I might take your  
subjective assertion seriously. But Jenny was deeply involved in  
the case to the extent that she agreed it should take its place  
alongside Berwyn and Rendlesham as a chapter in our book 'The  
UFOs that Never Were' (London House 2000).

Acres of print was devoted to the case, and the fact that US  
researchers know nothing simply underlines how insular UFOlogy

is in that country, and how different the subject (and its study) is in every country and continent where it appears.

>>Here was a perfect opportunity to "dry test investigation techniques", but in this case ufology woefully failed to ask >>even the most basic questions.

>Apparently much of ufology had never even heard of it.

Apparently you are wrong! Subjectivity strikes again.

>>I was there. I saw the whole performance, and watched in >>amazement as - like a magic trick - the Cracoe Fell case >>unravelling itself in front of my eyes. This, I thought at the >>time, was Ufology in a microcosm.

>Maybe - but if so, it's also academia in a microcosm. If you >haven't seen it yet, you will - unless you spend your entire >academic life being obnoxiously docile and well-behaved. ;-)

On this we are in agreement. But Ufology does not, by and large, behave like academia does. Stick around long enough and you will find out for yourself.

>>Nearly two decades later, I now realise that we are just >>watching the same magic trick being performed over and over >>again, in ever more complicated circumstances.....

>Now this is why I think it's all a red herring.

>You might be right (although I very much doubt it) but, the >thing is, you haven't demonstrated it. In the end, what you've >given here is a subjective evaluation - which you're completely >entitled to, of course, but that's all it is. Even if you were >absolutely right about Cracoe Fell, and that could be shown >definitively, there is still a problem.

Using this criteria all evaluations are subjective ones, including your own, so where does this take us?.

>One last thought - this excessive significance which is attached >to the issue of false positives is almost certainly affecting >the politics of the UFO problem in a fundamental way. Given the >amount of importance attached to even one example of a false >positive (IFO classified as UFO) the political incentive for >UFOlogists to brush the whole issue of false positives under the >carpet is obvious.

>In other words, by attaching excessive significance to the >existence of false positives, you and Andy may be generating >exactly the kind of collective denial which you (and I) believe >is so damaging.

But equally, those who attach excessive significance to the existence of 'UFOs' that have not been identified, provides a incentive to brush the whole issue of your 'false positives' under the carpet.

Collective denial also works in the other direction, as witnessed in the exchanges we have seen on this List. Take your pick, as your choice of direction will inevitably be a subjective one.

This kind of approach is just guaranteed to send us around in ever decreasing circles, I'm afraid.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Tonnies

From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 10:51:25 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 16:02:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Tonnies

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:57:22 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

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>SF stories did not resemble some elements of abductions. If  
>you pursue this logic, you can use resemblances to SF to  
>discredit just about any anomalous data in any area. A very  
>useful, but illogical, technique.

A couple years ago Mars researcher Richard Hoagland unearthed  
View-Master reels about the Martian adventures of "Tom Corbett:  
Space Cadet" and convinced many they reflected "inside  
knowledge" because of their seeming realism!

Not to be outdone, I located an old paperback by Otto Binder  
called "Puzzle of the Space Pyramids": specifically about  
pyramids on Mars, etc. In my opinion, it was a more accurate  
portal of contemporary Mars than "Corbett". And most  
emphatically not because of any sort of Martian "coverup."

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:09:15 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 16:05:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Ledger

>From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:57:01 -0000  
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>>Having been present 'in the flesh', rather than speaking from  
>>the comfort of two decades and several thousand miles  
>>separation, I think I am qualified to comment on the  
>>'investigation' or lack of in the Cracoe Fell case.

>>You are wrong about how long the 'UFO' remaining unidentified  
>>being a red herring - this is actually the most important aspect  
>>of the saga.

>The problem is, it's all so subjective though, isn't it? How  
>important you actually think it is depends on who you are, where  
>you are, how close to the original case you were, and doubtless  
>all sorts of other factors such as what your prior belief  
>systems are, what peer group you happen to be in and what sort  
>of social pressures are acting on your cognitive processes.

Hi David,

Perhaps you or Andy could explain to me why this case was so important to the investigators of the time. If the "object/light" kept re-appearing in the same place over an extended period of time - shouldn't this have tipped the investigators and yourselves to the likelihood of this being a fixed source? Such sources are usually stars, planets, towers, lighted buildings in raised elevations, etc.

Was it the fact because there were two policemen involved that kept this case alive?

Also-how can you claim this was a "RMP" if it took so long for you and Andy to first see the effect of the reflection that you said was a common occurrence for the policeofficer[s] who lived right there. Andy said he staked out the area for some time without seeing anything. That doesn't sound very common to me.

How then does this square with your theory of these RMPs being misidentification of the prosaic if it doesn't occur all that frequently?

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Stanford

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Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 14:36:11 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 16:07:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Stanford

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
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>useful, but illogical, technique.

Excellent point, Richard, even though I personally have doubts  
about the N.Y. case under discussion, after studying it  
carefully.

Using the principle of 'reductio ad absurdum' to Luis R.  
Gonzalez's methodology, we might conclude that the lunar  
missions were hoaxes because Jules Verne presciently, it  
would seem, depicted a launch to the moon from Florida (in his  
'From The Earth To The Moon'), from where the lunar missions  
were launched.

:)

Ray Stanford

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## Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Cuoghi

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Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 21:39:57 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 16:09:43 -0500  
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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:50:48 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art

>>From: Diego Cuoghi <[diego.cuoghi@tin.it](mailto:diego.cuoghi@tin.it)>

>>I want to point out my web pages about "UFO in ancient art".  
>>[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte\\_UFO.htm](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO.htm)

>>Unfortunately the pages are in Italian with some sentences in  
>>English, but I think the meaning is very clear.

>It would be greatly appreciated if your arguments could be  
>presented in English.

My English is not good enough to translate all those pages. I'm  
trying to find someone who can translate the text.

>I am particularly intrigued by the work Annunciazione, by Carlo  
>Crivelli. It seems apparent to me that the artists was trying to  
>represent some sort of communication between the hovering object  
>and the woman kneeling in prayer.

That woman is the Virgin Mary who receives the God's Grace and  
the Annunciation of the Conception of Jesus, as read in the  
Gospel according to Luke:

"At that time the Angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of  
Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin, espoused to a man whose  
name was Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name  
was Mary. And the Angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full  
of grace: the Lord is with thee: Blessed art thou among women.

Who having heard, was troubled at his saying: and thought  
within herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the  
Angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace  
with God: behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt  
bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His Name Jesus."

>In this sense, the artist's  
>work would seem to transcend verbal descriptions.

Yes. But in many ancient paintings of the Annunciation you can  
see golden words in the direction of the Virgin Mary. Example,  
Simone Martini's Annunciation:

[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Martini\\_Annunc\\_part.jpg](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Martini_Annunc_part.jpg)

The rays are a most symbolic way to represent the God's Grace,  
used in hundreds of religious paintings, not only Annunciations.  
A very good book to understand the symbols of the religious art  
is "Dictionary Of Subjects And Symbols In Art" by James Hall  
(John Murray Ltd, London).

In the introduction of this book I read this paragraph by  
Kenneth Clark (please forget my bad translation)

"In the today world people had lost the ability to recognize the  
subjects of the ancient art and to comprehend their meanings.



Now few people read the Greek classics and relatively little those that knew the Bible as their grandfathers had known it. The aged persons today remain dismayed in seeing how many Biblical references are by now incomprehensible to the new generations."

Diego Cuoghi

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What rubbish. I was reading about this case in Jenny Randles's  
NUFON News back in the 1980s, where it was treated as a likely  
to certain misidentification. C'mon, Dave. We're grown- ups  
here.

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>one of the most evidential cases there was at that time, far  
>more so than Rendlesham Forest.

That is an even bigger load of rubbish. Let's see your evidence.  
I know the Birdsall brothers trumpeted this story, but the  
original investigators, such as those associated with BUFORA,  
had this figured out long before.

It's this sort of self-serving nonsense that makes the rest of  
us profoundly skeptical of anything that comes out of you guys.  
The sort of provincial ufology you represent does nobody,  
including yourselves, any good.

Jerry Clark

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### UFO SIGHTINGS CONTINUE HIGH

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. This report includes an: Budget suggests aliens may be in outer space, Connecticut bright object spotted, New York orange fireball, New Jersey flying triangle, Maryland craft hovers over highway, Florida daylight teardrop craft, Indiana bell with lights, Michigan flying triangle, Wisconsin chevron, Colorado boomerang, Washington UFO sightings continue, Canadian fighters chase UFOs, Brazil UFO causes blackout, UK video best ever, Netherlands flashing object, Italy has enormous cylinder, Hungary UFO causes engine to stop, and Australia flash of light. Mars once was wet and warm.

### BUDGET SUGGESTS ALIENS MAY BE IN OUTER SPACE

WASHINGTON -- Proof that life exists outside the boundaries of Earth continues to elude scientists, but President Bush's budget suggests that "space aliens" may be out there. And it could just be a matter of time before they are discovered. In a brief passage titled "Where Are the Real Space Aliens?" Bush's budget document released Monday says several important scientific discoveries in the past decade indicate that "habitable worlds" in outer space may be much more prevalent than once thought. The finds include evidence of currently or previously existing large bodies of water - a key ingredient of life as we know it - on Mars and on Jupiter's moons. Astronomers also are finding planets outside the solar system, including about 90 stars with at least one planet orbiting them. "Perhaps the notion that 'there's something out there' is closer to reality than we have imagined," the passage concludes. Thanks to Ms. Dru Sefton  
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### STRANGE ELECTRIC-BLUE CLOUDS

NASA Science News reports: "Astronauts onboard the International Space Station have been observing strange electric-blue clouds that hover on the edge of space. Thin, wispy clouds, glowing electric blue. Some scientists think they're seeded by space dust. Others suspect they're a telltale sign of global warming. They're called noctilucent or "night-shining" clouds (NLCs for short). And whatever causes them, they're lovely. "Over the past few weeks we've been enjoying outstanding views of these clouds above the southern hemisphere," said space station astronaut Don Pettit during a NASA TV broadcast last month. "We routinely see them when we're flying over Australia and the tip of South America." Sky watchers on Earth have seen them, too, glowing in the night sky after sunset, although the view from Earth-orbit is better. Pettit estimated the height of the noctilucent clouds he saw at 80 to 100 km ... "literally on the fringes of

space." [http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/18feb\\_nlc.htm?aol19367](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/18feb_nlc.htm?aol19367)

Editor's Note: The strange electric blue clouds indicate high levels of electrical energy in space. UFOs are often seen near power stations, over electrical transmission lines, over thunderstorms and near these clouds. UFOs appear to generate vast amounts of energy, but they may need to obtain extra fuel from these various sources. Just prior to the Shuttle disaster cameras captured a glowing purple rope of light that corkscrews down the Shuttle's plasma trail, that appears to pass behind it, then cuts sharply towards it from below. Shuttle instruments almost simultaneously were indicating much higher temperatures at the bottom of the left wing. Similar light ropes have destroyed US missiles in flight. I suggest that UFO expert John Callahan, who was the former FAA Division Chief of Accidents and Investigations be appointed to the NASA accident investigation board for the Columbia. Anomalous plasmas, electrical energy are often reported during various aircraft accidents such as TWA Flight 800. The military continues to require their pilots to report UFOs. Space Command continues to track uncorrelated targets. UFOs may be an unknown natural phenomenon, but in my opinion to ignore them is foolish.

#### CONNECTICUT BRIGHT OBJECT SPOTTED

STAMFORD -- The witness was warming up the car on a cold clear night at 7:54 PM, on February-9, 2003, and he noticed a brightly lit white object that was moving slowly north. I thought it might be a private, single engine plane but there was no sound of prop or engine and the light was unlike any I have seen on any aircraft. After three seconds it disappeared. I stood outside of my car for a few more minutes to see if the object would return but only a small jet with pulsing lights and a prop aircraft flew over, but these were not the same object. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### NEW YORK YELLOWISH ORANGE FIREBALL

BROOKLYN -- The witness woke up at 5:30 AM and looked out his window on February 11, 2003, and saw a light like a star, but it was too close to be a star and very bright. The witness states. "I immediately picked up my camera starting filming, and as I zoomed in closer the object started to change size, its light dimmed then got real bright. I thought it could be a chopper but then suddenly this thing had a shinning ring under it. I could see a shadow or something was flying around it with some other form of lights. It was near the Verrazano Bridge. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### NEW JERSEY TRIANGULAR SHAPED CRAFT LANDS

CHATHAM -- The witness and his friend were walking outside on February 8, 2003, and they noticed a plane flying overhead at 9:15 PM, but didn't think much of it. They went on the opposite sides of the street to test how far their Walkie-talkies could communicate. The witness stated, "I looked up at the sky and the lights reappeared, they were very close to me, and I saw three lights in a triangle type shape and the craft was the same color of the night." At this point I was ecstatic and I started running towards my friend screaming and telling him to look at the object. We saw it start to descend towards an abandoned property that I believe was about a half mile away. It hovered down unlike a plane. Also, the craft was silent. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### MARYLAND CRAFT HOVERING OVER HIGHWAY

BETHESDA/ROCKVILLE -- On January 21, 2003, at 10:55 PM, the witness left work and was unlocking his car door and saw a craft with three lights in a straight line with a blinking light underneath. It was just hovering near the 495 Interstate Highway. Then the craft started to float to the right for a bit and then floated to the left. So I got in my car to see if I could get closer to the craft. The witness reports, "When I got to the main road I paused and saw it hover for a few more seconds, and then it darted away from me at unbelievable speed." Let me remind you that I did not hear any noises, and usually when helicopters and planes are near, I can hear some noise. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### FLORIDA TEARDROP UFO SIGHTED

MIAMI -- The witness report he and his Dad were driving along 88th Street approaching 157 Avenue on February 6, 2003, at 7:51 PM when they looked to the right and noticed, in a near distance, an oval like object hovering over some lights. He states, "At first I thought it might be a blimp, but then I started studying the object and noticed it had an oval shape, but one end was not the same proportion, so it appeared as a teardrop." Thanks to [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### OHIO LARGE ROUND ORANGE BALLS OF LIGHT

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE -- A married couple left Jeffersonville around 9 PM, on February 6, 2003, when a large, orange light appeared in front of them. On the other side of Court House the same light appeared for about four seconds, faded, then another to the right quickly blinked then went out and the light on the left lit up again. About three miles down the road the lights came on again and they pulled over and saw four flying blinking lights on what they thought were planes. They continued driving and, "The lights were a single, strobe-like light on each one, that would blink quickly, then would go off, and then blink slowly." My husband noticed one going left, then stall, and change direction quickly going back to the right." They moved into pairs moving around in the sky going different speeds. They seemed very far away which would make the speed even greater. I've never seen a plane change direction, or speed like these did. At Frankfort we got off to get a better look and two lights lined up. The other two came in and joined the line in the middle of these. Their lights rarely blinked and the two on the outside began a patterned blink. As they flew away 8 to 10 separate lights in a row blinked. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### INDIANA BELL WITH FOUR LIGHTS

CRAWFORDSVILLE -- On January 23, 2003, while traveling west at 65 mph on Interstate 74, the witness noticed three lights with another above. They moved together until mile marker 29, when the craft turned south and flew towards him. The observer states, "This is when I could see a dark bell shape form between the top light and the lower three lights. It continued toward my truck until it was close enough that it was passing over me. I looked and never spotted it again although I noticed another set of lights about three miles away. When these lights got about a half mile north at less than 1000 feet off the ground, all their lights went out for a second or two. Then where the three bottom lights had been there was a sequence of 5 or 6 strobe lights from left to right, twice, then one bright flash from the left end and right end lights. Then nothing, it just wasn't there. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### MICHIGAN FLYING TRIANGLE

WATERFORD -- The witness was looking out his bedroom window on February 9, 2003, at 7:30 PM, and noticed three lights in a triangle. He reports, "I could clearly see the outline of a dark craft that was larger than a semi-truck that moved behind some trees about fifty yards away." There were three steady dull lights kind of like street lights several blocks away. After a few seconds I got up and opened the front window and leaned out from the waist up. There were a few planes in the distance and a small jet like plane following the path of the flying triangle. There were clouds in the sky to the southeast so I could no longer see the craft. I am not sure what it was, but it was large and ominous. Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### WISCONSIN CHEVRON

ALMA CENTER -- The witness was coming home from work at 6:45 PM, on a very cold January 23, 2003, morning and noticed an object flying toward him. The two previous mornings just before sunrise, he had seen a brightly colored moving object off to the west. This morning it was moving closer, appearing and disappearing. He states, "It came to 100 feet from my car and stopped, so I got out of my car and saw a green colored craft with a large frosted white dome on top. It was hovering about 20 feet off the ground." "I could see movement in the dome shape

fixture on top, but only vague shapes were visible, but there was very definitely something or someone in this object. I couldn't believe it and drove off at high speed as I was very scared," he said. The object made a swing above me and flew off to the east. I know what I saw this morning and am very puzzled?

WEYAUWEGA -- On February 1, 2003, at dusk a father reports, "I was filming my son sledding and he pointed up and we noticed some lights coming in from the southwest, so I just pointed the camera up and took some shots of an object that gave me the impression of a balloon with some lights." They seemed to cycle in all different patterns as the object passed almost directly overhead and then headed south towards the train tracks. As the object passed over, I could make out more of a disk shape than a balloon shape. My son asked me over and over what it was and I don't have a clue. Thanks to UFO Wisconsin [ <http://www.ufowisconsin.com/> ] <http://www.ufowisconsin.com/>

#### COLORADO BOOMERANG

FRUITA --The witness was delivering pizza when he saw a boomerang shaped craft that was maneuvering unlike an airplane or a helicopter. It was covered in various colored lights, and had numerous pinpoint lights. It sparkled like a diamond in the light. He reports, "It moved in erratic and figure eight patterns like no known aircraft." It hovered moving in erratic patterns, and would move quickly below the line of sight like it was landing, but then appeared again. The colored lights were brilliant as were the sparkling pinpoint white lights. Airplanes are unable to float in such patterns as this craft. I estimate the body was between 30 to 50 feet in width. [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### CALIFORNIA THREE BRIGHT LIGHTS SEEN IN MANY TOWNS

CORNING -- Witnesses that included siblings, parents, and grandparents from many different towns in the California Valley saw three lights on January 25, 2003. We saw them at first around 6:00 PM, as three circular lights flew in circles. The two dimmer ones followed the brighter one going pretty fast. They flew around until 9:30 PM, when the two brightest ones disappeared. The dimmest one kept going for about ten more minutes before disappearing. We know they weren't planes or anything like that, because we went to different towns to make sure and they were always there and we were too far away for them to be search lights.

SHERMAN OAKS -- Two white-appearing, glowing orbs moved out of the west to the east, on January 25, 2003, at 1:36 PM. They moved slowly about 30,000 feet in parallel formation, then stopped directly overhead. They changed color to red and back to white for twenty minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### WASHINGTON SIGHTINGS CONTINUE

SEATTLE -- Mr. Robert B. Frost, a retired aerospace engineer reports, "At 10:07 PM February 1, 2003, an anomalous signature was recorded on a 3-axis magnetometer. The data was recorded at a one-sample-per-second data rate, with a resolution of one nano-Tesla(nT). The anomalous signature was sinusoidal, with a duration of approximately 50 seconds. Peak to peak magnitude values were: 32nT in X-axis, 40nT in Y-axis, and 11nT in Z-axis. Comparisons were made with other manmade object signatures such as automobiles, aircraft, and trains, none of which matched in wave form, or approached peak to peak magnitude (being less than), or duration (being shorter than). Short term transients caused by solar wind activity are another potential source, but has not been observed creating such symmetric sinusoidal signatures. Solar wind induced variations tend to have more irregular wave forms although peak to peak values of this magnitude do occur." NUFORC reports, "We find the event to be of interest because: 1) It appears to be grossly anomalous, and 2) because the peculiar event occurred approximately 30 minutes before two seemingly credible, and independent, reports of sightings of a large disc-shaped object in the vicinity of Spokane, WA. We invite comment on the event from any parties who might be able to provide an explanation for such a large magnetic anomaly. Thanks to Peter Davenport

SPOKANE -- Judge Ed writes that, "The strange activity of lights



and craft in the Palouse wheat country south of Spokane is continuing." This activity began last February 2002 and has continued on a cyclical basis since that time. I get the definite impression that this activity has evolved during the past year. Initially, most of the activity consisted of iridescent balls of light, generally drifting in various directions, as if looking for something. As time has progressed, it seems that the activity has become much more directed and businesslike. I also get the impression from the variety of lights and craft that I observe, and the manner in which these objects sometimes interact with each other, that there is more than one entity or group involved, and that they do not necessarily like each other.

It also appears that the objects have been modifying their appearance and sound to imitate commercial air traffic. For example, on a night two weeks ago, I videotaped an object flying from the southeast to the northwest over my home and toward Tower Mountain. As it flew over, it looked and sounded very much like a large commercial jet. However, I then watched as it flew near the radio towers -- stop -- reverse direction -- and slowly descend into the tree tops on Tower Mountain! There is also an object which periodically flies over with a distinctive sound that still makes the hair on my arms raise up whenever I hear it. The best way I can describe it is as a mixture of a jet turbine sound, and what sound like rings of hard metal whirring, spinning, and scraping against each other at a very rapid speed. One night it flew over and a houseguest ran upstairs asking, "What was that ?" It has a very strange mechanical sound unlike any other aircraft that I have ever heard. The object also moves quite slowly - I would estimate it is slower than a Cessna 150 at the same altitude, but it is definitely not a helicopter.

Recently, I, also, received a very interesting email from a family that observed a large glowing ball of light in mid-November, 2002, hovering near a lake in Northern Idaho. This location is about 20 miles east of my home. The light was described as huge and initially only about 1/4 mile away. It was quite bright and giving off colors including reds, blues and greens. The light followed the witness in her car for about 10 minutes before swiftly rising straight up, as if "pulled by a string." I thought this report was significant because the witness accurately described the iridescent glowing ball of light that I still see from time to time.

I sometimes see these objects moving around the towers on Tower Mountain. Several photos show movement around and below the towers, clearly in violation of the 1000 foot minimum clearance requirements of FAA regulation. The third photo is of an object actually sitting down in the trees at the base of a tower. I have previously observed a helicopter operating in this area during the day, and I could clearly hear the chop of the rotors. There was NO noise associated with this object, and the photo was taken on a quiet, still evening. The fifth is simply a brilliant object which suddenly rose up from the ground.

The first and second photos show the "flaring" of an object. I have repeatedly observed certain types of objects flare with great intensity when they stop or change direction. I note that this phenomena was described in a 1968 report published by the Rand Corporation entitled UFOs - What To Do." When I read that report, I was quite surprised to note the similarities. I sometimes see more than one object in the sky at the same time, and sometimes they fly toward each other as if they are challenging each other, or "playing chicken." They looked like they were going to crash into each other. The second to final photo is a 5 second time exposure of two blinking objects. Note the variety of colors on the one. Thanks to Ed [estei@qwest.net](mailto:estei@qwest.net).

Ed would like to be contacted by investigators in his area. Many of the photos look like time exposures of aircraft or helicopters, but many remain anomalous and unidentified. The photos can be seen at #7 and #8 [<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/files/2002/index.php>] Filer's Files UFO Center Views

CANADA ORANGE BALL FIGHTERS SCRAMBLED IN THE PAST

INDIAN MOUNTAIN, NB -- It was about 2:10 AM, on February 9, 2003, when my mother called me to look at something out the window with my friend, who was also a witness to a hazy orange



glow. It was a round orange ball in the sky across the road above the treeline. It was not a meteor, but it was bright and light orange; and the edges were a red-orange and brighter. My mother said, there was a half-ring of darker flickering 'fire' on the left side. It was very smooth, with no metal sheen. It was unlike most "UFO" sightings I've read about. It was perfectly solid looking, emitting no glow. Through binoculars, it was a definite sphere. Mom saw the moon nowhere where the orange circle was, high in the air, and white, to boot.

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- Brian Vike had a phone call from a retired pilot who had worked with NORAD and told Brian he knew all about "Flying Saucers." He remembers clearly that he scrambled fighters out of Comox on Vancouver Island in the late 50's, early 60s to intercept an Unidentified Flying Object. They scrambled fighter interceptors because they were tracking strange objects on radar making all kinds of radical maneuvers. The media had been receiving telephone calls from the public who were seeing UFOs so they decided to call the Comox base.

The Commander of the base called the pilot at his home, and said, "Nothing unusual really happened last night" even though media from Vancouver had been making a good number of calls to the base. The pilot said, "I got the message loud and clear!" "Three bags full, Yes Sir" ! So he kept his mouth shut. But later on he talked with other fighter pilots who took photos of the "flying saucers" as they flew beside the objects. Orders came down from the Canadian DND to hand over the camera and film. He also said this went on for years and one didn't talk about it or your career was finished.

#### UFOs CAUSE ELECTRICAL BLACKOUT IN BRAZIL

ATIBAIA -- Investigator Joseph Trainor reports that on February 3, 2003, two silver-plated and spherical UFOs were seen during a blackout over Atibaia, in the Brazilian State of Bay. The sighting happened at 2:30 AM, and was announced by a local radio station claiming the object was zigzagging in the night sky. The UFO emitted shining multicolor lights that totally illuminated the streets of the city. These craft have been seen repeatedly in the mountains of Itapetinga. Thanks to Joseph Trainor UFO Roundup <http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

#### GREAT BRITAIN UFO VIDEO CONSIDERED BEST IN HISTORY

LIVERPOOL -- Eric Morris has apparently taken superb video of three discoidal UFOs near the Liverpool Airport on January 16, 2003. The British group BUFOSC is analyzing the video which is thought to be the best video in the history of the field. The video, made by Morris at 11:50 hours shows three discoidal UFOs making evolutions of Liverpool Airport following an airplane on the approach. Morris indicates that the video will not be presented/displayed World-Wide until making a scrupulous and exhaustive investigation. According to Morris, "This is the best video evidence by BUFOSC and has the best documented UFO of history. Thanks to [bufosc@hotmail.com](mailto:bufosc@hotmail.com) <http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/feb/m12-003.shtml>

#### NETHERLANDS YELLOW/GREEN FLASHING OBJECT IN THE SKY

RENKUM -- On February 10, 2003, when the witness heard a loud bang and when he looked out of my window at 1:15 AM, he saw a green/yellow flashing obstacle moving fast across the sky. He double checked and the object was still there. It was a circle which was flashing in the center of the sky. It moved very fast front left to right and from up to down. It had a very odd appearance and he never saw such a thing like this.

#### HUNGARY UFO CAUSES ENGINE TO STOP

BUDAPEST -- The witness observed a UFO at 9:10 PM, on February 9, 2003, that looked like a big circle. Some friends were traveling in their car when this big flying object appeared above them. He writes, "The engine of the car stopped, and we couldn't hear any sounds, after two minutes there was a strong light, and the object disappeared."

#### ITALY ENORMOUS CYLINDRICAL UFO IS SIGHTED

VENETO --Ufol=F3gico Center National of Italy reports a cylindrical and luminous UFO was sighted between the localities of Monselice and Stanghella, near Tribano. The UFO sighted February 3, 2003, was of great dimensions and displayed a cylindrical form with a metallic appearance. It had multicolored lights and was moving in a north to south direction without making any sound. Finally the UFO continued its quick movements until disappearing over the horizon. Thanks to <http://www.cun-veneto.it/news/tribano200302.htm>

#### AUSTRALIA FLYING TRIANGLE WITH CIRCULAR LIGHTS

BRISBANE -- Standing in my front yard on February 7, 2003, I looked at the sky wondering if I would see a shooting star and a moving object caught my eye at 10:45 PM. I observed three lights in a perfect triangular formation change direction and move quickly across the sky without making a sound. The lights were dim but bright enough to watch as they disappeared over the horizon. I've seen satellites and this object wasn't one. It moved from just above the south western horizon to disappear over the north eastern horizon within 30 seconds. The lights were white in color but quite dull. Just before it disappeared, the object came to a complete halt, remaining perfectly still for about 10-15 seconds. My two dogs were locked up at the time, but when I let them out into the back yard they whimpered and barked at the sky. They have never done this previously.

#### MARS ONCE WAS WET AND WARM

DENVER -- Dr. James F. Kasting, a member of Penn State's NASA-sponsored Astrobiology Research Center says, Mars had to be continuously warmer to form Mars' deep valleys. Recent research suggests that early Mars was cold most of the time and warmed up only when asteroids impacted the planet. "I do not think this is right," said Dr. Kasting, who spoke at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting on February 14. "I do not think there was enough time involved to form the types of features that we see on the Martian landscape." The half-mile to over a mile wide channel at the bottom of Nanedi Vallis is about 100 feet across," says Kasting. "It took millions of years of constant running water to carve the Grand Canyon. It would take a similar time on Mars." The Martian surface could have received 20-30 degrees Fahrenheit additional warming from the greenhouse effect of carbon dioxide ice clouds. Researchers now think that Mars has a supply of water, which is required for all terrestrial life. Evidence of methanobacteria could be found in subsurface fossils or, the bacteria could still be there today. "What we need to do is go and take samples," said Kasting. NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Mission, scheduled to launch later this year, will have two fully capable robotic vehicles that will sample soils looking for signs of life.

Los Alamos laboratory scientist Bill Feldman released the first global map of hydrogen distribution identified by instruments aboard NASA's Mars Odyssey spacecraft and offered estimates of the water stored near the Martian surface. For nearly a year, Los Alamos' neutron spectrometer has been mapping the hydrogen content of the planet's surface by measuring changes in neutrons given off by soil. "It's becoming increasingly clear that Mars has enough water to support future human exploration," Feldman said. "In fact, there's enough to cover the entire planet to a depth of at least five inches, and we've only analyzed the top few feet of soil." The vast water icecaps at the poles may be the source. The thickness of the icecaps themselves may be enough to bottle up geothermal heat from below, increasing the temperature at the bottom and melting the bottom layer of the icecaps, which then could feed a global water table. California Institute of Technology planetary scientists studying new satellite imagery, now think that the Martian polar ice caps are made almost entirely of water ice with just a smattering of frozen carbon dioxide, or "dry ice," at the surface. Thanks to SpaceDaily. A color map is available at: <http://www.lanl.gov/worldview/news/pdf/MarsWater.pdf> online.

Filer's Files for six years has been saying our observations showed water movement on Mars.

#### LETTER ON HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH

Ginnie Estary writes: "After many years of trying to conceive 'just one more baby,' my husband and I gave up and figured we were

blessed with two healthy children. We went about the business of life and raised our two into fine young teens. We concentrated on our careers and were very happy. About 3 years ago, my son was struggling in school and was mentally defeated and was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and prescribed the drug Ritalin. After a while he showed classic signs of Ritalin side effects, i.e. loss of appetite, sleeplessness, mood swings. A friend introduced me to the Isotonix line of vitamins, mainly the OPC-3 and B-12. I began to wean my son from Ritalin with great results. So great that I started my whole family on these supplements.

I also began to take an active role in the health of my family, being more aware of the stress of our work, exercising more, creating a more healthy diet. Then one day last summer I was about to celebrate my 40th birthday, and learned my pregnancy test was an immediate positive. My first Dr.s' appointment, I took my Isotonix line to him and told him I had problems taking pills and wanted to continue on my vitamins. He looked at the contents and told me they looked great! Each day I started off with my Isotonix OPC-3, MultiTech, and Antioxidant. I took Isochrome 3x a week for the chromium because gestational diabetes runs high in my family. I also took the B-12, minerals and calcium every night. I had a wonderful pregnancy. Never a day of morning sickness, and only gained 13 lbs. and had a quick and easy delivery of a healthy beautiful baby girl. I attribute getting pregnant and continuing with a healthy pregnancy to the Isotonix supplement line! Thanks to Ginnie Estary

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SE 117 5-5470		zusammengehalten ... von den
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<a href="mailto:dabrowsa@indiana.edu">dabrowsa@indiana.edu</a>		Sie sind ueberall. -Enzensberger

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## Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Tonnies

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Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 14:27:13 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 10:38:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Tonnies

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 21:39:57 +0100  
>Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art

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>>I am particularly intrigued by the work Annunciazione, by Carlo  
>>Crivelli. It seems apparent to me that the artists was trying to  
>>represent some sort of communication between the hovering object  
>>and the woman kneeling in prayer.

>That woman is the Virgin Mary who receives the God's Grace and  
>the Annunciation of the Conception of Jesus, as read in the  
>Gospel according to Luke:

>"At that time the Angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of  
>Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin, espoused to a man whose  
>name was Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name  
>was Mary. And the Angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full  
>of grace: the Lord is with thee: Blessed art thou among women.  
>Who having heard, was troubled at his saying: and thought  
>within herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the  
>Angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace  
>with God: behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt  
>bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His Name Jesus."

>>In this sense, the artist's work would seem to transcend  
>>verbal descriptions.

So the question to my mind is: Why a "flying disk"?

>Yes. But in many ancient paintings of the Annunciation you can  
>see golden words in the direction of the Virgin Mary. Example,  
>Simone Martini's Annunciation:

[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Martini\\_Annunc\\_part.jpg](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Martini_Annunc_part.jpg)

>The rays are a most symbolic way to represent the God's Grace,  
>used in hundreds of religious paintings, not only Annunciations.

But the rays are coming from a flying disk. That's a  
conjoining of two disparate symbols. I can conceive of a Jungian  
interpretation for this motif, but I still find this painting  
anomalous.

Unless "flying disks" are an element of Christian iconography--  
which, to my knowledge, they're not--I think their presence in  
these paintings demand more than casual "symbolic" explanations.

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 10:42:15 -0500  
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>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 18:11:47 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Now you are playing games again, David.

>Don admitted on this List a few days ago that he had only  
>been involved in the subject for around 10 years, so it's  
>hardly surprising he had never heard of a case that happened  
>in the UK in 1981.

First of all I didn't admit anything to you. In passing I mentioned I'd been formally investigating UFOs for about ten years, actually closer to 13 [and what's wrong with that?], which does not deserve to be interpreted as if you'd found me out somehow. You didn't ask - I offered that information.

>This suggests that only those cases which North American  
>ufologists recognise are of any significance, and we only  
>need to hear what Don and Jerry says to settle this matter.  
>I'm sure they would like you to believe that is the case,  
>BUT:

How am I supposed to investigate cases in the UK? How many have you investigated over here? How many do you even know about in Canada? That above statement is so foolish it's barely worth responding to.

>Let's go back in time 20 years and ask the same question, not  
>in North America, but in the UK. I can guarantee that just  
>about anyone who as remotely involved in the subject during  
>the subject during the 80s would have pointed to Cracoe as  
>one of the most evidential cases there was at that time, far  
>more so than Rendlesham Forest.

Well I for one would expect that it would be of concern to investigators in the UK. Why should it affect me over here? And why are you getting yourself into a "my Cracoe-Fell is better than Jenny's Rendlesham Forest case" situation.

>If Jenny Randles - probably the most active ufologist in the UK  
>at that time - had never heard of Cracoe, I might take your  
>subjective assertion seriously. But Jenny was deeply involved  
>in the case to the extent that she agreed it should take its  
>place alongside Berwyn and Rendlesham as a chapter in our  
>book 'The UFOs that Never Were' (London House 2000).

>Acres of print was devoted to the case, and the fact that US  
>researchers know nothing simply underlines how insular  
>UFOlogy is in that country, and how different the subject  
>(and its study) is in every country and continent where it  
>appears.

You are leaving yourself wide open here David. Do you want me to start asking you questions about Canadian cases you don't know anything about? If you don't how come?

>>>Here was a perfect opportunity to "dry test investigation



>>>techniques", but in this case ufology woefully failed to  
>>>ask even the most basic questions.

Utter bull. Why, because you guys investigated it? I think you  
over estimate yourselves.

>>Apparently much of ufology had never even heard of it.

You got that right Cathy.

>Apparently you are wrong! Subjectivity strikes again.

No, just your ego.

>>>I was there. I saw the whole performance, and watched in  
>>>amazement as - like a magic trick - the Cracoe Fell case  
>>>unravellled itself in front of my eyes. This, I thought at  
>>>the time, was Ufology in a microcosm.

Don't forget your fairies and trolls.

>>>Nearly two decades later, I now realise that we are just  
>>>watching the same magic trick being performed over and  
>>>over again, in ever more complicated circumstances.....

>>Now this is why I think it's all a red herring.

David and Andy would have us believe that they have solved the  
UFO phenomenon. All I'm hear about here, is one case.

Incidentally I mentioned in another post that I found it strange  
that the Cracoe Fell "RMP" case [radical misperception of common  
occurrences, where something seen or experienced perhaps daily  
or in an ordinary sense, is suddenly noticed and perceived to be  
extra-ordinary] was so hard to solve if it was right there in  
front of everyone all those years. It was mentioned that it was  
there for the two cops every day since they lived there and they  
didn't see it. Nor apparently, did the investigators. Why was so  
much time and energy wasted on a fixed light in the sky - or in  
this case what apparently turned out to be the reflection off a  
cliff face?

BTW - David what's your opinion on the Shearwater Naval Air  
Station radar/aircraft/visual case of June 1950 here in Nova  
Scotia?

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 10:44:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clark

>From: Andrew Dabrowski <[dabrowsa@indiana.edu](mailto:dabrowsa@indiana.edu)>  
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>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 17:05:03 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>kind of exasperating watching the exchange between  
>Andy Roberts and Jerome Clark. Both have made good points, but  
>neither can accept uncertainty, so they quickly reach an impasse  
>due to their differing temperaments.

Then you have read me entirely wrongly. My point always has been that we must learn to accept uncertainty. That is exactly why I argue, against Roberts and Clarke, for the term "UFO," which acknowledges uncertainty, and against either "flying saucer" or "radical misperception," both sweeping faith statements for which nothing like the appropriate, question-settling evidence has been demonstrated to date.

Everything I have written on anomalies has argued for tolerance of ambiguity. (See, for one example, "From Mermaids to Little Gray Men: The Prehistory of the UFO Abduction Phenomenon," The Anomalist 9 [Spring 2000], pp. 11-31.) It's Clarke and Roberts's insistence on certainty where it does not exist that I find alternately amusing and exasperating. It certainly is wrong-headed, and I think it is ultimately destructive to productive inquiry.

I urge you to read my thoughts on these subjects beyond ephemeral List postings. Along with my Anomalist essay, a good place to start, if you wish, is the introductory essay to my book Unexplained! (1999). It is an exposition on the uncertainty of knowledge about anomalous experience. For example, there's this:

"What all this [high-strangeness anomalous experience] means ... is impossible to say, though we can be assured that this small consideration will stop no committed debunker or true believer from saying it anyway. The temptations to reductionism (the witness was dreaming it) or occultism (it was a paranormal being from the etheric realm) are hard to resist.... Human nature abhors an explanatory vacuum. Real understanding, on the other hand, demands intellectual modesty and patience, not to mention a huge tolerance for ambiguity.

"... The sincerest testimony to the most bizarre event or entity, even if we deem it accurately rendered, is not enough to remake the world on its own.... Anomalies of the highest strangeness dwell in a twilight zone of ambiguity. To say that you have 'seen' one is not necessarily to say that the anomaly lives on in the world when it is not briefly occupying your vision and scaring the daylights out of you. We may experience unbelievable things, but our experiences of them may tell us nothing about them except that they can be experienced."

This, by the way, is why I also argue that where the UFO phenomenon is concerned, the question of their epistemological status is most conducive to potential resolution through research into CE2s, radar/ visuals, instrumented observations, and the like. I have also written that it may be that possibly

extraterrestrial visitation will turn out to be the cause of such phenomena, but so far that is only a guess well short of conclusive proof.

It is my view that aspects of experience exist for which we have no adequate vocabulary, much less adequate understanding. Thus, unless we start from the premise that we already know everything that's interesting in the world, it is crucial that we maintain a decent grasp of how far real knowledge takes us and where it stops. In the latter space, we can only suspend any judgment except a willingness to consider the possibility that potentially interesting answers await us at the other end of the questions. Other ways of expressing this: tolerance of ambiguity, rejection of phony certainty, intellectual modesty, genuine curiosity about those things we don't know right now but might one day if we approach them in an honestly open-minded spirit which leads us where the evidence goes.

In short, I think - hell, I know - you missed the whole point of the exchange between Clarke and Roberts on one side and me on the other. Perhaps you should read more carefully before making diagnostic pronouncements on my (alleged) temperament. Let's hear it for modesty and ambiguity over arrogance and false knowledge.

Jerry Clark

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:57:01 -0000  
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>>>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:27:24 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>>Having been present 'in the flesh', rather than speaking from  
>>>the comfort of two decades and several thousand miles  
>>>separation, I think I am qualified to comment on the  
>>>'investigation' or lack of in the Cracoe Fell case.

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>>systems are, what peer group you happen to be in and what sort  
>>of social pressures are acting on your cognitive processes.

>Perhaps you or Andy could explain to me why this case was so  
>important to the investigators of the time. If the  
>"object/light" kept re-appearing in the same place over an  
>extended period of time - shouldn't this have tipped the  
>investigators and yourselves to the likelihood of this being a  
>fixed source? Such sources are usually stars, planets, towers.  
>lighted buildings in raised elevations, etc.

>Was it the fact because there were two policemen involved that  
>kept this case alive?

>Also-how can you claim this was a "RMP" if it took so long for  
>you and Andy to first see the effect of the reflection that you  
>said was a common occurrence for the policeofficer[s] who lived  
>right there. Andy said he staked out the area for some time  
>without seeing anything. That doesn't sound very common to me.

>How then does this square with your theory of these RMPs being  
>misidentification of the prosaic if it doesn't occur all that  
>frequently?

Don,

My sentiments exactly. As someone whose knowledge and experience  
of UFOs predates most of the UK skeptibunkers, I never heard of  
the damn case either.

Clarke (whom heretofore I had thought a relatively rational skeptic) now cites this as an example of the "insularity" of U.S. ufologists.

Where exactly was this case reported so that we should have been aware of it?

Could it possibly be, as Don suggests, that immobile, fixed-position UFOs have never impressed us very much, and only debunkers consider such non-cases to be of equal potential importance with cases containing far more perplexing phenomenology?

- Dick

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>due to their differing temperaments.

Andrew,

Thanks for your comments.

I have said this before, but I will say it again because I'm not  
sure that I have been heard in regard to its relevance, and  
maybe even high importance, to UFO research.

Although I am not a psychologist, I did work as Senior Abstracts  
Editor for the American Psychological Association. During my  
tenure there, I ran across the concept of "tolerance of  
ambiguity" which has a corresponding test instrument. The gist  
of it is that human beings score on a spectrum of being more or  
less willing and able to leave puzzling data in a "gray box" (to  
use Stan Friedman's terminology). Some can live with waiting for  
more complete and conclusive data, while others feel compelled  
to draw conclusions right now.

To me, the British skeptics (to be momentarily kind in my  
labelling) represent low tolerance for ambiguity, while Jerry  
Clark scores very high on the tolerance scale. This does not  
necessarily mean that one side or the other is more "right" in

the final analysis. It only suggests that some people may be more prone than others to drawing premature conclusions simply because they can't deal with not having final answers.

- Dick

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## Case MJ-12 - A Review

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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 10:52:07 -0500  
Subject: Case MJ-12 - A Review

Thanks to the efforts of Peter Blinn on my website, the 9000 word text of my Review of Kevin Randle's Case MJ-12 is now on my webpage at:

[www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html](http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html)

click on my picture.

The 8 pages of the Eisenhower Briefing Document which includes the Truman Forrestal memo are in the 27 page printed version offered previously to listerians for \$3.00 from UFORI at POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958 along with the Cutler-Twining memo and two pages showing that two of the Tim Cooper documents are emulations (and not genuine) as noted in my MUFON 2000 paper.

I will admit the 16 pages look a lot better than just a printed version because Dave has managed to jazz them up with pictures of the MJ-12 members. There are probably still some typos.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:04:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

As another example of the psychological and sociological motors behind 'radical misperception' I offer this article from 1979 by Jenny Randles, just added to the Magonia website archives, which demonstrates how Venus becomes a landed space-ship.

[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/70/vendetta.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/70/vendetta.htm)

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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Hi David,

>I most certainly agree with you - but you have fallen into the  
>same trap yourself, as follows:

>>The fact that I'd never heard of this case probably doesn't  
>>mean very much, but the fact that Jerry and Don had apparently  
>>never heard of it either probably does.

>How subjective is that?

We risk arguing past each other here, David, because I think  
we're talking at different levels of abstraction.

The fact that it's all subjective is exactly the point I was  
trying to make - for example:

>The fact that Jerry and Don, who live in North America, have  
>never heard of the Cracoe Fell case, which occurred in norther  
>England, settles it as far as you're concerned, in terms of its  
>importance.

No, it most certainly doesn't settle the question as far as I'm  
concerned - but what it does illustrate is that philosophical  
discussion can never solve an empirical problem. No matter how  
long you, I or anyone else here argued the point, we'd never  
come to any conclusion because the whole thing rests on  
subjective evaluation.

This is why scientists often have such deep distaste for  
philosophical arguments, and insist on empirical, falsifiable  
predictions.

>Don admitted on this List a few days ago that he had only been  
>involved in the subject for around 10 years, so it's hardly  
>surprising he had never heard of a case that happened in the UK  
>in 1981.

Ok.

>This suggests that only those cases which North American  
>ufologists recognise are of any significance, and we only need  
>to hear what Don and Jerry says to settle this matter. I'm sure  
>they would like you to believe that is the case, BUT:

>Let's go back in time 20 years and ask the same question, not  
>in North America, but in the UK. I can guarantee that just  
>about anyone who as remotely involved in the subject during  
>the subject during the 80s would have pointed to Cracoe as  
>one of the most evidential cases there was at that time, far  
>more so than Rendlesham Forest.

Well, I went through some of my UFO books (I do have a few) and  
couldn't find any mention of it, although some of them deal with

the UK and cover the 1980s, and several of them were written by Jenny Randles.

(I just checked through one of them just now, and while I couldn't say for sure that I didn't miss it somewhere, it certainly wasn't listed in the index - unless it was referred to by some other name.)

But once again, this isn't the point - you and I both know that we could go on like this, maybe getting Don and Jerry to join in a bit here and there, and never settle the question. Apparently we both agree on this, so where's the problem?

>If Jenny Randles - probably the most active ufologist in the UK  
>at that time - had never heard of Cracoe, I might take your  
>subjective assertion seriously. But Jenny was deeply involved in  
>the case to the extent that she agreed it should take its place  
>alongside Berwyn and Rendlesham as a chapter in our book 'The  
>UFOs that Never Were' (London House 2000).

Ok, but as above.

>Acres of print was devoted to the case, and the fact that US  
>researchers know nothing simply underlines how insular UFOlogy  
>is in that country, and how different the subject (and its  
>study) is in every country and continent where it appears.

Maybe, maybe not.

>>Apparently much of ufology had never even heard of it.

>Apparently you are wrong! Subjectivity strikes again.

Absolutely. Are we at the same level of abstraction yet?

>>Maybe - but if so, it's also academia in a microcosm. If you  
>>haven't seen it yet, you will - unless you spend your entire  
>>academic life being obnoxiously docile and well-behaved. ;-)

>On this we are in agreement. But Ufology does not, by and large,  
>behave like academia does. Stick around long enough and you will  
>find out for yourself.

Well, nothing I've heard so far about the sociodynamics of Ufology is substantively different from what I've seen in academia.

You could be right of course, perhaps that will change with time - but I'm not holding my breath. Bear in mind that I'm making this evaluation, in part, on the basis of what advocates of the PSH themselves say goes on in UFOlogy - as well as what I've seen myself.

>>You might be right (although I very much doubt it) but, the  
>>thing is, you haven't demonstrated it. In the end, what you've  
>>given here is a subjective evaluation - which you're completely  
>>entitled to, of course, but that's all it is. Even if you were  
>>absolutely right about Cracoe Fell, and that could be shown  
>>definitively, there is still a problem.

>Using this criteria all evaluations are subjective ones,  
>including your own, so where does this take us?.

Hopefully, into falsifiable prediction, empirical testing, Signal Detection Theory, probability and statistics, and the science of visual perception.

Maybe I should say here that I'm a strict Bayesian and believe in giving issues like subjective criteria and a priori probability their due prominence. There's a whole literature, not to mention several disciplines of study, so there should be plenty to go on.

One thing that could be done, for example, is to test out possible IFO explanations, to see if the transforms which would be required to relate hypothetical stimuli to specific UFO reports, can actually be supported by the visual system.

But this is all obvious isn't it David, why isn't this happening?

>>In other words, by attaching excessive significance to the  
>>existence of false positives, you and Andy may be generating  
>>exactly the kind of collective denial which you (and I) believe  
>>is so damaging.

>But equally, those who attach excessive significance to the  
>existence of 'UFOs' that have not been identified, provides a  
>incentive to brush the whole issue of your 'false positives'  
>under the carpet.

I agree, but this is more likely to happen in a discipline which is socially marginalized and in which a siege mentality has developed. No discipline can really advance unless it has the confidence to accept the possibility of mistakes.

In any case, it may not have been entirely clear what I meant by attaching "excessive significance" to false positives. I was referring specifically to the process of making inferences about them which are not mathematically supportable. And that by the way is not a subjective evaluation - it's a mathematical one, involving terms which can be calculated or constrained algebraically.

>Collective denial also works in the other direction, as  
>witnessed in the exchanges we have seen on this List. Take your  
>pick, as your choice of direction will inevitably be a  
>subjective one.

Actually in this case, I think we are both talking about collective denial in the same direction.

>This kind of approach is just guaranteed to send us around in  
>ever decreasing circles, I'm afraid.

Exactly.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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## Shuttle Columbia: NASA Considers Electrical Damage

From: Kurt Jonach - The Electric Warrior  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 16:20:41 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:09:20 -0500  
Subject: Shuttle Columbia: NASA Considers Electrical Damage

EW Readers, please refer to the Web site blog for a history of links to core online articles related to this story.

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The Electric Warrior : Web Log February 19, 2003  
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/>

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>> SHUTTLE COLUMBIA: NASA CONSIDERS ELECTRICAL DAMAGE  
space exploration

photo: Red Sprite  
<http://www.electricwarrior.com/img/RedSprite.jpg>

(The Electric Warrior) - A weird purple lightning bolt seen in a San Francisco photograph of Shuttle Columbia has gained national attention and also sparked questions about rare forms high-altitude lightning. The unreleased photograph may point to damage involving electrically sensitive composite materials built into the shuttle's left wing. It is known that a network of sensitive listening devices recorded subsonic electrical activity during the shuttle's reentry. Another photograph captured by US Air Force spy cameras as the shuttle passed over New Mexico is also being studied.

Little is known about electrical phenomena at high altitudes and scientists are questioning whether they might have had something to do with Columbia's demise. Strange flashes of colored lightning with names like Red Sprites and Blue Jets are a recent scientific discovery that continue to intrigue scientists. One peculiar thing about Blue Jets is that their discharge travels away from Earth, up from a stormy cloud bank toward the ionosphere. Red Sprites leap down from above.

In what may turn out to be a tragic irony, the Mediterranean Israeli Dust Experiment (MEIDEX) on board Columbia was equipped to study these strange atmospheric events. In fact, the MEIDEX camera recorded the first scientific image of a luminous red, bagel-shaped, electrical phenomenon called an Elf.

### NASA CONSIDERS ELECTRICAL DAMAGE

Determining whether or not some electrical event occurred may be key to the Columbia investigation. Space.com reports that reinforced carbon-carbon (RCC) composites used on the shuttle wing are known to be susceptible to damage by electricity

NASA's shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore told Space.com he is waiting for experts to tell him whether electricity had anything to do with the shuttle's loss. "I really have no idea whether we had any static electricity, whether or not we had any electrical discharge. I don't know. We are asking experts in the field of atmospheric science if those types of events are even possible," Dittmore said.

So, we don't know whether composite materials were damaged by electro-static discharge, weird lightning, or even whether an electrical event occurred at all. But it is well known in the

aviation industry that materials used in the shuttle wing are sensitive to damage by electricity, and the shuttle's left wing is one focus of the ongoing investigation.

#### THE INFORMATION CURVE

The San Francisco photo may have a role to play in the Shuttle Columbia story. NASA's shuttle investigation board now confirms that Columbia began losing pieces over the California coast, suggesting that the breakup began sooner than initially thought. Their conclusion is based on observations by astronomers and skywatchers on the West Coast.

The low-resolution photo of the shuttle's underside taken by Cold War spy cameras apparently shows a damaged left wing, trailing debris. The possibility of damage to electrically sensitive composite material in the wing is being investigated, but it is not known at this time whether audio recordings of subsonic electrical explosions time-sync over California. The purple corkscrew lightning bolt appearing in one out of five digital photos might be a lucky shot, or a camera malfunction.

EW readers are ahead of the information curve, but are cautioned against jumping to conclusions: It's true, the notorious Lightning Bolt photo has yet to be seen, but bear in mind that the photographer may have his own reasons for withholding the photo. Pay attention to the way NASA has pulled in data from government surveillance as well as the open invitation for the public to upload relevant photos or digital video. This point-and-click story is developing under your very fingertips.

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#### RELATED RESOURCES

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[http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/sts107\\_theories\\_030219.html](http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/sts107_theories_030219.html)

How Columbia's Wing Might have Failed and Why

HOUSTON, TX (Space.com) - Among the theories his group will be considering is one in which a reinforced carbon-carbon (RCC) panel on the forward edge of Columbia's left wing was the first major piece to break loose during re-entry as the shuttle approached the California coast...As is well known in the aviation industry and many golfers who use graphite clubs, composites are extremely sensitive to electricity and react to lightning strikes or static electricity discharges in a violent manner.

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#### THE ELECTRIC WARRIOR

February 19, 2003

Silicon Valley, CA

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 00:51:38 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:10:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Reason

>From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 18:11:47 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Oops, sorry Dave - forgot to ask this:

>On this we are in agreement. But Ufology does not, by and large,  
>behave like academia does. Stick around long enough and you will  
>find out for yourself.

Could you give me an example or two of how Ufology differs from  
academia?

Just realized I'd left that out.

Cathy

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 19:59:12 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:12:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:57:22 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:44:29 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2003 15:58:17 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>>>Hold on, please. Name one law of physics that bars such things  
>>>>from being possible using that portion of physics humanity has  
>>>>yet to discover.

>>Well, by definition, if there is a portion of physics humanity  
>>has yet to discover, we do not know if it bars such thing from  
>>being possible or not, doesn't we?

>>I always remember a short SF story about the scientific "cover  
>>up" of their findings about hyperspace. It resulted that the  
>>"light barrier" was even lower in that other Universe!

>>>Besides, the physics of the second half of the 20th century  
>>>accepted a multiple-dimensional reality for our universe to best  
>>>explain certain puzzling observations we could not understand  
>>>otherwise. Interestingly, Canadian flying saucer researcher  
>>>Wilbert B. Smith who wrote 'The New Science' with the help of  
>>>the "Boys Topside", and also the Bible, both make references to  
>>>12 dimensions of reality too.

>>Something similar said those glorious Ummites. Does the  
>>similarities (even if the last time I look, string theories seem  
>>to be a little bit discredit) mean that they are also real  
>>aliens?

>>Good Doctor Asimov wrote about the why and wherefores of those  
>>scientific limits much better than I can never try

>I am going to piggyback on this post to comment on something you  
>seem not to be considering in your various comments about the  
>Linda case. To Greg Sandow you even said that the fact that the  
>event was witnessed was not relevant! Surely that fact (if  
>valid) indicates an objective reality to the event.

What I was trying to say was that whatever the reality or not of  
Linda's abduction, it was not relevant in a comparison between  
two narratives.

>However, my main point is this: Heinlein, Asimov, and the other  
>SF "greats" clearly represent some of our most creative and  
>imaginative writers (though I am personally not a big fan of  
>SF). A vast SF literature exists in which they have imagined and  
>written stories about almost anything imaginable that might be  
>possible and might actually occur eventually. Under these

>circumstances, it would be very surprising if some (obviously  
>select and not broadly representative) elements of one or more  
>SF stories did not resemble some elements of abductions. If  
>you pursue this logic, you can use resemblances to SF to  
>discredit just about any anomalous data in any area. A very  
>useful, but illogical, technique.

My mention was to Asimov's writings on science, no SF. But,  
well, somehow my thesis is precisely that. What one SF writer  
can imagine, another person (consciously or unconsciously) can  
imagine too... believe it to be real and try (he/she him/herself  
or any abductionist) to "sell" it as real!

Yours,

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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### UK UFO Causes Car Accidents

From: Loren Coleman <[lcolema1@maine.rr.com](mailto:lcolema1@maine.rr.com)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 19:54:27 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:15:13 -0500  
Subject: UK UFO Causes Car Accidents

Source: Inside-Scotland

<http://www.inside-scotland.co.uk/lanarkshire/eknews/NEWS/19ufo.html.html>

Lanarkshire Home  
Wednesday, 19 February 2003  
By Judith Tonner

UFO is spotted over Kingsgate Retail Park during morning rush-hour

THE appearance of a UFO in the sky above Kingsgate Retail Park last week caused spooked drivers to bump their cars.

Several people reported seeing a huge silver object in the area as they drove past at around 8.45am last Wednesday.

Drivers were so distracted by the bizarre sighting that at least two minor bumps were reported, as the attention of motorists wandered from the more mundane forms of transport before them on the road.

A local woman, who did not wish to be named, contacted the News to describe the experience of a friend who was driving towards the retail park at that time.

She said: "My friend saw something hovering, which was silver in appearance and looked like the dishes you see on the side of television transmitters.

"It was huge, and it was pulsating < he wasn't the only one who saw it, as you couldn't have missed it.

"He saw it and just thought: 'Good God', and was really quite shaken by the whole thing.

"Then the object just suddenly disappeared < it was so strange.

"My friend thinks the accidents at Kingsgate were a result of other people seeing this thing as well."

The sighting has also intrigued East Kilbride UFO Club, whose members were warned in advance that they might be about to spot something strange in the sky.

Colleagues in Cumbernauld had seen a similar object around half an hour previously, and alerted their South Lanarkshire counterparts that it appeared to be heading in their direction.

Lee Close, of the Anglo-Scottish UFO Research Agency, has been investigating last week's events in tandem with the local UFO club.

He said: "This is the first time I've come across a UFO causing a car crash, although I'm aware of it having happened in America before.

"People in Scotland tend to think: 'Ooh, there's something in the sky' and just carry on, so the fact that it caused two fender benders is quite unusual.

=B3The fact that it=B9s in daylight interests us immensely too < previously 95 per cent of sightings were at night, although they=B9re now almost equal between day and night-time.=B2

Anyone who saw last week=B9s UFO or witnessed either of the two reported vehicle bumps is asked to contact Lee on 07957 912500, or Noel Wallace of East Kilbride UFO Club on 07941 157187, and all information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 17:28:10 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:17:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Bowden

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>you pursue this logic, you can use resemblances to SF to  
>discredit just about any anomalous data in any area. A very  
>useful, but illogical, technique.

I second Dick's point. Jules Verne wrote about a submarine  
reminiscent of modern nuclear submarines. I guess this means  
that sightings of nuclear submarines today are just the product  
of an overactive imagination stimulated by reading "Twenty  
Thousand Leagues Under the Sea", right?

Tom B.

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## Whitley Strieber's Unknown Country

From: **Josh Goldstein** <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 01:39:51 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:20:19 -0500  
Subject: Whitley Strieber's Unknown Country

Hello fellow Listerions,

I was reading some responses to the Mc Nally report (for which I have no comment without analyzing the full study) and one link surprisingly took me into the website of Whitley Strieber, the profound horror and alien abduction author who magically brings fantasy into his and your truth. Maybe I'm just dumb because I did not go to 'The Secret School' but did they guide him to go into horror writing? I'd also like to see his psychological profile as a result of several tests. I am only speaking about Whitley Strieber and not about other abductees/ experiencers. There are many more questions than answers and to me the phenomenon/experience is a confusing conundrum begging for formal research.

But I digress. I found my self on Strieber's site and I saw a link with an odd title "Does Saddam Have A Crashed UFO?" I went into it and you can check it out at:

<http://www.unknowncountry.com/news/?id=2351>

Haw Haw! I'm in Europe and have not seen the American tabloids. Are they printing any tales like this? This is a sub B grade movie plot. If Ed Wood were still alive only he would direct it.

Did you get as far as the alien bioengineered giant scorpion guard battalions? The USAF will quickly wipe them out. There is another major problem. This story will quickly lose its suspense because Saddam is soon going to be terminated. Some huckster should have come up with this plot some years ago and tried to pitch it to Tim Burton.

On the slim chance it may be true, Tim Burton and his camera crew should be on the frontlines of the upcoming war in Iraq. I would figure that the only aliens Saddam would work with would be the "Mars Attacks!" types. :-)

Warm regards,

Josh

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## Re: Whitley Strieber's Unknown Country - Goldstein

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Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 01:47:18 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:28:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whitley Strieber's Unknown Country - Goldstein

Hello Listeruans,

I may have had an indirect link on my last post.

Here is the direct link to Ann Strieber's story  
"Does Saddam have A Crashed UFO?"

Josh

<http://www.unknowncountry.com/news/?id=2351>

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## Re: Nine-Beep Mystery Solved? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 21:22:40 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:33:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Nine-Beep Mystery Solved? - Kaeser

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 07:47:59 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Nine-Beep Mystery Solved?

>Thanks for those of you who wrote to me privately to offer  
>possibilities for the weird nine beeps on my answering machine.

>It turns out that some answering systems (even modern ones like  
>mine that tell you repeatedly in a human voice if your backup  
>battery is low) rely on some old-fashioned chips that emit nine  
>beeps as a periodic low-battery notification. This isn't  
>mentioned in the instructions - presumably because the  
>manufacturers aren't especially eager to tell you they're using  
>old, off-the-shelf parts.

While Intel continues to promote the Pentium 4 as the current leader in computing technology, it should be noted that far more 8086 processors are still manufactured for use in all types of appliances and other devices. Indeed, the intense long term testing required before certain components are certified for critical applications (such as the original Hubble space telescope 'brain' and the Space Shuttle) means that many high profile devices are no where near the cutting edge of technology.

In the U.S. you may be reading this on a Pentium class computer, but the refrigerator in your kitchen is problem using a processor that was originally used in the IBM-XT. Just think what a Pentium class food processor will be able to accomplish..... <g>

Steve

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## Yes, It Is Flowing Mars Water!

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 21:32:41 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:36:32 -0500  
Subject: Yes, It Is Flowing Mars Water!

Hi Everyone!

The latest images from the Mars Odyssey spacecraft have finally convinced NASA what we armchair Mars experts had concluded from the Mars Global Surveyor images three years earlier - there is flowing water on the surface of Mars!

[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/19feb\\_snow.htm?list100309](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/19feb_snow.htm?list100309)

Now if those dark B&W patches that appear in certain moist lowland regions are really green vegetation whose colours continue to change with the Martian seasons as seen from even amateur telescopes on Earth, then we should give credit to Dr. Gilbert Levin and other Mars Viking Landers scientists for successfully designing and correctly interpreting the results of their experiment which directly detected life on Mars back in 1976.

[http://www.space.com/news/spacehistory/viking\\_life\\_010728-1.html](http://www.space.com/news/spacehistory/viking_life_010728-1.html)

Now that we know there is plenty of water on Mars for drinking, washing, growing food and even to produce oxygen to breath and fuel for heating, rocket propulsion and transportation (just like the clean hydrogen powered cars President Bush hopes to have us driving here on Earth in the near future), what are we waiting for? Let's go visit our Martian cousins.

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 00:45:45 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:53:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Hebert

>From: Diego Cuoghi <[diego.cuoghi@tin.it](mailto:diego.cuoghi@tin.it)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 21:39:57 +0100  
>Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art

>>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:50:48 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art

>>>From: Diego Cuoghi <[diego.cuoghi@tin.it](mailto:diego.cuoghi@tin.it)>

>>>I want to point out my web pages about "UFO in ancient art".  
>>>[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte\\_UFO.htm](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO.htm)

<snip>

>In the introduction of this book I read this paragraph by  
>Kenneth Clark (please forget my bad translation)

<snip>

>"In the today world people had lost the ability to recognize the  
>subjects of the ancient art and to comprehend their meanings.  
>Now few people read the Greek classics and relatively little  
>those that knew the Bible as their grandfathers had known it.  
>The aged persons today remain dismayed in seeing how many  
>Biblical references are by now incomprehensible to the new  
>generations."

Diego, your presentation is like a breath of fresh air in a room filled with stale cigar smoke! Though I doubt few in the UFO community will want to hear what you have to say, you have much to say and much we need to hear.

Could you please describe, in any English you know, how you came to do this study?

Please share more about your conclusions.

I hope you can translate your wonderful web site into English as soon as possible. Your work is a great contribution to the study of UFO's and related phenomena.

Thank you.

A. Hebert

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clarke

From: David Clarke <[cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 08:16:18 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:56:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clarke

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:21:48 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 18:11:47 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>The fact that Jerry and Don, who live in North America, have  
>>never heard of the Cracoe Fell case, which occurred in norther  
>>England, settles it as far as you're concerned, in terms of its  
>>importance.

>What rubbish. I was reading about this case in Jenny Randles's  
>NUFON News back in the 1980s, where it was treated as a likely  
>to certain misidentification. C'mon, Dave. We're grown- ups  
>here.

Jerry,

Thanks for making my case for me - so you were aware of the case  
after all! Fortunately NUFON News, along with Magonia and  
Contact UK eventually erred on the side of caution after Andy  
and Nigel presented their doubts.

What you probably didn't see is the amount of material that was  
produced by the (former) Yorkshire UFO Society who were  
promoting the case. It was the centrepiece of their lectures,  
and Cracoe became a symbol of "the Yorkshire Dales UFO window".

Most importantly from the point of view of perception, many who  
looked at the Cracoe UFO thought they could see "three balls of  
light", which was supposedly typical of other sightings made in  
the Window area. Misperception at work again... but clearly not  
significant!

>>Let's go back in time 20 years and ask the same question, not  
>>in North America, but in the UK. I can guarantee that just  
>>about anyone who [w]as remotely involved in the subject during  
>>the subject during the 80s would have pointed to Cracoe as  
>>one of the most evidential cases there was at that time, far  
>>more so than Rendlesham Forest.

>That is an even bigger load of rubbish. Let's see your evidence.  
>I know the Birdsall brothers trumpeted this story, but the  
>original investigators, such as those associated with BUFORA,  
>had this figured out long before.

Jerry, you really ought to get your facts right before accusing  
others of talking rubbish.

The original investigators were the Birdsall brothers and Tony  
Dodd, who were the ones promoting the case as "a structured  
craft of unknown origin."

It was Andy Roberts and Nigel Mortimer who re-investigated the  
case on behalf of NUFON, not BUFORA, who never left their cosy

armchairs in London to visit the provinces. The most they did was to send two sighting report forms for the witnesses to fill in.

I repeat, if it was not for Andy and Nigel's investigation the case would not have been resolved and would still be touted today as one of the best photographic cases in the UK.

Some may disagree on my interpretation of what may have happened without the resolution, but the history of the case is fact.

>It's this sort of self-serving nonsense that makes the rest of  
>us profoundly skeptical of anything that comes out of you guys.  
>The sort of provincial ufology you represent does nobody,  
>including yourselves, any good.

Ahh yes, provincial UFology as opposed to corporate Ufology, in which the latter is always superior, and never, ever self serving!

Best,

Dave Clarke

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## Study Explores 'False Memories'

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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:58:42 -0500  
Subject: Study Explores 'False Memories'

Source: The Harvard Crimson

<http://www.thecrimson.com/printerfriendly.aspx?ref=272723>

Thursday, February 20, 2003

Study Explores 'False Memories'  
By Jeremy B. Reff  
Contributing Writer

People who claim they were abducted by aliens show more intense emotional reactions to their memories than some Vietnam War veterans, according to a Harvard study released Sunday.

Most researchers hailed the findings as significant in the field of recovered and false memories.

But a spokesperson for one controversial Harvard professor said the study may demonstrate something more significant—that humans may actually experience contact with a "third realm."

Professor John E. Mack, a psychiatry professor at Harvard Medical School and a popular writer and commentator on extraterrestrial activity, has disputed the notion that alien abduction claims are fabricated. His spokesperson cites the study as evidence.

Most experts, however, say the study's findings, presented by Professor of Psychology Richard J. McNally at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), show that emotional trauma can stem from imagined experiences.

"The core findings of this study underscore the power of emotional belief. If you genuinely believe to have been traumatized—even by an alien abduction, which we think is clearly fanciful—you show the psycho-physiological profile of those who have been," McNally said.

In his study, McNally read abduction accounts both to subjects claiming to have been taken by aliens and to neutral controls, and found significant physiological differences in the reactions of the two groups.

The average increase in heart-rate of those who claimed abduction was 7.8 beats-per-minute, compared with no significant response from subjects in the control group. When Vietnam veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder were subjected to the same procedure, the average increase in heart-rate is 3.2 beats-per-minute, McNally said.

William J. Bueche, communications director for Mack's Center for Psychology and Social Change, said the physiological reactions may stem from contact with a spiritual reality that exists apart from the material and the non-material.

Bueche said McNally's study is "a significant landmark in alien encounter research."

He criticized McNally, however, for what he called his "leap of faith."

"McNally assumes that the alien encounters are just beliefs, but that's not clear-cut," Bueche said.

McNally said he and Mack agree that the subjects had intense emotional experiences, and were not mentally ill; but he added he was "very skeptical" of the abduction narratives themselves.

This disagreement over the reality of the abductions is not new. In 1995, then-Dean of the Medical School Daniel C. Tosteson '44 took the rare step of publicly warning Mack about the manner in which his research on alien abduction was affecting the academic standards of the Medical School.

Mack was forced to withdraw Harvard affiliation from his center, and asked by the Medical School to work with other researchers who were not immediately sympathetic to his work.

Some scientists said Mack's research methods cast doubt on his interpretation of McNally's study.

Arnold S. Relman, former editor of the New England Journal of Medicine and chair of an ad-hoc committee at the Medical School which investigated Mack's research, said Mack has "only gone through the motions" of producing more objective research.

But Bueche said the accusations against Mack were "trivial" and that since 1994, Mack had brought together researchers in multiple disciplines, including McNally, to do research on alien abduction.

Relman, however, said he has been "disappointed" with what he called Mack's lack of objectivity.

"If I were dean, I might have said to him, 'John, for God's sake, take a look at what you're doing, you're making a fool of yourself, and if you believe that you're onto something of fantastic import... get some help from your colleagues,'" Relman said.

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PENTAGON FORESEES EXPANDED POLYGRAPH TESTING

Despite escalating criticism concerning the validity of polygraph testing, the Defense Department may seek to increase reliance on the polygraph as a security and counterintelligence tool, according to a new report to Congress.

In 1991, Congress authorized the Pentagon to conduct no more than 5,000 counterintelligence-scope polygraph (CSP) tests annually (not including tests on intelligence agency personnel, which are performed under the authority of the Director of Central Intelligence).

But "since that time, the Department has identified additional vulnerabilities and threats to classified information that did not exist over a decade ago," according to the new report.

In particular, "the broad based use of information technology systems, coupled with the development of information sharing capabilities over the internet and through other electronic media, require the updating of DoD information assurance policies and practices to keep pace with this emerging threat."

"These enhanced security requirements may require a CSP polygraph examination for access to DoD information systems."

Accordingly, "an increase in the CSP ceiling ... may be requested from Congress," the report stated.

The Defense Department's "Annual Polygraph Report to Congress, Fiscal Year 2002," contains recent program statistics, anecdotal summaries of cases in which polygraph testing aided investigators, and descriptions of current polygraph research initiatives. The report is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/polygraph/dod-2002.html>

The new DoD report attempts to deflect an extremely critical evaluation of polygraph testing that was published by the National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academy of Sciences in October 2002.

"It is important to note that the NRC report... concluded that the polygraph technique is the best tool currently available to detect deception and assess credibility," the Pentagon said.

But this is quite disingenuous.

What the NRC report actually said, critic George Maschke of Antipolygraph.org pointed out, is that "[s]ome potential alternatives to the polygraph show promise, but none has yet been shown to outperform the polygraph" (p. 8-4). As for the polygraph itself, "[t]here is essentially no evidence on the incremental validity of polygraph testing, that is, its ability to add predictive value to that which can be achieved by other methods" (p. 8-2).

While the majority of persons who undergo polygraph testing do so without incident, it is a career-ender for some and a deeply disconcerting experience for quite a few others. And at least some polygraph examiners apparently engage in occasional free-lance interrogation of their own.

One recent applicant for employment at the CIA told Secrecy News that his polygraph examination included the question "Do you have friends in the media?"

#### MILITANT SCHOLARS VS. LOS ALAMOS

"As scholars have become more and more frustrated by the fact that they cannot gain access to classified records, they have become more and more militant," says Roger Meade, an archivist at Los Alamos National Laboratory in a new paper.

As a custodian of classified records, Dr. Meade provides the rarely publicized perspective of a "gatekeeper" on disputes over declassification and public access to government information, especially historical records on nuclear weapons programs.

Sometimes, he complains, "people such as myself are simply asked to make declassification decisions personally -- in essence asking us to break the law -- by simply giving out classified records and information. When this fails, personal threats are made."

"I am routinely threatened with lawsuits. A few years ago, a group of historians petitioned the Laboratory Director to have me fired -- as has more than one television producer. I have been called a Communist -- and a fascist. One person has even threatened to burn down my house."

"What, then, is the prognosis of achieving a satisfactory relationship between historians and Los Alamos? The prognosis is grim," he writes.

"While we are sympathetic to the desires and needs of historical scholarship -- many of us are trained as historians and work as advocates for historical scholarship -- we cannot act arbitrarily, nor can we break the law. Scholars face no such impediments and perhaps never ask the question of 'what public interest is served if the secrets of atomic bombs are published?'"

Dr. Meade's paper, entitled "History and Los Alamos -- Will There Ever Be a Satisfactory Relationship?" was presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on February 15. The text is available here by courtesy of the author:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/eprint/meade.html>

A radically contrasting point of view on the role and legitimacy of nuclear secrecy is proposed by Howard Morland, the protagonist of the 1979 Progressive lawsuit over publication of "The H-Bomb Secret," and a nuclear abolitionist.

"Nuclear bomb secrets are a hoax, and... public understanding of nuclear arsenals is a necessary step in the quest for nuclear disarmament," according to Morland, who concedes that "This idea was and remains a hard sell."

See "The Holocaust Bomb: a Question of Time," by Howard Morland, updated and expanded in 2003, here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/eprint/morland.html>

SECRET EMPIRE: A HISTORY OF SPYSATS

The development and emergence of satellite reconnaissance in the 1950s and 1960s, truly something new under the sun, is chronicled in a new history by New York Times reporter and editor Philip Taubman.

It is a remarkable story of technological audacity and innovation that features a brilliant, idiosyncratic cast of characters. The outlines of the story, and a great many of the details, have previously been told as historical declassification has proceeded over the past several years. But Taubman adds a new dimension through his interviews with many of the principals.

"Secret Empire: Eisenhower, the CIA, and the Hidden Story of America's Space Espionage" by Philip Taubman is to be published by Simon & Schuster on March 12. For more information see:

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

#### CHINA: GUIDANCE ON PROTECTING CLASSIFIED INFO

One simply cannot be too careful when it comes to protecting classified information, an article in Jiefangjun Bao, the newspaper of China's People's Liberation Army, reminded readers recently.

"'In guarding classified information, be cautious and cautious yet again.' This is the highest standard and requirement for classified work laid down by comrade Mao Zedong."

"In their daily lives of work and study, many comrades are grave in their talk about classified work, but careless in their actions. Often, when they are not careful, they breach rules relating to classified work, creating the problem of leaked classified information."

The article describes common infractions of good security policy, and offers tips for improvement.

See "In Protecting Classified Information, Are You Capable of Being Cautious and Cautious Yet Again?" by Meng Yan and Yin Xinjian, published in Jiefangjun Bao (Beijing), January 28:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2003/02/jfjb012803.html>

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 22:46:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Hall

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 19:59:12 +0100  
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Richard Hall:

>>I am going to piggyback on this post to comment on something you  
>>seem not to be considering in your various comments about the  
>>Linda case. To Greg Sandow you even said that the fact that the  
>>event was witnessed was not relevant! Surely that fact (if  
>>valid) indicates an objective reality to the event.

>What I was trying to say was that whatever the reality or not of  
>Linda's abduction, it was not relevant in a comparison between  
>two narratives.

>>However, my main point is this: Heinlein, Asimov, and the other  
>>SF "greats" clearly represent some of our most creative and  
>>imaginative writers (though I am personally not a big fan of  
>>SF). A vast SF literature exists in which they have imagined and  
>>written stories about almost anything imaginable that might be  
>>possible and might actually occur eventually. Under these  
>>circumstances, it would be very surprising if some (obviously  
>>select and not broadly representative) elements of one or more  
>>SF stories did not resemble some elements of abductions. If  
>>you pursue this logic, you can use resemblances to SF to  
>>discredit just about any anomalous data in any area. A very  
>>useful, but illogical, technique.

>My mention was to Asimov's writings on science, no SF. But,  
>well, somehow my thesis is precisely that. What one SF writer  
>can imagine, another person (consciously or unconsciously) can  
>imagine too... believe it to be real and try (he/she him/herself  
>or any abductionist) to "sell" it as real!

Luis,

James McDonald once characterized the reasoning processes of  
Phil Klass as "argument by concatenation."

You merely juxtapose two sets of things without making any clear  
argument as to why they are or must be causally connected. This  
statement only reiterates your belief and does not tell me any  
reason why it must be the answer. In fact, you have not  
responded to my argument that it would be surprising if such

similarities did not exist. Possibilities are only that, not established facts.

- Dick

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## Re: Whitley Strieber's Unknown Country - Bueche

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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 22:52:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whitley Strieber's Unknown Country - Bueche

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 01:39:51 +0100  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 11:20:19 -0500  
>Subject: Whitley Strieber's Unknown Country

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>But I digress. I found my self on Strieber's site and I saw a  
>link with an odd title "Does Saddam Have A Crashed UFO?"  
><http://www.unknowncountry.com/news/?id=2351>

<snip>

For the sake of politeness it is worth mentioning that this was simply a "news of the weird" Pravda article (a newspaper which some say was once a serious newspaper). Strieber's only comment on the laughable story was "These sound like rumors started by Saddam in order to scare people away from Qalaat-e-Julundi."!

And if you were serious about wanting to see Strieber's test results from the eighties, they're here, but let's not get sidetracked into that discussion:

<http://www.unknowncountry.com/edge/articles/tests.phtml>

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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 22:54:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Dabrowski

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>>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 17:05:03 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>kind of exasperating watching the exchange between  
>>Andy Roberts and Jerome Clark. Both have made good points, but  
>>neither can accept uncertainty, so they quickly reach an impasse  
>>due to their differing temperaments.

>Then you have read me entirely wrongly. My point always has  
>been that we must learn to accept uncertainty. That is exactly  
>why I argue, against Roberts and Clarke, for the term "UFO,"  
>which acknowledges uncertainty, and against either "flying  
>saucer" or "radical misperception," both sweeping faith  
>statements for which nothing like the appropriate, question-  
>setling evidence has been demonstrated to date.

But you agree that "radical misperception" is a possible  
explanation for many (even famous) cases, just that you find it  
unlikely?

>"What all this [high-strangeness anomalous experience] means ...  
>is impossible to say, though we can be assured that this small  
>consideration will stop no committed debunker or true believer  
>from saying it anyway. The temptations to reductionism (the  
>witness was dreaming it) or occultism (it was a paranormal being  
>from the etheric realm) are hard to resist.... Human nature  
>abhors an explanatory vacuum. Real understanding, on the other  
>hand, demands intellectual modesty and patience, not to mention  
>a huge tolerance for ambiguity.

Again, you agree that reductionism is a possible explanation for  
many cases, but you find it unlikely to explain all?

That is my take on UFOs. I think there's a chance that every  
report of the last 50 years will turn out to have a mundane  
explanation. But I doubt it. Do we agree on this?

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Andrew Dabrowski | Lueckenlos ist die Welt, doch  
SE 117 5-5470 | zusammengehalten ... von den  
Verschwundenen. |  
[dabrowsa@indiana.edu](mailto:dabrowsa@indiana.edu) | Sie sind ueberall.  
-Enzensberger

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clarke

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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 22:57:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Clarke

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 18:11:47 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>On this we are in agreement. But Ufology does not, by and large,  
>>behave like academia does. Stick around long enough and you will  
>>find out for yourself.

>Could you give me an example or two of how Ufology differs from  
>academia?

Hi Catherine,

Thanks for the excellent response, I think you are right and that we are saying exactly the same thing but from two different standpoints. We are talking philosophy, which is miles removed from the CE2s and Radar/Visuals we are assured is the "real" Ufology, but when one examines these cases one finds that 'objective' facts are rare and are subject to all the levels of subjective interpretation that you have pointed out so eloquently.

As you say, we cannot avoid philosophy when discussing something which science cannot capture or reproduce in the laboratory, hence the value of Colin Bennett's recent interventions!

Having read Jerry's most recent contribution, I also (gasp) believe that far from being oceans apart in our approach, we actually share much common ground. It is misunderstandings in culture, language and attitude that lie behind the perceived friction between us, rather than any lack of genuine curiosity concerning 'unknowns.'

If we really want to take the study of this phenomena forward we should be emphasising those aspects where we share common ground, rather than fighting over the perceived differences.

Now to answer your question about the difference between Ufology and academia, the best example I can give is as follows (it might not be perfect, but it struck me as illustrative of the difference in approach):

Take the recent claims by the Raelians that they had successfully cloned a human. Now I'm not trying to compare the Raelians with Ufologists, it is more the reaction of science to the claim that I was interested in.

Sure there was scepticism, lots of it, but there was also suspension of judgement in lieu of the production of evidence that could be independently tested. That suggested to me that science is always interested in examining claims of discoveries

or phenomena on the fringes of current knowledge, if those who make the claims are prepared to submit their evidence to the empirical demands that science always requires.

In this case the Raelians could not produce the evidence to back up their claims, hence suspicions were confirmed. Science will take no further interest until such evidence than be produced and verified. Ufology simply does not work like this.

I think it was Ed Stewart who said that in Ufology nothing is ever removed from the table - even the most discredited cases remain part of the UFological repertoire, and continue to be recycled within the literature of the subject, further emphasising (wrongly, in my opinion) its unattractiveness to science. Jerry will intervene here and say this is nonsense, but Jerry only represents one faction of 'Ufology', there are many others with completely different interpretation of what constitutes evidence and best cases. Who decides which faction represents 'Ufology'?

Ufology reminds me of the game I used to enjoy on fairgrounds where one used a large mallet to bash a toy figure on the head. Once you have flattened it, an identical one pops up somewhere else, followed by another, and another...

To confirm this just check how many times stories like the Spitzbergen UFO crash and the Aurora Calfnapping Hoax turn up in UpDates archives (the latter was still being promoted as genuine in John Spencer's UFO Encyclopedia in 1987, years after Jerry Clark debunked the story).

Therefore as I see it is a folly to even talk about "Ufology" until someone establishes what one means by that phrase. This in itself relates to my point about the differences between science (which has an established framework) and 'Ufology' (which doesn't even know what it is).

There is no Ufology as there is a psychology or a sociology since there is no established, agreed or peer-reviewed body of evidence that is accepted by \*all\* those who call themselves Ufologists that could be adopted as the basis for an academic discipline, not to mention an agreed methodology for study of a phenomenon.

How does one define "Ufology" or Ufologist? How does one become a Ufologist, and who decides whether one is qualified, and if so, using whose criteria?

As I see it anyone can call themselves a Ufologist at the moment, and anyone's beliefs and opinions about the subject are as good as anyone's else's. Despite many attempts to establish rules and codes of practice, there is no established basis for what Ufology is, what it does, or what it hopes to achieve - hence the complete mess we see at present.

Having said that, I wish Jerry, Stan, Don and the rest all the best of British luck in establishing Ufology as a discipline that will take its place alongside all the other 'ologies.'

But the place to achieve that laudable aim is not by endless and circular battles with wrongly perceived adversaries via e-mail, but out in the real world, getting hands dirty in the field and engaging with those who must be convinced if science is to take them seriously.

Recently I asked Jerry Clark what efforts he was making to persuade scientists to take those cases he felt were remarkable seriously. We got David Hufford again then a list of scientists (all American) who had made positive noises, the most recent of which (Sturrock) basically repeated the conclusions made by Condon over 30 years ago. Maybe that goes some way to answering your question!

Sorry for the long and meandering answer, but I hope this has been of some interest.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:09:15 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

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>without seeing anything. That doesn't sound very common to me.

>How then does this square with your theory of these RMPs being  
>misidentification of the prosaic if it doesn't occur all that  
>frequently?

Thanks for the interesting questions. As I don't have the time  
to process several thousand words in reply, e-mail me offlist  
with your snail mail address and I will happily supply you with  
all the documentation you require.

Arguing about the minutae of cases of which we both admit we  
have no direct knowledge is completely pointless.

Once you have read and digested the full investigation notes  
then maybe we can have a conversation that doesn't degenerate  
into name-calling.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 23:02:18 -0500  
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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 17:25:23 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Jerry wrote (in response to Andrew Dabrowski)

>Then you have read me entirely wrongly.

I find it alarming just how many people manage to have read Jerry wrongly. The List is littered with those bright ufologists who manage to read the most complex books, case reports and other written materials, yet seem to intellectually stumble when confronted with anything Jerry writes! Amazing!

>My point always has  
>been that we must learn to accept uncertainty. That is exactly  
>why I argue, against Roberts and Clarke, for the term "UFO,"  
>which acknowledges uncertainty, and against either "flying  
>saucer" or "radical misperception," both sweeping faith  
>statements for which nothing like the appropriate, question-  
>setling evidence has been demonstrated to date.

Intriguing. Of course we look for certainty and hate uncertainty. Surely this is what we are in this business for - we see people's experience which is uncertain and ambiguous and seek to resolve that into certainty. This is exactly the spirit of scientific enquiry. Neither a love of uncertainty or ambiguity will get us very far in this world, an acceptance of it, yes but in ufology these qualities are used to perpetuate mystery.

Surely the object of case investigation is to resolve ambiguity and uncertainty? If it's not could Jerry please tell us what we are here for? The tendency of ufologists to discard the usefulness of cases once they are resolved and to rush to the next 'ambiguity' is rather odd. The secret to all cases appears to lie in the uncertain and ambiguous cases already resolved. This is predictive in that we can speculate that other complex, ambiguous and certain cases will also be resolved into known phenomena or objects. When just one is resolved into something more exotic then we can talk seriously about uncertainty and ambiguity

>In short, I think - hell, I know - you missed the whole point of  
>the exchange between Clarke and Roberts on one side and me on  
>the other. Perhaps you should read more carefully before making  
>diagnostic pronouncements on my (alleged) temperament. Let's  
>hear it for modesty and ambiguity over arrogance and false  
>knowledge.

Lordy! Now Jerry knows you missed the point Andrew. His powers of reading others' minds is really incredible. You've also just become a victim of one of Jerry's other less savoury list traits. That of belittling people who either don't agree with his perfect knowledge and wisdom or who dare to think others may actually have some valid points to make. And people wonder why this list is only posted to by those with a strong constitution or an axe to grind. Welcome to Updates Andrew!

Happy Trails

Andy

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Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 19:16:28 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 23:03:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Roberts

>From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 00:42:20 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Cathy wrote (in response to Dave Clarke),

>Well, I went through some of my UFO books (I do have a few) and  
>couldn't find any mention of it, although some of them deal with  
>the UK and cover the 1980s, and several of them were written by  
>Jenny Randles.

Such is the interesting way with UFO cases. The complex cases of radical misperception which resolve cases rarely make it to UFO books. For the simple reason that solved cases don't sell books, don't make interesting reading for the saucer-faithful and don't make publishing house editors very happy. When I'm back at home I'll post details of how the interested can obtain a copy of the chapter on Cracoe I wrote for The UFOs That Never Were.

Happy Trails

Andy

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>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:09:15 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

Don wrote (in response to Dave Clarke),

>Perhaps you or Andy could explain to me why this case was so  
>important to the investigators of the time.

It was important because some of those involved firmly believed that this area of the Dales was a base for 'structured craft of unknown origin'. A 'big' photo case involving policemen added weight to this theory. Its existence was used to bolster other sightings in the area, and the case literally 'took off', causing people to believe they had seen it flying in the sky above them!

This, I must note, is a very simplified version of events, the rest of which are entangled in the labyrinthine UK UFO politics of the time.

>If the  
>"object/light" kept re-appearing in the same place over an  
>extended period of time - shouldn't this have tipped the  
>investigators and yourselves to the likelihood of this being a  
>fixed source? Such sources are usually stars, planets, towers.  
>lighted buildings in raised elevations, etc.

You need to read more about the case to understand it Don, but the investigators didn't 'see' the UFO anymore than the police officers didn't 'see' it for the years preceding and postdating the fateful day in 1981 when something, some trigger, flipped them into 'UFO consciousness' which led to a complex rock reflection became a UFO, a jet overhead was allegedly checking it out and so on and so forth. The fact that it was obvious is the whole point. The fact that the original team walked all over the hillside, and in fact actually stood on the UFO on more than one occasion only serves to amplify the relevance of the case. The expression 'not seeing the wood for the trees' was most apt in this instance.

Furthermore the RMP was multiplied when the original investigators began 'finding' evidence which they believed supported the existence of a craft behind the photograph. Naturally felled and burnt trees became evidence of a craft crashing through a forest. The alleged lack of wildlife, ditto. Jets flying above them were evidence that they were being watched because the military knew all about the UFO. And so on, many, many more connections. And all from the RMP of a shiny rock!

>Was it the fact because there were two policemen involved that  
>kept this case alive?

See above.

>Also-how can you claim this was a "RMP" if it took so long for  
>you and Andy to first see the effect of the reflection that you

>said was a common occurrence for the policeofficer[s] who lived  
>right there. Andy said he staked out the area for some time  
>without seeing anything. That doesn't sound very common to me.

Because the illusion (and that's what it is) was hard to locate  
in winter (when I was looking at it) and was covered in snow.  
Also because the photos as used in the UFO literature and the  
national media were extremely magnified to further give the  
effect of it being a 'UFO'.

>How then does this square with your theory of these RMPs being  
>misidentification of the prosaic if it doesn't occur all that  
>frequently?

If the site is not covered with snow I can show you it on any  
day of the year. Sometimes it's spectacular, sometimes not so,  
but it's always 'there'.

That this is the situation makes the Cracoe Fell case all the  
more instructive.

Most UFO cases are transient events, misperceptions which are  
only there for a short period of time. The mechanics of these  
cases are often difficult to understand or prove. The Cracoe  
Case is like a permanent object lesson in the fundamentals of  
radical misperception, and as relevant a UK case as any other.

Happy Trails

Andy

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## UFO Feature in Maxim Magazine

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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 23:06:03 -0500  
Subject: UFO Feature in Maxim Magazine

The April issue of Maxim magazine is out now (yes really) and contains a feature on UFOs and alien abductions, on pages 102 to 108.

An abductee talks about his experiences, and I talk about some of my official research and investigation at the Ministry of Defence.

Anyway, look out for the magazine with Caprice on the front!

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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## Re: Case MJ-12 - A Review - Tonnies

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Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 17:00:15 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 23:07:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Case MJ-12 - A Review - Tonnies

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 19:54:47 -0400  
>Subject: Case MJ-12 - A Review

>Thanks to the efforts of Peter Blinn on my website, the 9000  
>word text of my Review of Kevin Randle's Case MJ-12 is now on  
>my webpage at:

>[www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html](http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html)

>click on my picture.

<snip>

Thanks, Stan and Peter! And I probably don't speak only for myself.

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>An abductee talks about his experiences, and I talk about some  
>of my official research and investigation at the Ministry of  
>Defence.

I have an ugly feeling about this. "Maxim's" reason for existing  
seems to be to make snide comments and scoffing E-Z to digest  
satire for the masses... and publish pictures of supermodels.

>Anyway, look out for the magazine with Caprice on the front!

I rest my case.

But seriously, is this a good venue? I'll keep an eye out...

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## UFO Experts On The Hunt For Sightings

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<http://www.inside-scotland.co.uk/lanarkshire/acadvertiser/NEWS/ufo-appeal.html.html>

Thursday, 20 February 2003

UFO Experts On The Hunt For Sightings

By John Hutcheson

Group want all flying saucer reports

UFO experts are desperate to speak to people in Airdrie who have seen mysterious flying objects.

The Anglo-Scottish UFO Research Agency wants to track down anyone who witnessed a strange shape in the sky above Airdrie last June.

The Advertiser reported the occurrence at the time after Cairnhill man Stephen Dymock pictured two flying objects - one is a helicopter but the other is unknown.

Experts at ASUFORA have been studying the photograph and are convinced that it shows a genuine UFO.

Investigator Lee Close now wants to speak to anyone who may also have seen the flying object or has had similar experiences.

He said: "We are a Scottish organisation which attempts to investigate and resolve instances of Unidentified Flying Objects and related matters in and around Scotland.

"All information that is passed to us is kept in the strictest confidence unless the contact explicitly states otherwise.

"The photo taken in Airdrie has not been doctored with and we want to speak to anyone who might be able to help us investigate further."

The photo was taken at about 10.30am on June 27, on a clear, crisp summer morning above Strain Avenue, Cairnhill, in Airdrie.

The red helicopter is clearly visible as the lower of the two objects - but photographer Stephen Dymock was at a loss to explain what the other is.

He said at the time: "Reports on low budget airlines said that some pilots are flying their aeroplanes too low over towns when they are approaching the airport and, having seen one of these aeroplanes on the previous night, I decided to have a camera ready for the next one.

"The following morning around 10.30am, I heard what sounded like a low-flying aeroplane, so I got the camera ready but it was a red helicopter. Since I had the camera in my hand I took a photo anyway.

"When I looked at the LCD screen on the camera there were not one but two objects in the sky."

Stephen then uploaded the image onto his PC and was startled to

see what appeared to be a UFO just above the helicopter.

Stephen added: "Some people might say I uploaded an image onto the PC then put in the object. For that reason, I kept the image on the camera to prove it was in the sky at the time and not a fake or doctored photo.

"It's too big to be a bird. It's going up or down at an angle - I think up - so it's not a balloon and it's not another aircraft.

If want to contact Lee, call him on 07957 912500 or visit the group's website at [www.asufora.com](http://www.asufora.com)

[UFO UpDates thanks [www.http://anomalist.com](http://www.http://anomalist.com) for the lead]

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## PRG/X-PPAC/D2003/CH Update - 02-21-03

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <[ParadigmRG@aol.com](mailto:ParadigmRG@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 23:42:13 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 23:58:54 -0500  
Subject: PRG/X-PPAC/D2003/CH Update - 02-21-03

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

Update - February 21, 2003  
[To the combined X-PPAC/PRG/D2003/CH mail lists.]

### X-PPAC Congressional Alert

A new congressional alert relating to the Columbia tragedy has been sent to the House and Senate. Excerpt:

"The cost of maintaining a truth embargo on the facts surrounding an extraterrestrial presence continues to grow. If safer means to place payloads into space lay ensconced within the "black" world behind the national security curtain, this cost now includes the lives of astronauts."

See: [www.x-ppac.org/Alerts.html#2-20-03](http://www.x-ppac.org/Alerts.html#2-20-03)

### Citizen Hearing

The Citizen Hearing concept received very positive reviews from colleagues and supporters met during the recent 30-day driving trip through California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. PRG will continue to build the structural base for this event by seeking new sponsors, advisory board members, funding and the participation of former members of Congress.

See: [www.citizenhearing.org](http://www.citizenhearing.org)

### New Pre-disclosure Indicators and Close Encounters/Contact Watch

See the rest at: [www.disclosure2003.net/predisclosure.htm](http://www.disclosure2003.net/predisclosure.htm)

### Bush Budget

President Bush includes funding and language in the 2003 budget addressing the matter of extraterrestrial life. This speaks for itself and needs no commentary.

See: [www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/02/03/tech/main539116.shtml](http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/02/03/tech/main539116.shtml)

### 2003

Contact - Wed, January 8, 03 9 pm FX  
Contact - Thur, January 9, 03 2 am FX  
3rd Kind - Sat, January 25, 03 10 pm TCM  
Contact - Tues, February 18, 03 8 pm TBS  
Contact - Wed, February 19, 03 1 am TBS

### Western Trip

Just completed is a tour of 4 states by car which included two conferences, 8 days at the IUFO Conference in Laughlin, NV and 3 days at the Conscious Living Expo in Los Angeles.

Along the way it was a privilege to meet with dozens of friends and colleagues on the issues and projects in play at this time.

The enthusiasm and energy, the size of the crowds, the spirit of new ideas - all of this was evident and impressive.

New ways of thinking are emerging. Old paradigm ideas and strategies still drive the world, but their power wanes. A new worldview is forming in the minds of millions of Americans. This worldview incites and will thrive on Disclosure.

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

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

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## Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Cuoghi

From: Diego Cuoghi <[diegocuoghi@spamcop.net](mailto:diegocuoghi@spamcop.net)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 15:04:05 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 09:50:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Cuoghi

>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 00:45:45 -0600  
>Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Hebert

>Diego, your presentation is like a breath of fresh air in a room  
>filled with stale cigar smoke! Though I doubt few in the UFO  
>community will want to hear what you have to say, you have much  
>to say and much we need to hear.

>Could you please describe, in any English you know, how you came  
>to do this study?

I am an architect and I work also in art-history. My last writing is about the recognizing of the subjects of two series of mid-XVI Century frescoes of Nicolo Dell'Abate.

Six months ago I read, in a newsgroup, some messages about UFOs in renaissance art and I was very surprised to see how almost all the Christian symbology was completely misunderstood by the people who wrote those messages and who realized web pages about "UFOs in ancient art".

I began with a first page, then little by little, I added new examples while I found other web pages with UFO-Art reproductions.

Recently, I went in Florence to take some pictures of paintings because many reproductions I found on the Web were very bad. Next week I will return to the Accademia Gallery in Florence to take a last picture of a painting very similar to the "Madonna with Child and Saint Giovannino" in Palazzo Vecchio. It has the same title and has, clearly visible, a dark object in the sky behind Virgin Mary. It's the same angel as in many other paintings with the same subject.

For this reason the last part (5) is still "under construction".

>I hope you can translate your wonderful web site into English as soon as possible. Your work is a great contribution to the study of UFO's and related phenomena.

Thank you for the appreciation. I asked a cousin (who knows english better than me) to translate the pages. I hope that in a month I will have all the translations to make an English version.

Diego Cuoghi

[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte\\_UFO.htm](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO.htm)

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## A Wee Bit Crazy?

From: Jeff Behnke <[jeff@paranormalnews.com](mailto:jeff@paranormalnews.com)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 09:34:11 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 09:58:08 -0500  
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<http://straitstimes.asial.com.sg/techscience/story/0,4386,172842,00.html>

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When I first saw this article, I didn't really know what to think. I saw it just after being frustrated going through everything from Slate to MSNBC to CNN to Wired. Everybody was making up words, and this was a new one. It kind of disturbed me, seemed kind of moronic, and it made me wonder how strong of a meme this would become. By saying, "Since you believe in ghosts and UFOs you are schizotypal" seemed to be the same tactics that the terrorists are using when they say, "By attacking us you are attacking all Muslims."

Remember high-school days when you hated to be 'labeled'? You kind of grew out of it after awhile, but I think this is because your mind becomes kind of numbed to the amount of labeling that goes on around you on a daily basis. It doesn't really stop. It only gets worse as you slip into college and develop a professional career out of labeling things based on your selected profession. You can't really exist without labeling. This is a mug. That is a pencil. You are a racist. I am a heterosexual. This is a bicep. But unlike a bicep or a pencil, being labeled a schizotypal, despite my graduating successfully from high school and moving on into college and out into the world, it still pissed me off. I didn't know whether to be angry at the article, pissed at the newspaper, the University of California, or Dr Adrian Raine.

But before flying off the handle and pulling out my logical hand grenades, I went over the article a few more times and realized something: we also have labels for people as well, don't we? If someone is constantly coming up with reasons why something is not a UFO, we call them a "debunker". If someone criticizes our "open-mindedness" they are "close-minded". We are not "enthusiasts", we are "researchers". We merely have hypotheses based on facts gathered by our researchers who hunt down witnesses and evidence. Not to be confused with those who merely have beliefs based on opinions gathered by enthusiasts who hunt down anyone who says they've spoken with God through a pink beam of light coming in from a window in their bedroom last night while experiencing sleep paralysis.

And after realizing this, I came to the conclusion that I shouldn't be angry at the article published in the Straits Times or Dr Adrian Raine, because it was just written by a close-minded psycho-babbologist trying to obtain his tenure by discouraging the truth to kiss up to the freemasonry leaders of the U of C so he didn't have to do anything anymore, anyway.

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And that made me feel better. A lot better. Now I can continue on with my life the same way that I started when I ran into the schizotypal meme in the first place: free to do what I want, think what I want, and continue on the way I want. Let the psychologists disbelieve! That's their job. But me, I'm just gonna sit here and let myself schiz-out when I damn well please, and I'm damn-well pleasing to do so right now. Besides, no one listens to their therapist anyway.

Cheers,

Jeff Behnke

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## New International UFO Reporter

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 10:53:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 14:12:01 -0500  
Subject: New International UFO Reporter

Listers,

I just received my IUR, Vol 27 number 3 Fall 2002.

The lead article is by Don Ledger on the Flying Triangles of Nova Scotia in August of 2002. Interestingly we have a possibility of a triangle having a per-side length of 3600 feet. Don also examines some early sightings of FT's.

We have articles on Frank Kaufman reconsidered (this was well hashed on the List); The 1946 Ghost Rocket Photo, Harvard's Revenge Abduction Reports and False Memory, The U-2 Spy Plane and Blue Book: Another Look, Sci-Fi and GWU, not to mention letters and news.

All the articles are well done and thought provoking. I would say that IUR is well worth the \$25.00 per year subscription price, especially for the quality of articles. Much research and material you won't see on Lists.

For those who would like to get a subscription, or renew theirs contact:

CUFOS  
2457 West Peterson Ave  
Chicago, IL 60659

or go to [www.cufos.org](http://www.cufos.org)

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 09:14:43 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 14:13:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Connors

>From: Jeff Behnke <[jeff@paranormalnews.com](mailto:jeff@paranormalnews.com)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 09:34:11 -0500  
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>words, but you manage to get by."

Jeff,

Well adjusted people, like yourself, just make me sick! <Huge  
Grin> What right do debunkers have in deschizoing another  
schizotypal person anyway? <G>

I say the whole thing schitzz. <G>

Wendy Connors

So, there ya have it, but whadda ya got?

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## Re: Creating False Memories? - Reason

From: Catherine Reason <[CathyM@ukf.net](mailto:CathyM@ukf.net)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 17:47:05 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 14:15:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Creating False Memories? - Reason

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 12:31:47 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Creating False Memories?

>Loftus, IMO, misapplies research from nontraumatic memory to  
>traumatic memory. Both are stored differently in the brain.

As someone who has made something of a hobby out of deconstructing the work of Elizabeth Loftus, I think the real problem with this latest reported study of hers is a little more subtle.

The problem as I see it, is that the theory being tested in Loftus's research is so vaguely specified that it makes no clear predictions about what sorts of generalizations about memory (traumatic or otherwise) are permissible, and what sorts are not.

There would seem to be no reason, for example, on the basis of Loftus's logic, why one should not assume that someone who sees a poster advertising a Godzilla movie is in danger of developing a false memory of being attacked by a hundred-meter tall city-devouring reptile.

There would appear to be something wrong with this.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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## Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 17:31:02 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 14:22:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Stevenson

>From: Jeff Behnke <[jeff@paranormalnews.com](mailto:jeff@paranormalnews.com)>  
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Hi Jeff and all,

But the medications are far too expensive in my opinion and the side effects from them are also hallucinations apparently (my shrink says so). That man over there doing the shake, rock and roll, tongue blobbing, violent psychotic outburst's with intent to harm with a Machete doesn't think so though and neither do the Electro Convulsive therapist's ( ? ). Maybe if ET didn't abduct him and left him alone he may think differently.

What happened to our rights to Human diversity here as outlined by Darwin? The world would be in a sorry state if we all lived in psychological conformist straight jackets gagged by our fears to be 'different' and lived in Pidgin holes named and created by others without the opportunity to move into any of the others.

As to 'managing to get by'; never earned so much money in my life, made so many more good friends including ET, increased my IQ to 143 points ( MENSA tested but failed entrance ) after

failing my UK 11+ exams, developed a good sense of humour and dress sense and rest very peacefully at night with a smile on my face. All after pursuing my UFO interests after early retirement.

Isn't all the psychology experts madder than their patients anyway? They would have to be to do the job as it isn't exactly a safe profession attracting all those 'danger money' additions to their pay packets. Carrying such a huge pay packet in their pockets, you will agree, isn't exactly safe or sane. I take off my conical aluminium hat to them with a big 'D' on the front which is cramping my style in this corner of the room.

Mine's a half

Colin  
:-)

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## Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Morton

From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 12:40:30 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 14:24:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Morton

>From: Jeff Behnke <[jeff@paranormalnews.com](mailto:jeff@paranormalnews.com)>  
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[Dr. Adrian Raine, UCLA]

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Jeff -

I share your contempt for these morons.

For what it's worth, I've been reading a book about Ayn Rand by Nathaniel Branden called "Judgement Day: My Years With Ayn Rand". (Published in 1989. The 2nd edition in 1999 is titled simply "My Years With Ayn Rand").

While Ayn Rand's philosophy isn't perfect, and she herself had many faults, she was staunchly anti-communist, anti-fascist, anti-dictatorship, pro-reason, and pro-individual rights. (Her family had been victims of Communism in Russia, before she fled the country).

Here's what happened to Branden's girlfriend at the hands of a professor in 1951 at UCLA after she co-signed a letter Branden

wrote attacking the hypocrisy of American Communists:

"In the spring of 1951 Barbara took a course in political philosophy from a Dr. Hans Meyerhoff, a Platonist and a socialist...

[Meyerhoff met Ayn Rand at his request through Nathaniel and Barbara, and his arguments were easily shredded by Rand in one evening at her home. He never returned for another round, although he had an open invitation from Ayn Rand. Later, Nathaniel wrote a letter to the editor of the school's newspaper attacking a pro-communist editorial, and asking where the apologists were for the victims of Communism. Barbara co-signed it. Meyerhoff responded by writing a blistering, personal attack on the two, published in the school's newspaper. Meyerhoff then started throwing out snidely abusive remarks in class about Ayn Rand and anyone who shared her ideas.]

...In class this day, Meyerhoff was decrying the "antisocial" and "unprogressive" nature of this viewpoint [individual rights] throwing little asides, as digs, at Barbara. After a while, no longer able to remain silent, Barbara responded, "By what right?" she demanded of Meyerhoff. "By what right do you seek to impose on others, by physical coercion, your version of the good?"

I was auditing the class with her that particular day, intrigued by the drama of their conflict, and I sat beside her delighting in the sound of the trumpets. I loved confrontations of this kind, and was good-naturedly envious that this one had to be all Barbara's.

"My God," Meyerhoff began impatiently, "ever since Plato it's been understood that--". Her voice rising, Barbara responded, "Plato was an advocate of dictatorship! Do you deny that?" Meyerhoff answered, not by talking about Plato or about ideas, but by ridiculing Barbara's naivete, her narrow-mindedness, her unmodern approach to life, and her strange choice of friends.

[Later] She went to Meyerhoff's office to protest his behaviour. His response was to observe that if she planned to take a post-graduate degree in philosophy - this was her final undergraduate year - she would be well-advised to seek out some other university.

"I cannot see myself approving any thesis you might choose to write," he told her with matter-of-fact candor. She had always been an A student, and prior to Meyerhoff's meeting with Ayn Rand she had received an A on her midterm in his course; but for her final grade of the semester Meyerhoff gave her a C. What astonished us was his lack of any effort to conceal his hatred."

Note the endless ad hominem attacks by Meyerhoff. Note his lack of academic integrity and fairness. Note the fact that he didn't attempt to carry on a civilized and intelligent discussion with Barbara in class, but instead insulted her.

Note that he chose not to return for another debate with Ayn Rand despite an open invitation to do so.

Another example of the corrupt, slow-witted, arrogant, rude, tyrannical, cowardly professor of academia - at least, at UCLA.

I would take Professor Raine's "schizotypal" description with the same seriousness and importance I'd take from a mentally retarded person or a con-artist, and ignore it as being unimportant.

There's a lot of psycho-babbology out there, and probably legions of Professor Raines desparately trying to shinny up the pole of academic success any way they can.

Dave Morton

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Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 12:58:13 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 16:00:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Unknown Animal Devours Colt Near Salta

>From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1@earthlink.net](mailto:lornis1@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 12:37:09 -0500  
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<snip>

That's nothing. I had a known animal... a St. Bernard that would devour 12 Colt's at every opportunity. Of course he had to be put into rehab for a while, after a spring break binge in Ft. Lauderdale, but that's another story.

Wendy Connors

So, there ya have it, but whadda got?

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## Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 16:04:29 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 16:06:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Ledger

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 09:14:43 -0700  
>Subject: Re: A Wee Bit Crazy?

>>From: Jeff Behnke <[jeff@paranormalnews.com](mailto:jeff@paranormalnews.com)>  
>>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 09:34:11 -0500  
>>Subject: A Wee Bit Crazy?

>>A Wee Bit Crazy?

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>>smarter than others. If you dress funny, talk funny, have no  
>>friends, believe in ghosts and communicate with UFOs, science  
>>finally has a name for you. You're a schizotypal. You're in a  
>>classification all by yourself: You're a bit nutty, in other  
>>words, but you manage to get by."

>Well adjusted people, like yourself, just make me sick! <Huge  
Grin>

>What right do debunkers have in deschizoing another schizotypal  
>person anyway? <G>

>I say the whole thing schiztz. <G>

Or as Ben Franklin said, "No matter where you go, there you  
are".

At least I can now stop calling myself, a ufologist. My spell  
checker thinks that should be urologist anyway.

Don Ledger

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## Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 15:19:27 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 16:10:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - White

>From: Jeff Behnke <[jeff@paranormalnews.com](mailto:jeff@paranormalnews.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>words, but you manage to get by."

><http://straitstimes.asia1.com.sg/techscience/story/0,4386,172842,00.html>

<snip>

This is another classic case of psychiatry and psychology  
presuming to know things they in fact have no expert knowledge  
of.

Psychiatrists and psychologists have no training in UFOs or  
ghosts, both of which have huge amounts of data; the reality of  
the data itself cannot be denied. Both keep on happening, and  
both keep getting reported by people who are not mentally ill,  
and both leave at least some physical traces.

(Photos and videos, recorded sounds and electronic voice  
phenomena, recorded electrical activity and temperature  
perturbations at sites during hauntings, some physical contact  
cases, and pronounced physical damage during poltergeist  
events, for the ghostly side of things.)

A good mental health defence lawyer would be able to overcome  
this sham "diagnosis" in court, and might stand a chance of  
supporting a charge of malpractice and defamation of character.

Eleanor White

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## UFOs In Ancient Art - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <[stingray@nor.com.au](mailto:stingray@nor.com.au)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 00:40:00 +1100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 17:11:04 -0500  
Subject: UFOs In Ancient Art - Taylor

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 14:27:13 -0800 (PST)  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art

>>From: Diego Cuoghi <[diego.cuoghi@tin.it](mailto:diego.cuoghi@tin.it)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 21:39:57 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art

<snip>

>So the question to my mind is: Why a "flying disk"?  
>>Yes. But in many ancient paintings of the Annunciation you can  
>>see golden words in the direction of the Virgin Mary. Example,  
>>Simone Martini's Annunciation:

>>[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Martini\\_Annunc\\_part.jpg](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Martini_Annunc_part.jpg)

>>The rays are a most symbolic way to represent the God's Grace,  
>>used in hundreds of religious paintings, not only Annunciations.

>But the rays are coming from a flying disk. That's a  
>conjoining of two disparate symbols. I can conceive of a Jungian  
>interpretation for this motif, but I still find this painting  
>anomalous.

>Unless "flying disks" are an element of Christian iconography--  
>which, to my knowledge, they're not--I think their presence in  
>these paintings demand more than casual "symbolic" explanations.

Diego,

I too congratulate you on compilation of your web page. You must  
have spent many hours sifting through 1,000's of images to  
select these.

I understand that you wish to convey the idea that these  
paintings actually depict religious events with total religious  
interpretation.

Am I correct in thinking that you do not consider that the  
paintings have any symbolic or direct relationship with UFOs as  
we have interpreted in many of the images of this era?

It is quite obvious in some paintings, that the artist has gone  
to great detail in painting aerial objects that can only be  
interpreted as what we refer to as UFOs.

The Church was an authoritative entity during the 15th - 16th  
century, secondary only to the Kings and head rulers of the day.  
These artists would have been commissioned by the Church to  
paint these UFO-type objects into the paintings. On completion,  
the Kings or Church Heads would have to approve the paintings.

Pre-Reformation preaching may have mentioned these UFOs as  
openly as described by Ezekiel. The Reformation saw removal of  
the wall paintings within all British Churches. The Bible of old

was re-written, removing or re-interpretation of its contents. Most likely removing any obvious description of UFOs and 'Sky People'.

If you have any doubts about UFOs showing an interest in severe human activities like the death of Christ and other significant events that effects Humans, than I direct you to my web page describing a few very personal experiences that I have witnessed.

<http://home.manyrivers.aunz.com/stingray/angel-01.htm>

I can assure you, that UFOs have been seen, by myself and witnesses with me, that have shown a direct interest in the critically ill and dying Human Being.

UFO-type objects and illuminations have also been seen during war.

I have no doubt that UFOs have shown themselves to those needing assistance during critical times throughout history. This includes the times of Christ, and periods in history when Man (scribes) were authoring these events in the early Middle East, to eventually be included in the Bible and other religious text.

In past ages, there was a direct UFO - Human relationship, especially when in times of need and Human disaster. The same still applies to-day.

Barry Taylor

Personal UFO Web Site

<http://home.manyrivers.aunz.com/stingray/>

Original site - (Est.1996)

<http://www.nor.com.au/users/stingray/>

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 22:04:41 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 18:41:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 19:37:02 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:09:15 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception?

>Don wrote (in response to Dave Clarke),

>>Perhaps you or Andy could explain to me why this case was so  
>>important to the investigators of the time.

>It was important because some of those involved firmly believed  
>that this area of the Dales was a base for 'structured craft of  
>unknown origin'. A 'big' photo case involving policemen added  
>weight to this theory. Its existence was used to bolster other  
>sightings in the area, and the case literally 'took off',  
>causing people to believe they had seen it flying in the sky  
>above them!

>This, I must note, is a very simplified version of events, the  
>rest of which are entangled in the labyrinthine UK UFO politics  
>of the time.

Oh dear, it looks as though I shall have to oil my typing  
fingers and hammer away over the weekend to get David Clarke's  
"Why Cracoe Fell" article from Magonia 26 (June 1987) up on the  
Magonia website archive. Watch this space.

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Cuoghi

From: Diego Cuoghi <[diegocuoghi@spamcop.net](mailto:diegocuoghi@spamcop.net)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 23:50:53 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 18:45:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Cuoghi

>From: Barry Taylor <[stingray@nor.com.au](mailto:stingray@nor.com.au)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 00:40:00 +1100  
>Subject: Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Taylor

>Diego,

>I too congratulate you on compilation of your web page.

Thank you

>You must  
>have spent many hours sifting through 1,000's of images to  
>select these.

I own many art books because I studied art-history and I still work in this field. Two weeks ago I was in Florence, at Uffizi and Accademia Museums, and I will return there next week. All my holidays are dedicated to european art cities and museums. Next month I will fly to Paris to see art exhibitions.

Art is my strong interest, so when I read of 'UFOs in Art' I cannot agree with those theories.

>I understand that you wish to convey the idea that these  
>paintings actually depict religious events with total religious  
>interpretation.

Yes, it's what I want to show in my pages.

>Am I correct in thinking that you do not consider that the  
>paintings have any symbolic or direct relationship with UFOs as  
>we have interpreted in many of the images of this era?

Yes. I do not believe that there's UFOs in renaissance art.

>It is quite obvious in some paintings, that the artist has gone  
>to great detail in painting aerial objects that can only be  
>interpreted as what we refer to as UFOs.

For me it's not obvious that "details" are symbolic representations of religious concepts: angels, rays of God's grace, the Holy Ghost as a Dove, the Sun and the Moon... as read in the Bible and other religious writings.

>paint these UFO-type objects into the paintings. On completion,  
>the Kings or Church Heads would have to approve the paintings.

There are tons of documents, letters, diaries, contracts (there were strong contracts between the artists and the purchasers) in Italian historical archives. No one wrote about meanings, other than religious and traditional, in paintings with holy subjects.

>If you have any doubts about UFOs showing an interest in severe  
>human activities like the death of Christ and other significant  
>events that effects Humans..

I think religion is a very important aspect of the human history but I am not religious... I do not believe in God.



Diego Cuoghi

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<http://www.diegocuoghi.it>

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## Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Kimball

From: [Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 20:06:31 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 03:02:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Kimball

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>this sham "diagnosis" in court, and might stand a chance of  
>supporting a charge of malpractice and defamation of character.

Eleanor:

Malpractice? Defamation of Character?? Sheesh.

C'mon - have a sense of humour about this, and leave the  
lawyering to the lawyers!

Best regards,

Paul Kimball  
[www.redstarfilm.com](http://www.redstarfilm.com)

P.S. The statement 'psychiatrists and psychologists have no  
training in UFOs and ghosts' is a bit broad, don't you think? To  
what kind of training are you referring, exactly? I thought most  
ufologists were self-trained - concerned citizens looking for  
the truth (something for which they are to be commended).  
Surely, there must be at least one psychiatrist or psychologist  
out there who qualifies?

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## John Alexander On Greer?

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 23:41:57 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 03:07:07 -0500  
Subject: John Alexander On Greer?

>From: Stephen G. Bassett <[ParadigmRG@aol.com](mailto:ParadigmRG@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 23:42:13 EST  
>Subject: PRG/X-PPAC/D2003/CH Update - 02-21-03

>PRG  
>Paradigm Research Group

>Update - February 21, 2003  
>[To the combined X-PPAC/PRG/D2003/CH mail lists.]

>X-PPAC Congressional Alert

>A new congressional alert relating to the Columbia tragedy has  
>been sent to the House and Senate. Excerpt:

>"The cost of maintaining a truth embargo on the facts  
>surrounding an extraterrestrial presence continues to grow. If  
>safer means to place payloads into space lay ensconced within  
>the "black" world behind the national security curtain, this  
>cost now includes the lives of astronauts."

>See: [www.x-ppac.org/Alerts.html#2-20-03](http://www.x-ppac.org/Alerts.html#2-20-03)

>Citizen Hearing

>The Citizen Hearing concept received very positive reviews from  
>colleagues and supporters met during the recent 30-day driving  
>trip through California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. PRG  
>will continue to build the structural base for this event by  
>seeking new sponsors, advisory board members, funding and the  
>participation of former members of Congress.

Hi Stephen,

First I'd like to say that I admire your energy and dedication. You are one of the few who work diligently at raising public awareness about a major issue... UFOs. (Hold on to your panty-hose, here comes the 'but'. :)

"But" wouldn't your time, energy and resources be better spent trying to accomplish the 'real thing' (congressional hearings) as opposed to these 'mock' hearings? Why are we fed a steady diet of reasons (excuses) why congressional hearings can't happen? Instead of being encouraged to actively work/fight for congressional hearings, we are asked to accept this diluted - watered down- version.

We are being asked to endorse and support 'mock' hearings that will 'essentially' only serve to consume valuable resources that could be applied to much greater benefit for all realizing the genuine article - 'actual' as opposed to 'mock' congressional hearings.

Something that has not been properly addressed on this List, or anywhere else for that matter, has to do with a statement made by the former director of NIDS, John Alexander in regard to

Greer and the effect and timing his 'Disclosure Project'.

(I'm paraphrasing Alexander)

John Alexander intimated that plans to conduct congressional hearings was not only in the works, but well under way until Greer put on his three-ring-circus at The National Press Club. According to John Alexander the whole process went to pot and all plans for a congressional hearing was curtailed as a result.

What do you know about this? Is what Alexander tells us true? Was there a pre-existing effort (prior to Greer's press club presentation) to conduct congressional hearings? Were those plans scrapped, as Alexander says, because of Greer?

Very important questions... even more, very serious allegations. If Greer is responsible for single-handedly ruining any prospects for congressional hearings, then that is something that we all need to know about.

It's also important to know what those original plans were and if it's possible to breath new life into them. Until these important questions are answered, it would be wise to hold off squandering rare and hard to acquire resources on a 'mock' hearing. Those same resources 'may be' applied to securing the real thing. That is, if the possibility still exists.

Just one man's questions, and one man's opinion.

I await your response.

Regards from frozen N.Y.C.

John Velez  
Wide-awake, concerned citizen.

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

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

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>That's nothing. I had a known animal... a St. Bernard that would  
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>put into rehab for a while, after a spring break binge in Ft.  
>Lauderdale, but that's another story.

>Wendy Connors

>So, there ya have it, but whadda got?

Hello Wendy:

I always liked St. Bernards, who doesn't? This one sounds rather  
special, [burp!] Highly civilized, a real social animal. I'm  
sure you miss him immensely.

Best wishes

- Larry

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 20:06:31 EST  
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>>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 15:19:27 -0500  
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qualifications, as well as how that's to be determined. It would  
seem that both sides in this debate would certainly define those  
qualifications in a vastly different manner.

Unfortunately, it is increasingly apparent that there is a  
growing attitude that if they're not our friends, then they must  
be our enemies.

We're talking about a simple article here, and a study that is  
one of thousands that take place every year. Let's not give it  
more importance in the grand scheme of things than it deserves.

Steve

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## Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - White

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Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 10:15:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - White

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>>><http://straitstimes.asial.com.sg/techscience/story/0,4386,172842,00.html>

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UFO and ghost studies are not part of their certification  
process. If they were, there would be no such criteria stated  
for being diagnosed "schizotypal". No one forced to examine the  
data for such issues can deny the reality, even if they don't  
conclude that the ET hypothesis is true.

As to lack of sense of humour, it may be laughable if you have  
never known anyone who has been falsely imprisoned or shot up  
with legalized torture drugs. It's not so funny for folks like  
the thousands who were dosed with radioactive materials, for  
example, by the United States government, now on the public  
record.

Those victims suffered and died painfully as the almighty  
psychiatric trade\_and\_government\_officials\_forced them to  
endure being publicly called "the crazies", as they suffered and  
died from this. Ditto the MKULTRA victims, and ditto others who  
at this moment suffer from covert illegal human experimentation.

Ask the next involuntary psychiatric patient you meet about  
Thorazine or Haldol.

UFO researchers hate it when the media ridicules them - so I'm

Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - White

suggesting here that they stop and think before heaping the same nonsense on mis-diagnosed psychiatric patients.

Eleanor White

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## Re: John Alexander On Greer? - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 07:01:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 10:18:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer? - White

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 23:41:57 -0500  
>Subject: John Alexander On Greer?

>>From: Stephen G. Bassett <[ParadigmRG@aol.com](mailto:ParadigmRG@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 23:42:13 EST  
>>Subject: PRG/X-PPAC/D2003/CH Update - 02-21-03

>>PRG  
>>Paradigm Research Group

>>Update - February 21, 2003  
>>[To the combined X-PPAC/PRG/D2003/CH mail lists.]

<snip>

>"But" wouldn't your time, energy and resources be better spent  
>trying to accomplish the 'real thing' (congressional hearings)  
>as opposed to these 'mock' hearings? Why are we fed a steady  
>diet of reasons (excuses) why congressional hearings can't  
>happen?

<snip>

Half a century of this makes it clear that extremely influential people, who remain anonymous, are actually running the United States government. That's not a "conspiracy theory", it is an observation, and obvious. The UFO issue is an issue that makes this unarguably clear, possibly the best indication available.

>Instead of being encouraged to actively work/fight for  
>congressional hearings, we are asked to accept this diluted -  
>watered down- version.

I suggest that this watered-down version is making the best of a terrible situation, and deserves praise.

>We are being asked to endorse and support 'mock' hearings that  
>will 'essentially' only serve to consume valuable resources that  
>could be applied to much greater benefit for all realizing the  
>genuine article - 'actual' as opposed to 'mock' congressional  
>hearings.

On the other hand, in view of the seamless stonewalling over the past 50+ years, you could wait for the next millenium, possibly.

<snip>

>(I'm paraphrasing Alexander)

>John Alexander intimated that plans to conduct congressional  
>hearings was not only in the works, but well under way until  
>Greer put on his three-ring-circus at The National Press Club.  
>According to John Alexander the whole process went to pot and  
>all plans for a congressional hearing was curtailed as a result.

But what is the potential for John Alexander to be working for,

in fact, the anonymous group who have been keeping the lid on UFO information for so long?

It is easy for observers to wave away the above suggestion saying "conspiracy theory", but what makes it impossible?

Why is John Alexander's story given more credibility than all the other nonsensical 'explanations' given for Roswell, for example?

It's is safe and popular to wave away obvious possibilities with the "conspiracy theory" put downs, as we hear from time to time on the Strange Days Indeed radio show. But such a disparaging term is not enough reason to fail to at least acknowledge a 50% likelihood that Alexander may be ladling disinformation.

Eleanor White

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## Re: UFO Feature in Maxim Magazine - Pope

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Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 12:16:55 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 10:21:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Feature in Maxim Magazine - Pope

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 20:18:21 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: UFO Feature in Maxim Magazine

>>From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 23:26:46 -0000  
>>Subject: UFO Feature in Maxim Magazine

>>The April issue of Maxim magazine is out now (yes really) and  
>>contains a feature on UFOs and alien abductions, on pages 102 to  
>>108.

>>An abductee talks about his experiences, and I talk about some  
>>of my official research and investigation at the Ministry of  
>>Defence.

>I have an ugly feeling about this. "Maxim's" reason for existing  
>seems to be to make snide comments and scoffing E-Z to digest  
>satire for the masses... and publish pictures of supermodels.

>>Anyway, look out for the magazine with Caprice on the front!

>I rest my case.  
>But seriously, is this a good venue? I'll keep an eye out...

Mac is right, of course, about the magazine itself, and it won't surprise people that the feature includes some light-hearted comments and illustrations, and some inaccurate statistical information that probably stems from a brief internet search rather than any in-depth research. Such is the nature of the beast. But the two interviews come out well, I think. Mine was distilled from a half-hour telephone conversation with a Maxim staffer, and with the exception of a couple of points which were mistranscribed (e.g. an incorrect date) the comments attributed to me are accurate.

I don't know what the abductee thinks of the feature. His comments are in the form of a straight narrative, with no questions or comments from the staff writer.

I see the value of such features as being generating interest with people who know little or nothing about ufology, or giving someone the confidence to report a UFO or abduction experience. Maxim sells around 300,000 copies in the UK.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Letter From Monty Python's Terry Jones

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Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 10:52:54 -0500  
Subject: Letter From Monty Python's Terry Jones

A letter to the London Observer from Monty Python's Terry Jones

Source: The Sunday Observer

<http://www.observer.co.uk/comment/story/0,6903,882459,00.html>

Letter to the Observer  
Sunday January 26, 2003  
The Observer

I'm really excited by George Bush's latest reason for bombing Iraq: he's running out of patience. And so am I! For some time now I've been really pis\*ed off with Mr Johnson, who lives a couple of doors down the street.

Well, him and Mr Patel, who runs the health food shop. They both give me queer looks, and I'm sure Mr Johnson is planning something nasty, but so far I haven't been able to discover what. I've been round to his place a few times to see what he's up to, but he's got everything well hidden. That's how devious he is. As for Mr Patel, don't ask me how I know, I just know - from very good sources - that he is, in reality, a Mass Murderer.

I have leafleted the street telling them that if we don't act first, he'll pick us off one by one. Some of my neighbours say, if I've got proof, why don't I go to the police? But that's simply ridiculous. The police will say that they need evidence of a crime with which to charge my neighbours. They'll come up with endless red tape and quibbling about the rights and wrongs of a pre-emptive strike and all the while Mr Johnson will be finalising his plans to do terrible things to me, while Mr Patel will be secretly murdering people. Since I'm the only one in the street with a decent range of automatic firearms, I reckon it's up to me to keep the peace. But until recently that's been a little difficult. Now, however, George W. Bush has made it clear that all I need to do is run out of patience, and then I can wade in and do whatever I want!

And let's face it, Mr Bush's carefully thought-out policy towards Iraq is the only way to bring about international peace and security. The one certain way to stop Muslim fundamentalist suicide bombers targeting the US or the UK is to bomb a few Muslim countries that have never threatened us. That's why I want to blow up Mr Johnson's garage and kill his wife and children. Strike first! That'll teach him a lesson. Then he'll leave us in peace and stop peering at me in that totally unacceptable way. Mr Bush makes it clear that all he needs to know before bombing Iraq is that Saddam is a really nasty man and that he has weapons of mass destruction - even if no one can find them. I'm certain I've just as much justification for killing Mr Johnson's wife and children as Mr Bush has for bombing Iraq.

Mr Bush's long-term aim is to make the world a safer place by eliminating 'rogue states' and 'terrorism'. It's such a clever long-term aim because how can you ever know when you've achieved it? How will Mr Bush know when he's wiped out all terrorists?

When every single terrorist is dead? But then a terrorist is only a terrorist once he's committed an act of terror. What about would-be terrorists? These are the ones you really want to eliminate, since most of the known terrorists, being suicide bombers, have already eliminated themselves. Perhaps Mr Bush needs to wipe out everyone who could possibly be a future terrorist? Maybe he can't be sure he's achieved his objective until every Muslim fundamentalist is dead? But then some moderate Muslims might convert to fundamentalism.

Maybe the only really safe thing to do would be for Mr Bush to eliminate all Muslims? It's the same in my street. Mr Johnson and Mr Patel are just the tip of the iceberg. There are dozens of other people in the street who I don't like and who - quite frankly - look at me in odd ways. No one will be really safe until I've wiped them all out. My wife says I might be going too far but I tell her I'm simply using the same logic as the President of the United States. That shuts her up.

Like Mr Bush, I've run out of patience, and if that's a good enough reason for the President, it's good enough for me. I'm going to give the whole street two weeks - no, 10 days - to come out in the open and hand over all aliens and interplanetary hijackers, galactic outlaws and interstellar terrorist masterminds, and if they don't hand them over nicely and say 'Thank you', I'm going to bomb the entire street to kingdom come. It's just as sane as what George W. Bush is proposing - and, in contrast to what he's intending, my policy will destroy only one street.

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## Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 07:29:32 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 10:54:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Hatch

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 05:37:48 -0500  
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>>Steve

Hello Steve, Paul..

Re: A Wee Bit Crazy? - Hatch

Since I put up some statistical pages, I get queried from time to time by people making unexpected studies.

One of the more recent ones found seemingly impossibly high correlations between Satanism and UFO sightings counts.

I referred this scholar, connected with a religious university, to a different UFO database.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Unknown Animal Devours Colt - Connors

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Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 08:40:03 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 10:57:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Unknown Animal Devours Colt - Connors

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 00:35:54 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Unknown Animal Devours Colt Near

>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 12:58:13 -0700  
>>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Unknown Animal Devours Colt Near Salta Argentina

>>>From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1@earthlink.net](mailto:lornis1@earthlink.net)>  
>>>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 12:37:09 -0500  
>>>Subject: Unknown Animal Devours Colt Near Salta Argentina

>><snip>

>>That's nothing. I had a known animal... a St. Bernard that would  
>>devour 12 Colt's at every opportunity. Of course he had to be  
>>put into rehab for a while, after a spring break binge in Ft.  
>>Lauderdale, but that's another story.

>I always liked St. Bernards, who doesn't? This one sounds rather  
>special, [burp!] Highly civilized, a real social animal. I'm  
>sure you miss him immensely.

Hi Larry,

Nah, I don't miss him at all. He was the most cantankerous,  
obnoxious, belligerent rascal on the block. He had absolutely no  
respect for anyone's leg or gardens. He was nothing but a fall  
down, drooling lush. He died with his face in a bucket of suds  
and was the best thing that could have happened. <G>

However, had he been more genteel and favored more esoteric  
spirits, he would have been most cavalier, debonair and admired.  
But, he fiddled his life away like a throw-away from Moe's  
Tavern.

Wendy Connors  
So, there ya have it, but whadda ya got?

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>X-PPAC Congressional Alert

>A new congressional alert relating to the Columbia tragedy has  
>been sent to the House and Senate. Excerpt:

>"The cost of maintaining a truth embargo on the facts  
>surrounding an extraterrestrial presence continues to grow. If  
>safer means to place payloads into space lay ensconced within  
>the "black" world behind the national security curtain, this  
>cost now includes the lives of astronauts."

This is beyond the pale - tying a tragedy like the loss of the Columbia to the "black" world behind the national security curtain, with absolutely no - zip, zilch, nada - evidence that the disaster had anything even remotely to do with UFOs, government black ops, or a conspiracy of silence/cosmic watergate (whichever you prefer). It dishonours the lives of the seven dead astronauts, and all of us who genuinely believe in space exploration.

>See: [www.x-ppac.org/Alerts.html#2-20-03](http://www.x-ppac.org/Alerts.html#2-20-03)

Oh... and here's a key part that was not posted here, but that everybody should know about:

'One of the most important questions this testimony addresses is whether the United States government has for decades been in possession of propulsion and energy technologies taken or reverse engineered from retrieved extraterrestrial vehicles. X-PPAC is convinced the answer to this question is "yes". The logic is quite simple:... (6) Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso in his memoir, The Day After Roswell, clearly stated some extraterrestrial-derived technological concepts were transferred to the commercial arena under his guidance, but the energy and propulsion systems were not among them.'

Ugh - which is Canadian for "what a load of garbage"!

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## Re: John Alexander On Greer? - McGonagle

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Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 17:50:26 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 16:49:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer? - McGonagle

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>on the Strange Days Indeed radio show. But such a disparaging  
>term is not enough reason to fail to at least acknowledge a 50%  
>likelihood that Alexander may be ladling disinformation.

Hear hear, well said!

People keep telling me that my theory is complete fantasy, but  
how can they prove that the universe isn't really being  
manipulated by the fairies at the bottom of my garden?

"Fantasy" is an even more disparaging term than "conspiracy  
theory", which makes my theory even more likely to be right.

Er...well, that would be if I actually had a garden.... Darn  
it, the fairies must have magicked it away to make me look  
silly!

Joe

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## Lawsuit Aims To Silence UFO Watchdog

From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 11:16:48 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 16:55:42 -0500  
Subject: Lawsuit Aims To Silence UFO Watchdog

PRESS RELEASE

LAWSUIT AIMS TO SILENCE VOICE OF CRITIC IN UFO DEBATE  
Supposed Psychic and Self Proclaimed UFO Authority Alleges Libel  
In Unfounded Lawsuit

21-February-2003

Sean David Morton, who has promoted himself as "one of America's greatest psychics" and as the "world's foremost UFO researcher", has filed a one-million dollar defamation lawsuit against [ufowatchdog.com](http://ufowatchdog.com).

Morton was the subject of a series of [ufowatchdog.com](http://ufowatchdog.com) articles, most notably 'The Shameless Psychic and His Prophecy of Lies' in which many of Morton's claims were called into serious question. Morton was invited to directly comment on the story, which was later published in February 2001. Morton failed to respond to several invitations for comment, including a posted open invitation on the [ufowatchdog.com](http://ufowatchdog.com) website.

In his lawsuit, Morton alleges all information pertaining to him published by [ufowatchdog.com](http://ufowatchdog.com) is "false", including an autobiography and a list of production/writing credits both authored by Morton himself. This leaves the question of why Morton would actually claim something written by him is false.

[ufowatchdog.com](http://ufowatchdog.com) editor Royce J. Myers III calls the lawsuit "completely meritless and an absolute abuse of the judicial system." Myers further added, "Mr.Morton is simply trying to use the courts by trampling on the First Amendment in an attempt to silence one of his numerous critics."

When asked about Morton's claim of being libeled, Myers said, "Mr. Morton's allegations are pure fantasy, as are the vast majority of his UFO and psychic claims. Mr.Morton was invited to comment and has, by choice, continually failed to respond or comment. Mr.Morton has been aware of [ufowatchdog.com](http://ufowatchdog.com) since it debuted in February 2001. You can't hold someone else accountable for your own failure to speak up."

"Mr. Morton apparently will go to any length in trying to silence someone with something to say about him, as he has named [ufowatchdog.com](http://ufowatchdog.com)'s webhost as a defendant, which is ludicrous. Thanks to Mr.Morton's baseless lawsuit, the webhost has shut down the [Ufowatchdog.Com](http://Ufowatchdog.Com) website. The webhost has nothing to do with the content of the website. The lawsuit is clearly retaliatory and intended to stifle any debate about Mr. Morton's public claims about UFOs, the paranormal, and his alleged credentials. Essentially, he's trying to scare anyone from engaging him in the eye of the public and apparently is under the assumption that issues pertaining to UFOs and the paranormal are one-sided debates solely for him to participate in." Myers stated.

Prominent Los Angeles civil rights attorney Carol A. Sobel, representing [UFOWATCHDOG.COM](http://UFOWATCHDOG.COM), responded to the complaint. On February 20, 2003, Sobel filed a motion to have the lawsuit



dismissed on the grounds that Morton is "...prevent[ing] Defendants from engaging in protected expressive activities -- namely calling into question [Morton's] self-proclaimed national expertise on extraterrestrial life, UFOs, and the paranormal."

Filed under a special California state law enacted in 1992 to combat what the California Legislature called "...a disturbing increase in lawsuits brought primarily to chill the valid exercise of the constitutional rights of freedom of speech", the state law protects people from defamation and other SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) lawsuits. The motion allows for the lawsuit to be quickly dismissed when such complaint arises from the exercise of First Amendment petition and free speech rights on an issue of public interest.

Sobel noted in the motion to dismiss the lawsuit, "The existence of extraterrestrial life is unquestionably a matter of great public interest. People all over the world are engaged in research to answer the question of whether such life exists. Needless to say, this matter is quite controversial, bringing with it vehemently contrasting positions based on scientific and religious grounds."

A hearing on the motion is scheduled for March 14, 2003 at 8:30AM in L.A. Superior Court in department E at 825 Maple Ave., Torrance, California.

Since early 2001, ufowatchdog.com has been a news source for both UFOs and the paranormal. Most notably, ufowatchdog.com has challenged a number of the claims made by well known UFO personalities, has provided commentary on the UFO and paranormal fields, as well as having exposed UFO hoaxes all in an effort to further more rational and scientific debate regarding issues such as UFOs and the paranormal.

Contact: [ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)

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## Re: John Alexander On Greer? - Kimball

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Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 17:28:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer? - Kimball

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 07:01:31 -0500  
>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 23:41:57 -0500  
>>Subject: John Alexander On Greer?

<snip>

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>States government. That's not a "conspiracy theory", it is an  
>observation, and obvious. The UFO issue is an issue that makes  
>this unarguably clear, possibly the best indication available.

Eleanor:

It is not obvious, and it is not unarguably clear. It IS  
conspiracy theory - you know, the kind that debunkers point to  
when they want to ridicule and undermine the work of serious UFO  
researchers.

A short example... when I was at the 2001 MUFON symposium, in  
the dealer room, just a couple tables down from Stan Friedman  
(for whom I have a great deal of respect, even if we sometimes  
disagree) was a group of folks straight out of the late 1960s  
who were trying to convince everyone who walked past that the US  
government was controlling us using devices mounted in trucks  
that zapped our brains with some kind of... well, brain zapper.  
No doubt they too believed that their "theory" was unarguable,  
and obvious. I wondered how they had escaped the effects of the  
brain zapper, but that's another story. When I asked them,  
however, they accused me of being a government agent!

These people, by their very presence, made Stan and others look  
a bit loopy just for being in the same room. Unfortunately,  
statements like the one you make above have the same general  
effect, and provide the debunkers with more ammunition than they  
could ever muster on their own.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball  
[www.redstarfilm.com](http://www.redstarfilm.com)

P.S. John Velez is absolutely right re: the Congressional

hearings versus the mock hearings!

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## Re: John Alexander On Greer? - Hall

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Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 17:39:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

>From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 12:42:38 EST  
>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

>>From: Stephen G. Bassett <[ParadigmRG@aol.com](mailto:ParadigmRG@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 23:42:13 EST  
>>Subject: PRG/X-PPAC/D2003/CH Update - 02-21-03

>>X-PPAC Congressional Alert

>>A new congressional alert relating to the Columbia tragedy has  
>>been sent to the House and Senate. Excerpt:

>>"The cost of maintaining a truth embargo on the facts  
>>surrounding an extraterrestrial presence continues to grow. If  
>>safer means to place payloads into space lay ensconced within  
>>the "black" world behind the national security curtain, this  
>>cost now includes the lives of astronauts."

>This is beyond the pale - tying a tragedy like the loss of the  
>Columbia to the "black" world behind the national security  
>curtain, with absolutely no - zip, zilch, nada - evidence that  
>the disaster had anything even remotely to do with UFOs,  
>government black ops, or a conspiracy of silence/cosmic  
>watergate (whichever you prefer). It dishonours the lives of the  
>seven dead astronauts, and all of us who genuinely believe in  
>space exploration.

>>See: [www.x-ppac.org/Alerts.html#2-20-03](http://www.x-ppac.org/Alerts.html#2-20-03)

>Oh... and here's a key part that was not posted here, but that  
>everybody should know about:

>'One of the most important questions this testimony addresses is  
>whether the United States government has for decades been in  
>possession of propulsion and energy technologies taken or  
>reverse engineered from retrieved extraterrestrial vehicles. X-  
>PPAC is convinced the answer to this question is "yes". The  
>logic is quite simple:... (6) Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso in his  
>memoir, The Day After Roswell, clearly stated some  
>extraterrestrial-derived technological concepts were transferred  
>to the commercial arena under his guidance, but the energy and  
>propulsion systems were not among them.'

>Ugh - which is Canadian for "what a load of garbage"!

Amen to this! We have a similar expression in the States. Some  
other expressions that apply are "crass opportunism" and  
"wishful thinking." But what it all boils down to is very muddy  
thinking, whether or not Eleanor likes the word  
"conspiratorial". Whatever comes down the pike is screened  
through a pre-existing belief system, and instead of science  
being done, facts and evidence are accepted or rejected on the  
basis of their confirming or contradicting what someone wants or  
prefers to believe.

Bah, humbug!

- Dick

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## Zilch Empiricism And UFOs

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Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 20:55:18 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 17:42:01 -0500  
Subject: Zilch Empiricism And UFOs

Greetings all;

This is addressed to those who have shredded empiricism with lazy smug assertions that the Columbia tragedy has nothing to do with UFOs. Nothing?

A careful examination of many quality observations near the Tejon ranch in the Tehachapi's in the late 80's indicate that disc and triangular shaped objects were seen performing non aerodynamic movements on many nights. They were seen emerging from a NORTHROP facility without alarm or interference from Edwards AFB.

These sightings occurred in the midst of US aerospace R&D facilities. Either they were ours or theirs.

There is of course another facility where long before Mr. Lazar's fame, where objects behaving like UFOs i.e. zig-zagging, sudden high G maneuvers etc. were regularly observed. Again, either theirs or ours.

This clearly should suggest that secret testing of field propulsion vehicles very well may have occurred. Zilch empiricism leads to zero connection to Columbia. But honest empiricism leads to the logical possibility that some agency possesses an alternative to reactive propulsion.

Are there empiricists willing to speak up on this?

Vince White

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## Re: John Alexander On Greer? - Velez

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Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 00:05:57 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 17:50:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer? - Velez

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>>PRG  
>>>Paradigm Research Group

>>>Update - February 21, 2003  
>>>[To the combined X-PPAC/PRG/D2003/CH mail lists.]

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Hi Eleanor,

You wrote:

>Hi -

>Just wanted to be sure you saw this opposing viewpoint  
>in case this issue is discussed on tonight's SDI show:

'Opposing viewpoints' are always most welcome. One of the things I love most about the concept of democracy is how it invites the expression of many divergent points of view. How it provides all a 'level playing field.'

"Oppose" away! ;)

I asked Stephen Bassett:

>>"But" wouldn't your time, energy and resources be better spent  
>>trying to accomplish the 'real thing' (congressional hearings)  
>>as opposed to these 'mock' hearings? Why are we fed a steady  
>>diet of reasons (excuses) why congressional hearings can't  
>>happen?

You respond:

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>people, who remain anonymous, are actually running the United  
>States government. That's not a "conspiracy theory", it is an  
>observation, and obvious. The UFO issue is an issue that makes  
>this unarguably clear, possibly the best indication available.

UFOs? I blame the popular modern belief in the existence of a "Shadow Government" on a combination of; the late President Eisenhower's parting admonition for the American people to, 'beware of the military/industrial complex' and the

assassinations of John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, and Martin Luther King.

In modern times the UFO information cover-up may have become one of the 'indicators' as you say, but the root of the widely held 'belief' that a Shadow Government exists stem from the aforementioned warning and assassinations. It is history that is burned into the hearts and minds of every American who lived through those times. UFOs do not share any kind of parity status with those traumatic social events. At least not in the minds of the masses.

UFOs are important to 'us'... we are in a minority.

>>Instead of being encouraged to actively work/fight for  
>>congressional hearings, we are asked to accept this diluted -  
>>watered down- version.

>I suggest that this watered-down version is making the best of  
>a terrible situation, and deserves praise.

Stephen deserves praise. He is a tireless and I might add creative worker for the cause of UFO information disclosure. None better.

However, proposals for public events, especially ones that promise to chew up the amount of hard cash resources that Stephen projects for this one-off side-show 'might be' better spent elsewhere. We won't know for sure unless we discuss it.

Stephen's mock hearing isn't even the real meat of the questions I asked. The real questions have to do with John Alexander's remarks about Greer and how he ruined the possibility of an actual congressional hearing on the subject of UFOs. That's no 'light weight' comment when you consider the source. It needs to be looked into.

Don't you want to know? If not, why not?

>>We are being asked to endorse and support 'mock' hearings that  
>>will 'essentially' only serve to consume valuable resources that  
>>could be applied to much greater benefit for all realizing the  
>>genuine article - 'actual' as opposed to 'mock' congressional  
>>hearings.

>On the other hand, in view of the seamless stonewalling over the  
>past 50+ years, you could wait for the next millenium, possibly.

That's not true Eleanor. You need to bone up on your history. There has already been a congressional hearing on the question of UFOs. One of our own List-mates, Dick Hall, was an integral part of making those hearings a reality way back when.

If it happened once, it can happen again.

>>(I'm paraphrasing Alexander)

>>John Alexander intimated that plans to conduct congressional  
>>hearings was not only in the works, but well under way until  
>>Greer put on his three-ring-circus at The National Press Club.  
>>According to John Alexander the whole process went to pot and  
>>all plans for a congressional hearing was curtailed as a result.

[Listen at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/sdi2003.html>

SDI 227 - Bassett --ebk]

>But what is the potential for John Alexander to be working for,  
>in fact, the anonymous group who have been keeping the lid  
>on UFO information for so long?

I'm not sure what you're trying to say here. It isn't clear. What I do know is, a statement such as the one Alexander made about Dr. Greer; that an effort to secure a congressional hearing 'may' have been sabotaged, needs to be clarified and followed up on.

>Why is John Alexander's story given more credibility than all  
>the other nonsensical 'explanations' given for Roswell, for



>example?

I'm not giving Alexander "credibility". What "story"? I'm 'questioning' his statement.

>It's is safe and popular to wave away obvious possibilities  
>with the "conspiracy theory" put downs, as we hear from time  
>to time on the Strange Days Indeed radio show.

Eleanor, because my belief in government conspiracy does not run as deep as your own, it is not a 'put down.' I have expressed my views on SDI. You shouldn't personalize it and take it as a put down of the things that you believe in. It is just my own opinion. That, and a \$1.50 will get me on a bus. ;)

>But such a disparaging term is not enough reason to fail to at  
>least acknowledge a 50% likelihood that Alexander may be ladling  
>disinformation.

Maybe so. But what if the coin turns up 'tails' and he's telling the truth? Don't you think we ought to find out? That's all I'm doing here. Why does that upset you?

Regards,

John

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

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition>

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## Budd Hopkins' NYC UFO - 02-22-03

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Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 18:21:42 -0500

Subject: Budd Hopkins' NYC UFO - 02-22-03

Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

ABDUCTEE PANEL DISCUSSION

Saturday, March 1, 2003

Back by popular demand, the Intruders Foundation (IF) will be presenting an abductee panel discussion, in which several UFO abductees, appearing for the first time publicly, will speak about their extraordinary experiences and how they have dealt with them. Always compelling, these first-hand accounts offer the audience a rare chance to hear exactly what occurs during abduction, and what led these individuals to begin the process of exploring their memories. Hypnosis will be discussed and a free dialogue period will offer members of the audience a chance to question the speakers about their encounters. Budd Hopkins will introduce the panel members (who desire anonymity) and will add his own comments. Among the participating panelists will be an abductee who is connected to the "Mickey & Baby Ann" relationship mentioned in Budd Hopkins' book, WITNESSED.

(NOTE: Due to the need for witness confidentiality, we do not release the names of our participating panelists.)

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

The seminar will be held on March 1st at the meeting rooms of A.R.E., on the tenth floor of 150 W. 28th Street, New York, NY. The price of the seminar is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members of IF, seniors, and students. Reservations must be made by telephone at 212-645-5278, and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be made in advance to secure the reservation. Make checks payable to the Intruders Foundation, P.O. Box 30233, New York, NY 10011. Only 50 reservations will be accepted.

On-street parking is generally available in the neighborhood.

The seminar will begin at 7:30 PM and end at 10:00 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM. There will be a one half-hour intermission, during which light complimentary refreshments will be served.

A book table will offer books, videotapes, and other material for sale to those interested. For additional information, call IF at 212-645-5278.

Hope to see you there!

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UPCOMING SEMINARS - Mark Your Calendars!

\* April 5, 2003: Richard Dolan, Author of "UFOs and the National Security State"

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The Intruders Foundation Seminar Series is presented in the interests of open-minded scientific learning and the free

exchange of research, ideas, and theories. IF makes no specific claims or endorsements regarding any materials, views, or subject matter presented by our guests.

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Want to know more about Budd Hopkins and his nonprofit scientific research organization, as well as past and future IF events? Please visit our website:

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John, Listers,

This attempt to connect the shuttle disaster to ET presence and  
the black world is garbage and will only lead to further  
discreditation of the subject matter and has the potential to  
discredit potential future UFO hearings.

>>Citizen Hearing

>>The Citizen Hearing concept received very positive reviews from  
>>colleagues and supporters met during the recent 30-day driving  
>>trip through California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. PRG  
>>will continue to build the structural base for this event by  
>>seeking new sponsors, advisory board members, funding and the  
>>participation of former members of Congress.

>Hi Stephen,

>First I'd like to say that I admire your energy and dedication.  
>You are one of the few who work diligently at raising public  
>awareness about a \_major\_ issue... UFOs. (Hold on to your panty-  
>hose, here comes the 'but'. :)

>"But" wouldn't your time, energy and resources be better spent  
>trying to accomplish the 'real thing' (congressional hearings)  
>as opposed to these 'mock' hearings? Why are we fed a steady  
>diet of reasons (excuses) why congressional hearings can't  
>happen? Instead of being encouraged to actively work/fight for

>congressional hearings, we are asked to accept this diluted -  
>watered down- version.

I agree with John on this one.

>We are being asked to endorse and support 'mock' hearings that  
>will 'essentially' only serve to consume valuable resources that  
>could be applied to much greater benefit for all realizing the  
>genuine article - 'actual' as opposed to 'mock' congressional  
>hearings.

Why bother with mock if you want the real thing? Kind of like  
wanting to go through the motions of drinking a mock glass of  
water in anticipation of drinking the real thing down the road  
someday.

>Something that has not been properly addressed on this List, or  
>anywhere else for that matter, has to do with a statement made  
>by the former director of NIDS, John Alexander in regard to  
>Greer and the effect and timing his 'Disclosure Project'.

>(I'm paraphrasing Alexander)

>John Alexander intimated that plans to conduct congressional  
>hearings was not only in the works, but well under way until  
>Greer put on his three-ring-circus at The National Press Club.  
>According to John Alexander the whole process went to pot and  
>all plans for a congressional hearing was curtailed as a result.

I have heard this from reliable people that the circus at the  
Press club actually set hearings back... for various reasons.

I was also told that the anti-SDI folks were seeing  
Greer/Disclosure as one of many vehicles to get on to kill SDI;  
Greer was seeing the same thing as one of many vehicles to  
promote disclosure. In essence both sides were using each other  
for their own agenda.

Not to mention problems with some of the witness accounts.

<snip>

>It's also important to know what those original plans were and  
>if it's possible to breath new life into them. Until these  
>important questions are answered, it would be wise to hold off  
>squandering rare and hard to acquire resources on a 'mock'  
>hearing. Those same resources 'may be' applied to securing the  
>real thing. That is, if the possibility still exists.

If anybody wants to take a drink of a mock glass of water, I am  
sure that John and myself would be happy to provide some kind of  
mock glass to go with the mock drink..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 11:43:53 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 18:27:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radical Or Ordinary Misperception? - Rimmer

Radical misperception and radical misinvestigation. David Clark's account of the Cracoe fiasco is now on line at the Magonia website:

<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/80/cracoe1.htm>

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk)

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## Off Topic - Danger To UK Websites

From: **Geoff Richardson** <[geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk](mailto:geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 13:25:21 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 18:33:11 -0500  
Subject: Off Topic - Danger Tto UK Websites

Know this is not directly related to Ufology but I believe that it should be brought to the attention to all who have a website with a ".co.uk" domain. ".co.uk domain wiped off face of internet!"

Please visit - <http://theregister.co.uk/content/6/29359.html>

Regards,

Geoff Richardson  
The WHY? FILES

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 22:25:22 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 18:35:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 16:53:03 +0000  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 22:46:30 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Hall

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:57:22 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:44:29 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>However, my main point is this: Heinlein, Asimov, and the other  
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>>imaginative writers (though I am personally not a big fan of  
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>>written stories about almost anything imaginable that might be  
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>>select and not broadly representative) elements of one or more  
>>SF stories did not resemble some elements of abductions. If  
>>you pursue this logic, you can use resemblances to SF to  
>>discredit just about any anomalous data in any area. A very  
>>useful, but illogical, technique.

>James McDonald once characterized the reasoning processes of  
>Phil Klass as "argument by concatenation."

>You merely juxtapose two sets of things without making any clear  
>argument as to why they are or must be causally connected. This  
>statement only reiterates your belief and does not tell me any  
>reason why it must be the answer. In fact, you have not  
>responded to my argument that it would be surprising if such  
>similarities did not exist. Possibilities are only that, not  
>established facts.

One of the thing that more surprise me about some "hard"  
ufologists is how they do not want to realise that the UFO  
phenomenon is just part of a "continuum". It coexists with BVM  
visions, ghosts, cryptozoological creatures, "brain control"  
victims, etc.. Their evidences are all of the same degree.  
Besides that, when I talk about the UFO phenomenon I refer also  
to the high percentage 80-90% of cases which had  
"conventional" explanations. You cannot dismiss all that and say  
that your few selected cases have an ET origin, and everything  
else is not real.

Of course, within a big set of data you can always find  
coincidences. Sometimes those coincidences are just random,  
others there is some causal connection. But when the volume of  
coincidences is high and they go from simple details to main  
themes, the probability of such causal connection is also high.

To me, the biggest coincidence is that dozens and dozens of  
alien civilizations have decide to visit us just in the  
extremely short period of time we can identify them as such...



Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

and then, do nothing!!

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 22:25:26 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 18:38:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Gonzalez

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 14:36:11 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:57:22 +0000  
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>>discredit just about any anomalous data in any area. A very  
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>Excellent point, Richard, even though I personally have doubts  
>about the N.Y. case under discussion, after studying it  
>carefully.

>Using the principle of 'reductio ad absurdum' to Luis R.  
>Gonzalez's methodology, we might conclude that the lunar  
>missions were hoaxes because Jules Verne presciently, it  
>would seem, depicted a launch to the moon from Florida (in his  
>'From The Earth To The Moon'), from where the lunar missions  
>were launched.

The question about the similarities between abduction and SF  
stories is not a methodology, it is a fact. Those who prefer to  
believe that we are nowadays being visited by races and more  
races of aliens, just dismiss that fact as an irrelevant  
coincidence.

Others, like me, consider that fact as pointing to the real mind  
behind both kind of narratives: the human mind. I am sure that  
if we humans finally contact a real alien civilization, it will  
be completely different from anything we have ever imagine.

On the other hand, believers are right. Except in some concrete  
cases like Linda and 'Nighteyes', Barney Hill and 'The Bellerio  
Shield' or Schirmer and 'Mars Needs Woman', abductees were not  
exposed directly to the SF stories they seem to repeat, so those  
similitudes are just a sign.

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## Re: Lawsuit Aims To Silence UFO Watchdog - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 15:39:34 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 18:43:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Lawsuit Aims To Silence UFO Watchdog - Connors

Well, here we go, folks. Sean David Morton is trying to sue Royce Meyers, who brings us the truth about the hucksters, charltans and other cretins pounding their Tom-Tom's in the field of Ufology.

Ol' Sean is supposed to be psychic. How about the fact that if you sue somebody and lose, you open yourself up to a countersuit? His psychic abilities must have been under a cloud or something.

In my opinion, about the only thing Sean David Morton is good at, is his inability to keep his hands in his own pocket. I wonder if ol' Sean is ragged because he didn't come up first with the \$400 flashlight scam ol' Doc Greer has going?

So the magic question is, who is bringing the lawsuit against Royce? I wonder if it's that self-proclaimed "UFO Lawyer", Peter Gersten? I have thoughts of old Purple Robes, silver stars and quarter crescent moons shimmering among the purple, strumping around the courtroom with flair, bellowing UFO platitudes to the jury and bringing down the crystal omens for the jury to contemplate. All the while Sean's cultists Oommm in the bleachers, hoping Purple Robes will bring down the High Poobah from the Great Mother Ship to bring justice to the unwashed masses.

And I used to think George Adamski and the Giant Rock cronies were two tiddly's away from a wink. Royce, it is gonna be fun watching you bring these cretins to their knees to beg for mercy. Go git 'em, Tiger!

I'm psychic too. Sean's gonna lose.

Wendy Connors  
So, there ya have it, but whadda ya got?

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## Spain: CE-1's From Fall 2002

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1@earthlink.net](mailto:lornis1@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 11:00:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 20:02:58 -0500  
Subject: Spain: CE-1's From Fall 2002

INEXPLICATA  
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
February 24, 2002

Lights over Spain Between November 5 and December 8, 2002  
by Jordi Ardanuy

These cases could be associated into two blocks corresponding to the Mediterranean (X=Eltiva and Murcia) and the center of the Iberian Peninsula (Zamora, Badajoz and Madrid). It is worth noting that both elements of this taxonomy feature a main news story which unchained others in which the lights were seen. In the first group publication and above all, dissemination via UFO lists regarding the X=Eltiva case; in the second, publication on the Internet of the Madrid sighting by Iker Jimenez and its subsequent dissemination through his own radio broadcast.

A UFO Over Badajoz (November 5)  
Source: [ikerjimenez@yahoo.com](mailto:ikerjimenez@yahoo.com) (list)  
Date: December 21, 2002.

The narrator was not a witness and does not really know how it all happened. It would appear to have occurred on November 5, between 3-4 a.m.. He learned of the event through the Iker Jimenez Milenio 3 radio program. He found nothing in the digital editions of "Hoy" de Badajoz (newspaper).

Sightings in X=Eltiva (Valencia--November 21 and 29)  
Source: Europa Press  
Date: December 12 and 13, 2002

Paco Hell=EDn, a local police officer, private pilot, and in his own words, presenter of a UFO radio show on Cadena SER's X=Eltiva affiliate, saw a powerful, light-blue light in the early hours of November 20-21 in the company of several members of the local police force. The sighting occurred between 6:10 and 6:50 hrs., with the object remaining visible between 40 and 50 minutes. A decision was made to phone the control tower at Manises Airport to have the station's radar detect the object. "After giving them the coordinates of 150-170 degrees southeast, taking the airport as reference, we were told that their radar showed nothing, because for an aircraft to be detected, it must carry a transponder that issues a signal."

In the early hours of November 29, the same witness observed through binoculars "a metallic object shaped like an inverted thimble, remaining static but sometimes moving vertically, giving off a powerful light blue brilliance along its edges." Using the size of the Moon as reference, the light "could have been equal to 1/5 or 1/6 the size of the full moon," which was behind him all the time the observation took place. He used as reference the catenary cables of the RENFE train line that crosses the community as well as the horizon delineated by the mountains surrounding the area.

The location where the sighting occurred is outside the community, near the entrance to the municipality through the



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## Re: Lawsuit Aims To Silence UFO Watchdog - King

From: Tom King <[tomking2030@hotmail.com](mailto:tomking2030@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 16:19:36 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 20:38:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Lawsuit Aims To Silence UFO Watchdog - King

Hello List,

I think nearly everyone here supports Royce and the work he has done. We should support him whenever a clown like Sean David Morton tries to knock him down.

I for one am sick and tired of all of these UFO carnies running around making claim after claim that don't come true. These tall tales Morton sells the public should be cross examined by public. Websites telling another side of a story shouldn't be shut down because it hurts someones feelings.

From what I understand this isn't the only lawsuit Morton is currently pursuing. I believe he is also suing a radio station for firing him.

SDM should be sued for all the stuff he said that didn't come true.

Tom King

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## RMP Follow-Up

From: **Andy Roberts** <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 18:53:55 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 20:40:21 -0500  
Subject: RMP Follow-Up

Pilgrims,

Further to the entertaining but instructive discussions on the list recently about Radical Misperception and the Cracoe Fell case.... If anyone wishes to read the chapter written on this case for *The UFOs That Never Were* (Clarke, Randles, Roberts, London House, 2000), please email me off-List and I'll send it as a Word attachment.

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Selling Ufology By The Pound

From: **Andy Roberts** <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 21:30:35 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 20:44:15 -0500  
Subject: Selling Ufology By The Pound

Pilgrims,

A sorry tale about the state of ufology in the UK follows:

Perceptive observers will recall Eric Morris' recent messages about UFO video footage shot by him.

His latest was:

>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 23:59:31 +0000  
>Subject: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video

>A packed crowd of nearly fifty people sat and watched the most  
>compelling piece of UFO video footage ever to be shot in the UK.

<snip>

>Many sceptics slapped BUFOSC's Eric Morris on the back and  
>stated 'You have the real smokin gun evidence of UFOs invading  
>our skies.'

<snip>

>Several left very shocked after only coming to be sceptical and  
>to see just a few lights in the sky, however what they observed  
>was very different.  
>"What we have on tape here is Priceless" said Morris and we are  
>not releasing the tape until scrupulous investigations into it  
>have been made.

You will also recall at the time that certain UK ufologists were highly sceptical about Eric's video and his plans for it.

A source working in deep cover (and not, I hasten to add, myself or known to myself until today) contacted Eric with a simple enquiry about his video. This was as follows:

>From: [ZoeForsyth17@aol.com](mailto:ZoeForsyth17@aol.com)  
>To: [bufosc@hotmail.com](mailto:bufosc@hotmail.com)  
>Subject: Video Footage  
>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 17:48:47 EST

>I wonder whether it would be possible for you to pass on the contact  
>details of Eric Morris who took some UFO footage.

>I've heard about his footage on the internet and would like to have more  
>details.

>Zoe

A simple request for information. No intimation that 'Zoe' had any financial interest in Eric's video. Just an enquiry as to how to contact Eric for more details.

Eric's reply was most illuminating.

>Subj: Re: Video Footage

>Date: 23/02/2003 09:52:45 GMT Standard Time  
>From: [bufosc@hotmail.com](mailto:bufosc@hotmail.com)  
>To: [zoeForsyth17@aol.com](mailto:zoeForsyth17@aol.com)  
>Sent from the Internet (Details)

>Hello Zoe

>I have the most amazing UFO footage the world is ever likely  
>to see, filmed on the 16.1.03 by myself, on a field investigation,  
>investigating sightings in an area near Runcorn, the video footage  
>lasts for 2 minutes and shows at least 4 discs (in daylight).  
>I am open to offers for exclusive rights to this footage subject  
>to agreement with lawyers to the right people.

>You can call me on \*\*\*\*\* or \*\*\*\*\* (or text) and between  
>9:30pm-8am British time (\*\*\*\*\*).

>Without bragging or sounding irritating this is the best daylight disc  
>footage one has ever seen. An American film producer is taking a  
>look at it for me to make an offer but if others want to top his price,  
>I am open.

>Look forward to hearing from you.

>PS I work night duty 8pm-8am as a Registered General Nurse Night  
>Manager and am hardly in during the evenings, although I am off  
>(at present) Tuesday and Wednesday night.

>Eric Morris  
>Registered General Nurse  
>D.P.H.E. (Nursing Studies)  
>Founder British UFO Studies Centre (1994). We are 10 next year!!!

Eric's contact details have been deleted from the above email.  
Now you've read it consider the following:

Eric originally stated:

>"What we have on tape here is Priceless" said Morris and we are  
>not releasing the tape until scrupulous investigations into it  
>have been made.

Yet when contacted by someone he didn't know there was no  
mention of any 'scrupulous investigations', just a straight  
forward invitation for 'Zoe' to make a financial offer for the  
film.

Curiouser and curiouser.

I think further comment on this case is superfluous. Eric  
appears to be disinterested in what, if anything, the video  
shows or what its relevance to ufology is. Instead he seems  
happy to sell it to the highest bidder. 'Scrupulous  
investigations' don't seem to feature in this equation nor, as I  
suggested in earlier emails is Eric's footage 'priceless' as he  
said. Quite the opposite in fact.

I'd like to publically challenge Eric to explain just what his  
motives in ufology are, why he's offering this video to the  
highest bidder and what happened to the 'scrupulous  
investigations' which were to be made prior to the tape being  
released but which seem to be missing from emails to potential  
buyers.

Watch and learn pilgrims, watch and learn.

Happy Trails

Andy

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## Re: Lawsuit Aims To Silence UFO Watchdog - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 21:36:09 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 20:48:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Lawsuit Aims To Silence UFO Watchdog - Gevaerd

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>with the \$400 flashlight scam ol' Doc Greer has going?

>So the magic question is, who is bringing the lawsuit against  
>Royce? I wonder if it's that self-proclaimed "UFO Lawyer", Peter  
>Gersten? I have thoughts of old Purple Robes, silver stars and  
>quarter crescent moons shimmering among the purple, strumping  
>around the courtroom with flair, bellowing UFO platitudes to the  
>jury and bringing down the crystal omens for the jury to  
>contemplate. All the while Sean's cultists Oommm in the  
>bleachers, hoping Purple Robes will bring down the High Poobah  
>from the Great Mother Ship to bring justice to the unwashed  
>masses.

>And I used to think George Adamski and the Giant Rock cronies  
>were two tiddly's away from a wink. Royce, it is gonna be fun  
>watching you bring these cretins to their knees to beg for  
>mercy. Go git 'em, Tiger!

>I'm psychic too. Sean's gonna lose.

Wendy and folks:

I think this is a nice opportunity for us, Brazilians and  
Americans, to check out how close our UFO scenario can be. I  
have in my country a very similar conduct in Ufology as Royce  
Myers in the States. I not only research the field for decades,  
serving as the editor of a national circulation magazine, as I  
have also persistently exposed hoaxes and hoaxers in my country.  
And because of that I have faced 10 lawsuits in the last 8  
years, 9 of them coming from the person (\*).

Royce Myers is being sued because he had the courage to come  
forward and expose someone whose story and claims are beyond the  
minimum accepted. I admire his work and efforts to challenge  
these persons and as soon as I read the release he sent to  
everybody, I felt myself in his shoes. But as immediately as  
possible I reminded of an old proverb that once comforted me and  
I hope it does the same for him: truth will always prevail, as  
evil is not self-sustaining and good is.

All the best,

A. J. Gevaerd

(\*) By the way, that guy's name is Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, who had his people spreading in the US recently an outrageous story of a supposed abduction he went through, with amazing but completely faked photos of fire marks in bed and ceiling. Yeah, that story.

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 17:44:27 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 21:14:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Bowden

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 22:25:22 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

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Luis,

I have to comment on some of your points:

>One of the thing that more surprise me about some  
>"hard" ufologists is how they do not want to realise

>that the UFO phenomenon is just part of a  
>"continuum". It coexists with BVM visions, ghosts,  
>cryptozoological creatures, "brain control"  
>victims, etc.. Their evidences are all of the same  
>degree. Besides that, when I talk about the UFO  
>phenomenon I refer also to the high percentage  
>80-90%? of cases which had "conventional"  
>explanations. You cannot dismiss all that and say  
>that your few selected cases have an ET origin, and  
>everything else is not real.

Properly speaking, the "80-90%" which are legitimately explained do not properly belong to the UFO phenomenon. It is the remaining 10 to 20% which do. Categorization as a UFO should not automatically imply ET origin. This is an unwarranted leap without the rest of the evidence that we are missing.

>Of course, within a big set of data you can always  
>find coincidences. Sometimes those coincidences are  
>just random, others there is some causal connection.  
>But when the volume of coincidences is high and they  
>go from simple details to main themes, the  
>probability of such causal connection is also high.

>To me, the biggest coincidence is that dozens and  
>dozens of alien civilizations have decide to visit  
>us just in the extremely short period of time we can  
>identify them as such... and then, do nothing!!

>Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

You presume they are doing nothing because you are not aware of what they are doing. Assuming there are one or more intelligent ET races, visiting us, and considering the degree to which this entire matter of UFOs has been wrapped in a shroud of mystery and intrigue, I submit that there may be a hidden agenda which is being carried out. By obtaining the covert complicity of some secret agencies among the more powerful governments on Earth, these operations could be kept hidden.

Of course this is the basic UFO "conspiracy theory". While it might not be your favorite theory, it is internally consistent and it is highly consistent with the history of the handling of the UFO matter in the U.S. military and intelligence system for at least the past six decades.

This argument does not rest on disputed evidence such as the MJ-12 documents, but on well established history such as The Robertson Panel, Project Blue Book Special Report #14, the report by the Condon Committee, and scores of highly credible reports where witnesses such as Gordon Cooper have state that unknown, intelligently controlled craft were observed and filmed on military bases, but where our military/intelligence organizations will not acknowledge the existence of the film.

The problem with abductions is that these cases ride on the fine line between accepted reality and what the professional establishment labels fantasy. This makes the unfortunate abductee an easy target for every armchair debunker with a pet theory about what makes people report weird, unexplained experiences.

It is no accident that virtually no physical evidence exists for the entire UFO phenomenon, let alone abductions. I truly believe that someone or something does not want any really solid evidence to be found. This "smoking gun" if it were revealed, would begin to erode the entire structure of the shroud of secrecy, all the way down to the arguments against the reality of abductions. Once those cats are out of the bag, no amount of spin control could herd them back in.

We need to find that smoking gun!

Tom B.

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## 'Jonathan's Space Report' - Latest Issue

From: **Todd Lemire** <[tlemire@comcast.net](mailto:tlemire@comcast.net)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 20:52:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 21:28:00 -0500  
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Todd Lemire

<http://www.michiganufos.com>

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Source:

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 18:28:15 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 01:44:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Tonnies

>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>might not be your favorite theory, it is internally consistent  
>and it is highly consistent with the history of the handling of  
>the UFO matter in the U.S. military and intelligence system for  
>at least the past six decades.

While it is indeed internally consistent - and certainly not impossible - would arbitrarily advanced ET visitors really need the assistance of our government/s in order to accomplish their objective/s?

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## Re: Tell Ya What I'm Gonna Do! - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 19:50:49 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 01:46:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Tell Ya What I'm Gonna Do! - Connors

Step right up folks! Don't be shy! Tell ya whad I'm gunna do.  
Fer a measley, paultry sum of \$100... that's U. S. dollars,  
folks. I'll sit in my office and channel through Mon-Ka yer  
personal alien spirit guide.

Absolutely the finest alien spirit guide available guaranteed to  
tell me your future financial status as it relates to the event.

I promise that no flashlights will be used, nor crystals of any  
kind...just channeled energy from my superior brain power to the  
limitless universe and Mon-Ka the Magnificent.

I guarantee my satisfaction 100%, so how can you go wrong? Ya  
can't folks! Why the miniscule sum of \$100 will get your desires  
through me to Mon-Ka itself. Only I can communicate with the  
great Mon-Ka, so get your orders in early folks.

Privately email me where to send your \$100 (cash only please). A  
donation from your gift will be given to my favorite personal  
charity!

Why pay good money for hokey flashlight parties in the boondocks  
and psychic mumbo jumbo from people you don't even know? That's  
why you should trust me to be your intermediary to Mon-Ka,  
Soltec and Flapwapple of Saturn.

Offer limited to the first 100 million who send in their \$100.  
Hurry! Offer Ends Soon!

Wendy Connors  
Channel Baron to Mon-Ka

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 23:03:48 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 01:49:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Jonathan's Space Report' - Latest Issue -

>From: Todd Lemire <[tlemire@comcast.net](mailto:tlemire@comcast.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 20:52:38 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>if anyone wants it.

Thanks Todd,

He should look within NASA to get the answer. But I'm betting  
it's the problem with space debris.

Don

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## Re: John Alexander On Greer? - Bassett

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <[SGBList2@aol.com](mailto:SGBList2@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 00:10:38 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 02:04:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer? - Bassett

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 23:41:57 -0500  
>Subject: John Alexander On Greer?

>>From: Stephen G. Bassett <[ParadigmRG@aol.com](mailto:ParadigmRG@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 23:42:13 EST  
>>Subject: PRG/X-PPAC/D2003/CH Update - 02-21-03

>>snip

>>The Citizen Hearing concept received very positive reviews from  
>>colleagues and supporters met during the recent 30-day driving  
>>trip through California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. PRG  
>>will continue to build the structural base for this event by  
>>seeking new sponsors, advisory board members, funding and the  
>>participation of former members of Congress.

>Hi Stephen,

>First I'd like to say that I admire your energy and dedication.  
>You are one of the few who work diligently at raising public  
>awareness about a \_major\_ issue... UFOs. (Hold on to your panty-  
>hose, here comes the 'but'. :)

>"But" wouldn't your time, energy and resources be better spent  
>trying to accomplish the 'real thing' (congressional hearings)  
>as opposed to these 'mock' hearings? Why are we fed a steady  
>diet of reasons (excuses) why congressional hearings can't  
>happen? Instead of being encouraged to actively work/fight for  
>congressional hearings, we are asked to accept this diluted -  
>watered down- version.

The effort to persuade Congress to do its job will continue. The  
CH is just one more option.

>We are being asked to endorse and support 'mock' hearings that  
>will 'essentially' only serve to consume valuable resources that  
>could be applied to much greater benefit for all realizing the  
>genuine article - 'actual' as opposed to 'mock' congressional  
>hearings.

The concept of the CH has been well received by those I have  
spoken with during the past month driving around the western  
states of CA, NV, AZ and NM. It is a two-for-one in that the  
very fact it is being considered puts pressure on the Congress.  
The point of the project is that Congress has resisted repeated  
efforts to hold open hearings. The prospect of a Citizen Hearing  
held right up the street from the Capitol is not going to bring  
any comfort to current members of the House and Senate.

As for resources, it has been extremely difficult to raise money  
to pursue disclosure and congressional hearings. For every  
dollar I have been fortunate to raise, I have spent 19 of my own  
until my personal assets were exhausted.

The Citizen Hearing presents a highly focused event with a clear  
mission statement and a finite, defined outcome. It offers a way

for someone of considerable resources to make a clear contribution to the process of disclosure.

Further, the live coverage and taped archive of such a hearing will have considerable residual potential.

Congress and the truth embargo management consortium have been literally waiting out the grim reaper - counting on witnesses to die off and reduce the pressure for public disclosure. It is a morbid game which the CH is aimed to thwart.

>Something that has not been properly addressed on this List, or  
>anywhere else for that matter, has to do with a statement made  
>by the former director of NIDS, John Alexander in regard to  
>Greer and the effect and timing his 'Disclosure Project'.

>(I'm paraphrasing Alexander)

>John Alexander intimated that plans to conduct congressional  
>hearings was not only in the works, but well under way until  
>Greer put on his three-ring-circus at The National Press Club.  
>According to John Alexander the whole process went to pot and  
>all plans for a congressional hearing was curtailed as a result.

>What do you know about this? Is what Alexander tells us true?  
>Was there a pre-existing effort (prior to Greer's press club  
>presentation) to conduct congressional hearings? Were those  
>plans scrapped, as Alexander says, because of Greer?

I was present at John Alexander's presentation and spoke with Bob Brown the next day. It is my understanding from Bob that John had lobbied aggressively to speak at Laughlin should there be a speaker cancellation. Bob said that John had indicated he had substantial new material and recent information.

As best as I could ascertain, the only new information presented by John was at the beginning of the talk when he revealed the NIDS/congressional hearing connection.

What I heard was this: NIDS had been holding secret meetings with one or more members, including one committee chairman, on having hearings. NIDS had worked up a script for these hearings, which was being negotiated with the committee chair.

When the public press conference was held the 9th of May committee chair terminated the private process underway.

Two things came across very clearly, at least to me: 1) that John had made the trip to Laughlin primarily to make this statement about NIDS, congressional hearings and the May 9th, 2001 press conference; 2) John's contempt for Steven Greer.

However, I did not take notes and John Alexander should be queried on exactly what he said in Laughlin as well as the NIDS/congressional hearing specifics.

>Very important questions... even more, very serious allegations.  
>If Greer is responsible for single-handedly ruining any  
>prospects for congressional hearings, then that is something  
>that we all need to know about.

>It's also important to know what those original plans were and  
>if it's possible to breath new life into them. Until these  
>important questions are answered, it would be wise to hold off  
>squandering rare and hard to acquire resources on a 'mock'  
>hearing. Those same resources 'may be' applied to securing the  
>real thing. That is, if the possibility still exists.

If NIDS were to be forthcoming with the particulars of their congressional hearing effort, that would be constructive.

>Just one man's questions, and one man's opinion.  
>I await your response.  
>Regards from frozen N.Y.C.

If anyone wishes to put several hundred thousand dollars into the advocacy work earmarked specifically for direct pressure on the Congress to hold formal, open hearings which are not scripted to make one political party or another look good, or spin a story to serve inside agendas, I would be happy to put that money to good use. If requested, I would be happy to table the CH project as part of such a funding infusion.

However, until the universities, foundations and private philanthropists are able to climb the wall of ridicule the government has carefully crafted, and shake off the propaganda trance, such money is not forthcoming.

New ideas and approaches will have to be put forward until something draws the necessary interest and money. The CH is one more approach for consideration.

Regards,

Steve Bassett

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## Re: Cambridge Object Seen? - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.hale@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 05:24:20 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 02:56:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Cambridge Object Seen? - Hale

Hi All,

I received a sighting report for Friday night 21/02/03, in which a chap who was looking out of his window at 10.30pm, saw what he described as an "Orange Double Decker size object coming out of the sky, with a blazing and sparking tail"

This object seemed to be chucking out some kind of sparks from behind, and was estimated at 10.000 MPH? The object was seeming to crash into earth about 30 miles from where it was seen? There was no noise from the object, but the chap concerned was over whelmed by its size, and the trail behind it?

Considering the object was quoted as being the size of a double decker bus, and the distance the chap was from the object' I would presume this to be a very large object!

The sighting took place in South Cambridgeshire, Duxford.

Anyone have any info on Astronomical events occurring at that time?

Regards,

Roy..

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Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 09:13:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer? - Bassett

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 12:42:38 EST  
>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer? - Kimball

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>>X-PPAC Congressional Alert

>>A new congressional alert relating to the Columbia tragedy has  
>>been sent to the House and Senate. Excerpt:

>>"The cost of maintaining a truth embargo on the facts  
>>surrounding an extraterrestrial presence continues to grow. If  
>>safer means to place payloads into space lay ensconced within  
>>the "black" world behind the national security curtain, this  
>>cost now includes the lives of astronauts."

>This is beyond the pale - tying a tragedy like the loss of the  
>Columbia to the "black" world behind the national security  
>curtain, with absolutely no - zip, zilch, nada - evidence that  
>the disaster had anything even remotely to do with UFOs,  
>government black ops, or a conspiracy of silence/cosmic  
>watergate (whichever you prefer). It dishonours the lives of the  
>seven dead astronauts, and all of us who genuinely believe in  
>space exploration.

You seem to be implying that the X-PPAC Congressional Alert was  
claiming the crash was caused by the "black" world. It did  
not. It raised a simple point: if technology is being held back  
from public (NASA) use which would provide a safer method of  
putting payloads into space, which is to say it is being held  
back because the cover-up of the ET presence would not permit  
its open use, then the loss of astronauts to less safe  
technology (shuttle) is a cost of the cover-up.

You say there is no evidence for such suppressed technology.  
That is your opinion.

If it comes to pass there is no extraterrestrial presence  
engaging this planet now, no crashed vehicles, no retrieved  
technology, no derived craft, then many people in the UFO/ET  
research/activist community will owe the National Aeronautics  
and Space Administration and all its past and present employees  
a considerable apology. I will be at the head of the line.

As for your self-righteous assertion of dishonoring the lives of  
astronauts. Many books have been written about the loss of  
military and civilian lives to the abuse of power by the United  
States government or to incompetence and indifference of the  
government and its representatives. If you think that patriotic  
Americans serving their country have never been victims of the  
abuse of power by the covert, "black" world, you are living in a  
parallel universe. Gulf War veterans dying of service related

inflictions were told they were "mental". Please sell your indignation somewhere else. This son of a U.S. Navy officer is not buying.

Regards,

Steve Bassett

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## Re: Selling Ufology By The Pound - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 01:26:10 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 09:18:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Selling Ufology By The Pound - Gates

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 21:30:35 -0000  
>Subject: Selling Ufology By The Pound

>Pilgrims,

>A sorry tale about the state of ufology in the UK follows:

Andy, Listers

Sorry tales sound like a skunk in the UK woodpile.

>Perceptive observers will recall Eric Morris' recent messages  
>about UFO video footage shot by him.

>His latest was:

>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 23:59:31 +0000  
>>Subject: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video

>>A packed crowd of nearly fifty people sat and watched the most  
>>compelling piece of UFO video footage ever to be shot in the UK.

><snip>

>>Many sceptics slapped BUFOSC's Eric Morris on the back and  
>>stated 'You have the real smokin gun evidence of UFOs invading  
>>our skies.'

><snip>

>>Several left very shocked after only coming to be sceptical and  
>>to see just a few lights in the sky, however what they observed  
>>was very different.  
>>"What we have on tape here is Priceless" said Morris and we are  
>>not releasing the tape until scrupulous investigations into it  
>>have been made.

Hmm, wonder what is meant by "scrupulous investigations"?

>You will also recall at the time that certain UK ufologists were  
>highly sceptical about Eric's video and his plans for it.

>A source working in deep cover (and not, I hasten to add, myself  
>or known to myself until today) contacted Eric with a simple

Whenever I hear terms like "deep cover" and "source" mentioned  
in the same sentence, my mind wanders over to Hoagland and a few  
others... if you know what I mean. :)

>enquiry about his video. This was as follows:

>>From: [ZoeForsyth17@aol.com](mailto:ZoeForsyth17@aol.com)  
>>To: [bufosc@hotmail.com](mailto:bufosc@hotmail.com)  
>>Subject: Video Footage  
>>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 17:48:47 EST

>>I wonder whether it would be possible for you to pass on the contact  
>>details of Eric Morris who took some UFO footage.

>>I've heard about his footage on the internet and would like  
>>to have more details.

>>Zoe

>A simple request for information. No intimation that 'Zoe' had  
>any financial interest in Eric's video. Just an enquiry as to  
>how to contact Eric for more details.

Pretty forthright if you ask me.

>Eric's reply was most illuminating.

>>Subj: Re: Video Footage  
>>Date: 23/02/2003 09:52:45 GMT Standard Time  
>>From: [bufosc@hotmail.com](mailto:bufosc@hotmail.com)  
>>To: [ZoeForsyth17@aol.com](mailto:ZoeForsyth17@aol.com)  
>>Sent from the Internet (Details)

>>Hello Zoe

>>I have the most amazing UFO footage the world is ever likely  
>>to see, filmed on the 16.1.03 by myself, on a field investigation,  
>>investigating sightings in an area near Runcorn, the video footage  
>>lasts for 2 minutes and shows at least 4 discs (in daylight).  
>>I am open to offers for exclusive rights to this footage subject  
>>to agreement with lawyers to the right people.

Ah, if the email quote is in fact correct and hasn't been  
modified before passing it on to Andy, it appears like the film  
is going to be abducted by Pound, Dollar and Euro flying in the  
cash cow mothership. I would imagine that the abductors are  
going to perform minimal amounts of testing on the subject  
before unloading it to a wider audience on TV.

Eric could probably do better by consulting with Ray and Volker  
on his next move. They have some knowledge on marketing UFO  
related film.

>>You can call me on \*\*\*\*\* or \*\*\*\*\* (or text) and between  
>>9:30pm-8am British time (\*\*\*\*\*).

>>Without bragging or sounding irritating this is the best daylight disc  
>>footage one has ever seen. An American film producer is taking a  
>>look at it for me to make an offer but if others want to top his price,  
>>I am open.

Hmm, sounds like the gent wants to launch a bidding war.....

>>Look forward to hearing from you.

>>PS I work night duty 8pm-8am as a Registered General Nurse Night  
>>Manager and am hardly in during the evenings, although I am off  
>>(at present) Tuesday and Wednesday night.

>>Eric Morris  
>>Registered General Nurse  
>>D.P.H.E. (Nursing Studies)  
>>Founder British UFO Studies Centre (1994). We are 10 next year!!!

>Eric's contact details have been deleted from the above email.  
>Now you've read it consider the following:

>Eric originally stated:

>>"What we have on tape here is Priceless" said Morris and we are  
>>not releasing the tape until scrupulous investigations into it  
>>have been made.

>Yet when contacted by someone he didn't know there was no  
>mention of any 'scrupulous investigations', just a straight  
>forward invitation for 'Zoe' to make a financial offer for the  
>film.

>Curiouser and curiouser.

>I think further comment on this case is superfluous. Eric  
>appears to be disinterested in what, if anything, the video  
>shows or what its relevance to ufology is. Instead he seems  
>happy to sell it to the highest bidder. 'Scrupulous  
>investigations' don't seem to feature in this equation nor, as I  
>suggested in earlier emails is Eric's footage 'priceless' as he  
>said. Quite the opposite in fact.

"Scrupulous investigations" could mean background checks on those placing the bids... :) Perhaps he is just being cautious you know lining up the checks and contracts while the investigation is ongoing. That leads to another thought. What happens if the investigation discovers that the objects are in fact something prosaic?

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 01:31:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 09:25:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Stanford

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 22:25:26 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 14:36:11 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>Using the principle of 'reductio ad absurdum' to Luis R.  
>>Gonzalez's methodology, we might conclude that the lunar  
>>missions were hoaxes because Jules Verne presciently, it  
>>would seem, depicted a launch to the moon from Florida (in his  
>>'From The Earth To The Moon'), from where the lunar missions  
>>were launched.

And Luis R. Gonzalez responded:

>The question about the similarities between abduction and SF  
>stories is not a methodology, it is a fact ... [SNIP]

It is a method of debunking claims of alien encounters. The  
significance Luis seems to access to speculative associations  
between fiction and claims of alien abduction are only unfounded  
speculation, seemingly constrained by little else than what  
might be taken as his own personal desire to 'explain' what he  
finds unacceptable.

Let me briefly summarize something that happened to a friend of  
mine years before the Betty and Barney Hill thing ever happened:

That friend, in his twenties, was the son of a retired U.S. Air  
Force General, and lived in San Antonio, Texas. He had to go to  
New Mexico for a few days, and when he returned he was extremely  
upset, so I drove from my home town of Corpus Christi to San  
Antonio to hear something he said he wanted to tell me about why  
he was, suddenly, "...really pissed-off at the flying saucers!"

I rushed up to San Antonio, concerned to hear why he was upset  
with UFOs, because at the time I was only fifteen and a whole-  
hearted George Adamski fan and, thus, convinced that all aliens  
were 'friendly space brothers' with whom no one in their right  
mind should be "pissed".

Arriving at my friend's home, I noted that one fender of his  
beloved, MG sports car was severely damaged in a very odd way,  
much as though smashed from below! It had been in fine shape  
before his New Mexico trip.

"That's why I'm so pissed-off!", my friend declared, pointing at  
the car immediately after he came to the door.

It turned out that he had been travelling on a mountain road in  
New Mexico when, as he said, "...the disaster happened!"

Rounding a mountain curve, he had found a "flying saucer, clear  
as could be..." confronting him at frighteningly close range. He  
wanted to flee, but his engine died. He felt like time was

standing still, like he was somehow, "...suspended!"

Next thing he knew, over two-hours were missing, and he and his car were at an entirely different place on the same highway, and on the opposite side. He car was pointing in the opposite direction from that in which he had been travelling before encountering the UFO.

My friend was totally stunned. His car seemed to have been dropped from above and onto some big rocks, one of which had, thus, smashed his fender from below!

If I recall correctly, my friend had to flag down some help from the roadway in order to get the car dislodged from the rocks and back to the highway.

Let me be entirely clear of one point: My friend never mentioned being abducted or remembering encountering any alien beings. He was just very disgusted at the damage to his beloved MG car and puzzled at what happened to the missing time, but I'm confident all us can recognize a familiar pattern of events and phenomena.

I tried to convince my friend that UFO intelligences would not have done those terrible things to him, based on my ill-founded faith in Adamski.

To have accepted my friend's story and his interpretation of it simply did not fit in with anything Adamski had been 'preaching', so in trying to protect my beliefs, I insisted my friend had just been so frightened by coming around the curve and seeing the object, that he had thrown on the brakes, skidded the car around to the opposite side of the road, bounced up atop some rocks, passed out due to shock, and awakened two hours later.

He insisted there were no skid marks, that it had happened in broad daylight, that it was about a mile down the same highway from where he had encountered the object, that he could not possibly have gotten the car atop those rocks under its own power, that he had felt that he and the car, "...were somehow suspended...", and that the event had effected his body adversely (but I cannot recall just in what way).

Guess the year.

O.K. It was 1955! My friend hadn't read The Interrupted Journey, any of Budd Hopkins' books, or any other abduction books or literature, because they were all years away in the future.

So, to make a long story short, Luis may be right in dismissing some claims of alleged abduction as being influenced by things read, but in the case just described and in some other more-evidential cases, I think he is 'barking up the wrong hypothesis tree'.

He should escalate his hypothesis.

My San Antonio friend was absolutely puzzled and dumbfounded. So was I.

There is possibly a very high noise-to-signal ratio in abduction accounts, but from my friend's 1955 misfortune and other cases, it would seem prudent to be a bit less sure that no abductions occur, as some appear to presently believe.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Off Topic - Danger Tto UK Websites - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 22:58:58 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 09:29:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Off Topic - Danger Tto UK Websites - Hatch

>From: Geoff Richardson <[geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk](mailto:geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 13:25:21 -0000  
>Subject: Off Topic - Danger To UK Websites

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>with a ".co.uk" domain. ".co.uk domain wiped off face of  
>internet!"

>Please visit - <http://theregister.co.uk/content/6/29359.html>

Uh Geoff?

Any chance this is a put-on?

Best wishes

- Larry

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## Re: Off Topic - Danger Tto UK Websites - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 08:01:28 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 09:30:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Off Topic - Danger Tto UK Websites - Shough

>From: Geoff Richardson <[geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk](mailto:geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Nobody panic - this is ".uk.co" not '.co.uk'

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## The Law A Con Man And A Good Alien Story

From: John. W. Auchettl <[Praufu@aol.com](mailto:Praufu@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 06:04:06 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 09:33:29 -0500  
Subject: The Law A Con Man And A Good Alien Story

List and EBK,

"Mr. Stroud reportedly told one of the SEC's lawyers that he got the bonds from a woman in shortwave radio contact with Hatton, a 9=BD-foot tall extraterrestrial who has been circling Earth for some time now."

NOW READ ON!

<http://www.globeandmail.com/servlet/ArticleNews/TPStory/LAC/20030222/RJANI/T=PBusiness/TopStories>

Fraud case involving alien seems a bit spacy

By JANIS MACKEY FRAYER  
Saturday, February 22, 2003 - Page B4

An Oklahoma court has entered a default judgment against a Vancouver-area Internet promoter in a bizarre story of alleged shams, bogus cheques, alien contact and royal connections.

The court ordered Garry Stroud to pay \$2-million (U.S.) in connection with a civil fraud case filed in 2001 by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The SEC claims Mr. Stroud fleeced about \$1-million in total from at least 2,200 investors worldwide by hawking bogus investments in different "prime bank" trading programs and so-called Morgenthau Gold Bond Certificates (not to be confused with the foot powder). A relief defendant in the case, Adele Louros of Montreal, is the named holder of several Internet payment accounts linked to Mr. Stroud, according to the SEC.

Now initially, Mr. Stroud was as unknown to the U.S. establishment as the Juno Awards, poutine or David Frum. Authorities took an interest in his alleged sucker schemes only after he introduced himself with a \$9-million rubber cheque from a non-existent Swiss bank.

The cheque was tendered as part of a purported settlement in yet another case, this one involving an unemployed single father named Donald English. Mr. English is credited with orchestrating one of the greater alleged Ponzi schemes of our time. absorbing \$50-million from the masses in just a few weeks back in 2001. The pyramid collapsed when the payouts stopped and Mr. English spent 40 days in an Oklahoma jail on a contempt charge for failing to fess up where the money went.

Then along came Mr. Stroud. seemingly out of the blue. who offered to pay \$9-million to reimburse those cheated by Mr. English's venture. The infamous cheque bounced, but Mr. Stroud allegedly made off with the list of investors and started working the phones. That's when the British Columbia Securities Commission joined the fun, too.

The more investigators sniffed, the stranger the stink they found. Among other spectacular declarations, Mr. Stroud claimed an interest in Peruvian debt paper worth more than \$1-trillion

to the American government. Mr. Stroud reportedly told one of the SEC's lawyers that he got the bonds from a woman in shortwave radio contact with Hatton, a 9-foot tall extraterrestrial who has been circling Earth for some time now. Guess it's tough to find parking for a spaceship.

Mr. Stroud did not return a phone call this week to his place in Aldergrove, B.C., a small farming community in the Fraser Valley Bible Belt. However, he once politely told a British reporter that it was Mr. English who operated a Ponzi scheme -- not he. Mr. Stroud then added, quite cheerfully, "You know, I'm the Queen's fifth cousin."

Pity the poor lobbyist who thought it would be a great use of resources to take Andr e Ouellet to a basketball game. The chief postmaster was spotted court side at a Toronto Raptors match recently, looking somewhat bored by his host's ear-contorting chatter. When half time rolled around, Mr. Ouellet promptly rolled out. likely to hop the next Rapidair to Ottawa from the island airport (his weekly expense summary may confirm that).

Second-row seats go for \$525.00 a pop. meaning somebody paid \$1,050.00 (or the equivalent of 2,187.5 regular stamps for domestic mail delivery) to entertain Mr. Ouellet for the 24 minutes he stuck around. A quick rattle of the abacus works it out to \$43.75 a minute or \$2,625.00 an hour for his time -- not your typical public service rate.

#### READ GIVING SKI GROUP A LIFT

It seemed rather fitting that ski racing legend Ken Read made a speech this week to the Commercial Finance Association. The CFA brings together that population of Crazy Canucks that deals in risk management, insolvency and asset-based lending. And the former World Cup champion is spearheading a restructuring himself these days as the new head of Alpine Canada.

When Mr. Read took the gig in May, the organization and skier morale was sliding faster than he did at Val d'Is re in 1975. Since then, he has landed new corporate sponsors like Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, forged training partnerships with European countries, and made key acquisitions, including former national coach Max Gartner.

The result? Canada's first world downhill championship in a decade and a promising young squad that can focus on competing instead of surviving. It costs about \$40,000 a year to put a kid on the national ski team.

The dinner was sponsored by Congress Financial and GE Capital, with a big contingent from Bennett Jones LLP. including former national team member turned legaleer, Perry Spitznagel. In the Q&A, Mr. Read revealed he skis on a pair of Salomon 176s and can still get a free drink at any bar in Kitzbuhel.

#### TALES OF OLD MONEY AND NEW FUNDING

Profile raised: Edward Rogers (the junior one). The czar-in-training made his first presentation to the analyst community as co-chief of Rogers Cable at the big RBC Dominion Securities technology hoedown in Whistler, B.C. Viewers report decent reception. Money raised: \$50,000 by Women in Capital Markets. About 1,000 financial wonks (of both genders) squeezed into the Royal Ontario Museum this week for the annual Vinifera wine gala.

Money raised will fund WCM scholarships and outreach programs aimed at convincing young women there is more to Bay Street than cigar smoke and cheap ties. Honestly.

Janis Mackey Frayer is the host of The Close on Report on Business Television.

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## Re: Zilch Empiricism And UFOs - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 10:02:43 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 09:50:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Zilch Empiricism And UFOs - Friedman

>From: Vince White <[Vinceomni@aol.com](mailto:Vinceomni@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 20:55:18 EST  
>Subject: Zilch Empiricism And UFOs

>Greetings all;

>This is addressed to those who have shredded empiricism with  
>lazy smug assertions that the Columbia tragedy has nothing to do  
>with UFOs. Nothing?

>A careful examination of many quality observations near the  
>Tejon ranch in the Tehachapi's in the late 80's indicate that  
>disc and triangular shaped objects were seen performing non  
>aerodynamic movements on many nights. They were seen emerging  
>from a NORTHROP facility without alarm or interference from  
>Edwards AFB.

>These sightings occurred in the midst of US aerospace R&D  
>facilities. Either they were ours or theirs.

>There is of course another facility where long before Mr.  
>Lazar's fame, where objects behaving like UFOs i.e. zig-zagging,  
>sudden high G maneuvers etc. were regularly observed. Again,  
>either theirs or ours.

>This clearly should suggest that secret testing of field  
>propulsion vehicles very well may have occurred. Zilch  
>empiricism leads to zero connection to Columbia. But honest  
>empiricism leads to the logical possibility that some agency  
>possesses an alternative to reactive propulsion.

>Are there empiricists willing to speak up on this?

Vince,

I have been pointing out for decades that Dr. Stewart Way built and tested an electromagnetic submarine at U. of Calif., Santa Barbara, in the mid 1960s and that a Japanese conglomerate built an EM ship using superconducting magnets much later.

Replace seawater, an electrically conducting fluid, with ionized air (plasma) also an electrically conducting fluid. There are no moving parts but interactions between electric and magnetic field to produce thrust, reduce drag and heating, change radar profile, eliminate sonic boom production.

A literature search which I did while at McDonnell Douglas in 1969 turned up about 900 related technical reports of which about 90% were classified. Such systems would not be simple to develop.

None of this establishes a connection between UFOs and the Columbia disaster. We have certainly known for a long time that there is a substantial black budget for the development of all kinds of new expensive classified technologies.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Tell Ya What I'm Gonna Do! - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 06:12:24 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 09:52:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Tell Ya What I'm Gonna Do! - Hamilton

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 19:50:49 -0700  
>Subject: Tell Ya What I'm Gonna Do!

>Step right up folks! Don't be shy! Tell ya whad I'm gunna do.  
>Fer a measley, paultry sum of \$100... that's U. S. dollars,  
>folks. I'll sit in my office and channel through Mon-Ka yer  
>personal alien spirit guide.

>Absolutely the finest alien spirit guide available guaranteed to  
>tell me your future financial status as it relates to the event.

>I promise that no flashlights will be used, nor crystals of any  
>kind...just channeled energy from my superior brain power to the  
>limitless universe and Mon-Ka the Magnificent.

>I guarantee my satisfaction 100%, so how can you go wrong? Ya  
>can't folks! Why the miniscule sum of \$100 will get your desires  
>through me to Mon-Ka itself. Only I can communicate with the  
>great Mon-Ka, so get your orders in early folks.

>Privately email me where to send your \$100 (cash only please). A  
>donation from your gift will be given to my favorite personal  
>charity!

>Why pay good money for hokey flashlight parties in the boondocks  
>and psychic mumbo jumbo from people you don't even know? That's  
>why you should trust me to be your intermediary to Mon-Ka,  
>Soltec and Flapwapple of Saturn.

>Offer limited to the first 100 million who send in their \$100.  
>Hurry! Offer Ends Soon!

This is very disappointing. I used to hear the voice of Mon-ka for free. He told us all sorts of wonderful things about ourselves. Soltec came through too, but Flapwapple was just not tuned to our frequency.

Bill H.

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## Jerry Black?

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 11:38:44 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 17:03:39 -0500  
Subject: Jerry Black?

I wonder if Jerry Black is still oin UFO UpDates, and if so, I ask him to contact me in private: [gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br). I appreciate if anyone here can give me his address.

Thanks!

A. J.

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## Re: Tell Ya What I'm Gonna Do! - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 09:07:28 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 17:08:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Tell Ya What I'm Gonna Do! - Connors

>From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 06:12:24 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Tell Ya What I'm Gonna Do! - Hamilton

>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 19:50:49 -0700  
>>Subject: Tell Ya What I'm Gonna Do!

>>Step right up folks! Don't be shy! Tell ya whad I'm gunna do.  
>>Fer a measley, paultry sum of \$100... that's U. S. dollars,  
>>folks. I'll sit in my office and channel through Mon-Ka yer  
>>personal alien spirit guide.

<snip>

>This is very disappointing. I used to hear the voice of Mon-ka  
>for free. He told us all sorts of wonderful things about  
>ourselves. Soltec came through too, but Flapwapple was just not  
>tuned to our frequency.

>Bill H.

I understand your disappointment, Bill, I really do. However, it is the way of things now...you know, kick backs to Mon-Ka, etc. They felt used by giving away thier secrets for free, so I stepped in and used good old Capitalism and convinced them they'd get a cut of the profits. I've got an iron-clad contract with them now, but it expires in 3068 N.E.

It is easy to give them their cut too! I just throw the money up in the air and what doesn't come down is obviously theirs! <G>

Flapwhapple is the Grand Peekapoo of Saturn. You didn't hear from it because earthlings are beneath it's dignity. The only reason I communicate is because I still have bootleg Grippl available. <G>

Wendy Connors

So, there ya have it, but whadda ya got?

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## Re: Selling Ufology By The Pound - King

From: Tom King <[tomking2030@hotmail.com](mailto:tomking2030@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 16:22:38 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 17:11:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Selling Ufology By The Pound - King

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 21:30:35 -0000  
>Subject: Selling Ufology By The Pound

>Pilgrims,

>A sorry tale about the state of ufology in the UK follows:

>Perceptive observers will recall Eric Morris' recent messages  
>about UFO video footage shot by him.

>His latest was:

>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 23:59:31 +0000  
>>Subject: Liverpool 01-16-03 UFO Video

>>A packed crowd of nearly fifty people sat and watched the most  
>>compelling piece of UFO video footage ever to be shot in the UK.

><snip>

I don't think its right to take a private, person to person E-Mail and post it in this public forum. With that being said he can do whatever he wants with his footage and sell it to the highest bidder. If an American TV producer is interested in it than watch out! The most he might get it a few hundred bucks. US TV producers are the cheap and will rip him off like a used car dealer at the end of the month. Then there is the contract which generally steals all rights to your footage if your not careful. The TV producer will pawn it all over U.S. networks to other TV producers and make many times his money back.

This Eric guy comes off as too greedy. First he should find out if they are UFOs before he announces a cattle call for all TV producers with a blank check. I doubt he has a real lawyer. Can a person with his occupation afford a retainer fee for a copyright lawyer? Probably not if you ask me.

If Eric can't produce an image or clip for the net to view than I see this as yet another scam. His footage is not worth 1 million bucks. I recently wrote something about Peter Davenport from the NUFORC telling callers their UFO footage is worth 1 million dollars. I heard this story from many people and also from Peter himself. If you call the NUFORC and report a sighting and claim you have video. Peter will give you his run of the mill 'copyright your footage its worth 1 million dollars' speech.

Here is a link with more about Peter and his million dollar speech.  
<http://www.ufovideo.com/forums/viewtopic.php?t=12>

I'm still waiting to see any UK websites that contain real UFO footage and not a bunch of balloons. I guess there aren't any credible UFO tapes in the UK.

Tom King

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## Re: John Alexander On Greer? - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 11:33:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 17:12:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer? - White

>From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 17:16:04 EST  
>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 07:01:31 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

>>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 23:41:57 -0500  
>>>Subject: John Alexander On Greer?

><snip>

>Eleanor:

>It is not obvious, and it is not unarguably clear. It IS  
>conspiracy theory - you know, the kind that debunkers point to  
>when they want to ridicule and undermine the work of serious UFO  
>researchers.

>A short example... when I was at the 2001 MUFON symposium, in  
>the dealer room, just a couple tables down from Stan Friedman  
>(for whom I have a great deal of respect, even if we sometimes  
>disagree) was a group of folks straight out of the late 1960s  
>who were trying to convince everyone who walked past that the US  
>government was controlling us using devices mounted in trucks  
>that zapped our brains with some kind of... well, brain zapper.  
>No doubt they too believed that their "theory" was unarguable,  
>and obvious. I wondered how they had escaped the effects of the  
>brain zapper, but that's another story. When I asked them,  
>however, they accused me of being a government agent!

>These people, by their very presence, made Stan and others look  
>a bit loopy just for being in the same room. Unfortunately,  
>statements like the one you make above have the same general  
>effect, and provide the debunkers with more ammunition than they  
>could ever muster on their own.

So how does reminding people that the government has lied and  
lied again on UFO (and other) matters make anyone look 'loopy'?  
I won't go into details here, but I had a long exchange of  
emails with John Alexander, in which he was clearly lying too.  
This was based on things I know first hand, and didn't simply  
'read it somewhere'.

Should we sit back when a known liar makes statements which have  
a high likelihood of being untrue?

Eleanor White

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 08:49:29 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 17:16:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Hamilton

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 01:31:34 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 22:25:26 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 14:36:11 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>>Using the principle of 'reductio ad absurdum' to Luis R.  
>>>Gonzalez's methodology, we might conclude that the lunar  
>>>missions were hoaxes because Jules Verne presciently, it  
>>>would seem, depicted a launch to the moon from Florida (in his  
>>>'From The Earth To The Moon'), from where the lunar missions  
>>>were launched.

>And Luis R. Gonzalez responded:

>>The question about the similarities between abduction and SF  
>>stories is not a methodology, it is a fact ... [SNIP]

>It is a method of debunking claims of alien encounters. The  
>significance Luis seems to access to speculative associations  
>between fiction and claims of alien abduction are only unfounded  
>speculation, seemingly constrained by little else than what  
>might be taken as his own personal desire to 'explain' what he  
>finds unacceptable.

<snip>

>So, to make a long story short, Luis may be right in dismissing  
>some claims of alleged abduction as being influenced by things  
>read, but in the case just described and in some other more-  
>evidential cases, I think he is 'barking up the wrong hypothesis  
>tree'.

>He should escalate his hypothesis.

>My San Antonio friend was absolutely puzzled and dumbfounded. So  
>was I.

>There is possibly a very high noise-to-signal ratio in abduction  
>accounts, but from my friend's 1955 misfortune and other cases,  
>it would seem prudent to be a bit less sure that no abductions  
>occur, as some appear to presently believe.

I entirely agree with Ray. I hesitate to mention something as  
personal as my own wife's experiences with this phenomena which  
was not restricted to "missing time" or abduction, but had a  
number of complex elements enter into it.

When she was previously married she had a fully conscious  
experience in 1991, also partly witnessed by her husband. This

involved an intrusion into the house by 2 typical Grays, balls of light that glided through the house unobstructed, the presence of many lights over her 2.5 acre property seen through the north-facing kitchen window, and then a subsequent period of missing time for a period of about 4 hours. There was one subsequent episode also witnessed by her former husband. I have witnessed some strange episodes, not that dramatic, that have convinced me that the phenomena she described is real. The 1991 incident was also seen by a neighbor at a distance who could see the lights over her property.

At least some of these encounters are real and are reported by credible and observant people. I do not think they can be relegated to fantasy, hallucination, or other psychological disturbances without stretching the reported facts even though some abduction reports could be so classified as the evidence warrants.

-Bill Hamilton

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 13:11:32 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 17:19:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Friedman

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 22:25:22 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 16:53:03 +0000  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 22:46:30 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Hall

>>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2003 15:57:22 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:44:29 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>>However, my main point is this: Heinlein, Asimov, and the other  
>>>SF "greats" clearly represent some of our most creative and  
>>imaginative writers (though I am personally not a big fan of  
>>>SF). A vast SF literature exists in which they have imagined and  
>>>written stories about almost anything imaginable that might be  
>>>possible and might actually occur eventually. Under these  
>>>circumstances, it would be very surprising if some (obviously  
>>>select and not broadly representative) elements of one or more  
>>>SF stories did not resemble some elements of abductions. If  
>>>you pursue this logic, you can use resemblances to SF to  
>>>discredit just about any anomalous data in any area. A very  
>>>useful, but illogical, technique.

>>James McDonald once characterized the reasoning processes of  
>>Phil Klass as "argument by concatenation."

>>You merely juxtapose two sets of things without making any clear  
>>argument as to why they are or must be causally connected. This  
>>statement only reiterates your belief and does not tell me any  
>>reason why it must be the answer. In fact, you have not  
>>responded to my argument that it would be surprising if such  
>>similarities did not exist. Possibilities are only that, not  
>>established facts.

>One of the thing that more surprise me about some "hard"  
>ufologists is how they do not want to realise that the UFO  
>phenomenon is just part of a "continuum". It coexists with BVM  
>visions, ghosts, cryptozoological creatures, "brain control"  
>victims, etc.. Their evidences are all of the same degree.  
>Besides that, when I talk about the UFO phenomenon I refer also  
>to the high percentage 80-90%? of cases which had  
>"conventional" explanations. You cannot dismiss all that and say  
>that your few selected cases have an ET origin, and everything  
>else is not real.

There surely are a lot of proclamations here with no data to support them. Who in the world of scientific ufology claims that "everything else is not real"? We say that after sifting and sorting and seeking conventional exclamations, we find a

substantial number of cases involving structured manufactured flying craft behaving in ways that, especially back in the immediate post war, era we Earthlings could not duplicate . Therefore, they were built somewhere else.

The large scale studies such as Blue Book Special Report 14 (3201 case) revealed that the better the quality of the sighting the more likely to be listed as an UNKNOWN (TruUfo). On the basis of 6 different characteristics, the probability that the UNKNOWNS were just missed KNOWNS was less than 1%. The average UNKNOWN was observed for longer than the average KNOWN. Clearly we must distinguish between the witness who totally unexpectedly observes something that is strange to him, and the investigator who has time to check all kinds of data before reaching a conclusion. The fact that most sightings can indeed be explained establishes that most people are good observers but not necessarily good interpreters. There is no continuum here. The gold miner knows gold is worth mining if there is an ounce of gold per ton of ore. Luis would say it is 99.99% dross, it is all dross..

>Of course, within a big set of data you can always find  
>coincidences. Sometimes those coincidences are just random,  
>others there is some causal connection. But when the volume of  
>coincidences is high and they go from simple details to main  
>themes, the probability of such causal connection is also high.

>To me, the biggest coincidence is that dozens and dozens of  
>alien civilizations have decide to visit us just in the  
>extremely short period of time we can identify them as such...  
>and then, do nothing!!

Who says that all these visitors are not part of the same galactic Association ? When was the last time that Earthlings showed that soon they would be visiting the stars taking their brand of friendship (Hostility) with them? Every civilization in the neighborhood would certainly be concerned about this primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare. Earthlings from many nations convened in Salt Lake City a while back for sporting events at that..

As I have said before, the 4th rule for debunkers is do one's research by Proclamation, investigation is too much trouble. Maintaining a gray basket is a necessity.

Stan Friedman

[www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html](http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html)

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>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 19:50:49 -0700  
>Subject: Tell Ya What I'm Gonna Do!

>Step right up folks! Don't be shy! Tell ya whad I'm gunna do.  
>Fer a measley, paultry sum of \$100... that's U. S. dollars,  
>folks. I'll sit in my office and channel through Mon-Ka yer  
>personal alien spirit guide.

>Absolutely the finest alien spirit guide available guaranteed to  
>tell me your future financial status as it relates to the event.

>I promise that no flashlights will be used, nor crystals of any  
>kind...just channeled energy from my superior brain power to the  
>limitless universe and Mon-Ka the Magnificent.

>I guarantee my satisfaction 100%, so how can you go wrong? Ya  
>can't folks! Why the miniscule sum of \$100 will get your desires  
>through me to Mon-Ka itself. Only I can communicate with the  
>great Mon-Ka, so get your orders in early folks.

>Privately email me where to send your \$100 (cash only please). A  
>donation from your gift will be given to my favorite personal  
>charity!

>Why pay good money for hokey flashlight parties in the boondocks  
>and psychic mumbo jumbo from people you don't even know? That's  
>why you should trust me to be your intermediary to Mon-Ka,  
>Soltec and Flapwapple of Saturn.

>Offer limited to the first 100 million who send in their \$100.  
>Hurry! Offer Ends Soon!

>Wendy Connors  
>Channel Baron to Mon-Ka

>Serious ufological research by appointment only

List,

Beware of false prophets who claim to be the one true channel to  
Mon-Ka.

Mon-Ka once spoke to me through my windshield wipers on a rainy  
trip to a UFO conference in Connecticut. I have a witness  
associated with the Fund for UFO Research whose initials are  
RPS, and who also heard Mon-Ka speak. He had a squeaky voice,  
but his message was clear. He said that all channeled messages  
were false, including this one.

- Dick

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From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 19:26:29 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 17:28:29 -0500  
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 9

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

<[Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com)>  
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Editor: Joseph Trainor

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

### EXPERTS HUNT FOR CLUES IN COLUMBIA DISASTER

Both NASA and the inquiry board hunted for clues that would identify the cause of the disaster that befell the space shuttle Columbia on Saturday, February 1, 2003.

Scientist Tom Hutter noticed an intriguing anomaly at the time of the Columbia disaster. In an exclusive email to UFO Roundup, Hutter stated that he had studied "an X-ray flux chart from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) website, which includes GOES 8 and 10 satellite data from within the time window of the shuttle disaster."

"Being the (GOES 8) chart is using Universal Time (UT), the (X-ray) spikes must be calculated to the local time of the reported incident," Hutter stated, "I don't know what effects X-ray flux would have on the shuttle, but there certainly was some heavy activity at the time."

As the Columbia was flying over California on its final approach, it was struck by an unusual purple energy bolt, which was photographed by an amateur astronomer in San Francisco. (See UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 7 for February 12, 2003, "Columbia destroyed by weird energy bolt," page 1.)

One theory is that the bolt was a blue jet, a little-known electrical phenomenon of the upper atmosphere. Atmospheric scientist Walter Lyons of FMA Research in Colorado described blue jets as "upward lightning strikes." The high incidence of X-rays, as reported by Hutter, might have created an environment conducive to the triggering of a blue jet.

On Monday, February 17, 2003, "NASA asked Western (USA) farmers and ranchers to watch for pieces of the space shuttle Columbia during spring plowing. Officials said fewer pieces are being found two weeks after the disaster."

"Pieces of the shuttle began falling to Earth while Columbia was streaking over California, the (inquiry) board also said. The shuttle disintegrated over East Texas. No debris has been found west of Granbury, Texas, which is roughly 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of Fort Worth."

"More than 2,600 pieces of the shuttle are in a warehouse at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, and 10,000 more are on their way" from the collection point at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. "By weight, those pieces represent only a 'tiny, tiny fraction' of the shuttle's 178,000 pounds," Harold Gehman,

chairman of the inquiry board, said.

On Tuesday, February 18, 2003, the inquiry board admitted that "the space shuttle Columbia was shedding pieces as it approached California."

"The comment by James Hallock, chief of the (USA) Department of Transportation's aviation safety division, confirmed what some videos seem to suggest."

"We have been poring over the films,' Hallock said, 'From the timing I've seen right now, it does look like things were beginning to come from the shuttle as it approached right about California' on its re-entry path."

Also on Tuesday, "Shuttle Columbia's nose landing gear has been found largely intact in woods near Toledo Bend Reservoir," located on the Texas-Louisiana state line. "Navy Capt. Chris Murray said residents found the gear Tuesday and notified divers who were searching the lake for shuttle debris."

On Thursday, February 20, 2003, "search teams combed the desert 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of Las Vegas (Nevada) in search of debris from space shuttle Columbia. Air-traffic control radar led investigators to the spot."

"The search focused near Caliente, Nev. (population 1,123). The shuttle flew south of Caliente three minutes before it disintegrated over Texas on Feb. 1. All seven crewmembers perished."

"During Columbia's liftoff, not one but three chunks of debris flew off the 15-story external fuel tank and hit the orbiter's left wing, according to a document NASA made public Friday," February 21, 2003.

"The document, dated Jan. 24, is third in a series of reports that analysts at Boeing, a major shuttle contractor, prepared to help NASA judge if the debris endangered the shuttle and its crew of seven astronauts."

"The first report talked of 'a large piece of debris,' not three. All three reports, completed while Columbia was in orbit reassured NASA that any damage from the debris would not threaten the flight."

"NASA officials said Friday the new Boeing report was part of a number of documents being released slowly in response to the Freedom of Information Act requests from journalists and others."

"Officials also said the fuselage of the space shuttle Columbia, probably including the crew cabin, remained largely intact for at least a half-minute (30 seconds) after pieces of the left wing began breaking away and NASA lost contact with the astronauts."

"A NASA spokesman said the space agency believes the final breakup of Columbia came 32 seconds after voice communication was lost."

"NASA said Friday the analysis of sporadic telemetry data transmitted during the 32 seconds is far from complete, but engineers have extracted information from the first five seconds and the last two seconds."

"Significantly, the last two seconds show that the shuttle had lost all pressure in the three hydraulic systems for the left wing. A breakup of the wing would have allowed hydraulic fluid to drain away. All other systems were functioning normally in the final two seconds." (See USA Today for February 18, 2003, "NASA asks farmers to watch for debris," page 3A; for February 19, 2003, "Inquiry panel suspects that breach hurt space shuttle," page 9A; and February 21, 2003, "NASA searches for shuttle debris in Nevada," page 2A; and the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for February 19, 2003, "Pieces were lost as Columbia reached California," page 2A; for February 20, 2003, "Columbia's front landing gear found," page 3A; and February 22, 2003, "Three hunks of debris hit shuttle," page 7A.)

#### LARGE SILVER UFO HOVERS OVER SCOTTISH MALL

"The appearance of a UFO in the sky above Kingsgate Retail Park" in South Lanarkshire, Scotland, UK "last week caused spooked drivers to bump their cars."

"Several people reported seeing a large silver object in the area as they drove past at around 8:45 a.m. last Wednesday," February 12, 2003.

"Drivers were so distracted by the bizarre sighting that at least two minor bumps (collisions in the USA--J.T.) were reported, as the attention of motorists wandered from



the more mundane forms of transportation before them on the road."

"A local man, who did not want to be named, contacted the News to describe the experience of a friend who was driving toward the retail park ( mall in the USA--J.T.) at the time."

"He said, 'My friend saw something hovering, which was silver in appearance and looked like one of the dishes you see on the side of television transmitters.'"

"'It was large, and it was pulsating. He wasn't the only one who saw it, as you couldn't have missed it. He saw it and thought, Good God! and was really shaken by the whole thing.'"

"'Then the object suddenly disappeared. It was so strange. My friend thinks the accidents of Kingsgate were the result of people seeing this thing, as well.'"

"The sighting also intrigued the East Kilbride UFO Club, whose members were warned in advance that they might be able to spot something strange in the sky."

"Colleagues in Cumbernauld had seen a similar object around half an hour previously and alerted their South Lanarkshire counterparts that it appeared to be heading in their direction."

"Lee Close, of the Anglo-Scottish UFO Research Agency (ASURA), has been investigating last week's events in tandem with the local UFO club."

"He said, 'This is the first time I've come across a UFO causing a car crash, although I'm aware of it having happened in America before.'"

"'People in Scotland tend to think, Oh, there's something in the sky, and just carry on, so the fact that it's caused two fender benders is quite unusual. The fact that it's in daylight interests us immensely, too.'" (See the Lanarkshire Home News for February 19, 2003, "UFO spotted over Kingsgate Retail Park during morning rush hour." Many thanks to Loren Coleman for forwarding this newspaper article.)

#### TWO LUMINOUS UFOs SEEN IN FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

On Monday, February 17, 2003, at 10:35 p.m., eyewitness M.D. spotted two luminous UFOs in Fort Collins, Colorado (population 118,652). "I just saw them hovering over," M.D. reported, "They would move higher and lower according to the clouds. When a cloud was near, they moved up. And when it passed, they would appear closer to the ground again."

"I saw two bright lights very close together. They would come together and form one light. I got binoculars to see a closer view. There were red, blue, yellow and green lights. It seemed to have a triangular formation with a red light on top and many other different colors on the bottom. There were at least five (UFOs) in the area."

"They were moving quite a bit in the same area but stayed in the same vicinity for a substantial amount of time. Every once in a while, they seemed to shut off lights and/or have bright lights circling around the object. They seemed to be tilting in my direction." (Email Form Report)

#### UFOs SEEN FREQUENTLY OVER WISCONSIN

On Saturday, February 1, 2003, the female witness reported, "My son and I were visiting a friend of mine in Weyauwega, Wis. (population 1,806). The general location was just north of Main Street on the east side of Highway 110 and south of the Wisconsin Central Railroad tracks. My boy was sledding in the snow, and I was taking pictures. It was in the evening and starting to get dark pretty quickly (estimate: about 5:45 p.m.--J.T.). My son pointed up to the sky, and we noticed some lights coming in from what I believe was the southwest."

"At this point, I just pointed the camera and took shots. The object really gave us the impression of a balloon, except for the lights. The object passed almost directly overhead and then headed south towards the train tracks. As the object passed, I could make out more of a disk shape than a balloon shape. I just remember my son asking me over and over what it was, and I didn't have a

clue."

Weyauwega, Wis. is just north of the intersections of Highways 10 and 110, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) west of Green Bay.

Two days later, on Monday, February 3, 2003, at 9 p.m., eyewitness Michael J. was at his home in Milwaukee, Wis. (population 596,974) and "was letting my dog outside. When I looked up, I saw a strange light (that) almost looked like a falling star in the sky. Thinking it was, I watched it for a while. But, unlike a falling star, it moved very fast to one location and stayed still for about five minutes. Then moved very slowly for a while, moving north. It stopped again and just hovered, so I grabbed my camera and tried to take a photo of it. After my camera flash, the sky (itself) seemed to flash back lightly."

Michael said he saw the UFO "around 62nd Avenue and Bluemount Avenue in Milwaukee. It was white and yellow. Now, I'm not crazy or on any kind of drugs, but this is the first time I've ever seen anything strange."

The next day, Tuesday, February 4, 2003, Thomas E. "was driving west on Old Sauk Road in Madison, Wis. (population 208,054)," the state capital, "when I saw ahead of me what I thought was a plane. As I continued west, the object appeared to be stationary, and I drove under it."

"I estimate it to have been 30 to 40 feet (9 to 12 meters) in length, maybe 10 to 15 feet (3 to 4.5 meters) wide, hovering at an altitude of 200 to 300 feet (60 to 90 meters). It appeared to be shaped roughly like a boat. There were lights or windows running along each of the sides, and there appeared to be people at the windows...at least black circles in the 'windows' which I interpreted to be occupants. There appeared to be about 10 'occupants' on either side of the craft. The craft was itself dark except for the yellow lights in the windows. None of the lights were blinking, and the craft made no sound." (Many thanks to John Hoppe of UFO Wisconsin for these reports.)

#### YOUNG MOTHER SPOTS A UFO IN SMITHERS, B.C.

On Thursday, February 20, 2003, at 2:40 a.m., the female witness "was up with her baby at 2:40 a.m. and has a great view of Hudson Bay Mountain in Smithers (population 5,624)," a small city on Canada's province of British Columbia. "Her blinds were semi-open and allowed her to see a very bright light crossing the mountain, and then coming to a complete stop over one of the longest (ski) runs, which is called 'Cold Smoke.' She went on to say that the light was 'dead center over the run,' and wondered if it was just hovering, or 'maybe' it had landed."

"She also reported hearing a clicking sound from the direction of the object. The object moved from east to west before coming to a complete stop over the run. Approximately five minutes went by, and a Canadian Pacific train could be heard coming in the distance, and the object disappeared, in her words, 'turned off.'" Many thanks to Canadian ufologist Brian Vike for this report.)

#### THREE GREAT NEW UFO BOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE

Three UFO books have recently gone on sale, and they're a must for any ufologist's library.

UFO DEFENSE TACTICS: WEATHER SHIELD TO CHEMTRAILS by Alicia K. Johnstone, Ph.D. (Hancock House Publishers, \$14.95 U.S.) is a small but information-packed book that discusses the UFO sightings of 1995 through 1997 in explicit detail. One chapter has a detailed section on chemtrails, which Alicia defines as "chemically augmented contrails," plus a five-page gallery of crystal-clear chemtrail photographs that might just convince even the skeptics.

The book opens on October 29, 1996, with Alicia driving south on Highway 3 in Kitsap County, Washington state. Approaching the U.S. Navy submarine base in Bangor, Wash., she sees an unusual object in the sky. This proves to be the opening gun in a journey of discovery that brings Alicia face-to-face with some of the most unusual phenomena in contemporary American life, including weather modification, UFOs and tornadoes, hovering fireballs and the STS-96 space shuttle mission. For the dedicated ufologist, this book is

definitely a keeper. (The book's ISBN number is 0-88839-501-9. Readers can order online by sending an email to [sales@hancockhouse.com](mailto:sales@hancockhouse.com). Otherwise, write to Hancock House Publishers, 1431 Harrison Avenue, Blaine, Wash. 98230-5005.)

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS: STARCRAFT by Der Voron (PublishAmerica Book Publishers, \$19.95 U.S.) opens with a little-known close encounter of the pre-Roswell era. During the Battle of Kursk in July 1943, Lt. Gennadi Zhalaginov of the Soviet Red Army spotted "a dark egg-shaped object that appeared above our (artillery) battery" and "rushed by at great speed; its middle part pulsated." Der discusses some of the best-known UFO incidents and spends some time on "the UFO crashes," notably the Kalahari Desert event of 1989 and the capture of the seven aliens at Varginha, Minas Gerais state, Brazil on January 20, 1996.

In Chapter 4, Der identifies and provides drawings of 31 models of extraterrestrial (ET) "starcraft," including classic saucers, spherical objects, egg-shaped objects, elongated cylinders, Saturn-shaped objects, toy-like tops and even a vimana straight out of the Hindu Mahabharata. In Chapter 5, he outlines theories of what constitutes a UFO "powerplant"--portable fusion reactors and energy capacitors. Der's book is very well-written and has the unique quality of appealing to both the first-time reader and the long-time "saucer buff." This is a very handy book to have, if ever you spot an unusual object in the daytime sky and want to find out what it is. (The book's ISBN number is 1-59129-738-9. To order, visit the website at [www.publishamerica.com](http://www.publishamerica.com).)

HITLER'S FLYING SAUCERS by Henry Stevens (Adventures Unlimited Press, \$18.95 U.S.) dumps the hypothesis of ET origin entirely and argues that UFOs were first developed by Germany's Third Reich during World War II. According to Stevens, development of the saucers was a wartime necessity. When the Russians re-captured the Caucasus and knocked out the oil fields of Romania, cutting off the Reich's fuel supplies, German scientists, notably Karl Ramsauer, Ludwig Prandtl, Kurt Deibner and Erich Schumann, had to come up with a revolutionary new means of powering aircraft. The first crude saucers flew in late 1943. Reichsfuehrer-SS Heinrich Himmler took control of the project and set up a special "saucer factory" at the German rocket research center at Peenemunde on the Baltic. The project was under the control of Himmler's trusted aide, Hans Kammler, 42, who mysteriously disappeared in February 1945.

(Editor's Note: Kammler was an architect who drew up the construction plans for the Vernichtungenslager (German for destruction camp) at Auschwitz-Birkenau in southern Poland.)

Stevens takes "man-made saucer" research to the next level and provides an impressive number of source documents relating to the secret SS project. His book is far more detailed than either Man-Made UFOs 1944-1994 or Renato Vesco's Intercept UFO. He also raises disturbing questions about some of the strange events at the end of World War II. Such as "the last saucers out of Berlin." Who--or what--was aboard the four silvery Flugschieben that lifted off the runway at Templehof the afternoon of April 24, 1945? And where did they go? (The book's ISBN number is 1-931882-13-4. Order online at [www.adventuresunlimitedpress.com](http://www.adventuresunlimitedpress.com) or send an email to [aup@frontiernet.net](mailto:aup@frontiernet.net). Or send a letter to Adventures Unlimited Press, One Adventure Place, Kempton, Illinois, USA 60946.)

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## 19 'Close Encounters' In Fife Being Probed

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<http://www.eveningtelegraph.co.uk/ShowStory.cfm?StoryID=31693>

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

19 'Close Encounters' In Fife Being Probed

An appeal for witnesses to a string of alleged 'close encounters' in North East Fife has led to a "massive public response" with UFO investigators currently looking into 19 reports in Fife and a string of unexplained sightings across Central Scotland.

Ex-navy submariner Lee Close, who is chief investigator with the Anglo Scottish UFO Research Agency (ASUFORA), revealed today that since the local Press highlighted alleged UFO sightings last year, the number of calls and emails to him continued flooding in.

He remained open minded as to whether many of these reports could be explained by astronomical or aircraft factors. It was also his team's job to sift out any potential hoaxes.

Encouraged

But he was encouraged that people seeking answers were still prepared to come forward and share what they had seen - especially when many individuals often felt embarrassed to do so.

Speaking from West Lothian, Mr Close said, "The reports keep coming in and some go back many years.

"They include a 'small gold sphere' seen from Dundee about five miles off RAF Leuchars, and a man who said that on two or three occasions he saw several large, cigar-shaped objects hovering and then disappearing in the Ladybank area when he travelled daily between Dundee and Glenrothes between 1989 and 2002.

"We are also looking at an astonishing case from Ballingry in 1958. A lady, now 80, can recollect the event like it happened yesterday.

Aliens

"She said an orange, long, cigar-shaped object followed a jogger called John Hodge. It was witnessed by several 12 year-olds."

Seven years ago two local women made headlines around the world after claiming they encountered aliens at Drummy Wood, Freuchie.

UFO enthusiasts are now 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 this was still being investigated, but he was also intrigued by the number of other alleged unexplained sightings in the area.

[UFO UpDates thanks www.<http://anomalist.com> for the lead]

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Hall

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>>>Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2003 16:44:29 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>>>However, my main point is this: Heinlein, Asimov, and the other  
>>>SF "greats" clearly represent some of our most creative and  
>>imaginative writers (though I am personally not a big fan of  
>>>SF). A vast SF literature exists in which they have imagined and  
>>>written stories about almost anything imaginable that might be  
>>>possible and might actually occur eventually. Under these  
>>>circumstances, it would be very surprising if some (obviously  
>>>select and not broadly representative) elements of one or more  
>>>SF stories did not resemble some elements of abductions. If  
>>>you pursue this logic, you can use resemblances to SF to  
>>>discredit just about any anomalous data in any area. A very  
>>>useful, but illogical, technique.

>>James McDonald once characterized the reasoning processes of  
>>Phil Klass as "argument by concatenation."

>>You merely juxtapose two sets of things without making any clear  
>>argument as to why they are or must be causally connected. This  
>>statement only reiterates your belief and does not tell me any  
>>reason why it must be the answer. In fact, you have not  
>>responded to my argument that it would be surprising if such  
>>similarities did not exist. Possibilities are only that, not  
>>established facts.

>One of the thing that more surprise me about some "hard"  
>ufologists is how they do not want to realise that the UFO  
>phenomenon is just part of a "continuum". It coexists with BVM  
>visions, ghosts, cryptozoological creatures, "brain control"  
>victims, etc.. Their evidences are all of the same degree.  
>Besides that, when I talk about the UFO phenomenon I refer also  
>to the high percentage 80-90%? of cases which had  
>"conventional" explanations. You cannot dismiss all that and say  
>that your few selected cases have an ET origin, and everything  
>else is not real.

Luis,

Continuum of what? The co-existing phenomena (or non-phenomena)  
that you and other skeptics want to link with UFOs have no

necessary connection with the UFO phenomenon at all. Each must be evaluated individually as to whether there is credible evidence, objective instrumental evidence, etc. And it always surprises me (not!) when skeptics leap from rebutting an argument of UFO reality to insisting that we produce evidence of ET. These are two separate issues or questions too.

>Of course, within a big set of data you can always find  
>coincidences. Sometimes those coincidences are just random,  
>others there is some causal connection. But when the volume of  
>coincidences is high and they go from simple details to main  
>themes, the probability of such causal connection is also high.

You look at the huge numbers of "coincidences" that I have reported in my writings and tell me that they are merely random. If facts, evidence, logic, mean anything, then the data are telling us that UFOs are something very real and unexplained, and furthermore that the ET theory (or, as McDonald said years ago) something very more bizarre must be correct.

>To me, the biggest coincidence is that dozens and dozens of  
>alien civilizations have decide to visit us just in the  
>extremely short period of time we can identify them as such...  
>and then, do nothing!!

Only kook groups (which you seem to confuse with serious researchers) talk about "dozens and dozens of alien civilizations." And "do nothing" is one of your many false assumptions. Sorry, Luis, you need to filter your data better, stop confusing kook groups and crazy ideas with serious research, and reconsider your logic and reasoning. Stop associating UFOs with other alleged (real or unreal) phenomena, look at the hardcore data, not what mushbrains with axes to grind have to say.

- Dick

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## Re: Lawsuit Aims To Silence UFO Watchdog - Hall

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>Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2003 16:19:36 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Lawsuit Aims To Silence UFO Watchdog

>Hello List,

>I think nearly everyone here supports Royce and the work he has  
>done. We should support him whenever a clown like Sean David  
>Morton tries to knock him down.

>I for one am sick and tired of all of these UFO carnies running  
>around making claim after claim that don't come true. These tall  
>tales Morton sells the public should be cross examined by  
>public. Websites telling another side of a story shouldn't be  
>shut down because it hurts someones feelings.

>From what I understand this isn't the only lawsuit Morton is  
>currently pursuing. I believe he is also suing a radio station  
>for firing him.

>SDM should be sued for all the stuff he said that didn't come  
>>true.

Yes, and where are some pro bono lawyers and deep-pocket  
contributors when we need them to help Royce. Does he need  
contributions? Legal help? Scumbags like Morton need to be  
confronted big time.

- Dick

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>Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 05:24:20 -0000  
>Subject: Cambridge Object Seen?

>Hi All,

>I received a sighting report for Friday night 21/02/03, in which  
>a chap who was looking out of his window at 10.30pm, saw what he  
>described as an "Orange Double Decker size object coming out of  
>the sky, with a blazing and sparking tail"

>This object seemed to be chucking out some kind of sparks from  
>behind, and was estimated at 10.000 MPH? The object was seeming  
>to crash into earth about 30 miles from where it was seen? There  
>was no noise from the object, but the chap concerned was over  
>whelmed by its size, and the trail behind it?

>Considering the object was quoted as being the size of a double  
>decker bus, and the distance the chap was from the object' I  
>would presume this to be a very large object!

>The sighting took place in South Cambridgeshire, Duxford.

>Anyone have any info on Astronomical events occurring at that  
>time?

Roy,

The most immediate and obvious hypothesis is a fireball meteor,  
which should be testable. They are ordinarily seen over a wide  
area and result in multiple witnesses. Distance, size, and speed  
estimates are worthless in such reports without knowing what  
assumptions the witness made.

- Dick

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>>Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 17:16:04 EST  
>>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

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>>Eleanor:

>>It is not obvious, and it is not unarguably clear. It IS  
>>conspiracy theory - you know, the kind that debunkers point to  
>>when they want to ridicule and undermine the work of serious UFO  
>>researchers.

>>A short example... when I was at the 2001 MUFON symposium, in  
>>the dealer room, just a couple tables down from Stan Friedman  
>>(for whom I have a great deal of respect, even if we sometimes  
>>disagree) was a group of folks straight out of the late 1960s  
>>who were trying to convince everyone who walked past that the US  
>>government was controlling us using devices mounted in trucks  
>>that zapped our brains with some kind of... well, brain zapper.  
>>No doubt they too believed that their "theory" was unarguable,  
>>and obvious. I wondered how they had escaped the effects of the  
>>brain zapper, but that's another story. When I asked them,  
>>however, they accused me of being a government agent!

>>These people, by their very presence, made Stan and others look  
>>a bit loopy just for being in the same room. Unfortunately,  
>>statements like the one you make above have the same general  
>>effect, and provide the debunkers with more ammunition than they  
>>could ever muster on their own.

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>us what it is based on.

I've provided off-list details to John Velez and yourself, Dick.  
Since the other issue is not UFO-related, I won't try to post a  
reply to this List. I will be happy to explain off-List to  
anyone interested.

Please remember, I have not said John Alexander is lying in  
the case of the other Congressional Hearings, rather, what he  
has to say is suspect based on other attempts to cover up.

Eleanor White

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>Subject: Jerry Black?

>I wonder if Jerry Black is still on UFO UpDates, and if so, I  
>ask him to contact me in private: [gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br). I  
>appreciate if anyone here can give me his address.

>Thanks!

>A. J.

A.J., List,

Jerry Black is not online, however he is open to speak with anyone at his toll-free number of 1-877-731-8400. Black is currently looking into the people and investigators who were involved in the Ed Walters/Gulf Breeze UFO case. We should be hearing a bit more from him soon.

Best regards,

Kenny Young  
Florence, KY

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### Columbia Investigation Focusing On Mysterious

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Feb 25, 2003

Investigation Board Focusing on Mysterious Object Spotted Flying Near  
Columbia in Orbit

By Marcia Dunn  
The Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - The board investigating the Columbia tragedy said Tuesday it wants to know more about a mysterious object that almost certainly fell off the shuttle and was flying alongside the spacecraft during its second day in orbit.

The object was never noticed during the flight. After the shuttle's destruction over Texas on Feb. 1, the Air Force Space Command began analyzing radar data that might shed light on the disaster and noticed the object.

Initially, NASA said it suspected the object might be frozen waste water dumped overboard or an orbiting piece of space junk that the shuttle happened to encounter.

But Air Force Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, a board member, discounted both possibilities Tuesday and said the object almost had to have come from the shuttle itself.

"You or I could invent a dozen scenarios," Deal said. "It could have been something loose that separated, it could have been something inside the payload bay." It also could have been part of the left wing, where all the overheating and other troubles developed during re-entry.

He described the object as about 1 foot by 1.3 feet in size and said it was flying in tandem with Columbia one day into the mission. It was within 50 feet of the shuttle and, within that first day, started separating farther and farther away until it burned up on re-entry three days later, he said.

"It's not like my friend Rick Husband rendezvoused with a piece in orbit," Deal said, referring to Columbia's commander. "It was something that more than likely came loose."

The composition of the object is unknown, but it was lightweight and not dense, Deal said. Lab testing is planned by the Air Force and NASA to determine the material, based on its reflectivity.

Columbia had just gone through a major maneuver in orbit Jan. 17, about 24 hours into its flight, when the object popped out of nowhere, Deal said. That suggests it could have broken loose from the shuttle during the maneuver.

Following the accident, Space Command staff went through reams of data to track the object until its atmospheric re-entry Jan.

20. Nearly 3,200 radar observations were made of Columbia during its 16 days in orbit.

"It's been the most laborious examination that's ever taken place in the history of Space Command, looking at every single one of those observations," Deal said.

Because the astronauts did not do a spacewalk and did not have many windows, they would not have noticed the unidentified object, Deal said.

Meanwhile, a piece of a thermal tile, believed to be from the top of the left wing, remains the westernmost piece of debris found yet - and probably the earliest known fragment from its breakup.

The board's chairman, retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., said the fragment came from the upper surface of the left wing near the fuselage. It was found in West Texas, about 300 miles west of Fort Worth.

Gehman said he does not know how badly damaged the fragment is and stressed that it is too early to draw any conclusions from it.

But he held up pictures of another tile fragment found about 30 miles west of Fort Worth. It was dark gray or almost black with orange specks and extremely rough surfaces - heat damage that is much more severe than what is normally seen from shuttle tiles.

Engineers do not yet know whether the damage occurred during or after the breakup of Columbia, Gehman said. It is so badly damaged that investigators do not even know what part of the shuttle it came from.

Of the more than 8,100 pieces of shuttle debris recovered, about 5,300 have been identified, Gehman said.

Both NASA and the investigation board believe any wreckage west of Texas could provide hard evidence about what was happening to Columbia as it descended on its way to a Florida landing. The shuttle was 16 minutes away from touchdown when it disintegrated over Texas, killing all seven astronauts.

The 10-member board suspects the left wing was breached, allowing superheated gases to penetrate during re-entry. A central focus of the investigation is whether any of the debris from liftoff 16 days earlier caused or contributed to that breach.

Board member Scott Hubbard, director of NASA's Ames Research Center, said computer analyses show that a hole of 20 square inches would account for the rapid 60-degree rise in temperature detected in Columbia's left landing gear compartment during the final few minutes of flight.

What needs to be done next is a more sophisticated and complex analysis in which the hole is moved to various wing locations, he said.

Among the early tentative findings: the tires in the left landing gear compartment likely did not explode, though there was some disturbance going on in that area; the ship's hydraulic systems failed in the final seconds of the doomed flight and the hydraulic fluid dumped out somewhere; and even though the power and guidance systems were still working up until the total loss of data and the fuselage was still intact, there were no signals from the left wing.

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On the Net:

NASA: <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov>

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>>>Subject: PRG/X-PPAC/D2003/CH Update - 02-21-03

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>>>X-PPAC Congressional Alert

>>>A new congressional alert relating to the Columbia tragedy has  
>>>been sent to the House and Senate. Excerpt:

>>>"The cost of maintaining a truth embargo on the facts  
>>>surrounding an extraterrestrial presence continues to grow. If  
>>>safer means to place payloads into space lay ensconced within  
>>>the "black" world behind the national security curtain, this  
>>>cost now includes the lives of astronauts."

>>This is beyond the pale - tying a tragedy like the loss of the  
>>Columbia to the "black" world behind the national security  
>>curtain, with absolutely no - zip, zilch, nada - evidence that  
>>the disaster had anything even remotely to do with UFOs,  
>>government black ops, or a conspiracy of silence/cosmic  
>>watergate (whichever you prefer). It dishonours the lives of the  
>>seven dead astronauts, and all of us who genuinely believe in  
>>space exploration.

>You seem to be implying that the X-PPAC Congressional Alert was  
>claiming the crash was caused by the "black" world. It did  
>not. It raised a simple point: if technology is being held back  
>from public (NASA) use which would provide a safer method of  
>putting payloads into space, which is to say it is being held  
>back because the cover-up of the ET presence would not permit  
>its open use, then the loss of astronauts to less safe  
>technology (shuttle) is a cost of the cover-up.

Read the original post again - the link that is made between the  
shuttle crash and the 'black' world of government is clear to  
anyone with a junior high school education. To attempt to argue  
otherwise is to engage in the kind of semantics that only a  
lawyer or a politician could love - and I say that as a lawyer!  
It is using the shuttle disaster for the crassest of purposes.

>You say there is no evidence for such suppressed technology.  
>That is your opinion.

Yup. It's my opinion. However, when Corso is a key component for  
the 'evidence' that the post mentions, I think I'm on pretty  
solid ground here. Perhaps you should have included a reference

to Lazar too.

>If it comes to pass there is no extraterrestrial presence  
>engaging this planet now, no crashed vehicles, no retrieved  
>technology, no derived craft, then many people in the UFO/ET  
>research/activist community will owe the National Aeronautics  
>and Space Administration and all its past and present employees  
>a considerable apology. I will be at the head of the line.

That's a lot of stuff lumped in there - typical tactic for a propagandist. There are those of us who are open to the idea that ET is visiting this planet, and may even have crashed, who do not believe - who do not take the massive leap in logic, without any supporting evidence - that this means we have somehow figured out how it all works, and have secretly produced our own versions. As Stan Friedman has often told me, if we could travel back in time, say to ancient Rome, with a computer, there's no way they could figure out how it works. Makes sense to me.

>As for your self-righteous assertion of dishonoring the lives of  
>astronauts. Many books have been written about the loss of  
>military and civilian lives to the abuse of power by the United  
>States government or to incompetence and indifference of the  
>government and its representatives. If you think that patriotic  
>Americans serving their country have never been victims of the  
>abuse of power by the covert, "black" world, you are living in a  
>parallel universe. Gulf War veterans dying of service related  
>injuries were told they were "mental". Please sell your  
>indignation somewhere else. This son of a U.S. Navy officer is  
>not buying.

Another typical propagandist distraction - I thought only the debunkers used this kind of ploy! Of course the US government - all governments - have done things that have hurt their citizens. To believe otherwise is to be naive. To suggest, without proof, that they did it with the shuttle, is to be, at best, irresponsible.

My indignation (why is it self-righteous, by the way? Because I disagree with you?) stems from people like you who take a tragedy and seek to use it to advance their own agenda, with no evidence (and its clear to me that you have no idea what the word evidence actually means) to back their claims up. My indignation rises even further when these people try to weasel out of responsibility for the words they either wrote or support by claiming it meant something else.

Please sell YOUR self-righteous, and self-serving, malarky somewhere else. This son of a former Canadian Air Force officer (not to mention nephew of two American servicemen, and brother of a Canadian reservist) isn't buying.\*

Paul Kimball

\* I have no idea how the whole military/son thing is relevant, other than as another example of the kind of distraction usually raised by someone who has nothing of any substance to say but, as you started it, I'm glad to finish it.

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>us what it is based on.

Dick:

Bravo!

When you call someone a liar, you better be prepared to back  
that up. If not, you're no better than a tabloid rag, and just  
as likely to get sued.

So, Eleanor, spill the beans. Why is this man a "known liar"? If  
you are unwilling to do so, I suggest we'll all have a pretty  
good idea of who's credibility is questionable.

Paul Kimball

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## Astronomers Pressing Search For Earth-Like Planets

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Stig

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Anybody Out There?

Astronomers Picking Up Effort to Find Life-Friendly Planets

By Amanda Onion

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Feb. 24 - Are we alone? Could there be other life flourishing on some distant planet?

Although efforts to send people into space are stalled following the Columbia tragedy, the drive continues to try to understand realms that astronauts like the Columbia crew had just begun to probe. One way scientists hope to understand what or, perhaps even who exists beyond our solar system, is by searching for planets like our own. And even NASA, amid its soul-searching, is intensifying that search with planned space missions designed to find faraway planets with newly refined techniques.

"In the next year or two we expect to have many more planets discovered," said Demitar Sasselov, head of an astronomy team at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics that recently found a new planet.

Seeing Planets in Wobbles and Blinks

Sasselov's team is not alone. Since 1995, teams of astronomers across the country have detected about 100 large planets zipping around stars in far-distant solar systems. The discoveries are the result of new, indirect methods that sense planets by carefully observing their stars.

One method, developed in the late 1980s, detects extra-solar planets by observing the wobble of a star as it slightly jiggles due to the gravitational pull of its orbiting planet. While this technique has helped find a trove of new planets, it's only sensitive enough to find Jupiter-sized ones, since only large planets tug enough on their stars to be detected.

As far as the search for extraterrestrial life is concerned, finding Jupiter-sized planets is important, but less interesting than finding smaller ones.

"A planet of Jupiter's size has 300 times the mass of Earth and is a large ball of gas so it wouldn't be habitable - at least in ways we'd think of," said Greg Laughlin, an astronomer at the University of California in Santa Cruz.

A second method that researchers have just begun to refine could help in the search of distant planets more like our own.

So-called transit searches examine the slight dimming of a star's light caused as a planet moves between the star and telescopes on Earth. The dimming is so slight it has been compared to seeing the shadow cast by a mosquito buzzing in front of a search light nearly 200 miles away.

"The limitation is that you're not able to detect very slight dimming of a star from the ground because the atmosphere of the Earth makes it difficult to get highly precise measurements," said Sasselov, whose team recently used the transit method to find the planet OGLE-TR-56b orbiting its star 5,000 light years away.

In order to get a clearer view, NASA plans to perch the search in space.

#### Scanning From Space

In October 2006, NASA will launch a space system that will constantly scan stars for distinctive dimming signs of faraway planets. Focusing on 10 million stars at a time, the Kepler system, equipped with a telescope designed to measure brightness, will zero in on about 150,000 stars that fit criteria of suitable, life-hosting solar systems.

Since Kepler will orbit above the Earth's atmosphere, its telescope will have a clear view and should be able to detect very subtle changes in brightness caused by smaller planets passing in front of their suns.

Sasselov, who is a member of the Kepler mission, expects that the telescope will find about 1,000 Jupiter-sized planets in its first year and about a dozen Earth-sized planets after four years of searching.

"We'll have a big computer that will keep tags on each one of the stars," he said. "Kepler will snap digital images that will tell us when they blink."

Once Kepler concludes its four-to five-year search, NASA hopes to send even more powerful telescopes into space that could probe the atmosphere of key planets for signs of water, oxygen and chemicals that are produced by life.

Meanwhile, other astronomers have been calculating the odds that scientists will find life-friendly planets.

#### What We'll Find

Kristen Menou, an astronomer at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, recently created computer models of remote solar systems by studying the Jupiter-sized planets discovered so far.

"You can look, given the architecture of a planetary system, and ask whether an Earth-like planet can exist in this orbit," said Laughlin, who has created similar computer models.

As a fellow at Princeton University, Menou and colleagues there considered factors including a discovered planet's size and orbit to conclude if an Earth-sized planet might also fit within the system. They concluded about a quarter of distant solar systems discovered so far could host Earth-like abodes.

But confirming such predictions will require patience.

Several planets likely haven't been detected yet because they orbit their stars over longer time periods, says Laughlin. A longer orbit creates a longer lag between wobbles or dimmings in their stars - and years to confirm their existence.

Yet it's planets with longer orbits that likely belong to systems hosting planets like Earth.

#### Our Ideal Jupiter

For example, our Jupiter takes 11 years to orbit the sun and it

exists in what seems like a perfect place to protect Earth. It's not too close to the sun so that it would jettison our planet from the solar system, and yet it remains close enough so its orbit protects our planet from incoming comets.

As time goes on, Laughlin and others are confident more discoveries will make the prospect of extraterrestrial life seem more likely.

Although the first steps to finding such planets will be limited to Earth-based astronomy and orbiting, unmanned telescopes, Sasselov believes astronauts will eventually join in the search.

"Doing what the astronauts do every time they fly around the Earth is an important step in going even further," he said. "It may seem like science fiction now, but someday they may go to the planets we find today. For better or for worse, we are a curious species.

"And so far, that has served us well."

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>>Subject: John Alexander On Greer?

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>>>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 23:42:13 EST  
>>>Subject: PRG/X-PPAC/D2003/CH Update - 02-21-03

>>>snip

>>>The Citizen Hearing concept received very positive reviews from  
>>>colleagues and supporters met during the recent 30-day driving  
>>>trip through California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. PRG  
>>>will continue to build the structural base for this event by  
>>>seeking new sponsors, advisory board members, funding and the  
>>>participation of former members of Congress.

>>Hi Stephen,

>>First I'd like to say that I admire your energy and dedication.  
>>You are one of the few who work diligently at raising public  
>>awareness about a \_major\_ issue... UFOs. (Hold on to your panty-  
>>hose, here comes the 'but'. :)

>>"But" wouldn't your time, energy and resources be better spent  
>>trying to accomplish the 'real thing' (congressional hearings)  
>>as opposed to these 'mock' hearings? Why are we fed a steady  
>>diet of reasons (excuses) why congressional hearings can't  
>>happen? Instead of being encouraged to actively work/fight for  
>>congressional hearings, we are asked to accept this diluted -  
>>watered down- version.

>>The effort to persuade Congress to do its job will continue. The  
>>CH is just one more option.

>>We are being asked to endorse and support 'mock' hearings that  
>>will 'essentially' only serve to consume valuable resources that  
>>could be applied to much greater benefit for all realizing the  
>>genuine article - 'actual' as opposed to 'mock' congressional  
>>hearings.

>>The concept of the CH has been well received by those I have  
>>spoken with during the past month driving around the western  
>>states of CA, NV, AZ and NM. It is a two-for-one in that the  
>>very fact it is being considered puts pressure on the Congress.  
>>The point of the project is that Congress has resisted repeated  
>>efforts to hold open hearings. The prospect of a Citizen Hearing  
>>held right up the street from the Capitol is not going to bring  
>>any comfort to current members of the House and Senate.

>>As for resources, it has been extremely difficult to raise money  
>>to pursue disclosure and congressional hearings. For every

>dollar I have been fortunate to raise, I have spent 19 of my own  
>until my personal assets were exhausted.

>The Citizen Hearing presents a highly focused event with a clear  
>mission statement and a finite, defined outcome. It offers a way  
>for someone of considerable resources to make a clear  
>contribution to the process of disclosure.

>Further, the live coverage and taped archive of such a hearing  
>will have considerable residual potential.

>Congress and the truth embargo management consortium have been  
>literally waiting out the grim reaper - counting on witnesses to  
>die off and reduce the pressure for public disclosure. It is a  
>morbid game which the CH is aimed to thwart.

>>Something that has not been properly addressed on this List, or  
>>anywhere else for that matter, has to do with a statement made  
>>by the former director of NIDS, John Alexander in regard to  
>>Greer and the effect and timing his 'Disclosure Project'.

>>(I'm paraphrasing Alexander)

>>John Alexander intimated that plans to conduct congressional  
>>hearings was not only in the works, but well under way until  
>>Greer put on his three-ring-circus at The National Press Club.  
>>According to John Alexander the whole process went to pot and  
>>all plans for a congressional hearing was curtailed as a result.

>>What do you know about this? Is what Alexander tells us true?  
>>Was there a pre-existing effort (prior to Greer's press club  
>>presentation) to conduct congressional hearings? Were those  
>>plans scrapped, as Alexander says, because of Greer?

Hi Stephen,

You wrote:

>I was present at John Alexander's presentation and spoke with  
>Bob Brown the next day. It is my understanding from Bob that  
>John had lobbied aggressively to speak at Laughlin should there  
>be a speaker cancellation. Bob said that John had indicated he  
>had substantial new material and recent information.

>As best as I could ascertain, the only new information presented  
>by John was at the beginning of the talk when he revealed the  
>NIDS/congressional hearing connection.

>What I heard was this: NIDS had been holding secret meetings  
>with one or more members, including one committee chairman, on  
>having hearings. NIDS had worked up a script for these  
>hearings, which was being negotiated with the committee chair.  
>When the public press conference was held the 9th of May  
>committee chair terminated the private process underway.

Stephen, thank you for being so forthcoming with this information. This is important. If John Alexander is telling the truth about what transpired as a result of Greer interjecting himself into the proceedings, then we all have a serious situation that requires immediate attention.

I would consider it an unforgivable crime against humanity if it turns out that there was any 'intentionality' in Greer's actions or timing. I'm not going to beat the conspiracy drum, but if ever there was a situation that cried out to be considered in that light, this is it. We all know that 'dis-information' agents exist, maybe Alexander has 'outed' one. Who knows?

I'm sure I'm not alone when I say that I was shocked and struck dumb when, at the last hour, Greer tacked on the issues of Free energy and space defence weapons to the UFO disclosure agenda. It had all the appearances of someone intentionally shooting themselves in the foot. However, if the desired result was to send any interested congressional parties running for the hills, it was most effective. If the intention was to derail possible congressional hearings, it was a triumphant success.

There are a few urgent questions that need answering. If the people of the world (not just here in the USA) were cheated out of an opportunity to conduct congressional hearings on UFOs, then we all need to know about it. We need to know if an

expression of 'popular support' could possibly revive the process that NIDS started. This is an issue of \_major\_ importance to us all.

>Two things came across very clearly, at least to me: 1) that  
>John had made the trip to Laughlin primarily to make this  
>statement about NIDS, congressional hearings and the May 9th,  
>2001 press conference; 2) John's contempt for Steven Greer.

It was important for him to do #1 for the sake of public accountability. And... I for one, don't blame him one bit for #2. If what he says is true, then 'contempt' would be too tame a term to describe the feelings one would \_justifiably\_ have for Greer.

>However, I did not take notes and John Alexander should be  
>queried on exactly what he said in Laughlin as well as the  
>NIDS/congressional hearing specifics.

I agree wholeheartedly Stephen. Clarification is called for. This is a serious allegation that is being made. In this case the people not only have a right to know, they have a need to know.

Dick Hall: Would it be possible for you to invite John to participate in this thread? It would be most helpful if we could ask him a few pertinent questions regarding his statements. You are already on speaking terms with him and he may be more responsive if you were the one to invite him.

>>Very important questions... even more, very serious allegations.  
>>If Greer is responsible for single-handedly ruining any  
>>prospects for congressional hearings, then that is something  
>>that we \_all\_ need to know about.

>>It's also important to know what those original plans were and  
>>if it's possible to breath new life into them. Until these  
>>important questions are answered, it would be wise to hold off  
>>squandering rare and hard to acquire resources on a 'mock'  
>>hearing. Those same resources 'may be' applied to securing the  
>>real thing. That is, if the possibility still exists.

>If NIDS were to be forthcoming with the particulars of their  
>congressional hearing effort, that would be constructive.

Let's see if we can get John Alexander on board here. We're at a point where further discussion would only be speculative. We need to speak with the 'principle'. The source.

>>Just one man's questions, and one man's opinion.  
>>I await your response.  
>>Regards from frozen N.Y.C.

>If anyone wishes to put several hundred thousand dollars into  
>the advocacy work earmarked specifically for direct pressure on  
>the Congress to hold formal, open hearings which are not  
>scripted to make one political party or another look good, or  
>spin a story to serve inside agendas, I would be happy to put  
>that money to good use. If requested, I would be happy to table  
>the CH project as part of such a funding infusion.

Then maybe it would be prudent to hold off until this situation resolves itself. We need to ask John Alexander directly if there is any possibility, no matter how remote, to revive the process he began and that he claims Greer ruined. If we're real lucky there may be a chance to put that \$ to some good use - 'real' as opposed to 'mock' congressional hearings.

BTW, I hope you realize that I am only asking questions that I think are legitimate. 'Somebody' accused me privately of attempting to "disparage" your idea. I hope you haven't taken any of my questions or remarks in that way. When I said that I admire your efforts I meant that sincerely. Nothing 'personal' going on here. Strictly 'business.' ;)

>However, until the universities, foundations and private  
>philanthropists are able to climb the wall of ridicule the  
>government has carefully crafted, and shake off the propaganda  
>trance, such money is not forthcoming.

That's ok Stephen. If there is a real possibility for securing

congressional hearings, we'll \_all\_ dig deep and contribute what we can. I will be your number one fund raiser. We need to resolve this Alexander business so that we have a clear picture as to what is possible and what isn't.

>New ideas and approaches will have to be put forward until  
>something draws the necessary interest and money. The CH is one  
>more approach for consideration.

Keep your fingers and toes crossed. We 'might' be able to secure the gen-u-wine article! 'Oh dream of dreams'. :)

Warm regards,

John Velez

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## Re: Budd Hopkins' NYC UFO - 02-22-03 - Gonzalez

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>Subject: Budd Hopkins' NYC UFO - 02-22-03

>Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

>ABDUCTEE PANEL DISCUSSION

>Saturday, March 1, 2003

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>Among the participating panelists will be  
>an abductee who is connected to the "Mickey & Baby Ann"  
>relationship mentioned in Budd Hopkins' book, WITNESSED.

As the only abductees connected with the "Mickey & Baby Ann" relationship are "Richard", "Linda Cortile" and (might be) Linda's son, this looks interesting. Has "Richard" finally surfaced? Is "Linda Cortile" again in the limelight? Have she or her son recalled new abductions?

Considering that Hopkins' book was published in 1996, we non-NYers will appreciate any update.

Speaking about updates and IF Seminars, can anybody tell us what happened in the last Seminar announced (November 9, 2002)?

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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## Chile: Balloons Begin Crossing S. America

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BALLOONS (NOT UFOs) BEGIN CROSSING SOUTH AMERICA

Luis Eduardo Pacheco reports that a brilliant object reported for two hours in the skies over Calama, Chile on the evening of Friday, February 21, 2003 corresponded to the transit of the second MIR balloon launched from Bauru (Brazil) within the framework of the HIBISCUS campaign, aimed at researching atmospheric ozone in the tropics.

The news item (in Spanish) can be see at:

<http://www.estrellanorte.cl/site/home/20030221234413.html>

While the transit of the balloon over a fair share of Brazil and Bolivia took place in broad daylight, it was hardly seen due to overcast conditions which prevailed over the region. The only unclouded area was northern Chile, where it was indeed possible to see it. This can be easily ascertained by viewing the GOES-8 photographs on the evening of Feb. 21.

A new launch occurred yesterday (02/24). This third balloon is currently flying over Bolivia and could enter Chilean airspace during the day, which will likely give rise to new sightings in the area.

The first balloon was launched on 2/19, but due to a leak experienced at an altitude of 16 kilometers, the flight was interrupted.

It can be seen that the pattern of February 2001 is being repeated. At that time, the same balloons caused several false UFO alarms.

At least one more balloon launch is expected in coming days. I will apprise you of the event.

Regards to all,

Luis Eduardo Pacheco.

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SHAKING HANDS WITH SADDAM

Is Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld an evildoer? If not, then what is he doing shaking hands with Saddam Hussein?

An innocent person might be forgiven for asking such questions upon seeing a striking photograph of Rumsfeld making nice with the Iraqi dictator in 1983.

In a "debate" over U.S. policy towards Iraq that depends largely on facile slogans and self-dramatization, the Rumsfeld photograph is a discordant reminder that the official version of events is a partial account at best.

The photo is among the neglected resources of the not too distant past that were unearthed and published by the National Security Archive yesterday.

The new Archive collection, edited by Joyce Battle, helps fill in gaps in the record, documenting U.S. partnership with Iraq in its 1980-88 war against Iran and the acquiescence of U.S. officials, including some current Bush Administration figures, in Iraqi abuses. See:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB82/press.htm>

"It would be nice... if prominent Bush officials acknowledged their past moral culpability," wrote The New Republic's Peter Beinart, who favors military action against Iraq, in the February 24 issue of that magazine. "Rumsfeld should have trouble sleeping at night given his role in abetting Saddam's crimes."

But obviously it was never Rumsfeld's intent to abet Saddam's crimes. That, in a way, is the point. A fuller account of the record of U.S. policy toward Iraq provides grounds for healthy skepticism about political ends and means, including the ability of the United States to militarily compel Iraqi disarmament without incurring significant unintended consequences.

Last year, Senator Robert Byrd discussed the Reagan Administration's transfer to Iraq of biological agents including anthrax, bubonic plague and many others, and placed supporting documentation in the Congressional Record on September 20:



[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002\\_cr/s092002.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_cr/s092002.html)

POWELL: US "NOT PROUD" OF 1973 CHILE COUP

The 1973 CIA covert action against Chile's President Salvador Allende "is not a part of American history that we're proud of," said Secretary of State Colin Powell last week in another occasion for reflection on how U.S. foreign policy can go astray.

The Secretary's remark came in response to a question from a student at a forum broadcast by Black Entertainment Television on February 20.

"With respect to ... what happened with Mr. Allende, it is not a part of American history that we're proud of," Powell said. "We now have a more accountable way of handling such matters and we have worked with Chile to help it put in place a responsible democracy." See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/02/dos022003.html>

The statement met with intense interest in Chile, eliciting reactions ranging from appreciation to contempt. See, for example, "Gobierno alaba reconocimiento de Powell," El Mercurio, February 22:

<http://diario.elmercurio.com/nacional/politica/noticias/2003/2/22/302604.htm>

REPORT ON FISA IMPLEMENTATION

Oversight and implementation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), the law that governs domestic surveillance of persons who are suspected agents of foreign powers or international terrorists, have been hampered by inappropriate secrecy, according to a new Senate report.

"The secrecy of individual FISA cases is certainly necessary, but this secrecy has been extended to the most basic legal and procedural aspects of the FISA, which should not be secret. This unnecessary secrecy contributed to the deficiencies that have hamstrung the implementation of the FISA. Much more information, including all unclassified opinions and operating rules of the FISA Court and Court of Review, should be made public and/or provided to the Congress," said the bipartisan report, jointly authored by Senators Arlen Specter, Patrick Leahy and Charles Grassley.

See "FISA Implementation Failures: Interim Report on FBI Oversight in the 107th Congress by the Senate Judiciary Committee" here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_rpt/fisa.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_rpt/fisa.html)

The Senators introduced a new bill, the "Domestic Surveillance Oversight Act of 2003," to increase official FISA reporting requirements. The text of the bill (S. 436), along with introductory statements, and supporting materials introduced into the Congressional Record, may be found here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/s436.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s436.html)

FISA AND THE PATRIOT ACT

The Justice Department has continued to slowly respond to congressional questions about the implementation of the USA Patriot Act. The latest installment of official responses, dated December 23, 2002, focused on the changes that were made to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act by the Patriot Act.

The answers, which are often evasive but occasionally interesting, are contained in three letters from Assistant Attorney General Daniel J. Bryant to Senators Leahy and Feingold. The letters, which seem to have gone completely unremarked, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fisa/index.html#qfr>

Out of a series of 93 questions for the record posed by Congress over the past year concerning the implementation of the USA Patriot Act, the Justice Department has now answered 56. Thirty-seven questions remain unanswered.

#### STATE HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMM MINUTES

The minutes of the December 2002 meeting of the State Department Historical Advisory Committee meeting were approved for release this week. The minutes, which provide some interesting gossip and the odd tidbit of information regarding declassification of historical records, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/advisory/state/hac1202.html>

#### PSYOPS: LEAFLETING IRAQ

U.S. Central Command has published a gallery of leaflets that the U.S. military has dropped on Iraq from November 2002 through as recently as this week.

The leaflets include verbal messages (e.g., "Military fiber optic cables have been targeted for destruction. Repairing them places your life at risk.") together with graphic illustrations.

See the CENTCOM Leaflet Gallery here (thanks to MJR):

<http://www.centcom.mil/galleries/leaflets/showleaflets.asp>

The U.S. military's psychological operations campaign against Iraq was described in "Firing Leaflets and Electrons, U.S. Wages Information War" by Thom Shanker and Eric Schmitt, New York Times, February 24:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/02/24/international/middleeast/24MILLI.html>

#### UPDATE ON INTEL BUDGET (NON-)DISCLOSURE

Following a series of postponements, a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the Central Intelligence Agency seeking declassification and disclosure of the total intelligence budget figure for 2002 is now inching forward.

The CIA indicated last week that it will file a motion for summary judgment, including classified and unclassified declarations to support dismissal of the case, on March 20. The Federation of American Scientists, which favors declassification, will respond a month later, and the Agency will reply a month after that.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/foia/cia021903.html>

The continued classification of the intelligence budget total is perhaps the most enduring example of unwarranted national security secrecy. Exposing and correcting this erroneous practice could have an important salutary effect on classification policy generally, or so we believe.

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>Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 19:23:51 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Jerry Black?

>Jerry Black is not online, however he is open to speak with  
>anyone at his toll-free number of 1-877-731-8400. Black is  
>currently looking into the people and investigators who were  
>involved in the Ed Walters/Gulf Breeze UFO case. We should be  
>hearing a bit more from him soon.

Thank you very much!

A. J.

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Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 16:08:12 -0500  
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>Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 18:47:07 -0400  
>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer

>What in the world is the connection between past evil or  
>dishonest actions by the US Government got to do with the  
>question of either free energy technology or new means for  
>getting astronauts safely to orbit???

Connection to safe orbit? It is worth repeating that this question is possibly answered by field reports and observations at R&D sites.

Perhaps to be answered by past field reports in the Tehachapi's at the Northrop facility or currently at the BAe Warton Special Projects site in Lancashire UK.

Flying triangles have been repeatedly sighted performing nonaerodynamically and silently except for an occasional humming sound and RAF escort.

Forget, for a moment moral judgements about governments.

What is actually being observed at aerospace testing facilities?

Maybe the answer to that question would answer to the moral question.

Empirically speaking,

Vince White

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FILER'S FILES #9 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.  
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### LIFE MAY EXIST ON EUROPA

Scientists simulating meteorite impacts on the frozen oceans of Europa have made an electrifying discovery, which raises the chances of finding life on Jupiter's moon. Jerome Borucki, at the NASA Ames Research Center fired aluminum bullets into a block of ice. They found that when the bullet impacted, sensors embedded in the ice detected an electric shock. A second, and much larger, electrical discharge was observed a few moments later. A shell of ice many kilometers thick encases the surface of Europa and scientists speculate that liquid water -- and therefore life -- might lie beneath. Evidence for the presence of the molecular building blocks for life comes from the yellow-brown stains seen on the ice by the Galileo probe. "Europa is a high priority target for exploration because the key ingredients for life seem to be there. But even if you have the ingredients, the question is, is there a spark that creates the first organic molecules?" Says Ron Greeley, a planetary scientist at the Arizona State University. Borucki's bullet experiments suggest meteorite impacts might have provided that spark.

The electric shock had gone undetected because no-one had put sensors below an impact crater before. The team thinks the current is caused by the movement of protons as the ice cracks. Methane and ammonia are likely to be present in Europa's ice and the energy pumped into the ice by a meteorite impact will melt it. Shock this mixture with electricity, says Borucki, and complex molecules should form. "We do see a handful of very large craters on Europa, and there would have been a lot of energy associated with those," comments Greeley. A lander may be sent to the surface of the Europa to look for organic matter. Greeley estimates the earliest launch date for the mission to be 2011. *Journal of Geophysical Research - Planets* (Vol 107, p 24) Thanks to Tom Deuley

### SHUTTLE'S WING KEY TO DISASTER

HOUSTON -- There are no firm answers yet as to exactly why shuttle Columbia broke apart February 1, but it appears to involve a stripped heat protection panel from the leading edge of the left wing. NASA reports that the a major contributor to the loss appears to be the presence of superheated air inside Columbia's left wing, the result of some kind of breach in the structure. Pieces of the shuttle were seen falling from the shuttle over the California coast, although none have been recovered. One theory is that a reinforced carbon-carbon (RCC) panel on the forward edge of Columbia's left wing was the first major piece to break loose during reentry. The U-shaped manmade gray composite material (RCC panels) are each bolted in four places to a flat area on the front of the wing structure. These deflect the 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit temperatures during reentry and if one is missing, the hot gas generated during reentry, could get inside the wing cavity and create havoc. Left wing sensors showed higher than normal temperature readings during reentry. The flow of air moving over the wing was apparently disrupted, allowing other panels and heat protection tiles to break free. Eventually the structural integrity of the wing began failing from the hot air and increased drag forcing the shuttle's computers to compensate by firing Columbia's steering jets. Proving that a dislodged RCC panel instigated the ship's failure might require finding the scorched part. If an RCC panel turns out to be the primary culprit, the key question will be why it fell off in the first place. Possibilities include corrosion undetected before launch, insulating foam from the external tank striking the wing during launch, or orbital debris flying into the wing after launch, NASA officials said.

Another possibility is the failure of thermal seals surrounding the main landing gear door on the left wing, but sensors inside the wheel well did not detect that kind of temperature rise here. On the first day after launch a 1 foot by 1.3 feet in size object was flying in tandem with Columbia and picked up on radar and reentered the atmosphere three days later. NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Orbital Information Group (OIG) has removed orbital data called "elements" for Columbia's STS-107 mission so outsiders will be unable to investigate. It is also possible that some kind of electrical event took place. At least one video exists where something like lightning is striking, or discharging from, the shuttle as it approached the California coast.

Doug Kohl, a former shuttle program engineer, who was also a materials scientist for the same Lockheed group that developed the shuttle's tiles, believes it was an electrical event at high altitude during reentry that was the reason for the RCC panel failure. "I still think that the RCC saw something such as a large static discharge that damaged it and the surrounding thermal protection system tiles, and that the problem progressed from there," Kohl said. He is particularly interested in this theory because he now lives in California within an hour's drive of where it's possible an RCC panel fell to the ground after breaking loose from Columbia. Kohl has done some debris searching himself and encouraged his neighbors to report their eyewitness accounts of what they saw and heard Feb. 1 as Columbia flew directly overhead. "If an electrical event caused the damage it will be readily evident to any materials person familiar with electrical damage in composites, as the fibers will look like a blown out steel belted radial tire where the charge exited the structure," Kohl said. It's also possible that the external tank foam insulation that was seen striking the left wing during Columbia's January 16 launch played a roll in this scenario, Kohl said. The foam could have damaged some tiles enough to set up heating and turbulence that led to the panel popping off. He doubted the insulation would damage an RCC panel itself. "They're tough," he said. "They take a licking and keep on ticking." Whatever happened, Kohl remains loyal to his former space colleagues. Thanks to NASA Complete Columbia Coverage

#### NEW JERSEY DISC CAUSES MISSING TIME

JERSEY CITY -- The witness reports, "I was riding my bike on Bergen Avenue coming from my second job at a video store on July 3, 1992, at 10:18 PM, when I saw what I thought was a meteor coming straight down at lightning speed. It was an orange fire ball speeding down, and when it got 200 feet from the ground, it suddenly stopped. It was a flying disc that was flying down on its edge. When it stopped it slowly began to turn right side up and that's when I saw that it was dark gray on top. Then it

slowly turned on its edge and I saw the bottom that had five pentagon shaped lights which covered the whole under side. These were emerald in color and were arranged with one in the middle and the rest around it. Then, it just shot up and accelerated so fast that I could not follow it. There was no sound. I stood motionless and my tears started flow, because I felt no fear at all, just an overwhelming feeling of disbelief, and then admiration and love. One thing I can't explain is that, "I was suddenly holding my bike on Belmont Avenue, but I first saw the UFO on Bergen Avenue." I stood there for about half an hour after it left, just looking up, and my tears coming out. I had both memory lapse and paralysis during the event and sleep disorder later. I kept have my mouth shut, specially from my Dad about the sighting. Thanks to John Schuessler MUFON Director MUFON

#### PENNSYLVANIA EGG SHAPED CRAFT SEEN

PLYMOUTH MEETING -- As my mother was driving my friend and I to the mall on February 3, 2003, I looked to my right and saw a strange sight at about 8 PM. An egg shaped craft, slightly lighter than the night sky, was floating around. To prove this was indeed a UFO, I looked carefully and saw pin-shaped rods of light flying out of the craft before it disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport and webmaster Christian Stepien who has built a great website. Visit NUFORC

#### VIRGINIA TEENAGERS SEE POSSIBLE UFO

POWHATAN -- Three 14 year old male witnesses were outside talking at 7:10 PM and decided to get a book called the "The UFO Hunter's Handbook" on February 8, 2003. When David ran up to get the book. The observer reports, "I spotted a small, silver, slow moving dot or craft. I told Jim and David and we were astonished. We then agreed it was a gray type C shuttle. We filed this report to warn MUFON. The object was slow moving with a constant light source. We took a picture and it turned up blank except for a blurry cloud with a flash over it. We believe there was some sort of force field. We watched for thirty minutes not far from Richmond. We estimate the object was over 300 feet in size but appeared to us about the size of an aspirin. Thanks to John Schuessler, MUFON Director, [schuessler@mho.net](mailto:schuessler@mho.net): WUFOD-I..2-422-V

#### GEORGIA LIGHTS

Tom Sheets writes, MUFON Eastern Director George Filer received a call from a Georgia college student wishing to pass along information. George notified this writer on February 24, and I phoned the witness that day and found him to be a student at Georgia Southern in Statesboro. He stated that on Sunday night Feb. 23, he was up late working on a project in their four stories high Fine Arts Building. About 2 AM he went out onto the roof for some fresh air and was looking at the stars. One seemed to draw his attention as being especially bright and pretty. He thought it might be one of the currently visible planets. Then this bright "star" visibly moved very slowly as to appear almost stationary. He continued to watch as the "star" performed maneuvers up and down and other obvious unnatural movements at a slower, more moderate speed (as opposed to the oft reported faster darting lights). Being unfamiliar with such distant nocturnal lights, he began thinking of some sort of very high UFO and ran to the campus library to borrow a flashlight for signaling.

Over the next few hours, the movements continued and the witness located several campus night workers who also witnessed the maneuvers. When he reached the library, he was sure that he observed a different light than that first observed. He was unhappy that this hours long episode put him far behind in the completion of his project! The length and number of observations made seems to rule out autokinesis i.e. there was constant movement for a long period as the witness changed locations and found other witnesses who allegedly observed the same actions. Thanks to Tom Sheets MUFON GA State Director.

#### MINNESOTA SPHERES

ST. PAUL -- Bill McNeff MUFON SD writes at, "About 2:00 AM on the morning of December 30, 2002, an independent truck contractor was heading west on I-94 around 47 miles east of St.



Paul. Something made him look to the south and he saw an unidentified object at about 45 degrees elevation heading northwest. It appeared to pass between two airplanes. He said he felt energy coming from this object and received a message that he "should report this and that two other people had also seen it". It was not as bright as a star but was in the shape of two spheres pressed together to form a rough egg shape. The object glowed white with a little blue. It rose about 30 degrees before he lost sight of it in the northwest. It was about the size of a muzzleloader ball at arm's length. He left a message at CUFOS and Mark Rodeghier notified us. Thanks to Bill McNeff Minnesota MUFON SD

#### KANSAS FLASHING LIGHT KEEPS PACE WITH AIRCRAFT

I've seen UFOs more than once in my life, was a Field Investigator for MUFON, and am convinced the phenomenon represents something beyond the normal activities of man. Whenever possible, I like to figure out explanations for those sightings. In Filer's Files #8, I believe I have a highly likely explanation for what the observer saw. A few years ago I too saw something very similar, off to the south side of the plane, I saw a dancing, flashing whitish light zipping around on the ground, apparently following the plane and appearing intermittently, like playful lightning or some sort of bizarre electrostatic earth-lights phenomenon. Several of us watched this light display for several minutes, but then I suddenly figured out what it was. The moon was high in the sky directly in line with the ground lights, but high enough I hadn't noticed it at first. Bodies of water, such as rivers, ponds, and lakes, were reflecting the moonlight towards my eyes. I ran a program I've created to calculate the appearance and location of the moon on January 8, 2003, at 8 PM, using latitude 36 N and longitude 97 W as the observation point on the earth. This location is very close to the almost due north flight path from Dallas to Wichita, and would be a little past the midpoint of the flight. The moon was 1/3 full at an azimuth of 243 degrees (WSW), and at an 27 degrees above the horizon. An observer looking out the left side of the plane, and slightly behind the wings (as described in the report) would be able to see the moon's reflection as they looked down. This all fits perfectly with my theory that the observer saw the moon reflecting on ground water bodies. It also explains why the lights quit over the town, partly because the plane changed its heading, and also because there are fewer bodies of water in town. Thanks to John Craig, [johncraig@alltel.net](mailto:johncraig@alltel.net)

#### ARIZONA HIGH ALTITUDE OVAL ASCENDED UPWARD

GILBERT -- The observer February 09, 2003, reports, "About 10:45 AM I was taking some photos of my Sister-in Law's house when an object caught my eye at a very high altitude. It appeared to be oval of silver/white with blue skies as a background. This object was traveling very slow and left no contrail. I compared this object to surrounding air traffic which all were leaving contrails at 35k feet. I watched as the object for ten minutes, then it moved northeast, stopped then ascended upward until it vanished out of sight. I don't know of any aircraft that moves like this. I was able to capture some photos and upon zooming in, this was not an airplane. My guess is that this object was at a very high altitude because even using 9 x zoom, it was hard to make the shape out. I noticed on the zoomed photos was a defined shading on the bottom of the object. I work in the aerospace industry and I've seen many unexplained objects in the sky, mainly the reddish orange orbs. Thanks to Peter Davenport. NUFORC

#### IDAHO LIGHTS MOVE IN "S" DESIGN

GRANGEVILLE -- On February 11, 2003, three different lights were spotted at 6:15 PM, with the one in the south shooting straight up fast. A large yellow star began to move slightly at first and then moved to the left in a curved fashion, then curved to the right, down and then back to the left, much like making an S over and over. It would stop and hover. The third light started before the second was finished. It was very colorful changing colors and moving in an odd curving fashion that would slow almost to a stop and speed up again. It flew south and disappeared where the first one did. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

## CALIFORNIA GLOWING LIGHTS

MADERA, COUNTY -- The witness awakened around 4:30 AM, and could not sleep and went to the kitchen to get a drink of water. He reports, "I saw this glowing red green light real low hovering towards the foothills on February 21, 2003. When I went to get the camera it was gone, and then all of sudden it flashed right in my window. It was so fast, do not look at the flash of my camera, look what I circled. It made me a believer, just seeing what the thing did. I live right above the foot hills. Thanks to Darlene, [dcody@attbi.com](mailto:dcody@attbi.com)

## WASHINGTON INVESTIGATION

SPOKANE -- Kathleen writes, Regarding Judge Ed's last week's report in Filer's Files # 8, I spent the night up on a butte overlooking the Judge's area. Deer Park provides me a view of the north side of Tower Mountain, Felps Field and Mt. Spokane to the east. We sometimes see stationary lights, but nothing that would be going into Tower Mountain. We are near two medical helicopter approach beacons so we can see when they come thru from the north into Spokane. I'm not sure what Judge Ed is seeing. Granted there is always some unexplained sightings, but its hard for me to believe that one person has so many sightings in a well populated area. There was an unusual incident that occurred on February 1, 2003, when Peter Davenport got a report from an astronomer who was near the airport shooting the Northern lights to the north of Spokane. He witnessed a large black object thru his telephoto lens moving from west (over Deer Park) to Mt. Spokane. It had no lights. This was at 10:40 PM. At 10:48, another report came in from the east of the astronomer's location spotting a large object moving toward Mt. Spokane. The description was similar. Ironically I woke up about that time feeling very uncomfortable. My dog was very restless and wanted to go outside. This uneasy feeling held thru the night with me and the dog. A neighbor farmer said his cows were moving about alarmed the same night and Craig's horses were running pretty wild as if frightened. I guess some things can't always be explained. The feeling I had was not a pleasant one. Very disturbing. More to come. Thanks to Kathleen A.

BRINNON -- About 3:55 AM, on February 10, 2003, I looked into the southern sky and saw pulsating lights that continued pulsating over different places in the sky and not always in the same way. There was no noise and I have never seen anything like it. I contacted a couple of local TV stations and one did say they contacted the FAA, but there was no record of anything. These lights lasted about 40 minutes and I am curious if anyone else saw them.

SEATTLE -- The witness was just standing on his porch on February 11, 2003, having a cigarette at 1:20 AM, when he looked to the sky and got a flash directly in the face with 2 quick pulses of blue light. He looked where the light source came from and saw an object outlined with about twelve yellowish lights dropping down behind some trees. I live near Boeing field...but have never seen anything like it. It was silent...no engine or prop noise. ((NUFORC Note: Several reports to the FAA and local media about this event. Thanks to Peter Davenport

## CANADIAN UFO SIGHTINGS INCREASE SHARPLY IN 2002

WINNIPEG (CP) - Scott Edmonds of the Canadian Press reports, "In 2002 we had the largest number of separate events for a single year in the history of collecting UFO data for Canada," Chris Rutkowski of Ufology Research of Manitoba said Wednesday. "We have some extraordinary cases in Canada last year reported literally from one end of the country to the other." Since 1989 his group has been compiling reports from across Canada. There were 483 UFO sightings reported in 2002 - almost 30 per cent more than in 2001 and a 250 per cent increase since 1998. That's a record if 1993 is excluded when one celestial fireball contributed to a high of 489 reports that year, explained Rutkowski, who added that 154 of them were easily explained because of the fireball. "Overall it's fascinating to see that the number of cases in Canada rose so dramatically last year," he said. There is no easy explanation for the increase, he added.

Rutkowski said one of the strangest unexplained sightings occurred in January 2002 near the tiny community of Inkerman,

N.B. "A large object with flashing lights and brightly lit windows flew slowly and fairly silently over a highway," he said. "A couple stopped their car and watched it as it moved down behind some trees." Overall, British Columbia was once again the place to be in 2002 to see a UFO. The province produced 176 sightings, more than Ontario and Quebec combined and up from 123 in 2001. The Yukon produced 20 reports last year and has consistently produced about that many or more since 1998. Ontario produced 128 reports last year, Alberta 51, Manitoba 36, Quebec 34, Nova Scotia 23, Saskatchewan 6, New Brunswick 4, Newfoundland 3 and Nunavut 2. More UFOs were reported in late summer and February than any other time of the year. Thanks to Scott Edmonds

SELKIRK, MANITOBA -- The witness took the dog outside for a walk at 10:30 PM, and noticed an orange colored ball with a short tail on February 12, 2003. After watching it for about 4 seconds; the one ball broke into two. It was only a second or two after seeing it break up that both objects disappeared. Thanks to Brian Vikes HBCC UFO Research

SMITHERS, B.C. -- Brian Vike reports, I had a woman who was up with her baby at 2:40 AM, on February 20, 2003. Her home is at the base of Hudson Bay Mountain and the ski runs. She saw a bright light crossing the mountain from east to west for several miles, and then coming to a complete stop over Cold Smoke Ski-run. The light was dead center of the run, and she wondered if it was just hovering or landing. She heard a clicking sound from the direction of the object. Brian remarks, "Many sounds bounce off the mountain which allows everyone to hear noises much clearer." She says, It was an extremely bright white, with an orange light coming from the center that moved quicker than any helicopter or plane. After five minutes she heard a train in the distance and the object disappeared. One hour later, the object once again showed up in the same spot but lasted only a couple of minutes. Her cat perked it's ears up looking in the direction of the object. The light was half the size of her thumb nail and round in shape.

HBCC UFO Note: Brian called the Smither's Ski Hill. I was told work was being done on four runs throughout the early morning, and would be continuing throughout this week and over the weekend in the wee hours. This sighting may be the result of grooming equipment working on the ski hill, "but," what puzzles me is that the object was spotted traveling three kilometers along the mountain before it came to a stop. Thanks to Brian Vike HBCC UFO

#### STRANGE BIPEDAL ANIMAL IN ARGENTINA

BARRIO PER=D3N -- Three residents living on the city's periphery claim to have seen a strange two-meter tall biped, who has terrified the area. The new reports were from Demetrio Villalba, 43; Eleuteria del Carmen Alvarez, 72; and Nelida del Valle Matarena, 53: who in spite of living in different parts of the residential subdivision and not knowing each other, made almost identical descriptions about the creature they had seen at around the same time in the morning hours of January 13, 2003. They all agreed on having been reluctant to speak out "for fear of mockery" and stressed that their decision to come forward stemmed from the case having acquired public notoriety. Rancher Rogelio Martinez made initial reports two years ago describing a fierce plantigrade of large size and humanoid mien, that has regularly devoured his animals since then.

El Tribuno reports sightings and traumatic encounters with the animal intensified in recent days. Pedro Villalba, said, "I was alarmed by the barking of my dogs early morning, and looked out the window and saw an enormous hairy animal walking on two legs that waddled from one side, waving its arms which ended in thick, curved claws." The dogs growled, barked and howled, but did not dare attack as it ran away." A mother and daughter state, "It was 3 AM, our dog was howling in sheer fright, so we went outside to see what was happening and we saw this horrible, enormous creature, with clawed hands and covered in hair from head to toe. It turned its head toward us but, it kept on walking away." Thanks to Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology for the Translation (C) 2003 and PLANETAUFO.

Editor's Note: UFO sightings are very high in South America, these sightings are often accompanied by sightings of large

hairy humanoids.

#### STRANGE LIGHTS ON SECURITY VIDEO IN ENGLAND

LIVERPOOL -- Merseyside Anomalies Research Association, MARA has obtained some excellent UFO footage from a train station time-lapse security camera. The video runs about 4 times faster than real time speed when played on a normal video recorder but there is a digital clock on the video for timing purposes. The video shows 9 lights in the sky in South Liverpool. You can see a frame from the video on our website [www.mara.org.uk](http://www.mara.org.uk) taken on November 9, 2002 around 2 AM, although the single frame doesn't do it justice. We are not making any rash claims about the footage, in fact we don't think it is extra-terrestrial. I suspect it is a rare atmospheric phenomenon. I am having difficulty in getting UK academic institutions interested in the video at the moment. I still believe an academic involvement is crucial to help solve this case, so if you know of any USA University departments that study such phenomena, please let me know. Thanks to Bill Bimson Merseyside Anomalies Research Association [www.mara.org.uk](http://www.mara.org.uk)

#### AUSTRALIA UFO LOOKS LIKE TEARDROP

GEE LONG, VICTORIA -- The witness was up early on February 7, 2003, and saw a UFO hovering over the hills at 6:45 AM. The observer states, "I saw a lot of detail on the craft, it was black and had a bright blue indigo color coming from the cracks. It looked a lot like a sieve on the surface with the light illuminating from the cracks." It was fast and moved, like as if it were a speeding bullet. Left to right, upside down, it would even go around and around like a dog chasing his tail. It was shaped like a teardrop and made a high pitched sound for twelve minutes.

#### UFO DEFENSE TACTICS - WEATHER SHIELD TO CHEMTRAILS

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I phoned my mother, who said she wanted perfume for her gift. We had two feet of snow on the ground, so I looked up [frangrance.com](http://frangrance.com) on my website. The perfume she wanted was being sold at a 35% discount, that I ordered with my Visa. Four days later she had the perfume she wanted, and was very happy. There is a store for your every special need, and you can qualify as a preferred customer for many of these stores.

Almost every week, I get letters from people who claim to be suffering from what they call Chemtrail illness generated by jet and auto emissions. I was formally Vice President of MEDCOR a health testing company and learned breathing in pollution of any kind causes free radicals to form in our body that are missing an electron, making the molecule unstable. These unstable free radicals attack the healthy molecules searching for its missing electron setting off a destructive chain reaction. If not stopped the free radicals wreak havoc on our cells and our bodies. To stop this chain reaction you need antioxidant nutrients such as Vitamins E, C, Beta-carotene and CoQ 10 and Isotonix OPC-3. Scientific Isotonix OPC-3 studies have validated that these are the most powerful antioxidant free radical scavengers know to man, and one of the greatest discoveries in

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## An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe

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Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 15:59:23 -0300  
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Dear Linda:

We met a couple of times in congresses in the US and Italy, and exchanged a few letters in the past and e-mails lately. We spent some time discussing ufology and exchanging personal experiences in San Marino, a few years ago, sharing a bottle of wine. I believe I told you at that time what I will repeat now: that I, for one, as have many many others, admired your good work and devotion to the UFO field. I always thought of you as an example of objectivity and professionalism. And I always had the feeling that you should be listened to by any UFO researcher as a reliable source.

Unfortunately, I have to tell you now that I no longer have the same confidence in your work, if any at all. I have to tell you that I am completely shocked with your misconduct in a particular case involving the greatest UFO hoaxer of all times in Brazil. And I feel compelled to share this feeling with other people in the US and around the world. People who felt for you the same way I did and should be aware of the new facts.

Linda, I am totally and deeply disappointed with the lack in your impartiality and professionalism towards the referred case. I am mostly sorry that you have decided to entirely ignore the truth and skip any kind of serious analysis of the real facts about the case. Instead of that, you have decided to totally support an obvious fake that everybody in Brazil knows so very well for 7 long years. I do wonder what motivates you to do it and certainly it has to be a very strong reason, that I'd rather not think about.

I am completely amazed to find out that you came to Brazil just a few weeks ago, that you landed in my hometown, Campo Grande, and you didn't even bother to call me or meet me, or with any other responsible UFO researcher in my country, to hear what we have to say about this particular case and to see what we have to show about it. You simply decided to come all the way from US to Campo Grande only and exclusively to listen to a well-known hoaxer, whose trajectory and activities in ufology are completely rejected by the entire responsible media and serious UFO researchers of all ages in Brazil, instead of seeking the truth. You have decided to passionately support an evident fake, a repulsive scam perpetrated by a man that shames the Brazilian UFO Community, instead of listening to anyone else.

Of course, it is your choice who you should listen to or not. Especially if you have received an invitation from the interested party (along with tickets and probably expenses etc) to go to a foreign country to listen to him/her. But any UFO researcher in any country, or even any journalist anywhere, would agree that it was an enormous lack of responsibility not to listen to people who have been observing, documenting and investigating such a scam for many years. If you haven't been advised about it before, or if you hadn't been informed of the problems with this particular case earlier, that would be a different story. But you have!

See:



<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/dec/m24-005.shtml>

and

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/dec/m24-011.shtml>

You have been fed with lots of info that you decided to ignore. The case you report on your web site, amazingly in the section of Science, is definitely not what you think it is and I am impressed to see how easily you've been deceived with bogus information, as well as I am amazed to find out that your skills in detecting frauds have declined to a such degree.

At least as an obligation that comes with the duty invested in the UFO research, or that of UFO journalism, you should consider all the available information about that particular case. You did not. Why? What prevented you from going to the sources and check out what they know? You don't want to take my word for that? No problem. But what prohibited from listening to the entire Brazilian UFO Community and simply ignore their findings and their extensive knowledge about the case involving the man that you so enthusiastically support. What prevented you from talking to your colleague-journalists on the main TV networks in Brazil, where your supported "abductee" was exposed - repeatedly?

I have checked out your agenda and found that you will be speaking about this bogus case at several UFO conferences in the States.

So it is my responsibility to inform everyone that the case is a complete fake, one-hundred percent phony, and I will respectfully ask them to do what you should have done, which is to examine all the facts available. This is the reason for this open letter. All Brazilian UFO researchers can be consulted any time by anyone, as well as the media, for info about the referred case and others involving the same person. Jeff Rense still keeps in his website several of our letters and reports in English that are concerned to this matter.

Well, Linda, I am mostly sorry for that and I hope that some day, not too late, when you decide to check out the evidences that you are solemnly ignoring, you will realize the damage that you are causing. UFO researchers have been targets of hundreds of accusations that we fail in objectivity and in applying proper methods of research. Well, let me tell you that we, the Brazilian UFO researchers, as an amalgamated coalition, working relentlessly for the truth, have with much effort and difficulties prevented thousand of more people to be fooled by the man whose story you so devotedly support and promote at your website. Our work in our country is done. I hope someone does the same in the USA.

I refer to:

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=473&category=Science>

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## A Warning To Wendy Connors

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Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 20:27:11 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 18:31:46 -0500  
Subject: A Warning To Wendy Connors

Hello Wendy,

Yesterday Mon-Ka directed me to send you the following warning. I tried to send it to you directly using your email on the List but it was returned. Therefore I must post it to UFO UpDates and all Listerions must immediately heed Mon-Kas warning.

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Ms Connors,

This warning demands that you cease and desist claiming to be a psychic channeling representative of Mon-Ka.

I am Mon-Ka and I have not licensed you to represent me. I will allow you to represent me for a license fee of \$10,000.

If you continue to represent me I will be forced to have one of the finest legal experts of people who do not have a clue, the esteemed Peter Gersten represent me. In his robed splendor and with an array of crystals he will intimidate the judge and will cause you to pay the license fee and expenses or spend a year inside the infamous Santa Rita jail.

Once again, you have been warned to cease and desist from your claims to channel me or your channel tuner will be blocked through a surprise prefrontal lobotomy. Only Sean Morton, Sodom Hussein and Kim IL Jung Gomorrah currently hold the proper licenses to represent my demonic intentions for this planet of mere mortals stuck in their human bodies.

Beware!

Mon-Ka, son and heir of Mon-Fri and Sat-Sun

This message is sent through the computer of Josh Goldstein, who is completely and foolishly under my control.

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## Possible Meteor Outburst March 1

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Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 17:56:59 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 18:42:16 -0500  
Subject: Possible Meteor Outburst March 1

Hi Errol, and List.

I find this a handy heads-up warning source for UFO investigators about non-UFO events that could result in UFO reports. This is where the ballon advisory came from I posted about a month ago for the Southern Hemisphere. This again targets the Southern Hemisphere. URLs are at the end of the text.

See below.

Don ledger

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This Is SKY & TELESCOPE's AstroAlert for Meteors  
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There is a possible meteor outburst predicted to occur at 21:54 Universal Time on March 1, 2003. Unfortunately it will only be observable from the Southern Hemisphere as the radiant is located at RA 013, Dec -64 (near the fourth magnitude star Zeta Tucanae). The outburst is related to particles from comet C/1976 D1 (Comet Bradfield).

The moon will be near its new phase so there will be no lunar interference. Considering darkness and radiant altitude, South America appears to be the most suitable place for observations.

As Esko Lytinen mentions below, any activity from this source should be bright, but the strongest portion of the display will last only ten minutes.

Esko Lytinen further comments: "This is indeed considered very reliable as to the close encounter of the trail. The thing that may make this suspicious is the dimness of the parent comet as compared to the parent comets of Lyrids and Aurigids (known long period comet with showers and outbursts observed).

The trail stretching can be considered to be proportional to the semimajor-axis powered to 2.5. With this comet it is about 100, that is ten times bigger than with the Leonids, so the trail is about 300 times more stretched than a 1-rev. Leonid-trail, making it less dense by about that much. Because of quite central (about 10000km, inside the Earth orbit) and 1-rev and high inclination, the outburst width (in time) is expected to be very small maybe only about ten minutes the strongest phase (might be even shorter). The meteors are expected to be relatively bright, probably mostly NOT real fire-balls (there may well be those among) but not dim either. Because of the brief observing period, even possible moderate rates may not give many meteors. Don't expect a storm. Because of the stretching by long period, a storm level is very very improbable.

It is impossible to give any rates-prediction, but if one tries to observe, I recommend to try to get an as wide a coverage as possible even close to horizon, for the short time interval. The timing is expected to be accurate to 15 minutes or probably even better, but be ready for a possible little more error in the

timing. The radiant is above horizon also in South Africa, but about only ten degrees, I recall. Radio M-scatter observers in the South are advised to keep their receivers ready.

I think that in principle m-scatter is very suitable for recording this. You only have to be where the radiant is (well) above horizon, preferably quite high. Although I have not figured out the exact limits, South America is suitable, the more southern (and western), the better. Could be also recorded from New Zealand and South-Eastern Australia and from South Africa (these with relatively low radiant). Of course Antarctic would be fine, if there were an observer and a suitable transmitter could be found.

For visual observations at the best places (for this) in the Antarctic, the radiant is quite high, but the Sun only about 11 deg below horizon which is not bad either for the expected non-dim meteors. I far as I know, there is near the best location (in Antarctic) at least one Russian base, but hardly any interested observer(?)

I hope that something will be observed."

If anyone happens to witness any activity from this source please share your results with the American Meteor Society at [lunsford@amsmeteors.org](mailto:lunsford@amsmeteors.org) and with Sky & Telescope at [observers@skypub.com](mailto:observers@skypub.com)

Clear Skies!

Robert Lunsford  
AMS Operations Manager

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## Re: John Alexander On Greer? - White

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>>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

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Stephen Bassett writing:

>>What I heard was this: NIDS had been holding secret meetings  
>>with one or more members, including one committee chairman, on  
>>having hearings. NIDS had worked up a script for these  
>>hearings,

Eleanor White commenting:

It has been the experience of people trying to get important issues discussed publicly and responded to appropriately, that key issues have sometimes been "scripted out" of government deliberations, making fair resolution of an issue impossible. One good example were the statements by local emergency officials at the Oklahoma City bombing who went on TV and publicly stated they had found unexploded bombs inside the building. Another are the seismographic readings at the World Trade Center collapse which point to heavy explosives going off (Richter 2.1 and 2.3) as opposed to simply falling debris. Or the fact that a third building collapsed with no apparent cause, or cell phone calls from within the twin towers in which the callers declared they heard "explosions going off all over the place", as happens in a planned implosion.

I suggest that "scripting" is a very bad way for supposedly open hearings to start off.

More Stephen Bassett:

>>which was being negotiated with the committee chair.  
>>When the public press conference was held the 9th of May  
>>committee chair terminated the private process underway.

John Velez replying:

>Stephen, thank you for being so forthcoming with this  
>information. This is important. If John Alexander is telling the  
>truth about what transpired as a result of Greer interjecting  
>himself into the proceedings, then we all have a serious  
>situation that requires immediate attention.

For sure!

<snip>

>I'm sure I'm not alone when I say that I was shocked and struck  
>dumb when, at the last hour, Greer tacked on the issues of Free

>energy and space defence weapons to the UFO disclosure agenda.  
>It had all the appearances of someone intentionally shooting  
>themselves in the foot.

"Free" (i.e. seemingly free, but in fact from sources yet unknown to human scientists) energy was publicized in hopes that such a timely benefit of release of UFO technology might accelerate the genuine hearings by generating public interest and pressure.

Space defence weapons may possibly exist right now with a mission to deter attack from UFOs. No way to know with the total secrecy in effect. Is it not important to know if government(s) do have weapons tasked for that?

>However, if the desired result was to  
>send any interested congressional parties running for the hills,  
>it was most effective. If the intention was to derail possible  
>congressional hearings, it was a triumphant success.

Frankly, John, I don't see why any member of Congress would not want full disclosure on both of the above issues. Do you?

If those issues send them running for the hills, then are they actually doing their job?

>There are a few urgent questions that need answering. If the  
>people of the world (not just here in the USA) were cheated out  
>of an opportunity to conduct congressional hearings on UFOs,  
>then we all need to know about it. We need to know if an  
>expression of 'popular support' could possibly revive the  
>process that NIDS started. This is an issue of major  
>importance to us all.

We also need to know exactly what that NIDS 'script' looks like.

<snip>

>I agree wholeheartedly Stephen. Clarification is called for.  
>This is a serious allegation that is being made. In this case  
>the people not only have a right to know, they have a need to  
>know.

I agree too, as long as all the details about NIDS' plans for the hearings are made known.

At age 61, it sure would be nice to know something substantial about UFOs before passing on.

Eleanor White

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Reports Of Space Aliens Help Roswell To Flourish

By Burr Williams - Sibley Nature Center

Do you believe an alien spacecraft crashed on the evening of July 4, 1947 northwest of Roswell, N.M.?

This is what allegedly took place:

At 11:30 that night, Rancher Mac Brazel heard a loud noise, different from the thunder occurring at the same time. In the morning he went to perform routine ranch work and found a debris field "three football fields wide and three-quarter of a mile long." He stopped and picked up a tow sack full of the debris.

On the 6th, Brazel brought his sack to the sheriff in Roswell, who contacted Air Force Intelligence Officer Jesse Marcel at Roswell Army Airfield, who went with Brazel to the ranch. They collected more material and brought it back from town. The local funeral home received a call about how many child-sized caskets are in stock, and was asked how to preserve bodies that have been exposed to the elements.

The funeral home director, Glenn Dennis, then went to the air base, expecting to receive the bodies, but a nurse on duty told him to leave immediately. A day later the nurse met Dennis, who told him she saw big-eyed aliens on the examining table. The next day the nurse disappeared, and was never heard from again.

On the same day of Dennis' experiences, the commander of the air base ordered a press release about the crash. The local newspaper related the story (and since then the newspaper has sold more than 50,000 copies of the page with the story.) Marcel flew to Fort Worth with some of the debris and spread it out in front of General Ramey, and was told to step out of the room. When he returned, the debris had been replaced with debris from a weather balloon, a photograph was taken, and on July 9 many newspapers printed the picture of the weather balloon material, along with a story that informed the world that no flying saucer was found at Roswell.

Today, in 2003, 400 people a day visit the UFO Museum and Research Center. The morning that Deborah and I visited, cars with license plates from Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Chihuahua, Quebec, Washington State, South Dakota, Missouri, Illinois and several other states filled the parking lot. Ninety thousand tourists visit Roswell each year, increasing city hotel tax revenues by 35 percent in the last four years. Alien-seeking tourists have pumped more than five million dollars a year into the local economy.

Thousands of folks have seen unusual lights and shapes in the



sky. Many come to Roswell to compare what they have seen with the sightings of others. A number of people have moved to Roswell to be part of the UFO "interpretative" community, attending and giving lectures, writing articles and maintaining Web sites.

Almost every store downtown sells something adorned with an alien design. There is a Crashdown Caf=E9, with a flying saucer crashed into its fa=E7ade, for example. Many small towns in the west are declining in population, suffering economically, and slowly decaying, but not Roswell. The resurgence began in the early 1990's, after Glenn Dennis and others that experienced the events of 1947 decided to make sure no one forgot and began the UFO Museum and Research Center.

This July 4 and 5, the city will hold its UFO Festival. The town of 50,000 will swell to 75,000. Every motel and campground will be filled. Speakers will present their theories, musicians will fill stages, sci-fi movies will thrill audiences, a parade of lights will sparkle, kids will present an alien fashion show, and dozens of vendors will hock everything from blow-up plastic aliens to books to flying saucer burgers.

Roswell has three alien museums. The UFO Museum and Research Center is the largest, housed in an old theater downtown. Along with equipment and clothing of the 1940s, ample reading material is displayed -- dozens of the affidavits of the eyewitnesses, plus copies of various newspaper stories written at the time. A dummy of an alien used in a TV movie is the most photographed object in the museum. The museum also has a library, filled with books and articles on aliens and UFOs. This museum has no entry fee, unlike the others.

The other two museums are not as well funded. Near the airport is the UFO Enigma Museum, featuring a recreation of the purported crash site. South of town is the Midway Sighting UFO Museum, where a visitor can watch videos of alien UFOs filmed by the owners.

Across the street from the UFO Museum and Research Center is the Alien Resistance Headquarters, funded by three local churches. The proprietor, Guy Malone, is a Christian who says he has seen aliens. He believes they are fallen angels. His mission is to prevent folks from joining cults that are based on contacts with aliens. Those cults, like the Raelians of human cloning fame, say aliens are here to help us, while Malone says the fallen angels mated with human women and created a hybrid race that has brought us the incredible modern day high-technological world that will soon bring the downfall of human society.

Visitors can go to a purported crash site as well (at least three different places have supporters claiming it is the correct site.) Not far from town (and close enough so bus tours are offered during the UFO Festival) Landowner Hub Corn will lead the tour for \$15 a person, and will even allow camping for \$98 a night. No artifacts are there -- it is just a lonesome piece of prairie where a person can give free rein to their imagination.

There are other reasons to visit Roswell. Bottomless Lakes State Park is an amazing series of water-filled sinkholes 13 miles east of town, offering camping, fishing, swimming and hiking. At the Bitterlakes National Wildlife Refuge, 11 miles east of town, a visitor can observe thousands of snow geese and sandhill cranes in the winter in the saline lakes of the refuge. Both sites offer bizarre landscapes.

During the growing season a person can look for and learn about the 90 species of dragonflies found in the refuge (the most diverse dragonfly community anywhere in the world.) On Aug. 22 and 23 of this year, the Friends of the Bitterlakes will hold their Dragonfly Festival, with speakers, artwork, craft shows and tours of the refuge.

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Burr Williams is education director for the Sibley Learning Center.

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Sincerely,

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>Sincerely,

>Linda Moulton Howe

Linda,

I still definitely refuse to believe that you could be so gullible to fall for such a scam. I do not understand how could your skills get so decreased. And I am searching other explanations.

You ask me what fuels my negative campaign? Well, looks like you've lost a great chance to see by yourself what I could have shown you here in Campo Grande! Now, it is me who asks you what is actually preventing you from looking at both sides of this question? Why you so strongly deny checking out evidence for yourself? You must admit that you are conducting an irresponsible investigation that only takes one side into consideration.

Perhaps, among other things, this is what fuels me.

For me, who read your books and always observed your career with admiration, it is much more than odd that you would take someone's word so easily when all Brazilian UFO researchers have been ignored. How is it possible that you don't see what so

many other people see?

You speak of physical evidences of objects interacting with the land in Corguinho (it is not Corghinho). Do you mean those small circular stones that can be found just about everywhere in my State, and of which Urandir sold thousands to people all over Brazil for about US\$50? Or do you mean the Navy flare used by him to fake a ridiculous UFO crash in 2001? Or do you mean the intensive use of 3-buck laser pointers, helium advertising balloons and strong automobile beams of light to make people idiots on his farm, believing that they are seeing ships from other planets? Or could you possibly mean the phosphorous liquids, powders and pastes that Urandir uses to fake strange green colors in the dark, that he says are people's auras?

I guess you didn't know any of these things. Did you, at least, know that he was magician? Well, I can also tell you (and show you very impressive documentation about) many other interesting stories about intraterrestrials in Urandir's farm, but they are not from any 8th dimension celestial city, as he tells his followers. They are very human, just his employees fooling people for their money.

You speak about samples. Perhaps you could check out some samples that we have of the "akashical register plates" that thousand of fanatics and naive people are after, believing that Urandir got them from ETs to give as gifts to his selected ones (who pay). At last, you should know something about the many other ways to cheat people with fairy tales that he uses, just like the story you now support. What about the cure for cancer and AIDS? Or the promise of eternal life or resuscitation? Ah, and there is the profitable foreseeing of deaths to fool the deceaseds families. Oh, yes, Linda, it is all for sale at a reasonable price.

I am sorry however that I cannot buy a ticket for you to come down to Brazil and check it all by yourself. You should have done that the first time, when you had a chance. All it would take was a phone call. Now that you didn't, and you insist on supporting the bogus, I will definitely show the facts I have and let people decide. I have my team working day and night to have lots of stuff in English.

I really held you in high esteem. I am sorry that I cannot simply sit still and do nothing. As a journalist myself, as an editor of the only Brazilian UFO magazine for 20 years, and as someone entirely devoted to serious and responsible UFO research, I will do what I have to.

Sincerely,

A. J. Gevaerd

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## Re: A Warning To Wendy Connors - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 18:08:47 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 09:50:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Warning To Wendy Connors - Connors

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 20:27:11 +0100  
>Subject: A Warning To Wendy Connors

>Hello Wendy,

>Yesterday Mon-Ka directed me to send you the following warning.  
>I tried to send it to you directly using your email on the List  
>but it was returned. Therefore I must post it to UFO UpDates and  
>all Listerions must immediately heed Mon-Kas warning.

Ah, yer mudder wears combat boots! Cum an git us ta stop if ya  
tink ya bigga nuff! I's gots a contract I tells ya! Yeah, a  
contract!

Wendy's Attorney

Wendy's response:

Oh, you'd look just darling in your purple robes! Kissie, kissie!

Wendy

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## Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe -

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <[thiagolt@opengate.com.br](mailto:thiagolt@opengate.com.br)>  
Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 22:22:19 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 10:00:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe -

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
>Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 15:59:23 -0300  
>Subject: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe

>Dear Linda:

>We met a couple of times in congresses in the US and Italy, and  
>exchanged a few letters in the past and e-mails lately. We spent  
>some time discussing Ufology and exchanging personal experiences  
>in San Marino, a few years ago, sharing a bottle of wine. I  
>believe I told you at that time what I will repeat now: that I,  
>for one, as have many many others, admired your good work and  
>devotion to the UFO field. I always thought of you as an example  
>of objectivity and professionalism. And I always had the feeling  
>that you should be listened to by any UFO researcher as a  
>reliable source.

>Unfortunately, I have to tell you now that I no longer have the  
>same confidence in your work, if any at all. I have to tell you  
>that I am completely shocked with your misconduct in a  
>particular case involving the greatest UFO hoaxer of all times  
>in Brazil. And I feel compelled to share this feeling with other  
>people in the US and around the world. People who felt for you the  
>same way I did and should be aware of the new facts.

>Linda, I am totally and deeply disappointed with the lack in  
>your impartiality and professionalism towards the referred case.  
>I am mostly sorry that you have decided to entirely ignore the  
>truth and skip any kind of serious analysis of the real facts  
>about the case. Instead of that, you have decided to totally  
>support an obvious fake that everybody in Brazil knows so very  
>well for 7 long years. I do wonder what motivates you to do it  
>and certainly it has to be a very strong reason, that I'd rather  
>not think about.

<snip>

I do not believe either.

I considered Linda one of the most important and serious UFO  
investigators in the world. But seems that I was wrong.

I am not complaining about her trip to Mato Grosso do Sul,  
Brazil, to meet Urandir and investigate his claims, but a  
serious investigator, researcher and reporter would look for the  
both sides of the story! And A.J. Gevaerd lives in Mato Grosso  
do Sul State. She could drop by to speak with him and learn what  
he had to say. But no, and I do not know why Linda, didn't do  
that. Has she been threatened by anybody? Because it is not  
possible. We here in Brazil sent so much information about  
Urandir and his fakes in Brazil and even so Linda pretends to be  
blind and misunderstands. What is happening to Linda?

I can only say that I am saddened by her attitude lately and I  
have a warning: Linda will be sorry because she's working with a  
lying and using person.

Regards



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## Columbia Tragedy

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 17:47:18 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 10:27:58 -0500  
Subject: Columbia Tragedy

Dear Listers,

I would like to restate my previous post about the Columbia tragedy. It is unfortunate that the recent round of debates in this vein have grown so acrimonious. Rather than add fuel to those flames, I would prefer to begin a new, simpler thread.

On the heels of the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy, I would like to express the hope that NASA would realize that they must put more resources into developing (or discovering) an alternative technology to the current means of space travel. Even the newer developments which have been publicized are rooted in the same ballistic rocketry that has been used since the beginning.

It is difficult to understand how an agency like NASA can steadfastly refuse to pay any attention to the potential of discovering a new space technology by conducting an in-depth scientific study of UFOs, unless one admits the possibility that some ulterior motive on the part of certain influential parties is at work.

Regardless of the many internecine squabbles in the ufological community, the one thing that unites us is the realization that we are dealing with something that is real, and that is unexplained, and which at least seems to represent a flight technology beyond our conventional aerodynamics and rocketry.

In the wake of the Challenger tragedy, NASA re-engineered their policies to allow one voice to stop a planned launch if that one voice brought up a good reason for the delay or cancellation. No one can doubt the wisdom of this new policy.

The next step should be for NASA to allow a minority voice to be heard on unconventional approaches to new development, such as the study of UFOs as a potential source of new ideas. They should not allow the voice of "conventional wisdom", a la James Oberg, to put blinders on all the thought processes that might otherwise lead to some radical new approach with potential for a real improvement.

I sincerely hope that no more tragedies such as the loss of the Columbia and crew must occur before NASA awakes to the realization that they must do whatever is necessary to find some alternatives to their current approach to space travel technology.

Thoughts? How about you, Mr. Oberg?

Tom Bowden

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## Observations At Aerospace Facilities? [Was: John

From: **Josh Goldstein** <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 03:36:15 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 10:35:32 -0500  
Subject: Observations At Aerospace Facilities? [Was: John

>From: Vince White <[Vinceomni@aol.com](mailto:Vinceomni@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 12:55:28 EST  
>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 18:47:07 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer

>>What in the world is the connection between past evil or  
>>dishonest actions by the US Government got to do with the  
>>question of either free energy technology or new means for  
>>getting astronauts safely to orbit???

>Connection to safe orbit? It is worth repeating that this  
>question is possibly answered by field reports and observations  
>at R&D sites.

>Perhaps to be answered by past field reports in the Tehachapi's  
>at the Northrop facility or currently at the BAe Warton Special  
>Projects site in Lancashire UK.

>Flying triangles have been repeatedly sighted performing  
>nonaerodynamically and silently except for an occasional humming  
>sound and RAF escort.

>Forget, for a moment moral judgements about governments.

>What is actually being observed at aerospace testing facilities?  
>  
>Maybe the answer to that question would answer to the moral  
>question.

Hello Vince,

In your post above you asked the question "What is actually  
being observed at aerospace facilities?"

In your previous email a couple of days ago you claimed: "A  
careful examination of many quality observations near the Tejon  
ranch in the Tehachapi's in the late 80's indicate that disc and  
triangular-shaped objects were seen performing non aerodynamic  
movements on many nights. They were seen emerging from a  
NORTHROP facility without alarm or interference from Edwards  
AFB."

I have not responded to that previous e-mail because I was  
waiting for Bill Hamilton to respond. He hasn't yet done so,  
causing me to butt in.

The reason I mention Bill is because he is how I first found  
about the claimed activities at the Tejon ranch. That was at the  
end of the 1980s. He also published a book that made such claims  
soon after that time. I have not looked at the book for many  
years and no longer have a copy. My failing memory recalls that  
Bill claimed to have gotten information from anonymous sources  
in the Antelope Valley (which contains Lancaster, Palmdale,

Edwards AFB, USAF Plant 42, the Northrop radar testing facility, a similar facility from Lockheed located at Hellendale, to name just a few). Other than some claims I have no true evidence that disk or triangle shaped objects were flying in/ flying out or hovering over the Tejon ranch facility of Northrop.

Back at that time, out of curiosity, my son and I used to go out there at night and camp out to observe. In the numerous times we went out there we did not sight any UFOs or strange lights. Soon the word got around the LA area and Norio Hayakawa (a conspiracy/UFOs spokesman without any empirical evidence) and his mindless minions started viewing trips out there. My son and I moved up to a mesa that completely overlooked the Northrop facility and after a few nights gave up.

I had also talked with several people who lived in the nearest houses to the facility and they said they had not seen any disk or triangle UFOs there. The closest neighbor said he had only seen some strong lights like laser beams a few times over the preceding years. That is all I know. I was hoping Bill Hamilton would respond with more empirical evidence of past claims. You claimed in your previous post regarding empiricism that there are quality reports of disks and triangle objects were seen emerging from the Northrop facility. I would like to know

what empirical evidence you have to support that claim.

I asked the nearest neighbor about claims that the facility had many underground levels. He did not know that but confirmed that at the time of construction a lot of cement trucks were there. He also said that at times cars with high ranking officers passed his property going in and out of the facility. That proves nothing about UFOs. Vince, please put your quality reports and evidence for UFOs in a post on this List. Bill, if you are reading this I would like you to comment and put what you've got on this list.

We all would like to know what the aerospace industry is testing out at Groom Lake. Today I saw an update on the pieces found from the Space Shuttle Columbia. They said the desert 100 miles north of Las Vegas is being searched. If they would let me I would gladly search Area 51 for them. I don't think they will allow that so I must rush my labworkers to finish developing my invisibility drink. :-)

Josh

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## Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 01:03:12 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 10:37:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe - Gates

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
>Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 15:59:23 -0300  
>Subject: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe

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>about the case. Instead of that, you have decided to totally  
>support an obvious fake that everybody in Brazil knows so very  
>well for 7 long years. I do wonder what motivates you to do it  
>and certainly it has to be a very strong reason, that I'd rather  
>not think about.

>I am completely amazed to find out that you came to Brazil just  
>a few weeks ago, that you landed in my hometown, Campo Grande,  
>and you didn't even bother to call me or meet me, or with any  
>other responsible UFO researcher in my country, to hear what we  
>have to say about this particular case and to see what we have  
>to show about it. You simply decided to come all the way from US  
>to Campo Grande only and exclusively to listen to a well-known  
>hoaxer, whose trajectory and activities in Ufology are  
>completely rejected by the entire responsible media and serious  
>UFO researchers of all ages in Brazil, instead of seeking the  
>truth. You have decided to passionately support an evident fake,  
>a repulsive scam perpetrated by a man that shames the Brazilian  
>UFO Community, instead of listening to anyone else.

>Of course, it is your choice who you should listen to or not.  
>Especially if you have received an invitation from the  
>interested party (along with tickets and probably expenses etc)  
>to go to a foreign country to listen to him/her. But any UFO  
>researcher in any country, or even any journalist anywhere,  
>would agree that it was an enormous lack of responsibility not  
>to listen to people who have been observing, documenting and  
>investigating such a scam for many years. If you haven't been

>advised about it before, or if you hadn't been informed of the  
>problems with this particular case earlier, that would be a  
>different story. But you have!

>See:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/dec/m24-005.shtml>

>and

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/dec/m24-011.shtml>

A.J. Listers,

As near as I can tell the folks in Brazil are claiming that this guy is a phony hoaxer that everybody in Brazil has known about for 7 years. Yet when you check the above email, especially the first one all you have is one persons pronouncement without any supporting evidence that the individuals story is not to be believed.

Linda Howe was apparently on site, besides talking to that person, has also spoken to other farmers who verify some of the story, not to mention the Attorney General whose wife saw something in the area in January.

So could you give us the specific information and facts (without an attack on Linda) which leads at least two of you to conclude that this guy is a phony hoaxer; also the specific information as to why the story is appearing to be verified to a degree by Independent witnesses who have witnesses?

Also could you tell us how many witnesses the folks down there interviewed and what there story is?

Thanks,

Robert

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## Re: John Alexander On Greer? - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 01:05:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 10:39:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer? - Velez

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 19:01:12 -0500  
>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 22:24:19 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

>>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 11:33:48 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

>>>>From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>>Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2003 17:16:04 EST  
>>>>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

>><snip>

>>Since you are making serious charges about John Alexander's  
>>truthfulness, it is incumbent upon you to be specific in your  
>>charges. I have stated chapter and verse about Steven Greer. If,  
>>as you claim, you have first-hand knowledge of his lying, tell  
>>us what it is based on.

Hi Eleanor, All,

You wrote to the List:

>I've provided off-list details to John Velez and yourself, Dick.

Eleanor, I'm here to discuss UFOs, abductions, and related phenomena. This is a 'UFO' discussion List. What you sent to me is a whole other kettle of fish. I didn't ask you for it. Because of that, I think I have a right to comment on it here on the 'open List'.

After reading your 'reason' for calling John Alexander a 'known liar' in public, all I can say is, I think you're way off base. Just because he tells you that he is not familiar with the list of 'mind-control' technology you asked him about, doesn't make him a "liar."

You claim that John Alexander must know about these devices and that his denial is 'evidence' that he is lying. Further, that his denial indicates that he is aiding and abetting a 'cover-up' of a secret US government black op group called 'MKULTRA'. A group which, according to you, is implanting unwitting citizens with mind control devices.

John Alexander's response was to recommend that you and others seek psychiatric help. Although the remark may have been insensitive, it was only an expression of his own 'personal' opinion about what you presented to him.

That doesn't justify calling him a liar or vilifying him in



public the way that you do. He's as entitled to his opinion as any of us are. I think your 'evaluation' of him is off base and way over the top. In my very humble opinion a public retraction or apology is in order.

>Since the other issue is not UFO-related, I won't try to post a  
>reply to this List. I will be happy to explain off-List to  
>anyone interested.

Good idea.

>Please remember, I have not said John Alexander is lying in  
>the case of the other Congressional Hearings, rather, what he  
>has to say is suspect based on other attempts to cover up.

You're way off-base on this one Eleanor. Far left field from what I can see from the cheap seats. Let's try to stay focused on the subject of UFOs and securing a congressional hearing on the subject. This 'side' discussion about Alexander being a 'known liar' is distracting from the more important question about the hearings.

Please.

John Velez

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## Review 'Journey to Mars'

From: Colin Bennett <[colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk)>

Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 13:48:00 -0000

Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 10:44:51 -0500

Subject: Review 'Journey to Mars'

Review by Colin Bennett of "Journey to Mars" by Sean Casteel, with additional material by Commander X.

One from the rainforest. And the hot dark side of the jungle your mother warned you about. Sean Casteel's Journey to Mars is a brilliant and inspired antidote to all common sense, rationalism, and especially the sober courts of corporate scientific Ufology.

The only flag under which books like this sail is the Jolly Roger. Here is a skull-and-crossbones book containing all the delicious stuff that drives the poor straight palefaces wild. We have, no less, the flight of Tesla to Mars, Nazi UFO technology, Antigravity, Frank Znidarsic's Search for Free Energy, Cold Fusion, bases on the Moon and Mars, and techno-occult conspiracies of any and every kidney.

This book is certainly the night mare of what those who have the affrontery to think they sit in judgment on "reality". They hate inspirations such as are in this book. Inspirations are messy and imprecise, just like the mind. Worse, the book's sense of play is profound. Only through play do we make discoveries. Only through play do we rediscover that innocence whose loss is the very deepest modern curse. The book expresses the irresistible idea that once that arriveste harpie called the real is deconstructed, it contains more beautifully impossible B-feature agendas than Dick Hall and his lost and rapidly vanishing tribe could possibly believe before breakfast.

Priests in their funny hats, scientists with their blessed experiments, and researchers with their everlasting facts, all of whom want to burn the rainforest out of us in their separate ways, will try and trash this book, most out of cultural fear than anything else. Consequently, this book is to be bought in great quantities immediately, and distributed throughout the world to schools, nuclear bases and asylums. It should held up as a talisman against all those UFO books that cause clowns to kill themselves, and make warthogs squint-eyed with factspiel grief.

It is a superb example of that inspired intellectual erotica that we all feel guilty and schizophrenic about. Of course, like pornography, like mine own posts indeed, this book will not have a single customer or reader. Both are Charles Fort's damned texts.

But like mine own posts again, the message will be read in bathrooms and garages, under sheets by torchlight, for this kind of book is one of the few ways we have of in modern society of communicating with the unconscious without losing our money, our mind, or our ass. So watch out all you clean factual kitchen-tops, this book has your name on its rebirth list. So read it whilst Mother Hall is not looking. Stow it away carefully with Reich and Leary, Bennett and Fort in the mind's underground forests where the death squads won't find it.

Browsers have been warned. Just touch Journey to Mars on the bookshop shelf and you will become B Feature in turn, and you

will be a lot better off for it. Years will drop off your mind, and mortgages, rent books and palefaces and facts (who are all these things put together), will never be seen in the same light again.

So watch out all List Bears, this book is the Antidote to the need to disbelieve. Of course the old crows and queens and pantomime dames of Ufological sobriety so visible on this List will judge this book as pulp and trash. But like Greer's books, Corso's The Day After Roswell, as time goes by, books like this will tell us far more about our society than thousands of long forgotten sober tomes judged to be of greater literary and scholarly and "scientific" worth.

Journey to Mars is a path to the rainforest. Stay in its dark green lung. And when the death-squad scientific palefaces try to hunt down and steal your dreams, join the resistance, take pirate ships such as this book and steal them back. And long may Sean Casteel's Jolly Roger fly over seas beyond the sun and moon!

Got to go now and buy some groceries for poor bed-ridden Mrs. Finchley round the corner. I'll leave her a copy of Journey to Mars in the hope that she will take up her bed and walk. This is more than could possibly be hoped for from those manuals typed by those factspiel typists who are far too well adjusted to be really intelligent.

I'll be back.

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

You take the blue pill or the red pill.  
Take the blue pill, the story ends, you wake up in bed and believe whatever you want to believe.  
Take the red pill, you stay in wonderland. And I'll show you how deep the rabbit hole goes.

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Combat Diaries <http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>  
Web Server Statistics for the last 7 days: 44,457 hits  
Politics of the Imagination given Anomalist Award for Best Biography of the Year, 2002  
Full feature High Moon on Oberg and NASA now running in Fortean Times 168  
Long List post on Greer in preparation. (Wendy, you'll love it!)

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## South American Balloon Series Ends

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THE PRE-HIBISCUS SERIES COMES TO A CLOSE

This year's pre-HIBISCUS campaign by France's CNES, aimed at securing ozone distribution data from the atmosphere in tropical areas, has ended successfully.

The launches made as part of said campaign were the following

Short range balloons:

10ZL ENVISAT1 (10.000 m3) successfully launched on 2/18 in the morning

3SF (10.000 m3) successfully launched on 2/19 in the afternoon

10ZL ENVISAT2 (10.000 m3) successfully launched on 2/23 at 20:20 hrs. local (23:20 utc)

Long-Range balloons:

MIR ENVISAT1 (45.000 m3) launched on 2/19 at las 20:00 hrs local (23:00 utc). The launch failed when the balloon developed a leak.

MIR ENVISAT2 (45.000 m3) launched on 3/20 at 20:00 hrs local (23:00 utc); still in flight.

MIR PREHIBIS (45.000 m3) launched on 2/22 at 20:00 hrs local (23:00 utc). The launch failed when the balloon developed a leak at the Tropopause level.

MIR46 (45.000 m3) launched on 2/23 at 20:00 hrs local (23:00 utc); still in flight.

Scientists deduct that they will obtain excellent data tending toward validation of the recently launched ENVISAT satellite.

As of this writing (14:00 UTC; 2/27) only two MIR balloons remain in flight, which are over the Pacific Ocean following a more or less straight line along the Tropic of Capricorn, heading for Australia.

Without mishaps, the first of these balloons should reach Eastern Australia on February 28, departing the area two days later; the second would tentatively reach it on March 1st, and then move into the Indian Ocean on March 3rd.

Up to the moment, the only UFO-related incident occurred in the city of Calama on Friday, Feb. 21, when the MIR was seen over Chilean skies. However, far from the controversy and media display generated by these very same balloons in the SWWS 2001 campaign, the press immediately attributed the event to the transit of the French devices.

If the MIR balloons remain in flight, and no decision is made to preemptively terminate the mission, they would complete their first circumnavigation of the globe, re-entering the South American landmass from the Atlantic Ocean between March 12 and the 17th.

More information:

<http://www.aero.jussieu.fr/projet/HIBISCUS/en/many/campaign2003.html>

To follow the MIR balloon route:

[http://ballon.cnes.fr:8180/bauru2003/localisations\\_bauru2003\\_gb.htm](http://ballon.cnes.fr:8180/bauru2003/localisations_bauru2003_gb.htm)

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## Pioneer 10 Spacecraft Falls Silent

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Pioneer 10 Spacecraft Falls Silent

.c The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Pioneer 10, the first spacecraft to venture out of the solar system, has fallen silent after traveling billions of miles from Earth on a mission that has lasted nearly 31 years, NASA said Tuesday.

What was apparently the spacecraft's last signal was received Jan. 22 by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Deep Space Network. At the time, Pioneer 10 was 7.6 billion miles from Earth; the signal, traveling at the speed of light, took 11 hours and 20 minutes to arrive.

The signal and the two previous signals were very faint. The Deep Space Network heard nothing from Pioneer 10 during a final attempt at contact on Feb. 7. No more attempts are planned.

Pioneer 10 was launched March 2, 1972, on a 21-month mission. It became the first spacecraft to pass through the asteroid belt and the first to obtain close-up images of Jupiter. In 1983, it became the first manmade object to leave the solar system when it passed the orbit of distant Pluto.

Although Pioneer 10's mission officially ended in 1997, scientists continued to track the TRW Inc.-built spacecraft as part of a study of communication technology for NASA's future Interstellar Probe mission. Pioneer 10 hasn't relayed telemetry data since April 27.

"It was a workhorse that far exceeded its warranty, and I guess you could say we got our money's worth," said Larry Lasher, Pioneer 10 project manager at NASA's Ames Research Center.

Pioneer 10 carries a gold plaque engraved with a message of goodwill and a map showing the Earth's location in the solar system. The spacecraft continues to coast toward the star Aldebaran in the constellation Taurus. It will take 2 million years to reach it.

On the Net:

Pioneer 10:  
<http://spaceprojects.arc.nasa.gov/Space-Projects/pioneer/PNhome.html>

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## About The Brazilian Hoaxer

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Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 11:15:40 -0500  
Subject: About The Brazilian Hoaxer

Translated from: <http://www.terra.com.br/brasil/2000/03/27/011.htm>

Paulistan Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira is arrested with the charges of selling land for a city for ETs

Monday 27, March 2000, 10h50min

Paulistan Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, also known as UFO, will be indicted charged with fraud and ideological falseness. He was arrested last Sunday in Porto Alegre, accused of selling ilegal lots in the town of Corguinho, in Mato Grosso do Sul, where he had plans to build a city to receive extraterrestrial. Urandir is in jail at 17 Civil Police Sation in the "gaucho" capital.

Three and-a-half-hours after being arrested by the police, Oliveira talked to the Zero Hora newspaper in Jorge Mafra's office (Marshal). He confirmed the sale of land in the town of ETs, and assured that the project is serious and that he has been acting legally. Here are the main points from his interview:

Zero Hora: Do you admit the accusations?

Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira: I am not worried about it. All I am doing is legal. I do not promise cure to no one, only teach self-aid for manipulation of the mind.

ZH: What is Portal Project?

Oliveira: A place where people have parapsylogical, ecological and ufological experiences. There are 490 hectars (of land), and my intent is to buy 1,5 thousand to form a community where I will raise cattle and fish. Associates will pay R\$ 1,4 thousand (in todays exchange rate is about US\$ 390) for this. I represent the project, I am the president.

ZH: Only who pays can take part in the project?

Oliveira: Those who won't have resources to buy shares will receive a donation. Even those unemployed will live there.

ZH: What is there in the area?

Oliveira: There's nothing as yet, we are gathering money.

ZH: From who did you buy the land?

Oliveira: The land is in the name of Zeferino Bingolin, local resindent in Campo Grande. I have a buy and sell contract and I only have to pay tha last mortgage to own the land. Participants know about it. A surveyor is measuring the land and so far we are also getting a license from IBAMA. The project was officially recognized (recognized firm) six months ago in Campo Grande (notary's office).

ZH: Do you know the author of the denunciation?



Oliveira: I met him eight months ago. He was watching one of my seminars and influenced other people against me, but they did not look for me. He said that my contract was wrong and made another one. I believed his words because I needed to get the bureaucratic work done, but he did something else, he denounced me.

ZH: What is your wealth?

Oliveira: I have a Ranger, for which I am paying the mortgage, a small lot in Sao Paulo and a pickup Veraneio to transport visitors. I have 81 cattle, which belong to the participants.

ZH: Are the cattle yours?

Oliveira: They belong to everyone. When sold, they will receive their part.

ZH: What do you do for a living?

Oliveira: I have been working by myself for four years, giving lectures. I used to work in the building industry and I also have a publishing company which now is inoperative in the town of Presidente Wenceslau (SP).

ZH: Did the people who bought shares visit your project?

Oliveira: Some visited, I have photos and videos of them over there.

ZH: Did they pay for the trip?

Oliveira: They paid for the tickets and food. A day costs R\$ 40 (about US\$ 11) per visitor and R\$ 20 (about US\$ 5.5) for associates (members).

ZH: How much did you sell so far?

Oliveira: We sold about 6 thousand shares of the 490 hectares. Each person bought as much as they wanted.

ZH: What are your lectures about?

Oliveira: About mental evolution, apprenticeship in the manipulation of energy and self control.

ZH: Do people pay to attend them?

Oliveira: I charge R\$ 50 (about US\$ 14), but half of the people do not pay because they can't afford it. Thirty percent of the public pay R\$ 10 (about US\$ 3). Very few people pay the full amount.

ZH: Are shares sold during the lectures?

Oliveira: Yes, yesterday (Saturday) I sold two for R\$ 1,4 thousand (about US\$ 390).

ZH: Did you ever had trouble with the police?

Oliveira: No. Once I was arrested because of a domestic fight with my ex-wife with another woman, but there was nothing.

ZH: How do you explain the story of the lights in your hands?

Oliveira: Since I was a kid I am a paranormal. I used to bend objects, but anyone can do this with training. It is only that when I was 13 a purple light beamed me up and two people put a microchip in my neck. That helped me with the manipulation of the energy.

ZH: Who were those people?

Oliveira: They were extraterrestrials. They are just like us.

Ag=EAnicia RBS/Zero Hora

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## Re: Observations At Aerospace Facilities? -

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Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 11:18:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Observations At Aerospace Facilities? -

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>Subject: Observations At Aerospace Facilities? [Was: John Alexander...]

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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 12:55:28 EST  
>>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

<snip>

>In your post above you asked the question "What is actually  
>being observed at aerospace facilities?"

>In your previous email a couple of days ago you claimed: "A  
>careful examination of many quality observations near the Tejon  
>ranch in the Tehachapi's in the late 80's indicate that disc and  
>triangular-shaped objects were seen performing non aerodynamic  
>movements on many nights. They were seen emerging from a  
>NORTHROP facility without alarm or interference from Edwards  
>AFB."

>I have not responded to that previous e-mail because I was  
>waiting for Bill Hamilton to respond. He hasn't yet done so,  
>causing me to butt in.

>The reason I mention Bill is because he is how I first found  
>about the claimed activities at the Tejon ranch. That was at the  
>end of the 1980s. He also published a book that made such claims  
>soon after that time. I have not looked at the book for many  
>years and no longer have a copy. My failing memory recalls that  
>Bill claimed to have gotten information from anonymous sources  
>in the Antelope Valley (which contains Lancaster, Palmdale,  
>Edwards AFB, USAF Plant 42, the Northrop radar testing facility,  
>a similar facility from Lockheed located at Hellendale, to name  
>just a few). Other than some claims I have no true evidence that  
>disk or triangle shaped objects were flying in/ flying out or  
>hovering over the Tejon ranch facility of Northrop.

Back in the 1980s I lived a long stone's throw from this  
facility and talked to many people in the area. There were  
reports from some eyewitnesses of disk-shaped and rectangular  
craft over the facility as well as "orbs of light". In 1988, two  
large triangular-craft passed over this facility (but did not  
emanate from it). I have heard no recent reports.

The Tejon Ranch facility is definitely an underground facility.  
For one thing it is an RCS facility and has pylons or stingers  
that raise model aircraft up on hydraulic elevators to expose  
them to radar pulses to measure their radar cross section  
profiles.

Bill Hamilton

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## Re: Columbia Tragedy - Oberg

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Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 17:47:18 -0800 (PST)  
Subject: Columbia Tragedy

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>The next step should be for NASA to allow a minority voice to be  
>heard on unconventional approaches to new development, such as  
>the study of UFOs as a potential source of new ideas. They  
>should not allow the voice of "conventional wisdom", a la James  
>Oberg, to put blinders on all the thought processes that might  
>otherwise lead to some radical new approach with potential for a  
>real improvement.

>I sincerely hope that no more tragedies such as the loss of the  
>Columbia and crew must occur before NASA awakes to the  
>realization that they must do whatever is necessary to find some  
>alternatives to their current approach to space travel  
>technology.

>Thoughts? How about you, Mr. Oberg?

So I'm the by-name bad guy, I put blinders on people, I let  
astronauts die because I single-handedly mislead NASA officials?  
Gawd -- are you one sick puppy!

\_Open\_ your eyes and mind, and read - and if you can, offer  
critiques - of what I've posted at [www.jamesoberg.com](http://www.jamesoberg.com)

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## Re: Columbia Tragedy - Lennick

From: Michael Lennick <xxxxx.xxx>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 14:29:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Columbia Tragedy - Lennick

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>realization that they must do whatever is necessary to find some  
>alternatives to their current approach to space travel  
>technology.

>Thoughts? How about you, Mr. Oberg?

Here are the facts:

The Space Shuttle in launch configuration weighs about six million pounds - about the mass of a small building. It takes about seven million pounds of thrust to move it the first few inches off the pad and carry it aloft.

Once beyond the pull of earth's gravity (something the shuttle never achieves, by the way. The only manned vehicle we've ever built that can do that from launch was the Saturn Five moon rocket), any number of lower-thrust technologies can move us around the solar system. NASA is currently putting a lot of research into those options - ion, nuclear, solar etc, but only for deep space missions.

There have been and continue to be active and well-funded research programs dedicated to finding a cheaper route to orbit, given that the current cost of more than ten-thousand dollars/pound is the primary impediment to the industrial exploitation of zero-G, which is what will really make space technology take off, as it were. Prototypes, from Freeman Dyson and Ted Taylor's Project Orion (nuclear propulsion) to current promising work using ground-based laser launchers, have shown promise but have failed to breach the power vs cost barrier.

Tom Bowden shows great enthusiasm for the needs of the program and recognizes that we have to move beyond expensive, inefficient and polluting chemical thrusters to truly take our place off-planet. Unfortunately, the type of research - and more important, government (and thus public) funding he envisions would require such an alternatively-powered craft to land in the D.C. Mall during a live news broadcast and offering to share technology to be taken seriously.

Remember that congress, which signs the cheques, likes stuff that can be built in Congressional Districts, but loves even more stuff they can trash, lampoon and blame on the other guys (who can ever forget Senator Proxmire's notorious "Golden Fleece" awards?)

In such a political climate, no administrator (not even Dan Goldin), nor any president (not even Jimmy Carter, let alone the shrubbery currently running the world) could entertain such a notion.

I do admire Tom Bowden's optimism, though. It's exactly the sort of open mind that'll be required to move us past our current approaches. Clearly, he's looking in the most interesting direction. Now all we need is a practical, homegrown and home-funded way to get there.

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[Michael Lennick's 13-part series, 'Rocket Science', starts its second-run on Canada's Discovery Channel, tonight at 9:00 PM Eastern, with repeats at 1:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following day, as well as at 1:00 PM the next Monday. Set your VCRs - this one's a keeper. --ebk]

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## Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe - Gevaerd

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Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 13:02:17 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 16:14:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe - Gevaerd

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>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 01:03:12 EST  
>Subject: Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe

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>>Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 15:59:23 -0300  
>>Subject: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe

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>A.J. Listers,

>As near as I can tell the folks in Brazil are claiming that this  
>guy is a phony hoaxer that everybody in Brazil has known about  
>for 7 years. Yet when you check the above email, especially the  
>first one all you have is one persons pronouncement without any  
>supporting evidence that the individuals story is not to be  
>believed.

>Linda Howe was apparently on site, besides talking to that person,  
>has also spoken to other farmers who verify some of the story,  
>not to mention the Attorney General whose wife saw something  
>in the area in January.

>So could you give us the specific information and facts (without  
>an attack on Linda) which leads at least two of you to conclude  
>that this guy is a phony hoaxer; also the specific information  
>as to why the story is appearing to be verified to a degree by  
>Independent witnesses who have witnesses?

>Also could you tell us how many witnesses the folks down their  
>interviewed and what there story is?

Dear Robert:

I am sorry that my previous messages sounded like attacks on Linda. But situation is really much worse than people in the US can imagine. I understand that friends on UFO UpDates deserve to see the facts, and they exist. Of course! Unfortunately, there is numerous reports in Portuguese and very few in English. Some of it can still be found at Jeff Rense's website, as well as much mail from Brazillians giving and supporting evidence that the claimed case is simply a hoax.

I am afraid, however, that 99% of the Brazilian UFO community don't speak English and very few people here even know the existance of UFO UpDdates and its importance. On similar Lists in Brazil - and we have some with 800 and 1,100 people - all of course in Portuguese, you will find very hot debates about the hoax with many contributions from people who discover new details. So, when I say that everybody in our country knows these facts, it is not an exaggeration.

The man that I'm referring to has a very well known background and a publicized historic of fakery and deception. All TV networks where he has presented himself in the past, along with the independent stations, have unmasked and exposed him. This is



one of the biggest reasons why he is trying to get space and publicity in other countries and especially in the USA. He loves the benjamins... A very simple search with any Internet search engine will show dozens of pages where the label "fake" is very clear. And they come from all over the country. The media I am referring to, as well as many UFO researchers in my country, can be contacted. Some of them speak English.

See, its most the 'Jonhatan Reed' case, for example. Very few people in Brazil know about it and even less people have any idea if it is a fake or real. Now, it works for regular, ordinary UFO researchers. It cannot be applied to those really engaged in a worldwide investigation of the subject. I see the same situation with Linda's investigation in Brazil. First of all, it is a great mistake to accept an invitation accompanied by a ticket and expenses to travel to anywhere coming from the person whose story is being investigated. Suppose I get a ticket from... let's say Dr. Greer for example... to fly all the way from Brazil to his place to chat with him. If I come back saying and publishing wonderful things about his fantastic experiences and close encounters, would that be valid to you? Or, worst, what if I am previously well informed about Greer's suspicious activities and the great polemics towards him, and even than I simply ignore it and still publish a long report about his "real" experiences?

Want another example? Linda's report at her website shows Urandir's description of a situation in which a TV crew from Bandeirantes Network went all the way from Sao Paulo to his farm and, with him, filmed a previously arranged encounter with a spaceship. Linda believes in that story without even trying to know the situation better. Well, when it happened, he had a segment in a program on the Network called "Brazil Reality", which Brazilian UFO researchers called "Brazil Non-Reality". The presenters of the program, fired shortly afterward, were in on the scam with Urandir and some of them and a cameraman went to his farm to document the so-called 'encounter'. Well, Robert, it was all staged and if you saw the tape you'd be alarmed with such a simply trick. After the firing, one of the presenters and the cameraman confessed the "arrangement". I am impressed that Urandir used that "evidence" to fool Linda ...

The allegation that Linda was talking to an Attorney General whose wife saw something in the area in January is simply hilarious to anyone who knows a little about politics and corruption in Brazil. This gentleman may be a sincere and reliable source, but his position means absolutely nothing. We have federal judges selling sentences to narco-dealers in Brazil. So, a man's position isn't a guarantee that what he claims is actually real. And please know that there are thousands of people regularly visiting our hoaxer's farm, for which they pay a lot. And not all of them are uneducated, ignorant persons.

Maybe I should give some more info about this hoaxer. Well, let me summarize it. This guy moved to the farm 8 years ago, seeking gold only. When talking to other people that lived in the area, who had a few interesting UFO cases, he started to figure out how to make profit out of it. At the time, as an unemployed construction worker, he was a very active circus magician and knew several tricks with cards, perfumes, dice, objects, 'telepathy', etc. He figured out some form of using his skills combined with beautiful, fabricated, UFO stories. This is the origin of the biggest UFO hoaxer of all times in Brazil. And he is very close to being a great success in the US, too.

And not only in Brazil, but in the entire world. No one, at any time in history, had such a huge scheme to attract people and cheat them with faked UFO manifestations (laser pointers, helium balloon etc). And no one in the world at any time in history, made so much money with these "experiences". His monthly income is estimated from US\$ 150,000 to US\$200,000. Compare that to the minimum salary in Brazil, which is U\$60, and you will find that he makes about 3,000 times that per month. And that is not an exaggeration.

Well, that's only part of the story. I will continue later.

All the best,

A. J.

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## Re: About The Brazilian Hoaxer - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 13:06:41 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 17:44:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: About The Brazilian Hoaxer - Gevaerd

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
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>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 12:28:01 -0300  
>Subject: About The Brazilian Hoaxer

>Paulistan Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira is arrested with the  
>charges of selling land for a city for ETs

>Monday 27, March 2000, 10h50min

>Paulistan Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, also known as UFO, will  
>be indicted charged with fraud and ideological falseness. He was  
>arrested last Sunday in Porto Alegre, accused of selling ilegal  
>lots in the town of Corguinho, in Mato Grosso do Sul, where he  
>had plans to build a city to receive extraterrestrial. Urandir  
>is in jail at 17 Civil Police Sation in the "gaucho" capital.

>Three and-a-half-hours after being arrested by the police,  
>Oliveira talked to the Zero Hora newspaper in Jorge Mafra's  
>office (Marshal). He confirmed the sale of land in the town of  
>ETs, and assured that the project is serious and that he has  
>been acting legally. Here are the main points from his  
>interview:

<snip>

>ZH: From who did you buy the land?

>Oliveira: The land is in the name of Zeferino Bingolin, local  
>resindent in Campo Grande. I have a buy and sell contract and I  
>only have to pay tha last mortgage to own the land. Participants  
>know about it. A surveyor is measuring the land and so far we  
>are also getting a license from IBAMA. The project was  
>officially recognized (recognized firm) six months ago in Campo  
>Grande (notary's office).

<snip>

>ZH: How much did you sell so far?

>Oliveira: We sold about 6 thousand shares of the 490 hectares.  
>Each person bought as much as they wanted.

>ZH: What are your lectures about?

>Oliveira: About mental evolution, aprenticeship in the  
>manipultation of energy and self control.

>ZH: Do people pay to attend them?

>Oliveira: I charge R\$ 50 (about US\$ 14), but half of the people  
>do not pay because they can't afford it. Thirty percent of the  
>public pay R\$ 10 (about US\$ 3). Very few people pay the full  
>amount.

>ZH: Are shares sold during the lectures?

>Oliveira: Yes, yesterday (Saturday) I sold two for R\$ 1,4  
>thousand (about US\$ 390).

>ZH: Did you ever had trouble with the police?

>Oliveira: No. Once I was arrested because of a domestic fight  
>with my ex-wife with another woman, but there was nothing.

<snip>

See here, Urandir himself says that he sold 6,000 shares of 490 hectares for R\$ 1,400.00 each (about US\$ 600 at that time, not R\$ 390 as translated here, which is now). He made R\$ 8,4 million (or US\$ 3,6 million). And what is worst: that wasn't even his own land. This is why he was arrested.

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## Re: Real Blame And A Question

From: Vince White <[Vinceomni@aol.com](mailto:Vinceomni@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 12:13:13 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 17:50:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question

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## Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe - Cunha

From: **Pedro Luz Cunha** <[pp1cunha@yahoo.com](mailto:pp1cunha@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 14:20:45 -0300 (ART)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 17:59:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe - Cunha

Robert,

You can check about a dozen or more (I saw 388) links in Brazil ([www.yahoo.com.br](http://www.yahoo.com.br)) about the 'Phony guy'. But they are links to Portuguese language pages. And you can also check Brazilian television Rede Globo about a challenge to two 'paranormal' people in Brazil. One of them is the 'Phony guy'. The challenge was to confront them with the well known American James Randi who, as far as I know, doesn't believe paranormal. As you know, he is a skeptic, and has seen dozens of different cases, and all of them, as far as I know, were frauds, according to him. The challenge was/is offering US\$ 1 million to whoever could prove to be paranormal. Was the challenge refused? According to Globo TV Network, it was refused. Why was/is the 'Phony guy' afraid of facing the challenge? He could get some good pocket money.

Mr. Gevaerd has been 'in loco' in Mato Grosso do Sul, and has proved that many phenomena produced by Mr. 'Phony guy', are fake. His research is serious and I am sure he can show you whatever you ask him to be presented from his research. Debunking can be painful, but it is easy not to debunk and accept what strange fact you first see as proof of an anomalous phenomena?

What is questioned here is not if Mr. 'Phony guy' is a fake or not (the current thought is that he is), but the way Ms. Linda has put up her story was really akward for someone of such fame. For what I know of ethics amongst colleagues in a field of study, the good thing would be also to hear all the sides of the story. Please refer to the article, here in UFO UpDates from Mr. Jerry Black (whom I don't personally know him). I think he has a point there. The link:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1998/jul/m04-003.shtml>

Ms. Linda should have listened to 'all' the sides of the story before running the story. Where is the science here? Where are the scientific methods? Well, I would also like to hear about the scientific methods used, in detail, to come up with the claims that Mr. 'Phony guy' is not Mr. 'Phony Guy'.

Science is unforgiving when you make mistakes. I believe we all want Ufology to be considered serious matter. That's why we have all this questioning.

A good field investigation should be done by Linda.

I hope this helps to clarify the question.

Pedro Cunha

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## Re: John Alexander On Greer? - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 13:28:11 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 18:08:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer? - White

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 01:05:33 -0500  
>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 19:01:12 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: John Alexander On Greer?

<snip>

>Hi Eleanor, All,

>You wrote to the List:

>>I've provided off-list details to John Velez and yourself, Dick.

>Eleanor, I'm here to discuss UFOs, abductions, and related  
>phenomena. This is a 'UFO' discussion List. What you sent to me  
>is a whole other kettle of fish. I didn't ask you for it.  
>Because of that, I think I have a right to comment on it here on  
>the 'open List'.

This is my last post to anyone on this topic.

It was another kettle of fish; that's why I sent it off-List.  
I sent it to you as you had weighed in heavily on this topic.

>After reading your 'reason' for calling John Alexander a 'known  
>liar' in public, all I can say is, I think you're way off  
>base. Just because he tells you that he is not familiar with the  
>list of 'mind-control' technology you asked him about, doesn't  
>make him a "liar."

With due respect, John Alexander is using his ability to access  
the public's ear through the media to state there is no  
evidence, where in fact there is plenty. I haven't heard him say  
or write that he is "not familiar" with our documented evidence.

On one overnight talk show appearance, he repeated this denial  
of existence of evidence, having been informed by my group of  
quite a bit of such evidence. (You have only seen a part of it.)

I suspect that if John Alexander were to state that there is no  
evidence of UFO abductions, this might be a similar situation.  
You know there are witnessed events, burns, surgical wounds, and  
recovered implants. That is evidence. So is our similar,  
physical evidence, and witnessed evidence.

>You claim that John Alexander must know about these devices  
>and that his denial is 'evidence' that he is lying.

The evidence we presented was dead centered in his claimed area  
of expertise. Some of it dates back to the Korean War. That  
seems like a reasonable cause to assume this expert knew about  
the evidence.

>Further,



>that his denial indicates that he is aiding and abetting a  
>'cover-up' of a secret US government black op group called  
>'MKULTRA'. A group which, according to you, is implanting  
>unwitting citizens with mind control devices.

No, I do not claim implants are used. Some folks do, I do not.  
My experience and research indicates that just like the total  
control exerted over UFO abductees, even before they are  
implanted, implants are unnecessary. (In fact, our experiences  
occur at the same level of technical performance as with the  
abductions; the difference is that ours are entirely Earthly.)

What I claim is that just as with abductees, there is both  
physical evidence of such programs, and evidence clearly  
establishing similar post-WW II programs being run by  
government, documented evidence.

Please remember, his denial was that no evidence exists, not  
that there were no programs in existence. We were not trying to  
get him to say there are such programs going on currently, just  
that he acknowledge and respect the documented evidence.

There is evidence, the problem is human nature is to avoid bad  
news, so no one wants to look into it. Just as few want to look  
into UFO or military abductions.

When a "big name" reinforces the idea that no evidence exists to  
the public, people who deserve to be heard (and deserve justice)  
suffer.

>John Alexander's response was to recommend that you and others  
>seek psychiatric help. Although the remark may have been  
>insensitive, it was only an expression of his own 'personal'  
>opinion about what you presented to him.

Well, as an imperfect human being, I may have overreacted, but  
what was clear is that in spite of being presented with  
undeniable documentation, and scientists whom he could contact  
to confirm it, he continued saying there is no evidence, to us,  
and more importantly, to the public.

Just as when naysayers declare that daylight discs, multiple  
witness sightings, witnessed abductions, and all of the physical  
evidence relating to UFOs are "not evidence".

If an abductee with surgical scars, an implant, and the sharply  
indented impression around the legs reported by some, were told  
they had no evidence by a UFO naysayer, even having seen photos  
of these things, that would be a comparable situation.

>That doesn't justify calling him a liar or vilifying him in  
>public the way that you do. He's as entitled to his opinion as  
>any of us are. I think your 'evaluation' of him is off base and  
>way over the top. In my very humble opinion a public retraction  
>or apology is in order.

I apologize to any who feel John Alexander probably didn't know  
about some very significant developments in his own field, and  
that "lying" does not apply. I apologize for my choice of words,  
but I do not acknowledge that John Alexander has been candid  
with the public or fairly treated us in this matter. This matter  
is heavily emotional for those who have been or are going  
through it, as with abudctees.

>You're way off-base on this one Eleanor. Far left field from  
>what I can see from the cheap seats. Let's try to stay focused  
>on the subject of UFOs and securing a congressional hearing on  
>the subject. This 'side' discussion about Alexander being a  
>'known liar' is distracting from the more important question  
>about the hearings.

I agree the hearings are the most important issue, bar none.

As I've stated above, this is my last post on John Alexander.

Eleanor White

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## Fylingdales: The UFO Connection

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Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 18:12:33 -0500  
Subject: Fylingdales: The UFO Connection

Pilgrims,

The March 2003 issue of UFO Magazine (UK) features the following article as its lead story:

FYLINGDALES: THE UFO CONNECTION -

In what is arguably their most compelling article to date, Dr. David Clarke and Andy Roberts interview a former Squadron Leader who, while stationed at RAF Fylingdales in North Yorkshire, tracked UFOs on their radar, submitted an official report after two UFOs were seen hovering over the base by MoD Police, and tells of an incident in which one UFO, complete with attendant occupants, landed on a nearby farm.

Asked if he believed UFOs to be extraterrestrial in origin, he responded with one of the most amazing comments you are ever likely to see. Check it out!

<http://www.ufomag.co.uk/LatestIssueINDEX.htm>

Happy Trails

Andy  
(not bad for an anklebiter eh?)

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## Re: Pioneer 10 Spacecraft Falls Silent - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 17:55:06 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 22:04:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Pioneer 10 Spacecraft Falls Silent - Maccabee

>From: Steven L. Wilson, Sr <[Ndunlks@aol.com](mailto:Ndunlks@aol.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 09:57:02 EST  
>Subject: Pioneer 10 Spacecraft Falls Silent

>Pioneer 10 Spacecraft Falls Silent

>.c The Associated Press

>LOS ANGELES (AP) - Pioneer 10, the first spacecraft to venture  
>out of the solar system, has fallen silent after traveling  
>billions of miles from Earth on a mission that has lasted nearly  
>31 years, NASA said Tuesday.

<snip>

>Pioneer 10 carries a gold plaque engraved with a message of  
>goodwill and a map showing the Earth's location in the solar  
>system. The spacecraft continues to coast toward the star  
>Aldebaran in the constellation Taurus. It will take 2 million  
>years to reach it.

Long before that we will either have dissed ourselves or we will  
have achieved space travel at speeds greater than the Pioneer  
10. Some space scavenger will have retrieved it and sold it to  
the highest bidder as a souvenir.

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## Re: Real Blame And A Question - Hall

From: **Richard Hall** <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 23:40:03 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 22:19:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question - Hall

>From: Vince White <[Vinceomni@aol.com](mailto:Vinceomni@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 12:13:13 EST  
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Vince,

Once again speaking from someone with direct experiential knowledge of Congress and Government, your comments here illustrate why we are very unlikely ever to get Congressional hearings on UFOs. You make so many false and hubristic assumptions about how things work, that you succeed only in confusing yourself and other people.

Most of all, They are not "Greer's witnesses." He has only tried to exploit and use them for his own very obviously (for anyone with eyes to see) personal agenda. Believe what you like, but you know not whereof you speak when it comes to Congressional hearings.

- Dick

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## Pioneer 10

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Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 16:57:42 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 22:21:25 -0500  
Subject: Pioneer 10

I always liked the Pioneer 10 mission. It was very neat to know that an object built by humankind would journey to the stars. Little did anyone know just how successful and long enduring that mission would become. An absolute triumph for the technological achievement of humankind.

But, as I contemplate that Pioneer 10 whispered it's last message to us, I feel a sense of both loss and unimaginable joy. Sad to see the end of a mission, but overwhelmed with the knowledge that the possibility exists that long after our species has run its course and fades into oblivion, that little piece of machinery will journey forever.....

Even beyond the stars... Beyond the Universe itself.....

A gift back to God from us with a special golden plate saying we were, what we were.

Wendy Connors

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## Re: Real Blame And A Question - Denzler

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Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 22:24:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question - Denzler

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>the skies or abductions?

I think, Vincent, that the problem is not whether the members of Congress can deal with tough issues. The problem is that when one talks about ZPE, one is talking about something that many people don't believe exists. I know that there is information out there suggesting quite the contrary, but my point is that for most main-stream people with a mainstream view of reality and what is and is not possible, ZPE is in the realm of "fantasy" and "what hoaxers use to sucker the gullible."

To marry the ZPE idea with an idea the reality of which is equally in doubt (UFO reality), in the mainstream worldview, only creates additional problems for both ideas. If Greer's objective was to get Congressional attention, he might have been successful with one of these ideas. But since both of them contest reality as it is commonly accepted to be, he pretty much was painting himself as a nutcase, in the eyes of many of those who might have otherwise listened to him. He shot himself in the foot, and the quest for Congressional attention too.

I was asked to help some folks in our state by going to Senator Edwards in support of Congressional hearings on the UFO situation, with the justification for such hearings being the disclosure of the existence of ZPE devices. "The world would benefit from knowing the truth about UFOs, and benefit in very real, material ways," is what Greer and his supporters were trying to say. But I don't think the case for disclosure about the UFO situation needs to be justified in that way. The group approaching Senator Edwards thought that my degree might help give some weight to the legitimacy of their ideas. Unfortunately, since I don't believe that marrying the two ideas is wise, I had to refuse to join the group, even though a dear friend of mine wanted me to participate. If they had had only one clear-cut agenda instead of a mixed one (UFOs vs. UFOs and FPE), I may have made a very different decision.

If there were appropriate Congressional hearings and some kind of admission that there is a reality behind some UFO sightings, the question of ZPE would eventually emerge of its own accord from the subsequent proceedings and investigations. Why jeopardize the entire endeavor for hearings by making the situation you're asking our representatives to investigate sound even "kookier" and more complex than it already is?



Brenda Denzler

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## Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe

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Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 22:11:23 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 08:37:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 01:03:12 EST  
>Subject: Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe

>A.J. Listers,

>As near as I can tell the folks in Brazil are claiming that this  
>guy is a phony hoaxer that everybody in Brazil has known about  
>for 7 years. Yet when you check the above email, especially the  
>first one all you have is one persons pronouncement without any  
>supporting evidence that the individuals story is not to be  
>believed.

>Linda Howe was apparently on site, besides talking to that person,  
>has also spoken to other farmers who verify some of the story,  
>not to mention the Attorney General whose wife saw something  
>in the area in January.

>So could you give us the specific information and facts (without  
>an attack on Linda) which leads at least two of you to conclude  
>that this guy is a phony hoaxer; also the specific information  
>as to why the story is appearing to be verified to a degree by  
>Independent witnesses who have witnesses?

>Also could you tell us how many witnesses the folks down their  
>interviewed and what there story is?

Robert and list,

Please, understand what this man is doing is very easy! Do  
remember Jim Jones? Do you remember Heaven's Gate? Do you know  
those tragic stories? Then you will understand what kind of  
menace that man means to us and to Ufology!

I repeat: We are not complaining about Linda's trip to Mato  
Grosso Do Sul! What we do not understand is why she ingored all  
our information and most importantly, why she did not talk with  
Gevaerd to see the both sides of the story.

We do have official documents that proves he is a thief and a  
cheater. Ask A.J. Gevaerd about those documents. They are all in  
Portuguese, and I offer my self to translate all those documents  
for you.

Seach in the UFO UpDates Archive for the e-mail that I posted  
talking about the Urandir's fakes and hoaxes.

Please, do not misunderstand, I am just trying to warn you.

Best wishes

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti  
Vice-Presidente Entidade Brasileira de Estudos  
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## Re: Pioneer 10 - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 19:44:27 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 08:44:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Pioneer 10 - Tonnies

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 16:57:42 -0700  
>Subject: Pioneer 10

<snip>

>But, as I contemplate that Pioneer 10 whispered it's last  
>message to us, I feel a sense of both loss and unimaginable joy.  
>Sad to see the end of a mission, but overwhelmed with the  
>knowledge that the possibility exists that long after our  
>species has run its course and fades into oblivion, that little  
>piece of machinery will journey forever.....

The famous plaque on board Pioneer 10 wasn't designed for  
aliens; it was designed for our descendants.

If we survive our "technological adolescence," hopefully we will  
overtake Pioneer 10 and greet it with fondness.

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## Aztec Crash Documentary

From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 23:18:49 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 08:47:34 -0500  
Subject: Aztec Crash Documentary

All:

Just a note that may be of interest to some. Along with Do You Believe in Majic?, the documentary we are filming this year for Space here in Canada about the Majestic 12 saga, we've just signed on to shoot a documentary film about the 1948 Aztec Incident. We'll try and figure out whether something really happened, or whether it's all a hoax.

The folks helping us with the production have started a website at:

<http://www.Aztec1948.com>

for those who may be interested. I understand that it's pretty bare bones right now. Still - FYI.

Paul Kimball  
[www.redstarfilm.com](http://www.redstarfilm.com)

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## E-mail To Linda Moulton Howe

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 09:37:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 09:37:53 -0500  
Subject: E-mail To Linda Moulton Howe

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Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 16:15:53 -0500 (EST)  
From: Mail Delivery Subsystem <[MAILER-DAEMON@aol.com](mailto:MAILER-DAEMON@aol.com)>  
Message-Id: <200302272115.QAA21289@rly-xm05.mx.aol.com>  
To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: multipart/report; report-type=delivery-status;  
boundary="QAA21289.1046380553/rly-xm05.mx.aol.com"  
Subject: Returned mail: User unknown  
Auto-Submitted: auto-generated (failure)

The original message was received at Thu, 27 Feb 2003 16:14:48 -0500 (EST)  
from tomts15-srv.bellnexxia.net [209.226.175.3]

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<<< 550 MAILBOX NOT FOUND  
550 <[lmh333@aol.com](mailto:lmh333@aol.com)>... User unknown  
Reporting-MTA: dns; rly-xm05.mx.aol.com  
Arrival-Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 16:14:48 -0500 (EST)

Final-Recipient: RFC822; [lmh333@aol.com](mailto:lmh333@aol.com)  
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## Re: Pioneer 10 - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 20:21:09 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 09:40:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Pioneer 10 - McCoy

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 16:57:42 -0700  
>Subject: Pioneer 10

>I always liked the Pioneer 10 mission. It was very neat to know  
>that an object built by humankind would journey to the stars.  
>Little did anyone know just how successful and long enduring  
>that mission would become. An absolute triumph for the  
>technological achievement of humankind.

>But, as I contemplate that Pioneer 10 whispered it's last  
>message to us, I feel a sense of both loss and unimaginable joy.  
>Sad to see the end of a mission, but overwhelmed with the  
>knowledge that the possibility exists that long after our  
>species has run its course and fades into oblivion, that little  
>piece of machinery will journey forever.....

>Even beyond the stars... Beyond the Universe itself.....

>A gift back to God from us with a special golden plate saying we  
>were, what we were.

Hello, all

Well, first thing, I am back. After a long struggle with my former internet provider, and the long wait for the contract to expire (business related by the way) I am now able to communicate again. Thanks to my new Cable Modem Provider.

Anyway, I agree with Wendy, however, it would be great if in 300 years or so it ended up in Starfleet Museum.

GT McCoy  
"Not all who wander are lost." J.R.R. Tolkien

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## Re: Re: Review 'Journey to Mars' - Oplatka

From: Laurel Oplatka <[calabash2003@webtv.net](mailto:calabash2003@webtv.net)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 22:06:24 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 09:54:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Re: Review 'Journey to Mars' - Oplatka

>From: Colin Bennett <[colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 13:48:00 -0000  
>Subject: Review 'Journey to Mars'

>Review by Colin Bennett of "Journey to Mars" by Sean Casteel,  
>with additional  
>material by Commander X.

<snip>

Hi, Listers,

Once again Colin has penned a highly entertaining, dazzling piece which illustrates wonderfully why this book will not, in the long run, be relegated to the "mere bagatelle" UFO book heap.

Colin's very perceptive advanced writings, including this book review, truly paint a picture showing that 'The whole is greater than the sum of its parts'. In essence this notion, IMHO, portrays beautifully the holistic approach to the UFO/Grand Mystery.

Best Regards,

Laurel

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## Re: Real Blame And A Question - Goldstein

From: **Josh Goldstein** <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 05:48:09 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 09:44:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question - Goldstein

>From: Vince White <[Vinceomni@aol.com](mailto:Vinceomni@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 12:13:13 EST  
>Subject: Real Blame And A Question

>Listers;

>This post is an effort to raise a general question about  
>claimed aborted congressional hearings on UFOs. It has been  
>stated that Greer's press conference, with it's discussion of  
>ZPE and SDI frightened congress into silence.

>If this were true, the congressional hearings would be a failure  
>from the outset, for honest hearings would have to deal with FAR  
>tougher and unpleasant issues. If ZPE sullies congressional  
>sensibilities, how would they deal with lost planes, control of  
>the skies or abductions? Blame for no hearings rests with  
>congress alone, anything else is duck and coverup. Congress can  
>subpoena Greer's witnesses anytime it gets the moral courage to  
>do so. Blame not Greer but lack of congressional leadership.  
>Anything else is watch the birdie distraction.

Hi Vince,

If you look up press reports the day after Greer's press conference at the National Press Club you will see that he got pilloried over the lack of quality of his presentation. That was partially because he had not adequately prepared, had not investigated and vetted any of his witnesses, and presented all kinds of spurious information not related to the subject at hand.

Before Greer Richard Hoagland had a press conference where he was also rightly pilloried for being a flake. No one in Congress is going to take flakey presentations before the press as something worthy of investigation. Both Greer and Hoagland blew it, and tarred and feathered themselves. Greer has only himself to blame for his efforts going nowhere. Hoagland, still after all these years, chatters like a dyslexic parrot, in my opinion. Somehow Greer keeps his scams going. I guess PT Barnum was right.

I am guessing that John Alexander would have presented a much more professional position and used rigor in approaching congress with more developed criteria.

Keep 'em flying,

Josh

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## Re: Columbia Tragedy - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 21:27:12 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 09:50:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Columbia Tragedy - Bowden

>From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 09:58:08 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Columbia Tragedy

>>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 17:47:18 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Columbia Tragedy

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>>The next step should be for NASA to allow a  
>>minority voice to be heard on unconventional  
>>approaches to new development, such as the study of  
>>UFOs as a potential source of new ideas. They  
>>should not allow the voice of "conventional  
>>wisdom", a la James Oberg, to put blinders on all  
>>the thought processes that might otherwise lead to  
>>some radical new approach with potential for a real

>>improvement.

>>I sincerely hope that no more tragedies such as the  
>>loss of the Columbia and crew must occur before  
>>NASA awakes to the realization that they must do  
>>whatever is necessary to find some alternatives to  
>>their current approach to space travel technology.

>>Thoughts? How about you, Mr. Oberg?

>So I'm the by-name bad guy, I put blinders on  
>people, I let astronauts die because I  
>single-handedly mislead NASA officials?  
>Gawd -- are you one sick puppy!

>\_Open\_ your eyes and mind, and read - and if you  
>can, offer critiques - of what I've posted at  
>[www.jamesoberg.com](http://www.jamesoberg.com)

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Mr. Oberg,

I think you misunderstood. I am not blaming this on you personally. However you are a particularly outspoken advocate of the collective "conventional wisdom" that refuses to recognize the potential of investigating UFOs for the purpose of perhaps discovering and "mining" some new technology.

Many of us ufologists do not now and have never expected you and your colleagues to accept UFO reality without question. What we really want is for you to admit that a truly objective study of this phenomenon should be funded and carried out to find out, among other things, what potential might exist for the improvement of our current space technology.

As for the articles on your website, please let me know if any of them contain any more interesting arguments than the usual

well-worn litany of debunking dogma. I grew weary of that over 15 years ago, and your articles were a contributing factor in my decision to cancel my subscription to Omni Magazine. You spend way too much time and energy trying to argue against the lunatic fringe (why bother?) and trying to prove that there are no true UFOs. Why not look at the best possible cases and see what can be learned from them?

I never said I blame you for single-handedly causing the deaths of astronauts. I am well aware that NASA cannot guarantee the personal safety of the astronauts, and I admire the degree to which NASA engineers have managed to make this incredibly complex technology work, but I still think NASA should not ignore the possibility that an alternative and superior technology might be within reach if only some effort would be expended to look at UFO flight performance capabilities as a clue to what is possible.

Why would it be so hard to admit that there just might be some potential there that you have overlooked? The supporting evidence is huge. All you have to do is open your eyes and your mind.

Tom Bowden

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## Re: Columbia Tragedy - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 01:18:31 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 10:27:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Columbia Tragedy - Gates

>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 26 Feb 2003 17:47:18 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Columbia Tragedy

>Dear Listers,

>I would like to restate my previous post about the Columbia  
>tragedy. It is unfortunate that the recent round of debates in  
>this vein have grown so acrimonious. Rather than add fuel to  
>those flames, I would prefer to begin a new, simpler thread.

>On the heels of the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy, I would like  
>to express the hope that NASA would realize that they must put  
>more resources into developing (or discovering) an alternative  
>technology to the current means of space travel. Even the newer  
>developments which have been publicized are rooted in the same  
>ballistic rocketry that has been used since the beginning.

It's called budget and cash. Keep in mind that NASA probably has a tons of people and tons of so called ideas for better technology, but you still have to get funding and stay within a budget and sell the program to Congress... who is now considering shoveling money into the Defense Department, not to mention various social programs that also have their hand out for money.

When we talk about rocket technology that has been around since the beginning, recall so called automobile technology that has been around say since the early 1900s and is still used. Oh we have improved it, made it better, more efficient and so on, but it still is the same technology of combustion engine and 4 wheels.

>It is difficult to understand how an agency like NASA can  
>steadfastly refuse to pay any attention to the potential of  
>discovering a new space technology by conducting an in-depth  
>scientific study of UFOs, unless one admits the possibility that  
>some ulterior motive on the part of certain influential parties  
>is at work.

For those of us on this List UFOs are interesting and should be considered. For those at NASA they have various camps of people who have different agendas. You have one camp which says that we should be using unmanned space probes because they are cheaper, better, for this or that reason. You have the other camp saying manned exploration is the way to go and we should send man to Mars. You have the various folks outside of NASA griping and complaining about why we are squandering all this time, money and astronauts lives when the money is better spent on earth.

>Regardless of the many internecine squabbles in the ufological  
>community, the one thing that unites us is the realization that  
>we are dealing with something that is real, and that is  
>unexplained, and which at least seems to represent a flight  
>technology beyond our conventional aerodynamics and rocketry.

>In the wake of the Challenger tragedy, NASA re-engineered their

>policies to allow one voice to stop a planned launch if that one  
>voice brought up a good reason for the delay or cancellation. No  
>one can doubt the wisdom of this new policy.

Note however that according to one of the papers, Houston  
Chronical, or the Orlando paper before and after every launch  
people are saying its not safe to go for this or that reason.

NASA should be commended for all the information they release  
almost on a daily basis about the accident investigation. Quite  
a contrast to the Challenger disaster as I recall.

>The next step should be for NASA to allow a minority voice to be  
>heard on unconventional approaches to new development, such as  
>the study of UFOs as a potential source of new ideas. They  
>should not allow the voice of "conventional wisdom", a la James  
>Oberg, to put blinders on all the thought processes that might  
>otherwise lead to some radical new approach with potential for a  
>real improvement.

While UFOs may be interesting to NASA, they would probably  
consider their precious budget money better spent on proven  
technology whether that be manned, space station, or unmanned  
probes.

>I sincerely hope that no more tragedies such as the loss of the  
>Columbia and crew must occur before NASA awakes to the  
>realization that they must do whatever is necessary to find some  
>alternatives to their current approach to space travel  
>technology.

Awhile back I read a quote that went along the lines of 'If you  
would have told the folks running the Shuttle program in 1979  
that you would have only two major catastrophic failures in the  
program over 23 years, they would have said that was acceptable  
risk..'

Take the various test programs at Edwards and how many pilots  
were lost as part of those over the years. When the B-70  
crashed Joe Walker was killed, so was one of the B-70 pilots.

Should NASA develop a replacement to the shuttle and over the  
next 23 years have only two catastrophic failures, I would  
consider that to be a sucessful program.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Real Blame And A Question - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 05:50:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 10:30:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question - Kaeser

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 23:40:03 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question

>>From: Vince White <[Vinceomni@aol.com](mailto:Vinceomni@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 12:13:13 EST  
>>Subject: Real Blame And A Question

>>Listers;

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>>congress alone, anything else is duck and coverup. Congress can  
>>subpoena Greer's witnesses anytime it gets the moral courage to  
>>do so. Blame not Greer but lack of congressional leadership.  
>>Anything else is watch the birdie distraction.

>Once again speaking from someone with direct experiential  
>knowledge of Congress and Government, your comments here  
>illustrate why we are very unlikely ever to get Congressional  
>hearings on UFOs. You make so many false and hubristic  
>assumptions about how things work, that you succeed only in  
>confusing yourself and other people.

>Most of all, They are not "Greer's witnesses." He has only tried  
>to exploit and use them for his own very obviously (for anyone  
>with eyes to see) personal agenda. Believe what you like, but  
>you know not whereof you speak when it comes to Congressional  
>hearings.

> - Dick

Vince,

Having worked here on the "Hill" for the past 18 years, I would agree with Richard on this. While it is true that Congress is unlikely to take the issue on 'head-on', there would be proper ways to approach it that would less politically damaging.

Both of Greer's events took place while I was here and in contact with Cong. Schiff's office and others, but most Members and staffers had no idea that these events were taking place and (quite honestly) had more important issues to deal with at hand. The parade of witnesses a couple of years ago included few that were not already known to most researchers and many of their stories were found to be lacking when checked. As far as any real evidence is concerned, they had nothing to offer, and therein lies the problem. The fact that Dr. Greer used these witnesses to promote his own "free energy" agenda certainly didn't help.



Steve

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## Re: Real Blame And A Question - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 06:05:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 10:33:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question - White

>From: Brenda Denzler <[bdenzler1@email.msn.com](mailto:bdenzler1@email.msn.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 19:43:55 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question

>>From: Vince White <[Vinceomni@aol.com](mailto:Vinceomni@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 12:13:13 EST  
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>most main-stream people with a mainstream view of reality and  
>what is and is not possible, ZPE is in the realm of "fantasy"  
>and "what hoaxers use to sucker the gullible."

ZPE, zero point energy, "free" energy, is not - repeat- not  
touted by the serious researchers as 'energy from nothing'. This  
is a popular mis-conception. What ZPE research does is to look  
for ways to tap energy sources as yet unknown because humanity  
does not understand all laws of physics at this time.

Eleanor White

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## Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 13:53:28 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 10:35:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe - Roberts

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Happy Hoaxing

Andy

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## Re: Real Blame And A Question - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 06:13:36 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 10:37:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question - Hamilton

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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 12:13:13 EST  
>>Subject: Real Blame And A Question

>>This post is an effort to raise a general question about  
>>claimed aborted congressional hearings on UFOs. It has been  
>>stated that Greer's press conference, with it's discussion of  
>>ZPE and SDI frightened congress into silence.

>>If this were true, the congressional hearings would be a failure  
>>from the outset, for honest hearings would have to deal with FAR  
>>tougher and unpleasant issues. If ZPE sullies congressional  
>>sensibilities, how would they deal with lost planes, control of  
>>the skies or abductions?

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>what is and is not possible, ZPE is in the realm of "fantasy"  
>and "what hoaxers use to sucker the gullible."

Pardon me for jumping in here, but the existence of ZPE is  
accepted in the scientific world and leading theoretical  
physicists have written many papers on it.

See: <http://www.calphysics.org/zpe.html>

These physicists are also interested in the question of tapping  
into the ZPE as a source of energy, but no device has yet passed  
rigorous testing.

>To marry the ZPE idea with an idea the reality of which is  
>equally in doubt (UFO reality), in the mainstream worldview,  
>only creates additional problems for both ideas. If Greer's  
>objective was to get Congressional attention, he might have been  
>successful with one of these ideas. But since both of them  
>contest reality as it is commonly accepted to be, he pretty much  
>was painting himself as a nutcase, in the eyes of many of those  
>who might have otherwise listened to him. He shot himself in  
>the foot, and the quest for Congressional attention too.

I agree that they should not be offered together as it has been  
difficult enough to obtain a congressional hearing on UFOs.

However, the benefit of coupling this with the possibility of  
learning new science or technology, which is what is hoped for,  
might be presented in a non-specific way.

-Bill Hamilton

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## Re: Columbia Tragedy - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 09:13:53 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 10:42:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Columbia Tragedy - Oberg

>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 21:27:12 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Columbia Tragedy - Oberg

>I think you misunderstood. I am not blaming this on you  
>personally. However you are a particularly outspoken advocate of  
>the collective "conventional wisdom" that refuses to recognize  
>the potential of investigating UFOs for the purpose of perhaps  
>discovering and "mining" some new technology.

>As for the articles on your website, please let me know if any  
>of them contain any more interesting arguments than the usual  
>well-worn litany of debunking dogma. I grew weary of that over  
>15 years ago, and your articles were a contributing factor in my  
>decision to cancel my subscription to Omni Magazine. You spend  
>way too much time and energy trying to argue against the lunatic  
>fringe (why bother?) and trying to prove that there are no true  
>UFOs. Why not look at the best possible cases and see what can  
>be learned from them?

>Why would it be so hard to admit that there just might be some  
>potential there that you have overlooked? The supporting  
>evidence is huge. All you have to do is open your eyes and your  
>mind.

Tom,

I think it's hopeless, after all these years, for me to try to  
give you a correct impression of my views on the subject - and  
the way you've represented them here is garbled to the point of  
caricature.

It seems to me that I have failed to clearly communicate to you  
my arguments, but perhaps you provide the explanation for this,  
in your requesting a personalized proof, before you will even  
look at it, that my available writings are anything but "well-  
worn litany of debunking dogma".

With a mind so closed as yours, my arguments are fruitless, and  
I don't have time these days to make a new effort because,  
frankly, I don't see any value to it.

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## Re: Pioneer 10 - Bennett

From: Colin Bennett <[colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:colin@bennettc25.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 15:27:42 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 10:44:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Pioneer 10 - Bennett

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 19:44:27 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Pioneer 10 - Tonnies

>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>To: UFO Updates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 16:57:42 -0700  
>>Subject: Pioneer 10

Hello List Bears,

I certainly agree with and join in the mystical enthusiasm shown as regards Pioneer 10. Frank Drake's original project was launched in the last era of the golden age of space exploration, and he was one of the last recognisable faces. I recommend the book that he wrote with Dava Sobel, Is Anyone Out There?

However, it might be born in mind that the famous plaque referred to might indeed be a source of confusion to aliens. It show a naked white man and woman who have no pubic hair, and the female has no genitalia at all. It is a sobering thought indeed to consider what bits might be missing on any alien plaque sent in return. That there might indeed be similar cargo-cult misinterpretations as regards any intelligent communication is a sobering thought. The social psychology of modern media taboos is interesting in this respect.

At the time Pioneer 10 was launched in March, 1972, the Chicago Sun-Times tried to air-brush the offending organs (that is when they existed to air-brushed in the first place!). From the day's first edition to the last, the paper piecemeal eliminated one bit of sexual anatomy after another. The Los Angeles Times denounced NASA for spreading smut throughout space, and at tax payers expense. Feminists complained that the woman seemed subservient to the man. White folks complained that the figures looked too white, and black people complained that the figures looked too black. Naked humans had never been shown on Canadian TV at all (and still are not!), and there were was a crisis meeting. Frank Drake's caretaker at the Space Science Building called the plaque pornographic.

I'll be back.

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

You take the blue pill or the red pill.  
Take the blue pill, the story ends, you wake up in bed and believe whatever you want to believe.  
Take the red pill, you stay in wonderland. And I'll show you how deep the rabbit hole goes.

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Combat Diaries <http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>  
Web Server Statistics for the last 7 days: 44,457 hits  
Politics of the Imagination given Anomalist Award for Best Biography



Re: Pioneer 10 - Bennett

of the Year, 2002

Full feature High Moon on Oberg and NASA now running in Fortean

Times 168

Long List post on Greer in preparation. (Wendy, you'll love it!)

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton-Howe - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 08:40:02 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 10:52:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton-Howe - Connors

People on this List actually continue to take Linda Moulton-Howe's research seriously?

Unbelievable.

She aligned herself with Art Bell and that, in itself, makes her research suspect.

Look. She did a good job once with the Mute situation. It's been downhill for her on the slide of sensationalism and yellow journalism. That happens to one-hit wonders.

Get the stars out of your eyes. Wake up!

Wendy Connors

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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 12:01:10 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 11:12:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe - Gevaerd

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Andy and "Pilgrims",

I definitely think that it would help a lot to cut the number of  
hoaxes in the UFO scenario if some UFO researchers and congress  
promoters do their homework. If they remove the stages where  
hoaxers present their fairy tales, and if the UFO community stop  
giving these guys any space at all, they will gradually decrease  
in number. Perhaps they will never disappear entirely, because  
of the very nature of the UFO phenomena itself.

I will avoid mentioning names here, but three guys in the  
States, particularly, are great disgraces to the entire UFO  
scenario. One keeps aliens in freezers, other levitates when he  
wishes and the last one has very expensive flashlights for  
sale. See, folks, been a speaker at about a 100 UFO  
congresses in the States, where I have been 52 times in 12 years.  
And I keep watching people listening to guys like these and  
congress promoters have guys like these at their events.

A. J.

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## Aztec Symposium

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Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 09:45:38 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 12:06:07 -0500  
Subject: Aztec Symposium

It's Open Season!

I will be attending the Aztec, NM Symposium next month. Since I rarely attend these type of events, I just wanted you to know that you have a rare opportunity to possibly see the Wicked Witch of Ufology in the flesh. I'm not speaking at the event. Just there to lurk around and...

...to see if old Purple Robes will be sneaking off to a local Butte to Ooomm down a Mothership or something. He wasn't very successful doing so in Sedona, Az, after all his proclamations, etc. last time, so figure he'd probably give it a try here in my home state. God, I hope he prances around in his robe!

OK, I'll be honest. I want James Moseley to autograph my copy of "Shockingly Close to the Truth..." He owes me big time since I gave him all that great publicity with my book review.

If ya bump into me (I'm a fat old broad, so that will probably happen) be sure to say "Hi." Be careful, though...I sport a cane and know how to use it. <G>

Wendy Connors

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Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question - VWhite

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 23:40:03 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question

>Most of all, They are not "Greer's witnesses." He has only tried  
>to exploit and use them for his own very obviously (for anyone  
>with eyes to see) personal agenda. Believe what you like, but  
>you know not whereof you speak when it comes to Congressional  
>hearings

Dick;

"Greer's witnesses" was a figure of speech. But since you have direct experiential knowledge of Congressional hearings perhaps you could enlighten those of us who haven't why we are unlikely to ever have hearings. Specifically clarify.

What is confusing and hubristic in asserting it will take someone with unusual courage and political capital to take the risk to initiate hearings? Does the word leadership have no meaning? Isn't it through leadership that someone will finally say, in an open forum, the taboo phrase; "UFO coverup"?

In the absence of an unambiguous UFO event, providing political cover, how will broad ranging hearings occur? Since you imply you know what is needed, tell us please.

From this vantage point, the blame excuse game is in full play. Congress will always find an excuse until a man or woman takes a giant political risk and openly confronts our government's lies. Some in Congress know real hearings would be like nothing this nation has ever faced before. That knowledge is the barrier to hearings, not Greer.

As for those who want witnesses to provide proof, some of them left it back at the office. Look there.

Vince White

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Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 15:20:22 -0500  
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I agree with almost everything you say. Yes, there are many people who make money with hoaxes; yes, there are many ufologists who know that a case is a hoax but keep their mouths shut, but the language "problem" is silly. What do you expect? For all the world to speak English? It is not my fault if you speak just English. Ive offered to help you to understand the situation.

I sincerly hope that all our efforts to show you what Linda is getting into are understood.

Regards

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti  
Vice-presidente da EBE-ET/RAB  
Brasilia/DF  
Brasil

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## TTIC TAKES SHAPE

In his State of the Union address, President Bush announced the creation of a new interagency intelligence organization to be known as the Terrorist Threat Integration Center (TTIC) "to merge and analyze all threat information in a single location."

But the Presidential announcement seemed to have preceded any clear conception of how the new Center would operate, and only now are some of the details beginning to emerge.

The proposed structure and function of the TTIC were outlined this week in testimony before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee by Winston P. Wiley, chair of the TTIC senior steering group. See:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_hr/022603wiley.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_hr/022603wiley.html)

Among the questions raised by the new proposal are why the TTIC is subordinated to the Director of Central Intelligence rather than the Department of Homeland Security; how it relates to the existing DCI Counterterrorist Center, which is already supposed to provide an interagency focus to the anti-terrorism effort; and its potential to erode the legal barrier that separates the CIA and other foreign intelligence agencies from domestic surveillance and law enforcement.

But never mind all that. "TTIC is very good news for the American people and very bad news for terrorists," Mr. Wiley promised.

A February 14 White House fact sheet on TTIC, entitled "Strengthening Intelligence to Protect America," may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/02/wh021403.html>

A description of the DCI Counterterrorist Center, whose mission appears to overlap significantly with that of the new TTIC, is available here:

<http://www.cia.gov/terrorism/ctc.html>

#### DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE MAY UNDERGO "CHANGES"

Stephen A. Cambone, nominated to the newly created post of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, laid out his vision of the agenda for military intelligence in response to questions from the Senate Armed Services Committee this week.

While mostly general in nature, his comments implied that the vast Pentagon intelligence apparatus may be poised for significant restructuring or reorganization.

If confirmed, Dr. Cambone said, his office would initiate an evaluation of "the timeliness, relevance, and utility" of current military intelligence products. "That evaluation would be used to recommend, as appropriate, changes in policy, plans, programs, requirements, and resource allocations to meet the needs of DoD officials." See:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_hr/022703cambone.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_hr/022703cambone.html)

#### CIA ESTIMATE ON NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Exposure of North Korea's uranium enrichment program led to the collapse of the 1994 US-DPRK Agreed Framework late last year. But with the demise of the Framework, North Korea now has an even more direct path to nuclear weapons through the production of plutonium.

That is what emerges from an unpublished CIA estimate that was provided to Congress last November.

The CIA noted that North Korea's uranium enrichment plant would not be fully operational before "mid-decade" -- a fact that has been overlooked in some journalistic accounts -- and then could produce enough weapons-grade uranium for two or more nuclear weapons per year. With the collapse of the Agreed Framework, however, North Korea can now pursue plutonium-fueled weapons more quickly and in greater quantities through reprocessing of reactor fuel.

The unclassified CIA estimate was previously reported by Bill Gertz of the Washington Times, but the text has not been generally available. It may now be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/dprk/nuke/cia11902.html>

#### SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR SECRECY PROBED

In 1993, South Africa announced that it had accomplished what no other country had even attempted: the dismantlement of its nuclear weapons program.

"As one of the few states to acquire a nuclear weapons arsenal and the only state ever to destroy one, the South African case presents a rare opportunity to study the causes and processes of nuclear acquisition and disarmament. South Africa's nuclear history thus is a potentially valuable source of lessons for global nonproliferation policy," according to a report of a conference on the subject held last year.

"But secrecy remains a major obstacle to further inquiry and disclosure, as most former programme employees fear the legal repercussions of revealing new details about the programme, including non-technical information posing no possible proliferation hazard."

Historians, former officials and others gathered last summer in South Africa under the auspices of the South African History Archive and Queens College to consider the history of the country's nuclear weapons program and the feasibility of relaxing the secrecy which continues to surround it. The proceedings of that July 2002 conference were published this week. See (thanks to DB and PL):

<http://www.wits.ac.za/saha/nuclearhistory/>

#### NASA PUBLISHES COLUMBIA FOIA MATERIALS ONLINE

While NASA officials are grilled over who knew what when about possible damage to space shuttle Columbia prior to its destruction upon reentry February 1, NASA is pushing more and more of its internal documentation on the matter into the public domain.

In one innovative move, the agency has posted on its website a list of categories of information concerning Columbia that have been requested under the Freedom of Information Act and indicated that "responsive records will be posted as they are released."

NASA's Columbia FOIA website, which already contains several tens of megabytes of disclosed data, is here (thanks to MJR):

<http://www.nasa.gov/columbia/foia/index.html>

#### ATTORNEY'S ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFO DENIED

The author of a manuscript on the Chinese nuclear weapons program which the government says contains classified information may not show the manuscript to his attorney, a federal appeals court ruled this week.

Danny B. Stillman, a former Los Alamos National Laboratory employee, had submitted his manuscript for pre-publication review, as required. Upon review, the Defense Department and the CIA moved to prohibit publication on grounds that classified information was involved. Stillman filed suit to challenge the validity of the government's classification claim. His attorney, Mark S. Zaid, who holds a security clearance, sought access to the manuscript, and it was authorized last year in D.C. District Court. But the government objected, and filed an appeal, which resulted in this week's reversal.

"The district court abused its discretion by unnecessarily deciding that a plaintiff has a first amendment right for his attorney to receive access to classified information," the appeals court ruled strangely.

Instead, before making such a decision, the lower court should have attempted to "resolve the classification issue without the assistance of defense counsel." Accordingly, the case was sent back to the lower court. See the February 25 ruling here:

<http://pacer.cadc.uscourts.gov/docs/common/opinions/200302/02-5234a.pdf>

#### SCIENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Scientists and university administrators continue to express skepticism about the utility of new national security controls on academic research, and frustration with their impact on university science.

See "Sept. 11 Research Limits Draw Fire," by Nathan J. Heller, The Harvard Crimson, February 24, here (thanks to JJ):

<http://www.thecrimson.com/article.aspx?ref=274170>

Scientists contend that "Key elements of the sweeping new security rules are vague, confusing, and possibly counterproductive," reports David Malakoff in "Security Rules Leave Labs Wanting More Guidance," Science, February 21:

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/299/5610/1175>

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>Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 08:40:02 -0700  
>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

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>Howe's research seriously?

<snip>

Hi, Wendy:

I tried to share a case study with Linda a few years back, sent her everything including photographs - never heard from her. I tried to obtain information about a sighting report posted on her web site for my research - never heard back from her.

In a weekend E-mail discussion, Linda and I went 'round and 'round about a photograph posted on her web site she claimed to be of "energies" photographed in a crop circle which I indicated was only lens flare. Linda rejected the lens flare theory. I then contacted three well known researchers, two who are considered professionals in photo analysis and one known for his crop circle studies, and asked their opinions about the image in the photograph. All three indicated that it could be lens flare. I sent their opinions to Linda but the original story remained posted to her web site as is (claiming it to be some kind of "energy" photographed in a crop circle) with no mention of the three analyses.

I was going to post the many images I have since photographed of lens flares (to the IFO Database) that are quite similar to the image in Linda's photograph on her web site but when I went to find the URL to create a link, guess what? Linda now requires a \$26 per year subscription to her "X-Files" site or you can't read anything, review anything and most of all, confront or challenge her claims without first supporting her financially.

If I, poor as a church mouse, can afford a web site, so can Linda. There are many ways to share one's work without resorting to charging admission to view the show. If this is how Linda must finance her "expeditions" then one must seriously question her motives and all the information she has produced in the past and will produce.

When I see sensationalized headlines posted on a web site I automatically question the motives. If your work is not good enough to stand on its own then no amount of fantastic claims and wild titles (or \$\$\$) will support it. It may get you invited to speak at conferences, on TV programs and paid trips around the world but in the long run, it won't stand up to informed scrutiny.

If we place our confidences in limited sources of information we also limit the answers we receive. Too many people, and I was once one of them, accept what they are told in books, articles, "research" papers, TV programs, videos and at conferences according to self-proclaimed and consensually accepted experts. Few people question the source as well as the information.

Thank you, Wendy, for sharing your opinions about Linda Moulton-Howe and for giving me the courage to do so as well.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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## Re: Real Blame And A Question - Hall

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Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 17:36:03 -0500  
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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 11:55:22 EST  
>Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 23:40:03 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question

>>Most of all, They are not "Greer's witnesses." He has only tried  
>>to exploit and use them for his own very obviously (for anyone  
>>with eyes to see) personal agenda. Believe what you like, but  
>>you know not whereof you speak when it comes to Congressional  
>>hearings

>Dick;

>"Greer's witnesses" was a figure of speech. But since you have  
>direct experiential knowledge of Congressional hearings perhaps  
>you could enlighten those of us who haven't why we are unlikely  
>to ever have hearings. Specifically clarify.

>What is confusing and hubristic in asserting it will take  
>someone with unusual courage and political capital to take the  
>risk to initiate hearings? Does the word leadership have no  
>meaning? Isn't it through leadership that someone will finally  
>say, in an open forum, the taboo phrase; "UFO coverup"?

>In the absence of an unambiguous UFO event, providing political  
>cover, how will broad ranging hearings occur? Since you imply  
>you know what is needed, tell us please.

>From this vantage point, the blame excuse game is in full play.  
>Congress will always find an excuse until a man or woman takes a  
>giant political risk and openly confronts our government's lies.  
>Some in Congress know real hearings would be like nothing this  
>nation has ever faced before. That knowledge is the barrier to  
>hearings, not Greer.

>As for those who want witnesses to provide proof, some of them  
>left it back at the office. Look there.

Vince,

I have published my views on Congressional hearings and the  
kooks and con-men who continue to give UFO research a bad name  
very widely in all sorts of magazines and journals, and on UFO  
Updates. First off, whether you and I like it or not the field  
of UFOs is considered nutty and full of wild and unsubstantiated  
claims and conspiracy theories. Why? Because people like Greer  
and the many others (including The Watchdog's targets) make it  
seem that way. Some UFO groups contribute to this reputation by  
failing to show any discrimination in their publications and  
public meetings.

Congressmen are very busy people (especially now with all the  
foreign and domestic problems) and it is their job to construct  
legislation and develop budgets for all these foreign and

domestic problems. Not to investigate scientific mysteries. UFOs, to them, are a tabloid subject. Efforts by some of us to call the serious facts to their attention have garnered some interest, and then along comes Greer and Company. Until UFOs are perceived as a serious scientific issue (or there is a sighting or series of sightings that blow the lid off), it is very obvious why Congressional hearings are all but impossible to obtain. The previous hearings were held because we made it clear that the Air Force was (choose your words) lying, covering up, issuing deceitful and counter-to-fact statements, and a wave of sightings at that time punctuated what we were saying. "Government operations" are a legitimate matter of Congressional oversight.

There is a lot more I could say, but I don't have the time to write a book on it. This will give you the general idea. What it will take for Congressional hearings to occur is a scenario something like this: Don Johnson proves to be right and there is a big wave of sightings next month; some VIPs or members of Congress, or major news media personnel are witnesses or hear from highly credible witnesses; the kooks and con-men with axes to grind are stifled or held at bay; solid factual information about the most significant new sightings along with solid cases from the past are clearly and coherently communicated to Members of Congress and/or the President.

- Dick

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## Re: Real Blame And A Question - Hatch

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Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 17:38:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question - Hatch

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>Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 06:05:25 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question

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>>>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 12:13:13 EST  
>>>Subject: Real Blame And A Question

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>>I think, Vincent, that the problem is not whether the members of  
>>Congress can deal with tough issues. The problem is that when  
>>one talks about ZPE, one is talking about something that many  
>>people don't believe exists. I know that there is information out  
>>there suggesting quite the contrary, but my point is that for  
>>most main-stream people with a mainstream view of reality and  
>>what is and is not possible, ZPE is in the realm of "fantasy"  
>>and "what hoaxers use to sucker the gullible."

>ZPE, zero point energy, "free" energy, is not - repeat- not  
>touted by the serious researchers as 'energy from nothing'. This  
>is a popular mis-conception. What ZPE research does is to look  
>for ways to tap energy sources as yet unknown because humanity  
>does not understand all laws of physics at this time.

Hello all:

One fellow (or group) is offering a \$10,000 reward, or more, for a simple demonstration of the 'free energy' devices being thrust before the public.

Read the fine print. Eric Krieg does not want any rights to the machine or whatever, and the usual trickery is carefully excluded.

The Free Energy device announced nationwide, or world wide by Dr. Steven Greer would qualify perfectly, provided it passes some fairly straightforward test as outlined on the site above. (chuckle!)

<http://www.phact.org/e/freetest.html>

As for ZPE, (Casimir effect) its been established, but don't go buying any ZPE generators any time soon.

ZPE is rather like a quantum spring. Virtual particles push two plates together preferentially. Once pushed together you have to put energy in to pry them apart again!

Quantum stuff is hard to work with. Rubber bands might be a better analogy. Try and get some free/novel useful energy from

those.

One important caveat that nearly everyone seems to miss.

What is being sought is useful energy, the kind that can do work, like the mechanical energy of a gasoline engine or water turbine, electricity etc. What is not going to help is passive energy, heat mostly, which just sits there and does no work.

Even heat can be converted to useful energy if you have some plentiful source of heat, at a suitably higher temperature, and some place to dump the waste heat, nearby, and at a significantly lower temperature. Virtually all electric generating plants (but not solar panels) work this way, even the nuclear plants.

Hydroelectric plants used the stored kinetic energy of falling water... the Sun being the heat source, and space itself as the heat sink causing the rainfall.

If and when some breakthrough occurs along these lines, and I deeply want it to happen, it will result from the work of physics... not internet cranks and garage tinkers.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 19:22:51 -0500  
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>Sincerely,

>A. Hebert

Hi Amy,

Thank you for your courage to join in to voice displeasure over  
people who take advantage of a serious area of study to  
bastardize it in the name of self glory and pursuit of the  
almight dollar.

There is absolutely nothing wrong in making a living doing  
ufological work. It's is the manner in which you do so that is  
always open to question and corruption. Linda Moulton-Howe  
certainly has the right to charge the fools who would pay her  
for questionable research, but when you do that, your reputation  
suffers. And hers, among intelligent people in this area of  
research, is so tarnished now that a tanker of Tarn-X wouldn't  
work. <G>

I am certainly not jealous of her making money, but I am dumbfounded that people will pay top dollar for absolute junk from her, gush all over her as a UFO expert (she certainly isn't) and yet legitimate researchers can't get people to support their work by buying their books, monographs, etc. Richard Hall's case is a case in point. His book, UFO Evidence II is high priced, but is worth 100 times what the asking price is (\$53), yet so-called researchers on this list wouldn't buy it because it cost too much. Yet, they'll plunk down \$40 for a book, \$29.95 for a video or \$26 to get on the website to get questionable research by Linda Moulton-Howe.

Let's face it. The dog and pony show in Ufology always draws the crowd and most people are dumb as a bag of hammers, but think they are brilliant. It is the way of things in the human condition. Linda Moulton-Howe is content to fleece the flock and that is her right.

Wendy Connors

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## More Information On Brazil's Urandir

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Subject: More Information On Brazil's Urandir

My name is Jeferson Martinho. I am a Brazilian journalist and publishes one of the biggest Brazilian Ufology sites:

<http://www.vigilia.com.br>

I have important information about Linda's recent questioning and about alleged 'paranormal' Urandir Fernandes Oliveira. This information was published on my site, that has journalistic and scientific approaches.

I am sending to you a copy of an article, published some time ago. Urandir is dangerous for serious Ufology! It's important that the international community knows it.

I am at your disposal!

Best regards,  
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Original text, in Portuguese, at:

<http://www.vigilia.com.br/sessao.php?categ=3D0&id=3D286>

Alleged Paranormal is arrested in Porto Alegre

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Date: 29/03/2000 - Time: 14h47min

The self-proclaimed paranormal Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, who says he is in contact with extraterrestrial and manager of Portal Project, in the town of Corguinho, in Campo Grande, was arrested in the night of 25th of March, Saturday, in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul.

The arrest was made by police from 17 Police Station in Porto Alegre, after a judge expedited a preventive warrant of arrest attending a request from Lawyer Nicolau Borges L=Fctz Neto, from Porto Alegre, representing some of the victims of an alleged scheme of illegal selling of land in Corguinho

Project Portal, on Boas Sorte (Good Luck) Farm, received hundreds of people from everywhere in the country, hoping to make contact with extraterrestrials, in a session which was already denounced by UFO Magazine (Brazil) to really be a staging performance involving tricks and acting.

According to what Urandir "explains" to potential careless buyers, the world will be hit by a great catastrophe in the next two or three years, with floods in many places of the planet. But, a site named by him as "City of ETs" - where lots of 400m2

are - would be safe from this planetary catastrophe, and life will follow harmoniously, including help from extraterrestrials.

Lawyer Lutz Netto argues, in the warrant of arrest, that prospecting in the notary-office revealed the nonexistence of property in the name of Urandir in that region, and the indicated place used in the marketing for sales for Portal Project is registered as belonging to Empresa Agropecuaria Sao Valentim, with main offices in Sao Paulo.

Another irregularity, which motivated a request to base the indictment of Urandir in article 171 of Brazilian Criminal Code (fraud), would be the refusal of agents of Portal Project to return to former members funds already paid.

At the closing of this report, Urandir was still in jail. Please return there and check for more information soon.

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Homepage denounces charlatanism in Ufology

Whoever feels deceived by false promises or injured by people who use Ufology as a means to call attention has now one more resource to make things public. Its UFO-Denuncia Homepage, running since February 2000, by editor Ademir Jose Gevaerd from Revista UFO (UFO Magazine).

The site was created in the middle of a controversy involving the ufological community and the alleged paranormal, Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira.

For now, the home page UFO-Denuncia prints denouncements of deceitful acts credited to the alleged paranormal, besides the contacts, who claims to "energize" (sic) people and to have the power to cure.

At the beginning of the year, Urandir, who has already been challenged before by Revista UFO Editor, Gevaerd, to prove his claims, reappeared in many television programs and caused a strong reaction from researchers of UFO phenomena. During one of the programs, he was again challenged and promised, this time to the crew of "Fantastico" show that he would prove to be what he claims to be. So far, though, the ufological community and fans of this subject are still waiting for him.

Meanwhile, many articles and a few denunciation letters are posted at the UFO-Denuncia site. Almost all of them refer to Urandir's claims, even though Editor Gevaerd assured that there's room for every type of denunciation. The site makes clear that there will be action about the subjects shown there, making the facts known to the authorities so they can take their steps.

At the end of February, when responding to an interview by e-mail given to Revista Vigilia, Gevaerd revealed that in only three weeks the site received more than 1,600 visits and dozens of letters. Until then, none of them had been a police case. "No serious denunciation received was completely identified as with the sender wishing that the case was sent to the police. I personally answered around 20 denunciations and, to 7, I asked the complainers to take the question to the police, and Procoms, etc. I don't know if they did... I doubt it", said the Editor.

According to him, "99% of the letters are of indignation against Urandir and congratulating us for the initiative. 1% are letters attacking us with non-sense and low offenses". He also calls attention to another grave factor: "the curious thing is that, from the 99%, some letters are from culturally privileged people who claim to have been deceived by Urandir, from sexual abuse to serious fraud, like selling phantom real estate and things of that type".

Among the published complaints are reports like the one from Fernando Goncalves da Silva, from Santo Andr=E9 (SP). He says that on 12th of October he went to Corguinho with his daughter "to the alleged close encounters people say happens there". According to him, after spending an average of R\$ 400,00 (a little more than US\$100.00) a person to stay in a "precarious camping site", only to witness what "was a illusionist's show, with laser canons in countdown, done by Urandir and his followers. Flying

Saucers were not seen even in dreams."

Comparing the alleged paranormal to Jim Jones, Fernando shows how worried he is: "I warn you, besides this all, the authorities about crime against public economy and charlatanism from that gentleman, in order to combat a sect like Jim Jones', which took, years ago, 900 people to suicide. Mr. Urandir abuses poor and innocent people, and in his lectures in Sao Paulo he charges R\$ 60,00 per person, in sessions of pure dumbness. His right place is in jail. His contacts are fake and I could check that!"

Daniela S. (she prefers to give only her first name), 28, a teacher from Rio de Janeiro presented another complaint. In a letter entitled "I was deceived", she says she followed the work of the alleged paranormal for years, and after "4 days of living with 'Portal Project', I was sure that all was a great humbug!" She says she is revolted, and complains: "more still I realized that I let myself be deluded for so much time..."

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## Jerry Black To Linda Moulton Howe - 1998

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UFOs And Credibility  
An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe  
by Jerry Black

July 1998

Recently on the Art Bell Show, a gentleman referred to as "Kent" talked to Linda Moulton Howe for about two hours. He related a story of being employed by a major courier company, and being sent to NASA to pick up a package. After receiving the package, it fell open. Out of the package came photographs of the "face" on Mars which had not been shown to the general public. Upon seeing the photographs, he was reprimanded by the gentleman who had given the package to him, and the photographs were placed back into the tube, for the courier to continue on his way.

Linda Moulton Howe spoke about the two-hour conversation on the Art Bell Show, and made comments indicating that she thought this was a solid case. Richard Hoagland, who was on the show at the same time, felt the case was "98%" valid. He left that remaining two percent open. To the credit of Mr. Hoagland, he did investigate the case, and found that the gentleman was hoaxing the story that he had told Ms. Howe. He even admitted this.

Richard Hoagland's defense, regarding his 98% assessment in originally deeming the story credible, was, "Well, I did leave that two percent open." That is not good enough. One cannot make a comment on high credibility, based on a person relating a story that they were told by yet another person over the phone. Even though one may know and trust that person (in this case, that person was Linda Moulton Howe), one cannot automatically say, "Well that case sounds like it's 98 percent authentic."

Linda Moulton Howe, who is the big culprit in this particular case, ran with this story prematurely, as she has done with others in the past, certainly before any investigation was conducted. Because of this she has lost a lot of credibility, not only on this case, but on others in which she has done the same thing.

When Mr. Art Bell asked her what she had to say when it was determined, through Richard Hoagland's investigation, that this was an admitted hoax, she said, "Well, it doesn't make any difference. We have some other pictures out there showing better images of the face on Mars, structures, and things of that nature." One has nothing to do with the other. This is a case of Ms. Howe again trying to shrug off her mistake of running prematurely with cases, as she has clearly demonstrated is her nature in the past -- as though it makes no difference. It does make a difference. It makes a difference in one's credibility.

Since that time, Linda Moulton Howe has brought forth the name of a gentleman called "Cooper." Cooper has related information to Ms. Howe concerning the autopsy video and his alleged knowledge of this situation. He is apparently saying that the

autopsy video is authentic, and has given her some other information concerning the crash at Roswell.

Again, Ms. Howe has presented the story of her conversation with this gentleman, concerning the autopsy video, telling Art Bell and his listeners that this is a bona fide story. We wonder when she will realize that a conversation with someone over a telephone is just that -- a conversation over the phone. One cannot make any distinctions as to the credibility of a case until one has at least personally spoken with the proponent of a story and conducted an investigation. In fact, if these people who call on the phone will not meet with Linda Howe, or Richard Hoagland, or whoever it might be, once they have placed that phone call, then, in my opinion, the investigation should be dropped. One cannot handle these types of investigations over the phone. Anyone can call and make claims, as these people do, or send some type of document that may look valid.

The bottom line is, one cannot conduct an investigation over the phone. It simply cannot be done, in my opinion. One must convince the person on the other end to meet with you, to discuss the situation eye to eye, get more information, and then begin the investigation of what is being related. Only then can one determine if there is any credibility to a given case.

Linda Moulton Howe has lost a considerable amount of credibility in the past few years, because of situations just like this one. I have learned from a credible source that she also continues to use a photograph of the alleged body of an alien being in her various lectures, even after being told, over a year ago, that the photograph was not real. The photograph is of a dummy alien made up for the Showtime movie, Roswell, and is the same dummy on display at the UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico. Ms. Howe was advised of this over a year ago, yet still uses it in her lectures, presenting it as a bona fide photograph of an alien being.

So as far as I am concerned, Richard Hoagland -- while we applaud the fact that he did conduct an investigation, to bring the case of "Kent" to a close -- should not be making these 98% and 2% statements. Sure, it's easy to say, after the fact, "Well, I did leave that two percent open." But to listeners of the Art Bell Show you have relegated the story as 98% authentic just because of what Linda Howe told you. The proper statement to Art Bell or Linda Moulton Howe would be, once Mr. Hoagland had heard this, "The story sounds interesting. I think a lot of investigation needs to be done on this to see if this gentleman is telling us the truth. Will he meet with us at a place and time convenient to all of us, where we can talk with him? We need more information." At that time a full investigation should proceed. Mr. Hoagland would have no way of knowing if what Ms. Howe, or her informant, was saying was "98%" true. It shouldn't matter if Ms. Howe was one's best friend... Realistically, even if my father had made that statement, I would not make the claim that the story was "98%" valid, before any investigation had been made.

Linda Moulton Howe is yet another figure in the UFO field that has lost a lot of credibility, by continually making these ludicrous statements about people calling her on the phone, making claims about this or that, then running with those stories prematurely. I really cannot even understand what reason she would have to do so. Is it because she becomes of more interest to the Art Bell Show when she does this? I have no idea, but I do know that her credibility has been drastically compromised. You can bet that most serious researchers will now take a second look at anything she has to say, before trusting the credibility of the stories she comes forth with. She has only herself to blame for this.

In the future, I wish Ms. Howe would check things out thoroughly, before making claims on the air. It does no harm to bring it to the attention of the Art Bell audience that you have talked to someone about a case, or that you are proceeding cautiously, based on a phone call from someone. It would even be acceptable for her to tell us that she was trying to meet with the person, and checking to see if that was possible, before making unfounded claims. As it is, she has no way of knowing if the person is telling her the truth or not. It would not be bad protocol to even advise listeners of the investigation, letting the listeners know where the case stands.

To go on the air, though, after talking to a complete stranger for two hours, and to say, "Oh, this sounds like a solid case," is ludicrous. It has to be because Ms. Howe is simply trying to maintain some kind of status on the Art Bell Show, or that she really is a very gullible person. We do not have room for any more gullible people in the UFO field... We have more than we need at the moment.

Again, UFO research and credibility must go hand in hand. We're losing a lot of credibility with the general public, because of statements like these Linda Moulton Howe has been making about "Kent" and "Cooper." She must change her way of doing things, for the good of the field, because she is the person that people hear on the radio, and she is the person they go to listen to when UFOs are being discussed.

Linda Moulton Howe needs to be extremely cautious, for the good of UFO research in general, and should be a bit more skeptical about things she hears in the future. This is the only way she will continue to be a viable force in the UFO community, to be considered a responsible, objective, and scientific investigator.

I thank everyone for their time in reading this.

Regards,

Jerry Black

JB/gmj

#### A Note About Jerry Black

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### John Powell On Linda Moulton Howe - 1994

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--> Quoting Rich Boylan to John Powell <--

JP>Well, another way of stating it is to say that we haven't found in the JP>lab evidence of the use of devices that we already know exist...<grin>

RB> Maybe YOU don't "know" that they exist, but I do. Some helpful RB> person sent me an article about a portable, hand-held laser RB> micro-torch that even a Special Ops trooper with night-vision glasses RB> could use in the dark to excise bovine mucous-membrane tissue.

Rich, I have determined that you need an OCR scanner!

Does the article reveal any operating characteristics, temperature, beam width, etc.?

JP> JP>I have personally found Linda Howe to be unreliable and without JP> JP>credibility. Since this was a personal/private 'discovery' (that I JP> JP>made public some time ago) I don't expect anybody else to believe JP> JP>me. But, for my own use, I have no use for any alleged contribution JP> JP>she may make to the study of anything...

JP> RB> Perhaps you would care to repeat the event that caused you to JP> RB> lose faith in Linda Moulton Howe's credibility?

JP>I'd rather not. I can't prove it and she can't disprove it, so it JP>becomes gossip unless someone were to rely on my credibility -

RB> Your credibility is good enough or me.

Here's the basic story:

I interviewed Linda a couple of years ago on matters in general by telephone. It was pleasant but she didn't say much of anything and mostly asked me questions. I thought that was somewhat odd. A week later I got a half-dozen advertisements for her videotapes in the mail I thought that was somewhat odd too but neither were a big deal.

I then met her at a MUFON conference and we discussed alien abductions briefly. She mentioned that at least several alien implants had been surgically recovered and were currently being studied at various institutions including MIT. I asked her for details and she told me she wasn't in a position to divulge details. She did offer that there would be no point in continuing to search for alien implants in abductees because the aliens had switched to an implant technology that was of organic material so that it wouldn't be detectable by X-ray or MRI. I mentioned that it was amazingly coincidental that the aliens would start using an undetectable implant at the same time we humans started trying to detect them, and I asked her how she knew this since they were undetectable. She gave me a stare, turned and walked away without saying anything else.

I interviewed/chatted with her again not long after that by telephone to see if I could establish a 'guest speaker' sort of role for her on MUFONet. (I was the MUFONet Moderator at the time...) Short of that I asked her if she'd be willing to submit cattle mutilation reports through the MUFONet reporting system to enhance onsite investigation by MUFON Field Investigators.

She was very noncommittal, even made a couple of silly excuses why she couldn't use the computer network and why she didn't think sending cattle mutilation reports to a worldwide network for investigation would be a good idea.

I let her know that I was very unimpressed with her unwillingness to share information that she would still have ultimate control over. She then told me of late breaking news regarding a crop circle event that allegedly had occurred only days before in the Midwest. I collected what details I could from her. (The crop circle appeared in a farmer's field, was very complex and detailed, included UFO sightings, the military arrived and burned his field, etc.)

Almost immediately I called Sheldon Wernikoff (who shows up around here now and then when he isn't taking summers off) who lives near Chicago and who was in a better position to verify the details. I know and trust Sheldon to be thorough and accurate and he reported that no such crop circle event, no such crop circle, no such sightings, no nothing had occurred.

What you just read is the extent of the documentation. I didn't record the conversations with Howe. So, naturally, you'd have to either take my word for it or not... (I prefer that you \_don't\_ take my word for it and see how credible she is for yourself...)

Thanks, take care.  
John.

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