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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Gates

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Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Gates

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>To: UFO Updates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>journalism. That happens to one-hit wonders.

Wendy, listens,

Assuming that the hoax reports out of Brazil are true (and I have seen no evidence to suggest otherwise) we need to keep in mind that many so called mainstream respectable UFO researchers have been victimized by a hoax. For example Hynek had the Jarslow photos; Randle had Kaufman; Stan had Gerald Anderson, abduction researchers have had a few phonys just to name a few.

I would assume that if all of this is verified, Linda would publish a full retraction on the story.

Cheers,

Robert

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## The Great UFO/ET Congress Of 2003

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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 00:17:32 -0500  
Subject: The Great UFO/ET Congress Of 2003

Dear List:

The The Great UFO/ET Congress Of 2003 will be held on April 5 & 6, 2003 at The Days Inn, near Bordentown, New Jersey. Confirmed speakers are Rick Hilberg, Anthony & Lynn Volpe, Eugenia Macer-Story, Pierre Bolduc, Stanton Friedman, Robert VanDerClock, Graham Bethune, Rich Dolan, and Paul Bartholomew.

For more information such as biographies, directions times, hotels/motels, etc. see our website at: [www.drufo.org](http://www.drufo.org)

Tom Benson

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe -

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Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe -

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>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!

Well said Wendy,

So Said Mon-Ka, and I, Josh, heartily affirm.

I guess it was back in the 70s when I first got into LMH reporting on cattle mutes. That was when Mon-Ka first appeared to me and inducted me into the Cult of the Dead Cow.

In the early 80s she met with the one of a kind Richard Doty of the AFOSI in New Mexico. Sometime in the 80s when she, I, and maybe you got caught up with UFOs in Manzano Nuke Weapons Storage area, Paul Bennewitz, Dulce Canyon, Christa Tilton, Richard Doty, and the rest of AFOSI in those exciting times.

At some point back then I realized that LMH let herself be suckered by the AFOSI, had lost objectivity, had been fed disinformation through bogus documents produced by AFOSI, and I lost faith with her searching for truth. Unfortunately I saw that lack of objectivity remain over the years.

I am glad that our American friends on the Southern Continent are busting that apparant swindler, whose black magical name I can't remember at the moment. In honor of how low I think he and others of his ilk represent the bottom of the barrel I'll give him the nickname of Uranus - not of the planet but the literal interpretation of Uranus, the same for Art Bell, Sean Morton, Steven Greer, and many others who play on the gullibility of people. I'm glad the police finally caught up with that conman and I hope he has not stashed his ill gotten gains in some secreted manner that will prevent the recovery and return of the stolen money.

I have no idea why LMH spent the money, went to the trouble of her trip, never talked with the right people, got on the wrong track, and came back to the USA without a clue to the reality of this man named Uranus. Now he may finally be finished and we are all better off for it.

To conclude I'd like to say that on both BBC and CNN today I

have seen the video of the crew of Columbia in some of their final moments before disintegration and I have mixed feelings. CNN said they played the video to the families before broadcasting. I wonder how the families really felt about it being shown to the world. I have mixed feelings when that is done. It is fascinating but morbid to look into the faces of people who are dead just before they died, especially shortly after they did die. Maybe I am sensitive because I was in Vietnam and learned to see that in person.

There's also a part of me that thinks broadcasting something of that nature somehow dishonors the privacy of those who did die and their families. Who knows for how many years that video clip may surprise the families when they are channel surfing and come across it? I'm just not sure about this.

Off to wander the wild blue yonder,

Josh

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Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 22:22:47 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 00:26:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Gates

Hi Listers,

I sent a copy of my response to Wendy to Linda Howe. Where it was addressed to myself, Wendy and "your email list" actually ebk's.... so I figured it was all right to pass it on.

This is what I received back my comments are below it:

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Feb. 28, 2003

Hi, Wendy, Robert, and your E-Mail List:

Why are you assuming that the hoax statements pushed in e-mails by A. J. Gevaerd and company are true? What kind of people attack honest efforts to objectively collect physical evidence for analysis - even before analysis has been done?

The phenomena of lights and aerial craft have been reported on the farms around the Corghinho area for decades, long before Urandir Oliveira purchased farm land. There are many credible eyewitnesses to phenomena in the Corghinho farms, hills and mesa, including the Attorney General of the State of Rio de Janeiro and his wife who encountered an 18-meter diameter craft on the night of January 4 to 5, 2003, in the hill above Oliveira's farm.

My goal in Brazil was to collect physical evidence and get it into American labs for analysis to find out what the science would show. Already, the preliminary examination of the sheet containing the body imprint shows remarkable changes now being studied by a biophysicst and analytical chemist.

I will be reporting more on COAST TO COAST AM tonight, Dreamland Online tomorrow and Earthfiles.com.

Sincerely,

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Dear Listers,

It is reasonable to assume that because Linda is taking the story public that she has checked out all the information and is aware of what is going in down there, especially the story being

told that some of the footage she allegedly is using was faked... not by Linda, i.e. a hoax foisted off on her.

Before anybody jumps in and claims that can't be done, remember the major figures in Ufology who have been stroked by hoaxes and mis information... such as Hoagland (ET going to land on a Mountain top in Arizona in Dec of 2000) Kaufman (made up military record and story) Anderson (apparently fake military record and other problems) not to mention other major and minor figures. Anybody who claims that they absolutly can't be taken in by one of these type things is a fool... a gulliable one at that.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Real Blame And A Question - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 19:31:18 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 00:28:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Real Blame And A Question - Bowden

>From: Vince White <[Vinceomni@aol.com](mailto:Vinceomni@aol.com)>  
>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

<snip>

>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"?

<snip>

Vince,

I think you answered your own question. When I look at who we have in Congress these days, leadership is a sorely lacking quality.

Meanwhile, our fealess leader Dubya, is trying to lead us into a war no one really wants, while he is secretly following some hidden agenda espoused by Karl Rove and other movers and shakers of the Southern Republican old-boys network.

What a mess!

Tom B.

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## Re: Warp Drive When? - Goldstein

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Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 05:01:50 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 00:31:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Warp Drive When? - Goldstein

Howdy fellow Listerians,

For those who have an interest in breakthrough propulsion please take a look in this link titled Warp Drive When? You will notice that when you click on the link to the website of NASA's Breakthrough Propulsion Physics Project the home page has large red letters telling you that NASA has zero budget for this project anymore.

This link will open right into an extensive look at this area from the mind of the former head of the NASA project.

<http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/PAO/warp.htm>

Have a good ride,

Josh

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## The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

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Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 05:53:39 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 00:34:35 -0500  
Subject: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

Since one person has thrust onto UFO UpDates his postmodernist and cultural relativistic interpretation of Ufology I decided to provide something that illustrates the dark side of that philosophy..... It will give you some more perspective and you can decide for yourself whether you think this philosophy should be important for UFO investigation. It is a long way from serious investigation of serious matters to sitting around and forming a philosophy based on fictional literature with which to trash factual rational inquiry and critical thinking.

Come take a look,

<http://home.earthlink.net/~lrgoldner/yockey.html>

Josh

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 00:27:39 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 00:43:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

Listers,

We discuss this topic from time to time and it is worth commenting upon. In the field of Ufology we have many people of many strips putting out what I would consider excellent research on various UFO related topics.

The first name that comes to mind is Dick Hall and UFO evidence 2. Don Berliner and Bruce Macabee follow that and all the excellent work they have done over the years. Jerry Clark's various books and encyclopedias on the subject. Kevin Randle's many books dealing with Roswell and other aspects of the topic. You have Stan Friedman's (pioneer Roswell investigator) who has investigated and written a number of books and monographs over the years. You have Linda Howe who has also done much investigation and written many books. You have Wendy Connors and the historical research she is doing to name but a few out there.

Many of these folks disagree with other researchers about the validity of a presented theory(s)/data. For example Stan and Kevin disagree over MJ-12 and Roswell witnesses. Some folks disagree with Bruce over Gulf Breeze. You have Peter Gersten who attempted to extract information out of the government through the legal system. The effort was tremendous and worth a try... something very few if any on this list have made the effort to do. You have Larry Bryant at the DC office of CAUS also doing an admirable job on the legal side of things.

Some folks in Ufology prefer that current cases are investigated (something which Linda is doing even though a person may disagree with her) rather than spending endless hours pouring through old material.

Others in Ufology feel that there nich is in pouring through old material so that the material is available to others.

Some have written books. Typically book writers don't make a great deal of money unless your a Grisham, Clancy or Coyle but they do make a little bit. Who makes the money on the books are the book publishers.

As to paying for access to research, I look at my subscription to the MUFON journal, subscription to IUR, not to mention buying various UFO books over the years. Some of the research is free, i.e. Bruce Macabee's web site, other research is not.

The point is that paying for access Linda Howe's site is no different then subscribing to the your favorite UFO publication. Naturally, like Linda's web site, you may not always agree with the articles the editor runs, the conclusions reached, what the authors said or the material that is presented.

The bottom line is Ufology has many bright and talented people who contribute much to the field, some get some money, others provide it for free and we should be grateful for the time and effort they put forth whether they are paid or not. Ufology also has its share of crack pots and cranks (the name Cooper suddenly comes to mind :) ) that we all know about. We should be faithful



in exposing them and their tales.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Question About Missing Time

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Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 02:06:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 08:24:27 -0500  
Subject: Question About Missing Time

Hello All,

I had always associated the term 'missing time' with the memory blackouts that heavy-drinking alcoholics or drug addicts often report. What has happened to me and to many others is 'something else' however. The 'missing time' that I refer to is not related/correlated, to a state of intoxication.

What started me thinking about this was an old video interview with a British police officer (Alan Godfrey) who reported being abducted while on duty. He was driving in his patrol car when he encountered a 'UFO' in the middle of the road. He reports that as he was observing the object he grabbed a pad and began to make a pencil sketch. He says that at one point he looked down at the pad and suddenly, without any sensation of time having passed, found himself driving along a stretch of road that was past the point he had encountered the UFO. He hit the brakes and looked around but the UFO was nowhere to be seen.

In the late 70's while walking home from a friends house I encountered a UFO (in uncomfortably close proximity to me) and after a few seconds of observation, I started to run like hell away from it. When I got about 15 feet from my front door (again) without any sense of time having passed, I found myself sitting bolt upright in my bed and the room flooded with morning light.

One second it's night-time and I'm running for dear life (half-out of my wits with fear) and the very next second (no gaps) I'm sitting up in bed and it's morning. Hours of 'missing time.'

This kind of 'missing time', the kind that I experienced and that Godfrey and many others have reported, is entirely different from the 'missing time' that most of us are familiar with. (The 'alcoholic blackout' kind.)

Does anybody know if the UFO/abduction kind of missing time has ever been reported under 'other' circumstances? According to my own admittedly limited knowledge, other than in abduction reports, I have never before heard of 'this kind' of missing time.

I honestly think that the phenomena of missing time as I described it above is unique to UFO abduction reports. Does anyone have information to the contrary? I'm curious if the kind of missing time I'm talking about is in fact, unique to abduction reports.

Thank you in advance for any info/insight you may be able to provide.

Regards to all,

John Velez

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Connors

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Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 04:07:52 -0700  
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Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Connors

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>To: UFO UpDates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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<Snip>

Robert, I'd almost have a tendency to believe your fervent rash of posts regarding this thread is suspect. You getting some kind of kickback from the \$26 website charge of LMH, or something?

Look, Linda Moulton-Howe has the right to fleece anyone she wants and to be a schlocky researcher. It's a free country. People have the right to saddle up to pay their money to enter her website, get fleeced and beg for more. It's a free country. She has the right to make money from ufological endeavors, even though it damages the honest efforts of others to bring legitimacy and respect for Ufology.

All I'm saying is that over time, people who can think, have come to the conclusion that her research is mostly yellow style journalism and done solely with a profit motive in mind. It is applied explicitly for sensationalistic value and to garner a crowd.

But, bottom lines are thus: Linda Moulton-Howe is not, in any respect, a ufological researcher with credibility. She uses Ufology for her own gain at the expense of really wanting the knowledge and truth behind the phenomena. That's what separates the Richard Hall's from the Linda Moulton-Howe's of the world.

I have nothing personal against Linda Moulton-Howe, Robert. She has the right to be a sleazy, sensationalist. Just don't try to legitimize her as a credible and respected Ufologist. To thinking people and people who spend their money to make Ufology credible, that's really pushing it.

She ranks right up there with Joe Firmage... one hit wonders in the field of Ufology who take and don't give anything back.

Wendy Connors

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Gevaerd

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>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.

Dear Wendy and Listers:

Your message to UFO UpDates should be read by any responsible  
UFO researcher, as it is clear and sharp about recurrent  
problems in Ufology. Specially the issue of making a living out  
of this field. I, like you, don't see any problem in that, as I  
do myself for 20 years being the editor of national-wide  
circulation magazine. And I definitely agree with you that it is  
the way you make that living - or any other living from any  
other field - that makes the difference.

Wendy, allow me to write a few lines about myself, since your  
position in UFO UpDates had me no longer feeling lonely thinking  
the way I think. I am a 40 year-old guy, divorced and re-



married. I have a son and a daughter. I started my research in Ufology when I was 11 or 12, and since then I've never stopped. When I was 14, my passion for the subject was so intense that I was conducting regular field investigations (I've done about 1,200 so far) and presenting my first lectures at schools. When I was 17 I was invited to present my first lecture at a national congress, and I never stopped (I've done over 700 so far).

When I was 21 and already had my son, very hardly I launched the Brazilian UFO magazine, which stands still so far thanks to an enormous effort. My dream always was to have an occupation that could provide for me and my small family from Ufology, honest and seriously. By that time I was a school teacher of Chemistry and English, areas that I entirely learned by myself, without going to classes, and which helped me a lot to substantiate my UFO researchers. The UFO Magazine became a reality in 1985 and since then I have published about 190 editions, of an average of 35,000 each. My magazine, which was bankrupt twice, is now far and away the longest-living in the planet, and the almost 6.6 million copies that I printed so far speak for themselves.

It was Wendelle C. Stevens who opened a big door for me to foreign countries when he first invited me to present a lecture at a Tucson congress, back in 1991. It was there that I first met Linda Howe. Since then, I started lecturing all over the world, as per lots of invitations that I will always be thankful for. I've been investigating cases and making contacts with UFO researchers in 39 countries so far and lectured in 29, and in some of them a dozen times. I still keep that activity, but to a much lesser degree. And I never, ever charged my lectures. Not even a cent. When my friends in Brazil say "A. J. you should charge for putting up all this info together", I always respond that lecturing and showing what was going on in Brazilian UFO scenario was a commitment, not a way of living. My living was from the magazine, which was fed with info from my trips and lectures.

Well, having said all that, I think that some people here at UFO UpDates probably will understand better my vigorous debate and relentless exposition of the Brazilian hoaxer that Linda Moulton Howe so enthusiastically supports. It is for me and most of my Brazilian colleagues outrageous and shameful that she could not only support but also promote, in the USA, a person like him, whose life we all know so well and whose scam has been so many times exposed.

With determination and persistence I have devoted my life to Ufology, suffering the consequences of it. Anyone who knows a little about the editing magazines (ask Graham Birdsall, ask Vicki and Don Ecker) knows how hard it is to have the word spread. Now, bear in mind Brazil and you will have to apply the difficulties to the 10th power. The odds against are really hard and hurting, and if you don't have really solid persistence and perseverance, forget about it.

Besides these odds and obstacles, I am glad that I have always had a very strong support from the Brazilian UFO community and a solid response from my readers. Unlike many other countries that I visited, in Brazil the UFO community is almost 95% amalgamated and united. We speak the same language and defend the same goals. So, it is a complete shame that we see great parts of our efforts discarded in this situation. Linda has not only disappointed us but has done so consciously, as she probably knows what she is doing, causing severe damage to Ufology.

A. J. Gevaerd

You and I have too much in common as to the way Ufology is treated and used by smart guys.

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Cunha

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>>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.

>Assuming that the hoax reports out of Brazil are true (and I  
>have seen no evidence to suggest otherwise) we need to keep in  
>mind that many so called mainstream respectable UFO researchers  
>have been victimized by a hoax. For example Hynek had the  
>Jarslow photos; Randle had Kaufman; Stan had Gerald Anderson,  
>abduction researchers have had a few phonys just to name a few.

>I would assume that if all of this is verified, Linda would  
>publish a full retraction on the story.

Mr Gates,

It seems to me that there will be no way to convince you of what  
the Brazilian Ufologists have come up with, here on UFO UpDates.

But I hope and expect that you can always take a Portuguese  
language course, buy an airplane ticket, and come down to Brazil  
to interview people and get your own data on the Corguinho case.  
And also interview lawyers and judges, police offices, about Mr.  
'Phony guy'.

Lots of good researchers were, as you say, fooled by some fake  
case in ufology. That's correct, I think we all agree. But  
insisting that the mistake is not a mistake is something else.  
Let 'Heavens Gate' and other sects speak for themselves.

I do hope that Ms. Linda gets back to her good work as she used  
to do in the past. Again, I think Mr. Jerry Black has a good  
point about her work. So does Gevaerd now.

Salutations,

Pedro Cunha

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Sandow

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>Subject: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>Since one person has thrust onto UFO UpDates his postmodernist  
>and cultural relativistic interpretation of Ufology I decided to  
>provide something that illustrates the dark side of that  
>philosophy.....

I wouldn't go this far. I don't see much relationship between  
postmodernism and fascism.

One basic thing needs to be said, though. Colin Bennett is a terrible  
postmodernist, a really bad example of the breed. I've known a few of  
the leading postmodern scholars in music. One of them is a long-time  
friend. In addition, I've read a fair amount of postmodern thinking in  
other fields (which in any case you can hardly avoid if you read any  
great amount of current scholarship). What Colin writes -- judged by the  
standards of serious postmodern work -- is simply a joke. The  
postmodernists I know would laugh long and hard at him. They don't  
reject factual accuracy, or critical thinking. In fact, they found their  
work on a careful foundation of fact. See, for instance, any of the  
music writing of Susan McClary, or the historical and cultural essays of  
Edward Said. Susan is chairman of the music department at UCLA, Said is  
a professor at Columbia University. Just in case Colin (probably without  
reading them) wants to denounce these people as academic fogey, I'll  
add that Susan was unemployable for years because her ideas were  
considered too radical, and Said -- one of the leading advocates of the  
Palestinian cause in America -- is sometimes attacked as a dangerous  
leftist. Both, however, are impeccable in their scholarship.

One problem with Colin's ravings here ought to be quite obvious (besides  
the fact that they don't make any sense). He's likely to write things  
like "postmodernism says...." Well, postmodernism doesn't say anything.  
Postmodernists say things, and, like all human beings in any area of  
thought, they disagree with each other. Postmodernism isn't a church,  
with an orthodox line of belief that Colin is empowered to set forth to  
us. Anything he writes is strictly his own nonsense, without much  
relevance to the main body of postmodern thought.

I've appended a representative example of postmodern scholarship -- an  
essay on animals, which was published in January here in America, in the  
Chronicle of Higher Education. I don't say this is the greatest or most  
important thing ever published, but it's not at all bad. And, most  
important, it shows that serious postmodernism isn't much like the  
pop-eyed madness Colin inflicts on us here.

Greg Sandow

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How People and Animals Coexist  
By RANDY MALAMUD

When Dudley Dursley stops at the zoo's snake display in the film  
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, he angrily demands that  
the sad creature entertain him. "Move!" he yells, rapping on the  
glass. When the boa constrictor fails to perform, Dudley turns

away disgusted. His cousin, Harry, strikes up a conversation with the animal: "Sorry about him. He doesn't understand what it's like, lying there day after day, watching people press their ugly faces in on you."

Harry and the snake develop a sympathetic connection, each recognizing the other as a special being whose powers are unappreciated. Harry works some unconscious wizardry, and in an instant the glass disappears and the snake (whispering a quick "thanks" to Harry) slithers off to freedom, while the hapless Dudley falls into the enclosure, replacing the snake.

My sons, raised with polemical fervor about where animals belong and where they don't, responded exuberantly to that scene as a vindication of our family ethos. But, I'm afraid, few others in the audience got the radical implications. Even had they appreciated the snake's unhappiness in the zoo, they may not have tapped into the larger injustices. Did audiences reflect upon the miseries of all the other animals that remain imprisoned? Or the exploitative dynamics of spectatorship? Did people confront the tensions between empathy and otherness?

Our culture manifests a tremendous consciousness of animals, for good and for bad. The \$30-billion-per-year American pet industry may testify to people's closeness with companion animals, or it may indicate the commodification of our furry friends. The fashion fad of animal-print clothing may signify an appreciative sense of connection with zebras and leopards, or a cheap, irreverent appropriation of their biological beauty. Zoos are becoming much better, we are told (usually by zookeepers), but what exactly does that mean: more reflective of our ecological interconnectedness with animals and more responsive to complaints about mistreated animals? Or just more adept at deflecting criticism by providing greener venues, where animals are just as exiled as ever from their natural habitats but people feel less guilty about the spectacle? Animal movies proliferate: *Free Willy*, *Babe*, *Stuart Little*, *The Horse Whisperer*, *A Bug's Life* -- but do those indicate interest in seeing animals in any intellectually meaningful way, or are we simply coopting them into infotainment?

These are some of the questions asked by a growing number of scholars today. Along with other ecologically concerned citizens, scholars are trying to articulate the place that animals occupy in our world -- or, less anthropocentrically, how human and nonhuman animals share this world. This work involves deconstructing the divisions and prejudices that separate people from animals, going all the way back to the Great Chain of Being in Aristotle's *scala naturae* and the proclamation of human mastery over animals in *Genesis*. Much of the most exciting current research comes out of the humanities and social sciences rather than the natural sciences. While this work is informed by the scientific study of animals, it seeks to add perspectives from sociology, cultural studies, literature, philosophy, history, art history, and the history of science (as well as interdisciplinary fusions of those fields).

Anthrozoology (the study of human-animal relations) examines what our associations with animals illustrate about us. Some of the more activist literature even asks, How can we atone for what we have done? Until fairly recently, the status of animals in scholarly work was comparable to that of women before feminism: regarded by the dominant group as inherently subordinate and defined by the dominant group in generic and reductive terms. As with feminist scholarship, social movements outside academe have inspired anthrozoology, whether or not a given piece of work explicitly integrates a political sensibility from the animal-rights movement.

In the 1970s and 1980s, foundational work in this field came from John Berger (whose 1977 essay "Why Look at Animals?" is still, I think, one of the most unsettling and insightful considerations of human-animal relations), Carol J. Adams, Jim Mason, Tom Regan, Harriet Ritvo, Paul Shepard, Peter Singer, Yi-Fu Tuan, and E.O. Wilson. And currently, growing out of that base, we are seeing a second generation of prolific scholarly inquiry. The earlier scholars laid down some important theoretical questions and perspectives, while the current generation is filling in the answers with specific studies of interactions with animals in different cultures, as well as raising new theoretical questions.

Some of the best recent work contributes to building an archive that restores and renders animals three-dimensionally in cultural history. *Elephant Slaves and Pampered Parrots: Exotic Animals in Eighteenth-Century Paris*, by Louise E. Robbins, an independent scholar and editor at Cornell University Press, exemplifies such historical reclamation. The book initiates a new series from Johns Hopkins University Press called *Animals, History, Culture*, edited by Harriet Ritvo (a historian and author of the groundbreaking 1987 book *The Animal Estate: The English and Other Creatures in the Victorian Age*), which promises to provide a broad base for future work in human-animal studies.

Nonnative animals were prevalent in 18th-century Paris in fairs, natural-theology texts, animal fights, private households, and the commercial bird trade (conducted by oiseleurs, members of the guild that sold canaries, cardinals, parrots, parakeets, et al.). These animals appeared ubiquitously on the streets, in paintings, and in jokes. Robbins asks some good questions about the phenomenon: "How did these exotic animals get to France, who brought them and why, and where did they reside in Paris? What kinds of meanings did people ascribe to them, and how were those meanings related to other aspects of French culture?"

Interest in animals focused not so much on the creatures themselves, but rather provided "a way to think about human behavior and society," Robbins writes. In natural-history texts, animals "provided moral, social, and political lessons in a manner similar to that of fables." For example, Georges-Louis Buffon's *Histoire naturelle* -- a multivolume encyclopedia that was the period's most popular book on animals -- lauded the elephant as the best of all the animals: intelligent, dextrous, zealous, faithful, prudent, moderate, and powerful. While he "believed that his description ... was based on accurately assessing its capabilities rather than on attributing spurious marvels to it," Robbins writes, nevertheless there was a pronounced anthropomorphic license in the portrait that accentuated Buffon's view of the animal's moral exemplariness. Often, not just in bygone French culture but today as well, animals serve as a mirror held up to humanity. Is it fair and reasonable to use animals in this way? Or does it transform them into vehicles for our narcissism? Cultural formulations may be prone to relegate animals to the merely metaphorical, disregarding their inherent integrity.

It is both amusing and disturbing to read of people's bizarre interactions with animals in 18th-century France. Crowds at the royal menagerie in Versailles watched an elephant uncork bottles of wine with its trunk and take tobacco from people's snuffboxes. At a Paris display, a monkey was trained to strike a match and light a candle, which a lion would extinguish with its paw. At the Saint-Germain fair, a trained seal offered its paws to spectators like a dog; boys rode on the backs of tame cougars; and a chimpanzee "led visitors by the hand, sat at a table, wiped its lips with a napkin, poured and drank a cup of tea -- after stirring in sugar and letting it cool -- and ate so many bonbons presented to it by the crowds that, a year later in London, it died."

*Elephant Slaves and Pampered Parrots* conveys the joy and wonder Parisians reaped from the monkeys and elephants frolicking around in their society. As Robbins points out, lurking beneath is the animals' profound exploitation: their torturous importation from their native climes; their high mortality rates on the way to France (many died of maltreatment aboard ship; others, if food supplies ran low, simply became dinner); their minimally competent care if they happened to arrive in Paris intact.

The exotic species were, to their French admirers, highly sentimentalized, very much in contrast to the creatures that populate Steve Baker's *The Postmodern Animal*. Baker, an art historian, depicts his titular subject as generally tatty and oppressed; unstable, though all the more potent in our imaginations. If Robbins's work typifies the recovery of obscure information about animals' past, Baker exemplifies how animal perspectives can infuse cutting-edge theory in a way that portends a prominent role for anthrozoology in the future. Postmodern scholarship invites readers to focus afresh on subjects that have been marginalized and demands that they think

outside the box; both these characteristics facilitate an eclectic and fertile consideration of animals.

"Animals are good to think," Claude Lévi-Strauss wrote in Totemism in 1962, and postmodernism facilitates an "attempt to think the animal differently," Baker believes, via its radically shocking ways of seeing and its resistance to conventional forms. Instead of the standard animal fare one might expect in an art museum -- horses at rest in a field or birds of prey haunting a memento mori -- postmodern animal art gives us, for example, a picture of a taxidermist licking a severed cow's head; representations of animals marked by the animals (with prints or urine stains, or chunks bitten off by a wolf or shark); a series of 140 photographs depicting a woman's erotic relationship with her cat. Baker surveys a range of postmodern visual art and adds a few philosophers, most notably Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari, to the mix.

Postmodern artists believe, Baker writes, that animals in earlier artistic traditions had been too accessible and too heavily burdened with a legacy of fixed meaning. "Botched taxidermy" is how Baker describes a strain in contemporary sculpture marked by weirdly mixed media that undermine fundamental assumptions about what an animal is. At first glance, the artifact looks like a cheap, kitschy profanation of the animal. Mark Dion's "Tar and Feathers" features corpses of several animals -- a cat, a snake, a frog, a few birds -- tarred and hanging from a blackened tree, evoking a mass animal lynching. Jordan Baseman's "The Cat and the Dog" consists of two skinned animals nailed to the wall -- their pelts taxidermically preserved, and their heads modeled to look disarmingly lifelike and cuddly.

Indeed, I would point to what is probably the most famously depraved art, that of Damien Hirst. His installations present such tableaux as flies feeding on a rotting cow's head and then dying as they fly into an Insect-O-Cutor (titled "A Thousand Years"), and a pig sawed in half and preserved in formaldehyde in a pair of glass cases ("This little piggy went to market, this little piggy stayed at home"). However disturbingly, this sort of art does make viewers confront how we see animals and how we use them; works like this "undermine any sense of the viewer's omnipotence and point instead to their powerlessness" as Baker observes. And perhaps, at least for some viewers, these botchings exact some stance of redress.

If postmodern art involves audiences in the condition of animal subjects, the question of implication is profoundly more immediate in zoos: People take animals away from their own habitats and constrain them in ours, for our amusement or education -- and, also, to celebrate our predominance over the caged inmates. In Animal Attractions: Nature on Display in American Zoos, Elizabeth Hanson examines how zoos have attempted over the past century to present nature on display. She sees zoos as a "middle landscape" where tensions are played out between wilderness and civilization, science and popular culture, education and entertainment. But she doesn't go far enough, leaving unchallenged the standard received history of zoos as fundamentally benign presences that enlighten and entertain visitors. Hanson, a historian of science at Rockefeller University, takes zoos at face value when she writes, "In the 21st century, zoos continue to grapple with a problem that has remained consistent from their beginnings: how to convince their audience to appreciate wildlife."

I dispute her premise: Zoos do not facilitate wildlife appreciation, nor are they fundamentally meant to do so. As John Berger wrote, "The zoo to which people go to meet animals, to observe them, to see them, is, in fact, a monument to the impossibility of such encounters." Zoos show how powerfully people are able to disrupt wildlife by detaching animals from nature. Zoos collect inconveniently wild specimens from the four corners of the earth and put them in convenient cages, thereby celebrating people's control over -- not, as Hanson claims, appreciation of -- animals and their world. Denuded and desecrated habitats give the lie to our culture's appreciation of wildlife: Zoos remove a few trinkets from that troubled and troubling wildlife and resituate them in a place that could hardly be further from nature -- surrounded by parking lots, gift shops, and hot-dog stands.



Zoos have always kept their more unpalatable machinations hidden behind the scenes. As she recounts the history of zoos, Hanson sanitizes the processes underlying exhibitions of captive animals. For example, in describing the role of animal traders in zoo development, Hanson recounts the 1922 acquisition of a duck-billed platypus for the Bronx Zoo -- the first time that animal had been seen alive outside Australia. Five platypuses began the journey from Australia by steamer and then by rail from San Francisco to New York; only one animal survived the trip, and that one (advertised as the "most strange and wonderful of all land animals") died 49 days after its arrival.

Hanson copiously recounts such details as the intricate cage fashioned to transport the animals: seven compartments, rising in steps, connected by a ramp, with a wet bottom chamber for a swimming pool, a dry sleeping den above, and rubber squeegees in the intervening rooms so that the platypuses could squeeze excess water from their fur while climbing up to bed. But the animals' demise is not characterized as any more significant in this enterprise than their cage or diet. Death is just one more pedestrian detail, unchallenged and rendered unremarkable.

A different way to regard this episode: Doesn't it drastically illustrate the scale of damage -- a 100-percent mortality rate - - that results when people decontextualize animals and frame them as displays? Doesn't this suggest that the Bronx is an unsuitable platypus habitat, and that people should leave the animals alone?

A crucial task for anthrozoology must be to decenter the human perspective and discover the animals' authentic reality -- certainly a complex concept, but one that may be more easily understood by antithesis to cultural constructions of animals. Nigel Rothfels sees "an inescapable difference between what an animal is and what people think an animal is." Rothfels, a historian at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, is the author of *Savages and Beasts: The Birth of the Modern Zoo* (also in the new Hopkins series). In the end, he writes, "an animal or species is as much a constellation of ideas (for example, vicious, noble, intelligent, cruel, caring, brave) as anything else."

Rothfels gets what Hanson misses about zoos: He is attuned to the ironies pervading zoos' mediation of people and animals and understands that zoos operate according to entrepreneurial rather than environmental principles. Despite more than a century of trying to present "the ideal exhibit," Rothfels writes, "the zoo still ultimately disappoints." Supposed innovations are exposed as disingenuous. For example, a conservation program features "'rain forest meters,' whereby visitors can put a nickel into an adapted parking meter to save a small piece of rain forest somewhere"; but the idea of controlling land in faraway places suggests "that the imperial impulses of the great 19th-century zoos are not as distant from contemporary zoos as we may want to believe."

A chapter on 19th and 20th-century exhibitions of non-Western indigenous peoples (Eskimos, Sudanese, Australian aborigines, Native Americans, among others) highlights the specious sense of superiority among spectators, whether they are looking at people or animals. Rothfels suggests that the dynamics are not that dissimilar between either kind of exhibit. The history of human displays conducted under the guise of anthropology and ethnography has been documented before, but never with such a keen sense of connection between these and zoo operations. Rothfels uses the experience of Carl Hagenbeck, a 19th-century animal dealer and a prominent force behind both zoos and human displays, to document the insidious links between the two enterprises: part of a sordid historical legacy that zoos have never confronted, much less expunged.

It is, indeed, necessary to conduct a large-scale re-evaluation of our cultural and intellectual history in order to understand how people and animals have coexisted throughout the centuries, and this is what Akira Mizuta Lippit achieves in *Electric Animal: Toward a Rhetoric of Wildlife*. Lippit, an associate professor of film studies and critical theory at San Francisco State University, re-examines the touchstones of Western intellectual development. In a dazzling interdisciplinary romp through Aristotle, Heidegger, Darwin, Freud, and up to the present with a discussion of Kafka, photography, and cinema,

Lippit is keenly aware of how, throughout history, people have condescended toward animals -- the flip side of valuing humanity above all else. Inspired by Jacques Derrida's effort to track "the figure of the animal through the terrain mapped by conceptions of language," Lippit deconstructs the masking of animal consciousness in our intellectual traditions.

He demonstrates that the animals Descartes dismissed as irrational machines or automata are nonetheless fundamentally part of human consciousness, and he argues that even if, like Descartes, one denies animal rationality, that does not expel the animal from our community of sentience. (It only speaks to the perverse supremacist fantasy of so doing.) His point echoes Baker's proposition that an ecological sensibility is currently supplanting Cartesian dualism: "The future of the human in the postmodern world is so intimately and creatively bound up with that of the animal. From this perspective, the classic dualism of human and animal is not so much erased as rendered uninteresting as a way of thinking about being in the world."

Eileen Crist, like Lippit, explores the sublimation of animals' force and their own objective reality, which have been overwritten by various human enterprises. In *Images of Animals: Anthropomorphism and Animal Mind*, Crist, an assistant professor of science and technology studies at Virginia Tech, examines the role of language in the portrayal of animals. Studying the writings of naturalists and behavioral scientists such as Darwin, Jean Henri Fabre, George and Elizabeth Peckham, and Konrad Lorenz, Crist finds, unsurprisingly, that the "portraiture" of animals varies widely from text to text. Paradoxically, while the scientists all "have this common goal of arriving at faithful representations of animals -- documenting with great care their life histories, habits, and instincts -- they nevertheless often reveal realities that are worlds apart." Crist highlights, for example, the striking differences between naturalist writing, in which animal life is regarded as immanently meaningful and subjective, versus ethological studies, which regard animals from an external perspective with an eye toward theorizing their behavior. Just as there is no intrinsic meaning to a falling object or a swinging pendulum, so an internal point of view is eradicated from animal life with the use of technical language in ethological accounts, Crist explains.

Can we know animals at all, I wonder? Our discourses are so subjective, and mutually contradictory, albeit cloaked in the conceit of positivistic omniscience. That serves to set people apart from animals, Crist writes; it "has fueled our self-importance and propped our thoughtless and destructive relationship with the natural world."

We need to seek real animals -- animals unencumbered by human constructs, frames, and prejudices -- if we hope to live harmoniously with them. Ecology, not to mention ethics, demands that we strive for an equitable relationship with other species, and we owe a debt to the scholars whose work helps advance that consciousness. The best of this work may inspire a "Potter-esque" perspective on our coexistence with animals -- not the dull "Dursleyan" model that is all too prevalent.

Randy Malamud is a professor of English at Georgia State University. He is the author of *Reading Zoos: Representations of Animals and Captivity* (New York University Press, 1998) and *Poetic Animals and Animal Souls*, to be published by Palgrave in March.

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#### Books Discussed in This Essay

*Animal Attractions: Nature on Display in American Zoos*, by Elizabeth Hanson (Princeton University Press, 2002)

*Electric Animal: Toward a Rhetoric of Wildlife*, by Akira Mizuta Lippit (University of Minnesota Press, 2000)

*Elephant Slaves and Pampered Parrots: Exotic Animals in Eighteenth-Century Paris*, by Louise E. Robbins (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002)

*Images of Animals: Anthropomorphism and Animal Mind*, by Eileen Crist

(Temple University Press, 1999)

The Postmodern Animal, by Steve Baker (Reaktion Books, 2000)

Savages and Beasts: The Birth of the Modern Zoo, by Nigel Rothfels  
(Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002)

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## Re: Warp Drive When? - Pope

From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 14:24:14 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 17:22:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Warp Drive When? - Pope

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 05:01:50 +0100  
>Subject: Warp Drive When?

>Howdy fellow Listerians,

>For those who have an interest in breakthrough propulsion please  
>take a look in this link titled Warp Drive When? You will notice  
>that when you click on the link to the website of NASA's  
>Breakthrough Propulsion Physics Project the home page has large  
>red letters telling you that NASA has zero budget for this  
>project anymore.

>This link will open right into an extensive look at this area  
>from the mind of the former head of the NASA project.

> <http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/PAO/warp.htm>

Josh and List,

You may also be interested in this article from the February 1999 issue of Scientific American. It's by Stephanie D. Leifer at JPL, and deals with the possible development of spacecraft powered by propulsion systems based on nuclear fission or matter-antimatter annihilation.

<http://216.239.51.100/search?q=cache:GySTPezOmfkC:holtz.org/Library/Portable/2002-03-31/The%2520Way%2520to%2520Go%2520in%2520Space%2520February%25201999.htm+%22stephanie+d+leifer%22&hl=8>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.hale@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 14:31:50 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 17:26:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Hale

>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: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 07:55:53 -0300  
>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

<snip>

>So, it is a complete shame that we see great parts of our  
>efforts discarded in this situation. Linda has not only  
>disappointed us but has done so consciously, as she probably  
>knows what she is doing, causing severe damage to Ufology.

>A. J. Gevaerd

Hi,

Just a quick comment here, as I have been following this thread.

Can I take it, that if Linda Moulton Howe did not get involved  
in this case, then she would not be dissected here on updates?

Another point I would like to raise:

This List has been told this case is a hoax, does this now mean  
that any case which is called a hoax by a researcher, is never  
to be looked into by any third party who may have differing  
opinions on why, or how such a conclusion was reached?

One more point that was raised in this thread, by Robert Gates:

This case has been having incidents happening over a period of  
some considerable years, prior to the person who is objected  
against as being the hoaxer, being involved? Does this therefore  
count for any second look into the case?

Can Mr Gevaerd please post a link to his research on this case,  
so I can read his hoax claims?

I would like to point out, that Linda Moulton Howe was a  
Journalist / Media before she was a researcher of the UFO  
phenomena, logically this would also present some of her traits  
as a media person, who also logically would still have a very  
large connection to the USA Media, and beyond. So with this,  
would anyone on this list, not use these connections to support  
your research?

I think I am saying, yes money makes the world go around, but if  
people are objecting to L M Howe on making a living out of this  
subject, then wake up smell the coffee, because once you get  
paid for a lecture, a video, a book, a media presentation, you  
too are making a living out of UFOs!

Roy..

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Auchettl

From: John Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 10:06:39 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 17:29:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Auchettl

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 05:53:39 +0100  
>Subject: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>Come take a look, <http://home.earthlink.net/~lrgoldner/yockey.html>

Hi Josh,

I read your link to Loren Goldner, "An American National Bolshevik" - 'Review of: Kevin Coogan. Dreamer of the Day. Francis Parker Yockey and the Postwar Fascist International'.

And, sorry Josh, that German food is clogging that 57 year-old "Grossraumordnung" head you think in.

Have another read, no "Dark Side Of Postmodernism" in Kevin Coogan's book - just a distillation of "orthodox Yockeyism".

An interesting review, but I think your Pink Floyd Santa Monica days have gone LSD on you.

Miko will have to bring you home, very soon.

Regards,

John Auchettl

PS: Question: - What year and Class did you Grad from at Army Aviation Center, Ft Wolters, Texas before you went to the 175th Assault Helicopter Company?

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 08:39:33 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 17:31:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Connors

Am I the only person who finds it rather odd that Ms. Moulton Howe didn't take scientists with her to Brazil to investigate? What are her qualifications for proper evidentiary collection of samples and insurance of their provenance?

Never mind. <G>

Nice that Linda is going to put "documents" on her website... course, it's gonna cost you an arm and a leg to see it.

Wendy Connors

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## Re: Pioneer 10 - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 14:02:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 17:38:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Pioneer 10 - Maccabee

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 19:44:27 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Pioneer 10

>>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>

>The famous plaque on board Pioneer 10 wasn't designed for  
>aliens; it was designed for our descendants.

Amusing concept. By the time our descendants have achieved  
rapid space travel and have caught up with Pioneer 10 to  
capture it (and put into a museum?) they will have forgotten  
what we looked like in the 20th and early 21st centuries.

<LOL>

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## Re: Question About Missing Time - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 19:58:18 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 17:42:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time - Shough

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 02:06:32 -0500  
>Subject: Question About Missing Time

>Hello All,

>I had always associated the term 'missing time' with the memory  
>blackouts that heavy-drinking alcoholics or drug addicts often  
>report. What has happened to me and to many others is 'something  
>else' however. The 'missing time' that I refer to is not  
>related/correlated, to a state of intoxication.

<snip>

>Does anybody know if the UFO/abduction kind of missing time has  
>ever been reported under 'other' circumstances? According to my  
>own admittedly limited knowledge, other than in abduction  
>reports, I have never before heard of 'this kind' of missing  
>time.

>  
>I honestly think that the phenomena of missing time as I  
>described it above is unique to UFO abduction reports. Does  
>anyone have information to the contrary? I'm curious if the kind  
>of missing time I'm talking about is in fact, unique to  
>abduction reports.

>Thank you in advance for any info/insight you may be able to  
>provide.

>Regards to all,  
>  
>John Velez

Hi John et al.,

No, the phenomenon of missing time is not unique to UFO abduction reports. It occurs in several parallel folkloric traditions around the world, for example abductions by the fairies etc. But neither is it specific to abductions, folkloric or ufological. Psychologists have long recognised it as a distinct type of attention anomaly. For example psychologist Graham Reed, Professor of Psychology at York University (Canada) devoted three pages to it in "The Psychology of Anomalous Experience", Hutchinson University Library 1972, p.18.

[Begin Quote]

"THE TIME-GAP EXPERIENCE

After a long drive the motorist will quite commonly report that at some point on the journey he 'woke up' to realise that he had no awareness of some preceding period of time. People often describe this, with some justification, as 'a gap in time', 'a lost half-hour' or 'a piece out of my life'. The strangeness of the experience springs partly from the 'waking up' when one is already awake..."

[End of Quote]

Arguably from the point of view of the psychologist the distinctive feature of your experience and others like it would be not so much the character of the material that is later suspected or 'discovered' to have filled the time-gap but the character of the high-arousal high-stress trigger situation (of 'seeing the UFO') because becoming alarmed and alert is definitely not symptomatic of the 'workaday' time-gap experience. Probably the psychologist would try to see it as a kind of fugue state, where loss of conscious attention is also experienced.

Regards

Martin Shough

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 15:30:20 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 17:43:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Gates

>From: Pedro Luz Cunha <[pplcunha@yahoo.com](mailto:pplcunha@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 09:22:25 -0300 (ART)  
>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: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 20:22:22 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

>>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>>To: UFO Updates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 08:40:02 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

>>>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.

>>Assuming that the hoax reports out of Brazil are true (and I  
>>have seen no evidence to suggest otherwise) we need to keep in  
>>mind that many so called mainstream respectable UFO researchers  
>>have been victimized by a hoax. For example Hynek had the  
>>Jarslow photos; Randle had Kaufman; Stan had Gerald Anderson,  
>>abduction researchers have had a few phonys just to name a few.

>>I would assume that if all of this is verified, Linda would  
>>publish a full retraction on the story.

>Mr Gates,

>It seems to me that there will be no way to convince you of what  
>the Brazilian Ufologists have come up with, here on UFO  
>UpDates.

Pedro,

If you look at what I said above "Assuming that the hoax reports out of Brazil are true (and I have seen no evidence to suggest otherwise..." The one thing that pauses me is in one of AJ's posts where he said that this is hotly debated or words to that effect. If it is hotly debated, you have two sides to the story, meaning it is apparently no a slam dunk, forgone conclusion.

From the evidence I have seen (based upon email posts from two individuals) it appears to be a hoax.

Cheers ,

Robert

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## A Response From A 'Formidable Adversary Agency'

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 16:12:41 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 17:46:03 -0500  
Subject: A Response From A 'Formidable Adversary Agency'

FROM: Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20591

TO: Larry W. Bryant

DATE: February 26, 2003

Dear Mr. Bryant (Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2003-0003766):

This letter acknowledges receipt of your December 5, 2002 e-mail FOIA request to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for a copy of all records regarding a July 26, 2002 Waldorf, Maryland incident that FAA has shared with the National Institute for Discovery Science. The General Legal Services Staff, Office of the Chief Counsel, forwarded your request to the National Freedom of Information Act Staff on February 25.

Your original request was never received in the FOIA office. You addressed your e-mail to: [9-awa-aoa-consumer@faa.gov](mailto:9-awa-aoa-consumer@faa.gov). That e-mail address is not the FOIA e-mail address. We are not sure which office that e-mail address belongs to. The correct e-mail address for the FOIA staff is [7-awa-arc-foia@faa.gov](mailto:7-awa-arc-foia@faa.gov). Please note that future FOIA requests must be sent either to the FOIA e-mail address listed above or mailed to: Federal Aviation Administration, National Freedom of Information Act Staff, ARC-40, Room 911, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

Your request has been assigned for action to the following offices:

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(Phone: 202-267-3469).

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Should you wish to inquire as to the status of your request, please contact the assigned FOIA coordinators. Please refer to the above referenced FOIA number on all future correspondence.

Sincerely,

A. Bernette Smith  
Freedom of Information Act Management Specialist

[LWB Note: Shouldn't the FAA inspector general try to determine why ANY snail-mail fails to make its way to this federal agency charged with promoting, monitoring, and protecting the safety/efficiency of U. S. airborne activity? My Dec. 5, 2002,

e-letter request made it plain that I was snail-mailing to them a signed printout thereof; did one or more FAA recipients choose to destroy or hide that letter (for whatever reason)? Could there possibly be an object lesson here: when you have the goods on agency stonewalling, obfuscation, prevarication, abuse of authority, or other wrongdoing, you'd better send your initial correspondence to them via Certified Mail!]

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## CCCRN News: New CCCRN and Crop Circle Photographs

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@look.ca](mailto:psa@look.ca)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 13:53:56 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 17:47:43 -0500  
Subject: CCCRN News: New CCCRN and Crop Circle Photographs

CCCRN NEWS  
E-News from the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

March 1, 2003

<http://www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada>

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The People Of CCCRN

A photo page of some of the Canadian researchers has been added to the web site, to help put faces to names of some of those in our dedicated teams.

Update - Mission, BC #2 Corn Formation, 2002

A few additional ground photos have also been added for the Mission, BC #2 formation from 2002, showing some stalks bent over from several inches to over a foot above the ground (mostly in the two rectangular sidebars, the last additions to the formation along with the half-circle) while others were bent or broken at ground level.

Canadian Crop Circle Photographs

A page has also been added of selected Canadian crop circle photographs for which photo or laser prints are now available, both aerial and scenic, from 2001 and 2002 initially, with others to be added.

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## New Era for FOIA Responsiveness at CIA?

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 17:32:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 17:49:03 -0500  
Subject: New Era for FOIA Responsiveness at CIA?

FROM: Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

TO: Larry W. Bryant

DATE: Feb. 25, 2003

Dear Mr. Bryant:

Your letter of 7 February 2003 requesting records [about CIA censorship of operative "Wendy Lee's" draft memoirs] under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act has been received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator. Our analysts will review your request, and we will be in touch with you to advise you of any problems we have encountered or whether we can search for records without any additional information.

Your request has been assigned Reference No. F-2003-00267 for identification purposes.

Sincerely,

Kathryn I. Dyer  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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## Re: Question About Missing Time - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 18:21:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 18:39:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time - Velez

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 19:58:18 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 02:06:32 -0500  
>>Subject: Question About Missing Time

>>I had always associated the term 'missing time' with the memory  
>>blackouts that heavy-drinking alcoholics or drug addicts often  
>>report. What has happened to me and to many others is 'something  
>>else' however. The 'missing time' that I refer to is not  
>>related/correlated, to a state of intoxication.

><snip>

>>Does anybody know if the UFO/abduction kind of missing time has  
>>ever been reported under 'other' circumstances? According to my  
>>own admittedly limited knowledge, other than in abduction  
>>reports, I have never before heard of 'this kind' of missing  
>>time.

>>  
>>I honestly think that the phenomena of missing time as I  
>>described it above is unique to UFO abduction reports. Does  
>>anyone have information to the contrary? I'm curious if the kind  
>>of missing time I'm talking about is in fact, unique to  
>>abduction reports.

<snip>

>No, the phenomenon of missing time is not unique to UFO  
>abduction reports. It occurs in several parallel folkloric  
>traditions around the world, for example abductions by the  
>fairies etc. But neither is it specific to abductions, folkloric  
>or ufological. Psychologists have long recognised it as a  
>distinct type of attention anomaly. For example psychologist  
>Graham Reed, Professor of Psychology at York University (Canada)  
>devoted three pages to it in "The Psychology of Anomalous  
>Experience", Hutchinson University Library 1972, p.18.

Hi Martin,

>[Begin Quote]

>"THE TIME-GAP EXPERIENCE  
>After a long drive the motorist will quite commonly report that  
>at some point on the journey he 'woke up' to realise that he had  
>no awareness of some preceding period of time. People often  
>describe this, with some justification, as 'a gap in time', 'a  
>lost half-hour' or 'a piece out of my life'. The strangeness of  
>the experience springs partly from the 'waking up' when one is  
>already awake..."

>[End of Quote]

Hypnotic states are much different from what I'm talking about.  
I was in a state of fight or flight. Sharpened, heightened

awareness if anything. In that state everything slows down. You are acutely aware of, and notice everything. It's a 'survival' situation and there's no time for 'sleeping' or wandering off in thought as in the example quoted above. It is 'red alert' and the little hairs on the back of your neck stand up at attention like little antennae.

That is one of the things that made it so shocking. I was wide awake and alert. When the 'instant change' happened, I felt totally disoriented and confused. It wasn't like 'waking up' to realize that I must have drifted off, this was a complete disconnect in the time-line. Something that had never happened to me before, or since. Unique. That's why it stands out in memory so.

>Arguably from the point of view of the psychologist the  
>distinctive feature of your experience and others like it would  
>be not so much the character of the material that is later  
>suspected or 'discovered' to have filled the time-gap but the  
>character of the high-arousal high-stress trigger situation (of  
>'seeing the UFO') because becoming alarmed and alert is  
>definitely not symptomatic of the 'workaday' time-gap  
>experience. Probably the psychologist would try to see it as a  
>kind of fugue state, where loss of conscious attention is also  
>experienced.

Again, I don't think 'fugues' apply to fight or flight responses/ states. A 'fugue' is more like what was described above. A driver hypnotized by the road after a long trip suddenly realizes that he/she has 'drifted off.' That's nothing like what happened to me.

The 'hunt' goes on. Thank you for the references. I will check them out/give em a read, asap. I really want to learn more about this.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 19:38:03 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Mar 2003 10:14:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Gevaerd

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.hale@ntlworld.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 14:31:50 -0000  
>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: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 07:55:53 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

><snip>

>>So, it is a complete shame that we see great parts of our  
>>efforts discarded in this situation. Linda has not only  
>>disappointed us but has done so consciously, as she probably  
>>knows what she is doing, causing severe damage to Ufology.

>>A. J. Gevaerd

>Hi,

>Just a quick comment here, as I have been following this thread.

>Can I take it, that if Linda Moulton Howe did not get involved  
>in this case, then she would not be dissected here on updates?

<snip>

Hi Roy and Listers:

As I said before, I have my people working on translations of the numerous reports about Urandir's fake activities. And as I said here before, you still can find a lot of what Brazilians UFO researchers sent to Jeff Rense, as he posted this stuff in his website. Please check that out or, if you read Portuguese, see a nice picture of Urandir in jail and the proper documentation at:

<http://old.ufo.com.br/edicoes/ufo71>

It is "old" because we are rebuilding our entire page and "ufo71" means the edition 71 of our magazine, published two years ago. In our lastest edition, January/February, there is a long article on Urandir's new B.S., including comments on Linda's 'investigation'.

Roy, I am sorry she has been "dissected here" - your own words. But as soon as I posted my open letter on the internet the reactions started - naturally. I have received dozens of private mails very supportive and very, very much revealing of Linda's suspicious involvement in other stories - specially Crop Circles. But let me assure you that it was not my intention. Ask anyone who knows me and they will tell you that's not way that I operate.

Also, as a matter of fact, when Urandir's P.R. very well paid personnel called Linda last year, she called my home and we spoke for over 30 minutes about the case. I was very detailed in

the report I made her over the phone, about the case. Also, we exchanged several e-mails where I tried to give her details and more details of the situation. I recall sending her over 15 e-mails and got only 2 or 3 vague answers. I am absolutely certain that she decided not to take my, or anyone else's, word into consideration from the very beginning.

Folks at UFO UpDates, don't you feel that it is strange that even under intense debate Linda Moulton Howe still refuses to hear us, the Brazilian UFO researchers? What is preventing her from listening to her South American Colleagues? Are we so worthless that we don't deserve attention? Folks, I could scream loudly that she is completely fooled by the man she met and totally mistaken about the case. Wouldn't a serious UFO researcher and/or journalist say "Okay, okay, okay. Let's check out what you are saying"?

A. J. Gevaerd

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## LMH Can You Prove Your Evidence?

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2003 08:22:18 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Mar 2003 10:38:59 -0500  
Subject: LMH Can You Prove Your Evidence?

Linda,

I know that you are not listening to me and that you don't care much about what the truth is in this issue. I am starting to worry about what is your agenda with Urandir, but it is entirely your problem. However, you've been lying about some situations involved in this dispute, either naively and because you don't know the facts and have been misinformed by your new friend, or you simply chose to lie about these facts even knowing what the truth is. What is worst?

I consider that it is your right to support and promote Urandir in this thing - I debate, but respect that. I entirely disagree with what you are doing, which I classify as shameless, to say the least. But it is your right to do what you are doing and even get paid to do it. However, when you start lying about things that directly involve me, it exceeds your rights and becomes my problem. And I will not rest a single minute until I have things cleared up. Please, be aware that I have the necessary docs and info to support what I claim, and you don't.

If you have two minutes to spare, read the message below, that I'm posting to 3,000 people all over the world this evening.

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### Correcting Mistakes

I have just been informed about last Friday's Coast-to-Coast show, where Linda Moulton Howe presented the "Corghinho Case" (its still wrong on her webpage. It is Corguinho and means 'Little River'). I made the decision not to listen to it live, as I knew that a lot of discrepancies would occur during Linda's 'investigation', either made voluntarily by her or naively. I don't know George Noory but I guess he would agree that all the info presented on his show should be legitimate and maybe he doesn't know that some is not. And as a matter of ethics, probably he would like to have both versions of this thing.

Well, one of the discrepancies just presented is that "poor, shy and humble farmer" Urandir got several lawsuits from A. J. Gevaerd. That is hilarious and another interesting piece of this debate. Please, Linda, you should know better that our legal system in Brazil has a very well updated website where this kind of info can be verified. It is very easy. All someone has to do is visit:

<http://www.tj.gov.ms.br>

and check out both names, mine (Ademar Jose Gevaerd) and Urandir's (Fernandes de Oliveira).

Anyone can see that I am the defendant ("reu" in Portuguese) in several lawsuits that Urandir has against me ("autor" in Portuguese). Some lawsuits don't appear in that system, but most of them do. So far, over 7 years, I have been object of 9 lawsuits from this cheater, every one of them very well taken care of by my attorneys. The purpose of those lawsuits, along with the threats and intimidation, pressure and campaign of



lies, is to silence me - and you see that I am not silent at all. Urandir gave up on some of the lawsuits long ago and lost two - the others are still under justice's roles.

I've never filed a lawsuit against him. Any serious journalist should have verified that.

Even Urandir's lawyer entered a lawsuit against me and I am very happy to say that as last Thursday I was officially informed that I won that lawsuit, too. He demaned R\$ 500 thousand - about US\$ 150 thousand - as damages to his moral image because of 'things that I've said said about him'. Amazingly, his lawsuit had only 4 sheets of paper and was backed up with a xerox copy of an e-mail from a third party. Well, Urandir's attorney not only looses his client's lawsuits against me - as he lost his own. Justice in Brazil may be slow, but it is fair.

A. J. Gevaerd

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 18:41:03 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Mar 2003 10:44:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Gates

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 08:39:33 -0700  
>To: UFO Updates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

>Am I the only person who finds it rather odd that Ms. Moulton  
>Howe didn't take scientists with her to Brazil to investigate?  
>What is her qualifications for proper evidenciary collection of  
>samples and insurance of their provance?

An excellent point Wendy. How many UFO investigators (that are deemed credible) take with them scientists and engineers on site when they do an investigation?

What about the qualifications of these investigators to gather evidence? Certainly none of them that I know of have degrees or training in evidence gathering or forensic work/photography.

For example to be qualified to do historical work it is thought that you have to have a historical background and a Masters or Phd in history. However Jerry Clark does excellent work in that regard and as I recall he does not have a degree in history, but in something else. Not to mention others.

The very simple truth is that many so called "unqualified" people give us reports and information all the time. Journalists speak and write about subjects that they are "not qualified" in but are considered to be experts none the less.

>Nice that Linda is going to put "documents" on her website...  
>course, it's gonna cost you an arm and a leg to see it.

As I recall the yearly cost is less then renewing your subscription to the MUFON journal. Before anybody says anything I have not paid for nor do I have access to the paid portion of her web site.

Cheers,

Robert

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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: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 20:54:32 -0300 (ART)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Mar 2003 10:58:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Cunha

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>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 08:39:33 -0700  
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>Never mind. <G>

>Nice that Linda is going to put "documents" on her website...  
>course, it's gonna cost you an arm and a leg to see it.

Dear Wendy,

Thanks for exposing your thoughts.

Scientific basic procedure must be followed to achieve good results and I think these procedures are not being respected.

I am not a scientist, but I try to follow cartesian behavior. But that doesn't mean I only see what logic shows me. Basic methods of science must be followed to present good data, as for the present method. I think that Ms. Moulton Howe should have done that.

You are, for sure, right. And please let us know of any progress in your research. I believe that people like you and many others I see here, are working to unfold the mistery that we find behind Ufology. We all here do the same. Exchanging good information is a must. My sincere compliments.

Salutations,

Pedro Cunha

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## Re: Question About Missing Time - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 20:06:26 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Mar 2003 11:01:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 19:58:18 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time

>"THE TIME-GAP EXPERIENCE  
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>that at some point on the journey he 'woke up' to realise  
>that he had no awareness of some preceding period of time.  
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>gap in time', 'a lost half-hour' or 'a piece out of my life'.  
>The strangeness of the experience springs partly from the  
>'waking up' when one is already awake..."

>Martin Shough

Hi Martin,

As one of those motorists who has had that experience - as I'm sure most have [and there's also that period in the 60s, actually the 60s - but that's another story] that experience is not so much as a missing time episode, but missing recall of details on the way to the destination. The journey which was expected to take a half-hour still takes a half-hour. Not two and a half hours, for example, for a trip that should only take a half-hour - as is often reported by the abductees.

Or getting out of a vehicle, for example, for a couple of minutes to observe an object which suddenly vanishes only to discover when you got back in the vehicle that two hours of time had elapsed for both yourself and your driver as told to me recently by a retired army officer.

That's what has to be addressed.

Incidentally, you mentioned the same missing time having occurred during encounters with fairies some centuries ago. Any idea what these fairies were supposed to look like?

Don Ledger

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Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 21:11:41 -0300 (ART)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:15:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Cunha

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 15:30:20 -0500  
>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

>>From: Pedro Luz Cunha <[pp1cunha@yahoo.com](mailto:pp1cunha@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 09:22:25 -0300 (ART)  
>>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

>If you look at what I said above "Assuming that the hoax reports  
>out of Brazil are true (and I have seen no evidence to suggest  
>otherwise..." The one thing that pauses me is in one of AJ's  
>posts where he said that this is hotly debated or words to that  
>effect. If it is hotly debated, you have two sides to the  
>story, meaning it is apparently no a slam dunk, forgone  
>conclusion.

>From the evidence I have seen (based upon email posts from two  
>individuals) it appears to be a hoax.

Robert,

Yes, I understand your line of thought. But what keeps buzzing  
my mind is that from your mail our evidence is not convincing  
enough. Alright. That's why I posted my message.

When you say 'assuming' is a bit far out of what has been proved  
here, and you can also check with Mr. Gevaerd. I am sure he will  
provide you with any information you request or Ms. Linda, if  
she wishes to do so. I have seen some of the most famous  
paranormal people here. But not to this degree!!

And please... you are absolutely right. Both sides! That's why  
the whole thread started. Linda hears only one side and for her  
purposes. The American People deserve better information.

Great admiration for you all,

Pedro Cunha

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## Firmage [was: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe]

From: Will Bueche <[willb3d@hotmail.com](mailto:willb3d@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 19:43:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:17:56 -0500  
Subject: Firmage [was: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe]

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 04:07:52 -0700  
>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Connors

<snip>

>She ranks right up there with Joe Firmage... one hit wonders in  
>the field of Ufology who take and don't give anything back.

Woah. Before you need to buy more knives to stick in people's  
backs, take that one back.

Firmage gave millions of dollars to support serious research  
into alien encounters, as well as into alternative energy. Not  
to mention trying to develop better science education methods  
for children (in a largely unsuccessful venture...not many people  
besides him wanted to invest in children's futures, apparently).

He was also a deeply articulate spokesman who brought his  
message to audiences who were outside the field, such as readers  
of the magazines such as "What Is Enlightenment?" which normally  
wouldn't touch the subject of alien encounters, but did so for  
him. He's also the behind-the-scenes reason why Popular  
Mechanics ran UFO technology articles (I'll couch that by saying  
"so I heard").

If you haven't heard from him lately, bear in mind that (at  
least) two major things have happened in his life: First, awhile  
back, he was in a partnership with one of Carl Sagan's widows,  
and he needed to tone down his public statements about aliens a  
bit in order to make that work.

Then, and I suspect this is the more serious reason why you  
haven't heard from him lately: the tech stock market burst, and  
if it hit him anything like it hit me, it would have hit him  
hard. No doubt he's rebuilding cautiously. But he doesn't owe  
you anything, and he was generous when he could be.

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## Rev. Monroe Drew Jr. Founder Aereon Corp

From: Tom Benson <[sparkle@earthlink.net](mailto:sparkle@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 19:56:29 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:20:40 -0500  
Subject: Rev. Monroe Drew Jr. Founder Aereon Corp

Dear List:

The Rev. Monroe Drew, Jr., aged 86 died, Monday in San Antonio, Texas. Drew founded the Aereon Corp. in 1959 in hope of developing an aircraft to help Christian missionaries reach people in the mountain and jungle areas of undeveloped countries. The corporation, with Drew as its vice president, worked in relative secret in a hanger at Mercer County Airport in 1962 to build its first experimental model - the Aereon, a three-hulled dirigible about 85 feet long. A full-size version of the craft was expected to be as long as 800 feet.

The craft overturned in April, 1966 while taxiing down a runway at the airport. following that mishap, a new radical design was introduced.

Years later, after several other setbacks and after Drew had left the company, another craft was developed that was featured in the popular non-fiction book, "The Deltoid Pumpkin Seed" by John McPhee.

Aereon Corp. under the leadership of the Rev. William Miller, Jr. is still in existence and based in Princeton, New Jersey.

Tim Matthews, author of "UFO Revelation, The Secret Technology Exposed?", referred to Aereon writing: "A small number of us have consistently argued that many of the UFOs seen are a combination of helicopter and aircraft technologies. There is also some evidence that the military intend to use triangular hybrid airships similar to the 1970s Aereon design. The Air Force 2025 report shows a picture of the Aereon 340 proposal in relation to a possible 'future' ('future' often means 'present' in the black world)."

Tom Benson

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <[bdenzler1@email.msn.com](mailto:bdenzler1@email.msn.com)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 19:59:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:22:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Denzler

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.hale@ntlworld.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 14:31:50 -0000  
>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

<snip>

>... because once you get  
>paid for a lecture, a video, a book, a media presentation, you  
>too are making a living out of UFOs!

Uh, Roy. I can swear with my hand on any Good Book you wish to suggest - Bible, Koran, or the Joy of Cooking - that the money I have received for my book hardly constitutes "a living".

Brenda Denzler

Author of \*The Lure of the Edge: Scientific Passions, Religious Beliefs, and the Pursuit of UFOs\*  
<http://www.abductionproject.com>

"War does not determine who is right;  
it only determines who is left."

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Bennett

From: Colin Bennett <[sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:sharkley@panzerben.fsworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2003 02:12:48 +0000 (GMT Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:37:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Bennett

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 05:53:39 +0100  
>Subject: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

Hello Mr Goldstein,

As the prize-winning author of a recent biography of Charles Fort, which has been described as a "postmodern" work, I don't usually respond to amateur non-published gadflies as yourself, Mr Goldstein. However, since I think you're a covert sexy bitch behind those Gestapo granny-glasses you wear, I think the List might be interested to know that the last time you wrote to me you referred to me as a masturbator and a colon. Yes, I admit to being the only one of the first breed in captivity, but in regard to the second, since I have never seen that part of my anatomy, I cannot confirm a sighting. Perhaps you spend your time peering up your own, in that case sir, you have the advantage of me.

With regard to your own credibility, perhaps the List might also like to know that some weeks back, you offered your own do-it yourself "reality test" kit to abductee claimants, and if you remember at the time, I advised you to sell this at the back of car show rooms and perhaps make a fortune. I see Greer being pelted on this List, but you appear to be getting away with such delicious confectionary. I wonder why?

If this reality test kit of yours is an example of rational thinking, then I despair for your completely disgraced profession.

(did you like that, Dick? I know you're watching!)

For those List Bears who might want a breakdown of Mr Goldstein's democratic character and equally democratic profession, I refer them to my 700-line post of a few weeks ago.

Should anyone want to see postmodernism in user-friendly action, then they should read my full-feature article High Moon now running in Fortean Times 168, on NASA and James Oberg

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett)

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Goldstein

From: **Josh Goldstein** <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Sun, 02 Mar 2003 04:17:22 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:40:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Goldstein

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 09:05:07 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

<snip>

Hello Greg,

If the above statement is a good representaion of postmodernism then all I can say is that I think quite differently. I also think that the descriptions of postmodern animal art are pretty ugly and sick. I am in a quite different world. I don't think you and I should debate this as I suspect we would be off topic for this list and remain 180 degrees apart.

But to get closer to topic I would like to know from you how you personally relate postmodern deconstruction with the serious study of the UFO phenomenon.

Greg, have you ever had close pets with which you shared universal love in both directions?

Thanks,

Josh

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## Philadelphia Inquirer: Mutilated Body Found

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 19:54:10 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:42:03 -0500  
Subject: Philadelphia Inquirer: Mutilated Body Found

Hello all,

This one I hope has a relativley prosiac explanation.

<http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/news/front/5290180.htm>

If it doesn't well, I don't want to think about it.

GT McCoy

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## Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2003 02:07:26 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:48:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe - Gates

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 04:07:52 -0700  
>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 00:27:39 EST  
>>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

><Snip>

>Robert, I'd almost have a tendency to believe your fervent rash  
>of posts regarding this thread is suspect. You getting some  
>kind of kickback from the \$26 website charge of LMH, or  
>something?

Wendy,

No more of a kick back than what you get promoting "purple robes". :) )

Seriously, I would suspect that I am probably on Linda Howe's crap-list over my Brazil posts. I would also point out that I have not paid the Earthfiles web site charge, nor do I have access to the paid portion.

>Look, Linda Moulton-Howe has the right to fleece anyone she  
>wants and to be a schlocky researcher. It's a free country.  
>People have the right to saddle up to pay their money to enter  
>her website, get fleeced and beg for more. It's a free country.  
>She has the right to make money from ufological endeavors, even  
>though it damages the honest efforts of others to bring  
>legitimacy and respect for Ufology.

Ufology will never have any legitimacy and respect from the outside, because the outside is too busy with legitimacy and respect in their fields. Like so many other fields, Ufology will only have legitimacy and respect from within the field. Quite honestly if you ask a room full of meteorologists if they cared about the field of geology the answer would probably be no... unless of course some geological discovery was weather connected. If you asked the same room full of meteorologists if they cared about Ufology they wouldn't... unless it could tie somehow into their field. Sure you may have a few people from one field or another that have an interest in Ufology, but as a whole that is very limited.

Would that change? Perhaps. If it was clearly proven that UFO and ET exist and the government wanted to throw alot of money into research, alot of these same disinterested and or skeptical scientists and others would suddenly become patron research saints of the UFO field campaigning for government grants to do all this serious research that they would claim has been neglected all these years by the amateurs.....

>All I'm saying is that over time, people who can think, have  
>come to the conclusion that her research is mostly yellow style

>journalism and done solely with a profit motive in mind. It is  
>applied explicitly for sensationalistic value and to garner a  
>crowd.

While somebody might think that Linda Howe's research is "yellow style" (for the benefit of listeners who may not know so called yellow journalism is typically associated with sensation and scandal) it strikes me as being close to the various UFO publications over the years. For example when I look at the cover of the new MUFON journal and see the illustration of a praying mantis type entity hovering over somebody's bed, with the individuals horrified look on his face, Dr. Downings article on UFOs, cults and cloning, and a short burb on the Woods new documentary on the MJ-12 docs It's not yellow journalism, but research that is being done and reported on. I may not agree with the conclusions but it doesn't mean the publication is involved with Yellow Style writing. Nor do I associate printed abductee accounts over the years about the removal of fetus's, sexual encounters, probes in various areas of the body and so on to be yellow style...not to mention accounts from the NIDS ranch of dimensional doors and other entities..although a person could make the allegation that they were.

The National Enquirer is typically associated with yellow style journalism, however as I recall Jesse Marcel's story about Roswell was told by an Enquirer reporter Bob Pratt, not to mention the intrusions of the SAC bases in 1975.

>But, bottom lines are thus: Linda Moulton-Howe is not, in any  
>respect, a ufological researcher with credibility. She uses  
>Ufology for her own gain at the expense of really wanting the  
>knowledge and truth behind the phenomena. That's what separates  
>the Richard Hall's from the Linda Moulton-Howe's of the world.

As I have pointed out, some people make a living in the UFO field and receive money for what they do, others do not. I have not agreed with every story that Linda has put forth over the years, nor have I agreed with every story floated out by so called respectable UFO researchers over the years, nor do they agree with each other and they argue about it vociferously. Even the organizations and groups have disagreed. To CUFOS Gulf Breeze was a hoax, hoax, hoax. To MUFON and Bruce Macabee, Gulf Breeze was legit, legit, legit. To each organization their research and conclusions were the credible ones and the other group was simply off the beaten path. You may recall some of the barbs that were exchanged back then.

Everytime some researcher peddles a book, audio recording or video they in essence are doing the same thing Linda Howe is doing.

>I have nothing personal against Linda Moulton-Howe, Robert. She  
>has the right to be a sleazy, sensationalist. Just don't try to  
>legitimize her as a credible and respected Ufologist. To  
>thinking people and people who spend their money to make Ufology  
>credible, that's really pushing it.

The problem is whatever criteria that is used to make the "sleazy, sensationalist" rating could also be applied to other publications in the UFO field that are considered respectable.

As to Ufology being credible, it will only be credible to those on the inside who are studying it. If we are spending time and money attempting to make Ufology credible to the outside it is a total waste of time and money to attempt to go there.

>She ranks right up there with Joe Firmage... one hit  
>wonders in  
>the field of Ufology who take and don't give anything back.

Many in the UFO field probably think giving something back is writing a book once ever 1-2 years. Others feel that something should be done more regular.

Linda generally cranks 3-7 articles a month. Now that service is available by subscription... like my MUFON Journal and IUR to mention a few. I would call that giving something back just like I would call David Jacobs two books, Jerry Clark's UFO Encyclopedia and numerous articles, Kevin Randles numerous books and articles, Stan Friedmans numerous books and articles, and Wendy Connors audio recordings and files giving something back.



Cheers ,

Robert

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## Stephen Bassett Cosmic Candidate

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Sun, 02 Mar 2003 15:01:06 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:52:01 -0500  
Subject: Stephen Bassett Cosmic Candidate

To: Jim Hightower <[lowdown@newslet.com](mailto:lowdown@newslet.com)>  
(Editor of 'The Hightower Lowdown' newsletter):

Here's my nominee for your grassroots congressional-candidate contest as announced in the February 2003 issue:

When Montgomery County, Md., resident Stephen G. Bassett ran (as an independent) for Congress last fall, he had no illusions about winning the election. Basically, he was making a statement: that Congress had failed to fulfill its obligation to help release the Executive Branch's stranglehold on the truth about UFO-E.T. reality -- a reality reflected by reams of FOIA-freed-up official documentation dating back to the forties. Read all about it at his website:

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

Thank you for this opportunity to help Steve gear up for additional challenges to the UFO-secrecy status quo.

-- Larry W. Bryant

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## Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release - 03-03-03

From: **Leslie Kean** <[lkean@ix.netcom.com](mailto:lkean@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 02:50:20 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 12:10:03 -0500  
Subject: Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release - 03-03-03

CFI - Coalition For Freedom Of Information

Press Release

Monday, March 3, 2003

For further information:  
Contact: Ed Rothschild (202) 879-9317  
Leslie Kean (415) 250-9791

SCI FI Channel and Coalition for Freedom of Information to  
Support Petition for Federal Investigation into Kecksburg  
Incident

Greensburg, PA - Lending their voices for a federal investigation into the 1965 crash of an object in Kecksburg, PA, representatives of SCI FI Channel and the Coalition for Freedom of Information (CFI) today began a three-day visit to the Kecksburg area and announced their support for a local petition drive ([www.signpetition.com](http://www.signpetition.com)) spear-headed by long-time investigator Stan Gordon.

"By signing a petition, citizens here and elsewhere in the state can help put public pressure on their congressional delegation to request an investigation by the U.S. General Accounting Office," said Larry Landsman, Director, Special Projects, SCI FI Channel.

Something was seen in the sky and landed in the woods near Kecksburg on December 9, 1965. Since then, the U.S. government denies that anything fell - despite testimony from citizens who saw the partially buried object in the woods and statements from firefighters, reporters, dozens of witnesses, and newspaper accounts confirming the military response to the area.

Noting that "Kecksburg is one of those historic, unexplained incidents that requires a full public accounting," Leslie Kean, an independent journalist and research director of CFI, said that she has recently filed Freedom of Information Act requests to numerous federal agencies and military services seeking records from their involvement.

"This case is more than 37 years old," said Kean. "It's high time for our government - whether it's the U.S. Air Force or NASA or any other agency - to come clean and tell the public what they know."

SCI FI Channel, which is supporting public advocacy efforts to gain release of secret government records on unidentified aerial phenomena, believes the government may be withholding information about UFO activity. "On the one hand, government agencies state that UFO sightings are not a threat to national security, but nearly in the same breath they say that they cannot reveal information on national security grounds. They can't have it both ways," said Landsman.

The initiative has the support of John Podesta, President Clinton's former chief of staff. "I think it's time to open the books on questions that have remained in the dark, on the question of government investigations of UFOs," Podesta said at a news conference in Washington last October, launching the CFI Freedom of Information effort.

Both Landsman and Kean say that the Pennsylvania petition asks the right questions:

- What landed near Kecksburg, PA on December 9, 1965?
- Where did the orders come from for Army, Air Force, and NASA personnel to be dispatched to the scene?
- Why did military personnel brandish weapons at local citizens to prevent the object from being observed?
- What was the importance of the object that caused the military to rapidly respond to the Kecksburg area?

"Getting answers to these questions should be at the core of any investigation. But to get such an investigation requires the public to demand it," said Stan Gordon, who will be distributing and collecting petitions through his office in Greensburg.

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Petition to Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation for Investigation of 1965 "Kecksburg Incident"

Whereas, on December 9, 1965 something fell from the sky and crashed in the woods near Kecksburg, Pennsylvania;

Whereas, for the past 37 years, citizens of Westmoreland County and surrounding communities have attempted to find out what it was;

Whereas, military personnel from the Army and Air Force as well as NASA, were identified at the scene by eyewitnesses, including news reporters and firefighters, as involved in the search, and military vehicles were observed at or near the impact site;

Whereas, some witnesses reported seeing an object on the ground prior to the arrival of the military;

Whereas, some witnesses state that a large covered object was transported out of the area that night on a military flat bed tractor-trailer truck;

Whereas, some witnesses report being stopped by armed U.S. military officials who prevented them from approaching the landing site;

Whereas, after all these years, our government continues to insist that nothing was found and so far has refused to disclose all the records on the incident;

Whereas, the Cold War is long gone;

And whereas, the public has a right to know what its government discovered and answers to the following questions:

- What landed near Kecksburg, PA on December 9, 1965?
- Where did the orders come from for Army, Air Force, and NASA personnel to be dispatched to the scene?
- Why did military personnel brandish weapons at local citizens to prevent the object from being observed?
- What was the importance of the object that caused the military to rapidly respond to the Kecksburg area?

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the undersigned, believe that the time has come to get answers from the Air Force, Army, and NASA and hereby petition members of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to request an investigation by the U.S. General Accounting Office that will obtain answers to these and other questions related to the December 9, 1965 event.

For more background, see [www.freedomofinfo.org](http://www.freedomofinfo.org) . Please see [www.signpetition.com](http://www.signpetition.com) for a copy of the petition and information about the petition drive.

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## NARA-ing The Scope

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 02:59:47 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 13:46:09 -0500  
Subject: NARA-ing The Scope

From: National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

To: Larry W. Bryant

Date: February 19, 2003

Dear Mr. Bryant:

This is in response to your February 10, 2003 Freedom of Information Act request (our reference number NW 22921) for access to records in the custody of the National Archives and Records Administration. Your request was received in this office on February 13, 2003.

The requested document, a four page letter from Walter Colby, Director of Intelligence, AEC, to Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, Director of Central Intelligence, dated February 24, 1949, has been reviewed by the Central Intelligence Agency and declassified in full. A declassified copy is enclosed for your benefit.

Regarding your letter of January 1, 2003, I am sorry to report that it has not been delivered to this office and must conclude that it has been misdirected. However, based upon the information you provided we were able to identify the correct document, a two-page memorandum, dated 22 July 1949, for the Executive Secretary, National Security Council. This document has also been reviewed by the Central Intelligence Agency and declassified in full. A declassified copy is enclosed for your benefit.

This concludes the processing of your request.

Sincerely,

HERBERT J. RAWLINGS-MILTON  
Supervisory Archivist  
Special Access/FOIA Staff

Enclosures

[LWB Note: Has Amerika's great postal service contracted some sort of non-delivery virus when it comes to processing snail-mail from certain activist citizens? Worse, has some NARA official arbitrarily chosen to waylay that mail upon its very arrival at College Park? As you grope for a suitable answer, please file this "mystery memo" solution in your folder marked "MJ-12 NON-Smoking Guns": (1) the (formerly) censored words of the two-page memo of July 22, 1949, consist of "covert and overt" (found in a few places throughout the text), along with the expressions "confidential funds; travel abroad; storage and warehousing for clandestine materials"; "clandestine matters"; "covert activities"; and "(except special equipment for clandestine use)"; (2) the (formerly) censored passages of the four-page letter of Feb. 24, 1949, pertain to AEC organizational

concerns about how best to achieve (and maintain) closer CIA liaison with the Atomic Energy Commission. Thus, the lack of any MJ-12 reference within either document will send researchers Robert and Ryan Wood back to their archival grab bag for another try. Stay tuned.]

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## Re: Question About Missing Time - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2003 13:34:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 13:50:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time - Maccabee

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 19:58:18 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 02:06:32 -0500  
>>Subject: Question About Missing Time

>>Hello All,

>>I had always associated the term 'missing time' with the memory  
>>blackouts that heavy-drinking alcoholics or drug addicts often  
>>report. What has happened to me and to many others is 'something  
>>>related/correlated, to a state of intoxication.

<snip>

>>Does anybody know if the UFO/abduction kind of missing time has  
>>ever been reported under 'other' circumstances? According to my  
>>own admittedly limited knowledge, other than in abduction  
>>reports, I have never before heard of 'this kind' of missing  
>>time.

<snip>

>No, the phenomenon of missing time is not unique to UFO  
>abduction reports. It occurs in several parallel folkloric  
>traditions around the world, for example abductions by the  
>fairies etc. But neither is it specific to abductions, folkloric  
>or ufological. Psychologists have long recognised it as a  
>distinct type of attention anomaly. For example psychologist  
>Graham Reed, Professor of Psychology at York University (Canada)  
>devoted three pages to it in "The Psychology of Anomalous  
>Experience", Hutchinson University Library 1972, p.18.

>[Begin Quote]

>"THE TIME-GAP EXPERIENCE  
>After a long drive the motorist will quite commonly report that  
>at some point on the journey he 'woke up' to realise that he had  
>no awareness of some preceding period of time. People often  
>describe this, with some justification, as 'a gap in time', 'a  
>lost half-hour' or 'a piece out of my life'. The strangeness of  
>the experience springs partly from the 'waking up' when one is  
>already awake..."

>[End of Quote]

>Arguably from the point of view of the psychologist the  
>distinctive feature of your experience and others like it would  
>be not so much the character of the material that is later  
>suspected or 'discovered' to have filled the time-gap but the  
>character of the high-arousal high-stress trigger situation (of  
>'seeing the UFO') because becoming alarmed and alert is  
>definitely not symptomatic of the 'workaday' time-gap



>experience. Probably the psychologist would try to see it as a  
>kind of fugue state, where loss of conscious attention is also  
>experienced.

Of course, I have had the "road memory lapse" or "road hypnosis"  
occur a number of times over the years and half million or so  
miles driven. However, I had a "missing time" experience m any  
years ago which is unusual if not unique.

I was playing the piano in a piano contest when I was 18 years old...  
long before "missing time." I had practiced Beethoven's  
Appasionata Sonata for months previous and was allowed to play  
only 5 minutes of it, which is essentially half of the first movement.  
There is a convenient breakpoint in the sonata and I planned to  
stop there.

After I walked on stage and sat down to play I realized the piano was  
stiff and I didn't like that, but there was nothing I could do.  
My fingers were working "properly" and, thinking about it afterwards,  
I could remember getting to the bottom of the first page... and then  
nothing. To this day, and, more importantly, immediately afterward,  
I had no recollection of whether I played or not through most of the  
first half of the first movement.

My next conscious thought was as I was starting the page before I was  
to end. Suddenly I thought... "where am I? I have to end this."  
At this point I knew where I was in the music and I played to the ending  
point and then stopped abruptly. For what seemed like minutes, but must  
have been only a few seconds., there was no applause (as there had been  
immediately after the presentations by previous contestants). I mumbled  
something to the effect that I had to stop there because of the time limit.  
Still no applause. Immediately I was scared because I couldn't recall  
playing anything after the first page until suddenly a "woke up"?  
Where they not applauding because I had left out several pages of  
music? I awkwardly walked off stage as the applause started, belatedly.

Now, in this case I wasn't abducted... yet I certainly had a  
conscious case of "missing time." ...time which is still  
missing.

However, I know that I wasn't abducted in front of the audience  
(unless they were all abducted at the same time). As the time  
to award the prizes for the winners I assumed that I would get  
nothing, even thought one of the other contestants said what I  
played sounded like what he had heard on a professional  
recording.

I just did not believe that I had played the whole section of  
the music correctly until the announcer called me for second  
prize. I found out that I lost by 1/4 of a point to the winner  
because of "poor stage presence."

Well, my stage presence would have been OK... if it hadn't been  
for (gulp) missing time!!!

And, by the say, I have not been regressed to find out whether  
or not I played the piece correctly during my "missing time."

The above discussion is not intended to detract from UFO related  
missing time experiences, such as portrayed in by "abduction "  
book. IMHO something is REALLY happening there and its not  
all in the mind!

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## Exeter NH's 'UFO Kid' Dead At 55

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By Colleen Lent  
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The death of longtime Seacoast resident Norman Muscarello, 55, this past week undoubtedly rekindled discussions of his UFO sighting on Sept. 3, 1965, which made national headlines.

One can almost hear excerpts of conversations around the dinner table or coffee shop counter.

"Isn't he the kid who was chased by the space ship down by Dining's Farm?" or "There was a book about him by some reporter" or "Muscarello is the 'Close Encounters' guy."

The account of Norman's teen-age real-life experience was akin to a scene from a Steven Spielberg or George Lucas film. It soon became fodder for several articles by John G. Fuller, appearing in Reader's Digest, Look and True, before it was developed into the book "Incident at Exeter" by the same author.

Though Norman is best known in the Granite State as the extraterrestrial guy, his younger brother Thomas Muscarello of Exeter remembers him as an ordinary guy who did extraordinary things to help his mother and siblings during challenging times.

While juggling funeral arrangements and the management of his business, Auto Details in Exeter, this past week, Thomas took some time to talk about his brother, recalling vignettes of his life dating back to his adolescent years, the infamous UFO sighting, and three tours in Vietnam. Providing details of past events, some dating back more than 40 years, wasn't easy for Thomas. However, the essence of his brother's character is something Thomas said he'll never forget.

In the 1950s, Delores Ann (Walker) Muscarello, a single mother of three children, found herself scrambling for a means to provide for her family. It was during a time when a divorced working woman didn't fit the cultural norm.

"My mom did as much as she could," Thomas said. However, the money she earned from cleaning houses wasn't enough to pay for even the basics on Maslow's hierarchy of needs - food, shelter and clothing.

"It was kind of tough for us," Thomas said.

Thus, at the age of 10 or 11, Norman started a paper route, making the rounds on foot before going to school each day. The pre-teen gave his earnings to his mother. Thomas said this act of responsibility was incredible in itself. However, the fact that Norman actually started his winter days at 3 a.m. to load the furnace with coal, ensuring his mother and siblings were warm when they woke, was even more remarkable.

"It's like he stood up and said, 'This family is going to make

it," Thomas said.

The family of four did make it, despite the fact that testing the elasticity of a dollar was as routine as brushing one's teeth.

"But we were happy," Thomas said.

After all, some things like a Sunday family stroll to the United Methodist Church on Government Street in Kittery didn't require a dime.

As the family settled into different homes in New Hampshire, listening and imitating instrumental music greats of the time, such as The Ventures, was Norman's favorite pastime. Norman's affinity for chords and keys sprouted during his adolescent days.

Thomas said the only time Norman used any of his paper route earnings for a personal expense was when he signed up for guitar lessons. After a mere six classes, Norman started teaching others to play and eventually formed the Rippers, a Winnacunnet High School band, playing at school dances and town events.

"There was a time you'd think he was Chet Atkins," Thomas said. "His fingers used to bleed."

When Norman became engaged as a teen-ager, Thomas and his mother wrote to The Ventures asking the group for a small personalized token to give Norman as a wedding present.

"We really didn't expect any response," Thomas said.

But, the band replied with a congratulatory telegram - something Norman treasured his entire life, despite the fact that his fiancée cozied up to another guy the day before Norman left for service in the Navy. He formed the Rippers, a Winnacunnet High School band, playing at school dances and town events.

Perhaps Norman's voluntary enlistment in the service stemmed from his years as a member of the Boy Scouts of America, alongside Thomas. Earning the Order of Arrow honor from the BSA wasn't an easy feat, according to Norman's sibling. Thomas recalled Norman emerging from a rigorous weekend survival test without a mental or physical scratch.

"That followed in his service record," Thomas said.

As 18-year-old Norman was preparing for boot camp in the fall of 1965, he sold his car and was hitchhiking to his Exeter home from a friend's house. As he was ambling along Route 150 in Kensington at about 2 a.m., he noticed pulsating lights from a UFO, which moved toward him and then disappeared without warning.

As the teen-ager ran, stumbling along the way, the UFO reappeared, casting a red glow on a neighboring house. Norman pounded on the home's door, to no avail, before running back to the street to hail an approaching motorist to take him to the Exeter Police Station.

Upon sharing his story with dispatcher Scratch Toland, Norman quickly learned that similar sightings had been called in from Hampton Beach and Raymond.

"It wasn't anything to do with alcohol or drugs," Thomas said, recalling his brother's story.

As Eugene Bertrand, an officer on duty at the time, accompanied Norman to the site, a second officer - David Hunt - pulled up in a cruiser to inquire about the commotion, and followed them.

"Reality was, this was witnessed by two policemen," Thomas said, explaining that the UFO appeared for a third time.

Nevertheless, Thomas said his brother was showered with heckles and snickers from passers-by after the incident made news headlines across the country.

"There were a lot of skeptical people out there and that's understandable," said Thomas.

There were some individuals who weren't guffawing. Thomas said he doesn't remember his brother being interviewed by officials, one with a metal case handcuffed to his wrist, from Pease Air Force Base immediately after the experience, as some print accounts state. However, the younger Muscarello does recall a stern officer from Pease knocking on the door and then offering Thomas and his sister Theresa 50 cents and instructing them to run to the store next door.

Meanwhile, the unidentified man, armed with "Project Blue Book," took notes as he questioned their mother about her eldest son's experience. Norman was in Michigan, preparing for training as a naval officer.

"They were very, very upset with what happened," Thomas said. The barrage of phone calls from curious neighbors, reporters and researchers began shortly after.

Thomas remembers waking up one evening to see a camera crew outside the family's Front Street home in Exeter.

"Nobody would leave my mom alone," he said.

The inquiring entourage followed Norman to the Midwest where he was bunking for basic training. As the number of unauthorized personnel armed with cameras and microphones was beginning to compete with the number of soldiers at the military training site, Norman was told to shed the uninvited guests immediately.

"They threatened to kick him out," Thomas said.

In an attempt to get rid of the media and researchers, Norman signed a host of waivers, not understanding the legal jargon in fine print, which would allow his story to be told and retold without any of the profits reaching him or his family.

"He didn't receive a penny," Thomas said. "They took advantage of him."

The curious went away and Norman climbed aboard the USS Boston, which would be the start of three tours of Vietnam from 1965 to 1969.

Finances were tighter than ever for the Muscarello family back home. Thomas remembers the family's 1963 Mercury sitting in the yard unregistered, thirsty for a gallon of gas and hungry for a driver and passengers. There wasn't enough money for insurance to put the car on the road. But when Norman returned home on leave one day, he resolved the situation, and the family didn't have to lug groceries home on foot anymore.

And then Norman was gone again. While he and his mother exchanged letters back and forth, ink on paper didn't have the warmth of an embrace or comfort of a smile.

"It wasn't like he was in another part of the country on vacation," Thomas said with the kind of solemnity that communicates the unspoken reality of the situation.

Norman did return from his first tour as a welder and gunner's mate, only to sign up for a second. However, Thomas said his brother's volunteering for a second round wasn't for an affinity for the vibration of mortar fire or the ever-present uncertainty of the next day. Thomas said Norman made the sacrifice to save his brother from being drafted.

"We should not be in there at the same time," Thomas repeated his brother's words to the enlistment officer. "They don't want to see family names wiped out," Thomas said. "It kind of aggravated me. It was my turn. Then again, I understand why he did it."

After the second tour, Norman longed for the routine of civilian life in Exeter. But the Navy didn't release him from duty and he served a third tour of Vietnam.

After his final honorable discharge, Norman returned home without much fanfare. In 1980, he shared his 1965 UFO story with Exeter High School students writing for the school's newspaper.

But for the most part, Norman led a quiet life, according to his brother. He was an officer with American Legion Post. No. 32 of Exeter and 27-year companion to Theresa Lockhart of Exeter, a former co-worker at Alrose Shoe Co.

Thomas could count on a Thanksgiving feast, prepared by Norman who often donned his Julia Child cap, much like his father Angelo Muscarello, and often kicked everyone out of the kitchen.

"That was his territory and it was off limits," Thomas said. "He made a mean spaghetti sauce."

Yet, Thomas noticed something was missing in his sibling's spirit. Norman rarely picked up the guitar or listened to an album. He didn't aggressively seek another job when the Alrose Shoe Co went defunct.

"He wasn't quite the same person after Vietnam," Thomas said.

Perhaps those sipping coffee or beer and discussing Norman Muscarello today will speculate and attribute his change to his teen-age close encounter.

But for Thomas Muscarello, there is no guessing his brother's character: Norman Muscarello was an exceptional brother, son and veteran, he said.

"He always took care of me."

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PORTSMOUTH - We are not alone.

Betty Hill sits in her living room next to a bust of one of the little green men who abducted her and her late husband Barney more than 40 years ago.

"Junior," as she calls the bust, is tattered and aged - particularly from a fall from a podium during one of her talks in St. Louis years ago. But Betty's story remains an intact and startling glimpse inside America's fascination with UFOs and aliens.

The Hills' story was documented in John Fuller's best-selling book "Interrupted Journey." Fuller learned of the Hills while researching his book "Incident in Exeter," about Norman Muscarello, who saw a UFO in Exeter in 1965. (See related story.)

Muscarello, an Exeter resident, passed away this past week. Betty said she didn't know him well, but was sorry to hear of his death. The pair were kindred members of a galactic club.

"Interrupted Journey" became a made-for-TV movie in 1975. James Earl Jones played Barney and Betty was played by Estelle Parsons. Film critic Leonard Maltin rated the film as above-average and called it "absorbing" and "fact-based." He did say it lacked action though.

Barney passed away in 1969. Betty, who turns 84 in June, has told their story across the world: from the Soviet Union to England to the United States and Canada. The tale remains something out of this world.

The Hills were returning from vacation in Canada on Sept. 19, 1961. They headed toward Portsmouth on Highway 3 through Lancaster in the state's western panhandle. They saw a moving light in the sky as they approached Indian Head.

Barney stopped the car but left the engine running and got out to look at the object with binoculars. He saw "5 to 11 figures moving behind a double row of windows" of some kind of craft.

As the object closed, Barney ran back to the car exclaiming, "They are going to capture us!" The couple fled in the car at breakneck speed. Betty said the object moved directly over the car and they heard a loud noise - like the sound of a tuning fork - and then they were drowsy.

They awoke some two hours later and found themselves driving near Ashland, about 35 miles south of Indian Head and about a 30-minute drive from Lancaster. Betty said they continued their drive, feeling uneasy and unsure.

The Hills reported their experience to officials at Pease Air Force Base the day after. They were later interviewed by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

Soon after, Betty began having nightmares about that night. A group of "men" stood in the middle of the road and stopped their car. Betty and Barney were taken aboard a disk-shaped craft and examined through hair and skin samples.

Betty says the aliens did not all look alike. They were 4=BD- to 5-feet tall. "I'm not too accurate on their height, but they're rugged. They're not skinny guys."

Anxiety led the Hills to seek help from Dr. Benjamin Simon, a Boston psychiatrist who specialized in treating amnesia through hypnotherapy. Simon's help revealed many details of their encounter that matched each other's closely as well as Betty's nightmares.

Betty no longer struggles to deal with her abduction.

"No, no, no," she said in her State Street home. "Actually, when I was on board the craft I recognized the importance of what was happening. I said to the leader, 'I know you're not from this planet. Where are you from?'"

Through Dr. Simon's treatment, Betty drew a "star map" showing her alien abductors' origin. An astronomical investigation years later produced a controversial match between her map and a cluster of previously unknown stars near two stars called Zeta Reticuli.

John Schuessler, international director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), said Betty started the abduction phenomena.

"Others may say they were abducted before, but she popularized it," Schuessler said. "I have a lot of respect for Betty."

Schuessler said the Hills' willingness to go to Dr. Simon and outside the UFO Network, brought credibility.

Dr. Simon's professional opinion of the Hills' abduction was that it was a product of their collective imaginations. He concluded "people do not necessarily tell the factual truth while they are under hypnosis - all they tell is what they believe to be the truth."

Schuessler said Dr. Simon's conclusion doesn't mean the abduction didn't happen. "A lot of people didn't want to believe Betty, wanted to believe it couldn't be true. But she has never wavered on her story."

The Hills' story was closely scrutinized. Betty was given a lie detector test by F. Lee Bailey on live national television. One question was: Is it true that you were shown a star map while you were on board a UFO in the White Mountains on Sept. 19, 1961? Another asked: Is this a hoax in any way?

Betty said at one point Bailey asked if she would tell a lie so they could get a reading. Her belief in the abduction remains total today.

"If they don't believe it, then I don't know who they are," she said. "I go to the grocery store and people come up to me and tell me their sightings. Around here, it's difficult to find someone who hasn't had at least one sighting or knows someone in their family who has."

Through March 2001, there have been 143 UFO sightings reported over the years in Rockingham County, by far the most in the state's counties. Seacoast sightings were reported over the years in Barrington, Durham, East Kingston, Exeter, Greenland, Hampton, Newfields, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Seabrook and Stratham.

New Hampshire MUFON reports three recent sightings around the state including a Fremont man who saw a white orb of light on Jan. 16, 2002. The others were in Pittsburg in 2002 and in Colebrook in 2000.

Peter Geremia, director of New Hampshire MUFON, said the notion

of the state being a hotbed of UFO activity is a perception.

"We've had times when we had many more sightings than others, but so have many other places around the world," said Geremia, a resident of Rye. "It's all about where and when the phenomenon starts."

But Geremia says New Hampshire has a rich history of UFO sightings going back to Fuller's books on Muscarello and the Hills.

"The books by Fuller probably helped make our cases a little more famous than some of the other ones," he said. "I generally say the Hill case is the flagship of abduction research cases."

Betty quite seriously says her last sighting was during the Portsmouth Christmas Parade this past January when a craft with three red lights on top hovered over her neighborhood.

"I assumed they were watching the Christmas parade. Even now they're out here flying over Great Bay. Basically they follow the rivers."

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>above. A driver hypnotized by the road after a long trip  
>suddenly realizes that he/she has 'drifted off.' That's nothing  
>like what happened to me.

John

As a point of interest fugue states are not at all a matter of  
'drifting off'. They can involve periods of missing time,  
complete loss of memory and identity, or even the creation of a  
completely new identity. Typically the fugue is precisely a  
fight-or-flight response (flight chosen over fight) and is  
triggered by extreme stress. Individuals can execute  
extraordinarily complex planning in the process of 'closing  
down' one life and fleeing to another without apparently being  
consciously aware of it at all.

I'm not saying this is directly connected with your experience.  
I just point out that there is a spectrum of dissociative states  
ranging from mild 'road hypnosis' to full-blown fugue that  
exhibits some similar symptomatology. Whatever the trigger for  
it your striking example of an attention anomaly is presumably  
exploiting responses which are psychically 'hard wired' and can  
be observed operating in other contexts, sometimes similar  
(folkloric abductions) and sometimes not.

Regards Martin

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Errol, List -

My National Guard unit has been activated so that I am now full time in the Army. Although I enjoy the enchanges on UpDates, I do not have the time to read the messages and respond so I need to unsubscribe at this point. I'm hoping to resubscribe in a few weeks (And for Stan who once asked if I have ever been on active duty as an intelligence officer... the answer then, as it is now, Yes.)

Thanks for all the interesting debates.

KRandle

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March 3rd, 2003.

The BEYOND web site:

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has now been up-dated.

On the site this month there are a wide range of articles on a whole host of topics including:

- My alien doctor ? By Donald Ware
- The rest of the A-10 story, By Donald Ware
- Were humans biologically engineered by ET's, By Don Veron
- Elegance upon the Earth, By Byron Lebeau
- Seeing the light-An exercise in consciousness, By Brian Allan
- Riddle of the Orbs, By Philip Carr
- Angels of Berwick Law, By Brian Allan
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Regards,

Philip Mantle.

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>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

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>>Come take a look, <http://home.earthlink.net/~lrgoldner/yockey.html>

>I read your link to Loren Goldner, "An American National  
>Bolshevik" - 'Review of: Kevin Coogan. Dreamer of the Day.  
>Francis Parker Yockey and the Postwar Fascist International'.

>And, sorry Josh, that German food is clogging that 57 year-old  
>"Grossraumordnung" head you think in.

>Have another read, no "Dark Side Of Postmodernism" in Kevin  
>Coogan's book - just a distillation of "orthodox Yockeyism".

>An interesting review, but I think your Pink Floyd Santa Monica  
>days have gone LSD on you.

>Miko will have to bring you home, very soon.

>Regards,

>John Auchettl

>PS: Question: - What year and Class did you Grad from at Army  
>Aviation Center, Ft Wolters, Texas before you went to the 175th  
>Assault Helicopter Company?

My fellow Listerions,

This is a lengthy response to John Auchettl's post to me on this  
List. Please bear with me as I feel I must respond in depth.

Mr Auchettl,

Your post makes me wonder why you seem to have some things  
against me that cause you to write in such a manner. I posted a  
link that may be controversial but why did you not speak to the  
references to postmodernism and what you think about that  
philosophy? You made one small statement regarding the subject  
of the book review but you then brought up a bunch of personal  
"points" to, as I see it, discredit me. For an unfathomable  
reason you seem to have been tracking personal aspects of my  
life in order to slam me at this point. Why? What does it have  
to do with UFOs? What is your beef with me? Just what is your  
problem that extends beyond the subject of my post? Why did you  
post such low level stuff on this list?

I have been aware of your research for many years and at times I  
have felt in disagreement to some of your work. I haven't posted

to you that I disagreed with some aspects of your work because they were in areas of UFO studies that were not a priority to me and I suppose I thought "well, that is how he sees it" and, as you know, many people in this field think differently from each other.

I can't remember if we ever met in person, as that would have been some years ago, either at UFO Conferences during the 1980s or at MUFON LA in the 1990s. I don't remember if I ever posted you directly on this list, as that goes back to 1996 and I haven't tried to check through the archives. What is your beef with me that caused you to make snide digs at me in your post?

I'll give you some background of the "text" that caused me to post the link I titled "the Dark Side of Postmodernism". I admit I have had difficulty with that philosophy, especially Colin Bennet's form and the example Greg Sandow posted. In the 1980s my former wife was a cultural anthropologist whose specialty was Indonesian dance mythology. She fell in with the postmodernist wing at her University, was reading Mircea Elidad, and we ended up in some heated disagreements over that philosophy. There are some areas of postmodernist thought that I fundamentally disagree with to this day.

Yes, I have been in Berlin, Germany for three years. In your remark about Miko are you referring to the Japanese Miko, the daughter of God in their religion, or the fact that I came over here with a musical artist named Miko? I make my own decisions but one of your weird statements "Miko will have to bring you home very soon" really makes me wonder how you think. You posted my age and also made the remark "I think your Pink Floyd Santa Monica days have gone LSD on you". If I knew you I could take that as some form of sarcastic humor but your PS about my military experience is not humor but an attempt to discredit me. I will speak further about that PS later in my post.

I came across the review of Coogan's book on Yockey while doing a network search not about postmodernism but as part of my study of the history of antisemitism in Germany that led to my original family line being killed because they were Jewish. It also enabled the Nazis to take 27 people named Goldstein from my present immediate Berlin neighborhood and murder them in camps. With all the trouble in the middle east I am disturbed that not only is antizionism being promoted but the facts that the majority of the countries' media and their governments are promoting full antisemitism, characterising all Jews as the devil, and that Israel and the Jews in the east coast of America control the agenda of the US government. Still today, in all of Palestine's elementary schools little kids are being taught that all Jews are devils. The same for Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, etc. For example, If I had an interest in visiting Saudi Arabia I would not be allowed into the country because I am a Jew.

That kind of philosophy is the same as that of the Nazis and I am studying the effects of the antisemitic propaganda that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem preached by radio to the Palestinians from the foreign propaganda office of the Nazis here in Berlin. I am now studying the ex-Nazis who went to the middle east after WWII and worked for various repressive governments. If you go to the radio Islam website you will see them feature an interview they praise with an ex-Nazi General who moved to the middle east after WWII and spread his hatred. It is no wonder that in the Arab countries "Mein Kampf" and "The Protocols of Zion" are best sellers today in the Arab countries. I don't see how even a peace agreement between Israel and Palestine will ever lead to peace among the people now that so many have been thoroughly brainwashed with hatred of all Jews, especially with today's neo-Nazism. That even shows on Jeff Rense and his promotion of Ernst Zundel, a leading holocaust denier and neo-Nazi in Canada, and his promotion of antisemitism beyond his anti-Israel bias.

I am taking a lot of space writing about this issue here but you can see it is a high priority for me and that is the context in which I found that review. I posted it because I thought it illustrated some parallels between the radical right and radical left wings, especially in postmodernist cultural relativism, which allows tyrants to be left alone and does not make clear distinctions between good and evil. I also posted it because Colin Bennett opened a postmodernist can of worms in his posts

on this List. I responded to Greg Sandow's postmodernism post and I also wondered if we were getting off the topic of the List with this subject. Unless it is shown to have a realistic direct bearing on serious UFO studies people can be on their own to research postmodernism and come to their own conclusions.

Now for what you have been really after, the subject of your PS, which seems posed to try to catch me in some form of lie. I am going to answer you not because I could care about what you think of me but to the other Listmembers whom I respect on UFO Updates. You could have respectfully posted me privately and I would have provided you with information, including records, etc. But you wanted blood to be drawn and you composed your post on the List. In it you said nothing that had any discussion of what I posted but you got real personal in an ugly way with me. I will answer your PS and if that gets you very excited then feel free to satisfy yourself over pictures of greys in the nude. :-)

I was inducted into the Army on January 31, 1966 for the Warrant Officer Pilot program. I had been drafted and I guess because of test scores and the fact that I had started flying lessons when I was 16 and had kept flying until drafted, they told me about the pilot program. I had dropped out of college and I did not know that any branch of the service allowed you to become a pilot without a degree.

When I finished boot camp I thought I would get sent to Ft. Wolters to primary flight training. Instead they decided to send me to Helicopter mechanic school at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. They said that they were expanding the facilities at Fort Wolters, were behind schedule, and the mechanic training would be good knowledge as a pilot. After that program they did send me to Fort Wolters. I did my primary flight training and then was sent back to Fort Rucker for secondary training.

I had come from San Francisco, had smoked pot in 1965 (never while flying) and had become friends with a folk rock band named the Sparrow. They had changed their name to Steppenwolf, were on their bus on tour and were going to head for a concert at Daytona Beach, Florida. We had been close friends (I mixed their sound before being drafted) and they called me to ask about doing a concert at Fort Rucker and visiting me. I was able to get a concert arranged and I looked forward to seeing them.

We did the concert but unknown to me some sergeant had seen me smoke pot that was offered me by the band behind the stage. After the concert I went on their bus for the concert in Florida. Outside the base I decided to show those guys the National Boll Weevil Monument. We were having a good time until the police appeared in mass. It was a dry county and the police insisted on searching the bus for illegal beer. They found none and then tried to say that they had seen the face of the guitar player on a wanted list and made us go down to the station. Of course the guitarist was not on any wanted list and they were just harassing the hippies in the band. They called the base about me and Barney Fife ended by letting us go. When I got back from the weekend my c/o wanted to see me. He had the police report and it turns out the sergeant had also reported me. John, you must be breathing deeply and panting with excitement.

I had almost graduated, we were doing helicopter gunnery then. The c/o felt my conduct was unbecoming for a future officer. I pleaded that I had a fine record in flight training and all the other classes but he said he did not think I was suitable for graduation. The offer was that I could resign from the program and get orders to go to Vietnam as an SP/5 rank helicopter mechanic.

I arrived in Nam and I was assigned to the 175th Assault Helicopter Company at Vinh Long. It turned out they were looking for a crewchief to fly on the lead helicopter of Captain Arnold. I flew almost every day in combat and had a machine gun to fire. The aircraft commander let me often pilot the helicopter from the copilot's seat because I had gone through flight training. The copilot liked to go back and fire my machine gun. This was officially unauthorized but Capt. Arnold was a great guy. If you can locate him he will confirm that.

I ended up with the Air Medal with 14 Oak Leaf Clusters (the same as 15 times being awarded the medal). I also received the Bronze Star with an extra V device for valor when, on the ground

in the Tet Offensive, our field was overrun by the enemy and I played Rambo, charging the bunkers the enemy had taken, saving a lot of soldiers, and driving the enemy back until a reserve force showed up to defeat them. After Vietnam I was a classroom instructor in Huey instruments and flight controls back at good ole Ft. Rucker, next to Ozark, Alabama. I was honorably discharged and went back to school.

John, are you happy now? You got me on something. You must be overjoyed. Remember those pictures of nude grays and go have fun. If you want to play FBI with me to further satisfy yourself my army serial number was RA13988116. In the 70s I legally changed my first and middle name from Norman Henry to Josh Gabriel Goldstein (I had hated kids teasing me with the "Norman" song). John, if you want to be a pest you can look up the name records of California. You can get my military records and do a whole background check on me. You will find I have never received any charges beyond traffic tickets.

John, I don't know why you put that stuff about LSD, Pink Floyd, and Santa Monica in there. I will proudly say that after the service I was involved in mixing music with some bands of my choosing. I can proudly say that back in the 70s I gladly took LSD with Pink Floyd at the same time they did. We had a great time, as did millions of fans who would take LSD at their concerts, and at home listening to the records. I kept a clear perspective in myself, perhaps because I was brought up the son of a prominent psychiatrist. Back in 1965 it had still been legal and was used in therapy by some psychiatrists and psychologists. I had done two exploratory sessions with my father in his office. He had also taken it under the guidance of another doctor. We had big arguments with Timothy Leary about it being openly provided to the public, who could be of any mental state when they first took it. We advocated clinics with trained and supportive guides instead.

That was then and this is now. I haven't taken any psychedelic in many years. I've never taken an addictive drug. After the service I went on to graduate from the Quaker City School of Aeronautics, restored treasured aircraft and spacecraft at the National Air and Space Museum, got two college degrees, and for 10 years kept getting reelected as the Chairman of the Board of a major ocean protection organization where we were instrumental in creating the National Marine Sanctuary on the California coast. I also produced and some noted music albums, raised two kids who share a great love, etc.

In 1981 I started having nightmares from Vietnam. I had left my first appointment with a Veterans Administration psychologist when a reckless driver caused an accident which caused me to be in a coma for one month and caused the below knee amputation of my crushed right leg. They tried to save it for a couple of months but it was dying.

I have had severe phantom limb pain ever since then with numerous surgeries to try to resolve it. That includes 2 unsuccessful neurosurgeries because the crushed nerve pain is in my sensory cortex.

Now that they have developed the functional MRI to show the exact live location of the problem and have had success I plan on returning to California to be evaluated for a new neurosurgery later this year. It will be paid for by the VA, from whom I receive a 100 percent service connected disability. I worked in therapy, became solid in my sense of self, and I have received much praise in how I have handled adversities, stayed happy in myself and have maintained a productive life.

In 1994 a famous film composer I recorded passed away and a record company had cheated me out of a large amount of money. I decided to pursue a more reliable profession. I declared bankruptcy with my music business and lost my music studio. I decided on a new direction and went to the West Coast Detective Academy in North Hollywood and graduated at the top of the class of both the regular and advanced courses. John, if you are still hungry you can call them, ask for Wayne or Barbara, and they will confirm the above.

In 1996 my budding detective career came to a sudden halt when I became very sick. It turned out I had received hepatitis C from a blood transfusion following the auto accident in 1981. Since



then I have lived in varying states of energy, fatigue and sickness. There are new antivirals in trials and I hope that within the next couple of years there will be a cure and a vaccine. There are periods in which I don't post to the list because I am too fatigued to type.

As for how I am viewed in the UFO community I have been involved with, feel free to contact Don Waldrop, the former director of MUFON LA, Vince Ullenkot (sic), Southern California MUFON State Director, and Virgill Staff, Northern California MUFON State Director. I am sure they will have good things to say about my work with them.

John, this is a lengthy reply to someone I don't even know and a somewhat off topic subject for this List. Since you appeared to question and demean my character on this List I felt I would give a better picture for you to judge me from. I laid myself bare and even "confessed" to you and this List. Are you satisfied yet?

To me, what you posted on the List showed a distinctive lack of character on your part.

Josh

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## Sightings In Brasilia

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Subject: Sightings In Brasilia

Hello List,

It seems that Brasilia is going by a great UFO wave.

That is the third sighting in less than 1 month. The other two occurred in February 4th and 8th, 2003, when objects were seen less than 30 meters of the witness, and in one of those cases the object had 3 meters diameter and was hovering in the air few meters of the ground.

Yesterday I received a on-line sighting form from Mr. Aurezio Galo, 33 years old, inhabitant of Gama East's city (distant 45 km of Brasilia). The sighting happened on March 1st at 22:15. Mr. Aurezio was looking to the sky searching for stars when he saw a strange light point flying slowly. He then got his binoculars to observe better and saw that the light point was actually a round object with red, orange and white colors around it. It seemed that the object pulsed and rotated in its axis at the same time. Mr. Aurezio called his older son, Pedro Luiz, 9 years old, to see the UFO also. Both observed the movement of the object until it disappeared from sight. The event lasted about 4 minutes.

According to the witness, the object did not emit any sound nor alter its speed. The thing that got their attention was that the UFO moved up and down as if it was hung by an elastic.

We, from the Brazilian Entity for Extraterrestrial Research (EBE-ET), started our investigation and soon you will have the conclusions.

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Brazilian Entity for Extraterrestrial Research  
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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Oplatka

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Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 18:15:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Oplatka

To Greg, Josh and Listers,

To those who regard Colin Bennett as some sort of rococo pedant, I submit that the reading of his truly fine book, "Politics of the Imagination" will provide an understanding of the depth and scope of this superb thinker re: Fortean and Post-Modern issues which of course in and of themselves address the limitations of the mechanistic approach re:UFO and all "things" paranormal.

Best Regards,

Laurel

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## New Police 9-1-1/UFO Tapes Obtained

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 14:31:17 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 18:17:21 -0500  
Subject: New Police 9-1-1/UFO Tapes Obtained

EBK, List,

On August 9, 2002, persons in Butler County, Ohio and Franklin County, Indiana reported a UFO in the evening skies. The object was seen from several vantage points across state lines and was a police concern for an extended duration.

While officials at the Butler County, Ohio dispatch agency were swift and professional in getting the police tapes from their agency to UFO researchers, a communications director at the neighboring Franklin County 9-1-1 office advised researcher Donnie Blessing that they would not release their 9-1-1 data without a 'court order.' Knowing that all such 9-1-1 material is 'public record,' UFO researchers again approached the Franklin County 9-1-1 Center with a written request and after a 6-month delay, the tapes would finally be released.

And so today, with the release of the material, the police 9-1-1 tapes of this unusual incident are available on the internet and can be freely heard at <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/ufotape.html>

Thank you,

Kenny Young

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## Re: Call Up - Shevlin

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>Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:01:08 -0500  
>Subject: Call Up

>My National Guard unit has been activated so that I am now full  
>time in the Army. Although I enjoy the enchanges on UpDates, I  
>do not have the time to read the messages and respond so I need  
>to unsubscribe at this point. I'm hoping to resubscribe in a few  
>weeks (And for Stan who once asked if I have ever been on active  
>duty as an intelligence officer... the answer then, as it is  
>now, Yes.)

Good Luck Kevin and God bless for a safe return..

Donnie Shevlin

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## Re: Firmage - Connors

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Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 10:58:05 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 18:13:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Firmage - Connors

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>Subject: Firmage [was: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe]

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>>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 04:07:52 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

<snip>

>>She ranks right up there with Joe Firmage... one hit wonders in  
>>the field of Ufology who take and don't give anything back.

>Woah. Before you need to buy more knives to stick in people's  
>backs, take that one back.

>Firmage gave millions of dollars to support serious research  
>into alien encounters, as well as into alternative energy. Not  
>to mention trying to develop better science education methods  
>for children (in a largely unsuccessful venture...not many people  
>besides him wanted to invest in children's futures, apparently).

<snip>

You miss the point. I didn't see Mr. Firmage give CUFOS or FUFOR  
a serious influx of needed financial help... and they are still  
here long after Mr. Firmage took a powder.

Let's see... did Mr. Firmage give a new computer to Fran Ridge so  
he could continue to put together a top notch research site  
called "NICAP"? Nah. Richard Hall, Jan Aldrich, Loren Gross,  
myself and a host of others chipped in to save that important  
research resource... which is still going long after Mr. Firmage  
took a powder.

How about Barry Greenwood's work? You know him, don't you? He  
gave us Just Cause until old Purple Robes bastardized it by  
taking it back. Barry gives us UFO Historical Review and  
preserves the largest collection of UFO articles and videos in  
existence... He's still going strong after Mr. Firmage took a  
powder and didn't get zip from Joe.

Then there's Richard Hall. Ah, yes, Richard got some money for  
writing an article or two, but did Mr. Firmage donate to the  
Major Donald E. Keyhoe Archives to ensure they were preserved  
and updated? Nah. But, Richard is still trying desperately to  
maintain and update the DEK and is still doing so after Mr.  
Firmage took a powder.

Remember Project 1947... was Joe Firmage impressed enough to  
help Jan Aldrich with travel expense or pay for a server for the  
website, etc.? Nah. Jan continues to spend out of his own pocket  
and gives everyone great new documents, etc.

Ever hear of the SIGN Historical Group? Yeah. A bunch of people  
got together to form a group to help preserve and ensure the  
history of Ufology in all of its forms. You see, legitimacy of a

science comes from its history and track record... not just its research. Old Joe was asked if he would help this group at least be able to publish a monograph or two... but Joe took a powder after hitting the UFO speaker's circuit.

Ya know, I even asked old Joe Firmage through an intermediary if he would be willing to buy me a measley reel to reel tape recorder so I could continue the audio history preservation project. Got lots of promises and that "Joe knows your good work and promises to do something...." but old Joe was too busy on the UFO lecture circuit getting his 15 minutes of fame. So, I continue on with the project and spending my eating money to do it for the benefit of everyone now and in the future who is interested in Ufology.....

Yeah, you're probably right. Joe Firmage probably got hit hard by the tech stock downturn. But, he could have helped the "little people" who actually do the research, etc. when he had the chance. He gave a lot of lip service of how great all of us were as his great "works" in Ufology lays in a heap and nobody pays any attention.

But the real researchers and historians who keep all of you supplied with new documentation, etc., are still shelling out of their pockets and didn't give a damn if the stock market collapsed.

That's the point and the difference between Joe Firmage, a one-shot wonder, and us schlocks that are still here after the glitter of Firmage's show faded.

Oh, yeah. You didn't mention the two books I co-authored. As a matter of fact, I haven't made so much as a dime from Ufology... but I can guarantee you one thing... I'm one of the few in this field that has brought new knowledge, insight, documentation, etc. into this field in the last 5 years. I think I've tried to be generous too, but feel bad that I can't be more so.

So, Will, cry about poor Joe Firmage in somebody else's beer.

Wendy Connors

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>Firmage gave millions of dollars to support serious research  
>into alien encounters...

Pray tell us, when, to WHOM (or, to what organizations), and in what amounts, Firmage gave those millions of dollars for research into "alien encounters"? And, what is meant by "alien encounters"?

If you're right, I fear he may have lacked wisdom at how to use his money in such a cause, because we surely have not heard (at least on this List) of any 'million dollar results' in studies financed by Firmage, nor have I even heard rumors of such.

So, Will, please inform us if you have knowledge specific enough as to constitute evidence of ufologically benign (meaningfully productive) heavy-weight contributions by Firmage. I'm sure we'd all find it interesting. Some may await the results with baited breath, but I'm not holding mine.

Unfortunately (pun intended), I doubt he gave such money to serious, deserving and needy, potentially productive instrumented studies of anomalous sky phenomena or objects, such as Project Hessdalen or it's Italian counterpart. Whether or not 'UFO encounters' constitute alien encounters, per se, the kind of hard data thus gained might still shed light upon at least the radiative component(s) of objects or phenomena commonly called UFOs, but from what I've heard of Firmage, I suspect he'd go, instead, for what might be called the more "Gee Whiz!" side of 'UFO Studies', where money could be easily and quickly wasted.

Thanks,  
Ray Stanford

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

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## Volker Spielberg E-mail Address?

From: **Pat Robinson** <Respond Via Moderator>  
Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 13:47:12 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 18:49:57 -0500  
Subject: Volker Spielberg E-mail Address?

[Non-Subscriber Post --ebk]

Hi,

I am an old partner of Volker's and have lost his email address... could you please forward his address to me.? (if you have it...)

Thanks a lot!

Pat Robinson  
Watchpocket Publishing Co.

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 17:58:08 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 18:56:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Clark

>From: Laurel Oplatka <[calabash2003@webtv.net](mailto:calabash2003@webtv.net)>  
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>which of course in and of themselves address the limitations of  
>the mechanistic approach re:UFO and all "things" paranormal.

I, too, recommend the book. It's wonderfully thought-provoking  
and very, very funny. Watching much of the response to Colin  
Bennett on this List, I get the clear sense that many are  
missing his splendid sense of humor, which Fort himself would  
have appreciated.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 12:12:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 18:07:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - 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: Sun, 02 Mar 2003 04:17:22 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>But to get closer to topic I would like to know from you how you  
>personally relate postmodern deconstruction with the serious  
>study of the UFO phenomenon.

It would only be useful for studying the cultural aspects of UFOs. And that, in fact, has been done, as I forgot to mention in my earlier post. Jodi Dean, a political science professor, wrote a book called *Aliens in America*. She looked at the cultural meaning of UFO belief, finding it wonderfully subversive. And that got her viciously attacked in a cover story in the *New York Review of Books*, probably the most prestigious academic publication in America. Jodi wasn't the main subject of the review. She just came in for a hard sideswipe, in the context of something else. Her crime, the reviewer thought, was that she didn't say UFOs were nonsense.

Postmodern deconstruction has no place in the factual discussion of UFOs. Jodi Dean, to judge from a conversation I had with her once, would be the first to agree. Her book, by the way, would be tough reading for anyone not wholly committed to postmodern academic writing (and I'm one of those "anyones").

I'm not committed to the animal essay, either. It just was a handy example I had on my computer. Don't judge postmodernism by it. Read Susan McClary or Edward Said.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Call Up - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 12:46:32 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 18:19:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Call Up - Connors

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:01:08 -0500  
>Subject: Call Up

>My National Guard unit has been activated so that I am now full  
>time in the Army. Although I enjoy the enchanges on UpDates, I  
>do not have the time to read the messages and respond so I need  
>to unsubscribe at this point. I'm hoping to resubscribe in a few  
>weeks (And for Stan who once asked if I have ever been on active  
>duty as an intelligence officer... the answer then, as it is  
>now, Yes.)

You stay safe, Kevin. Thank you for all you do. Our thoughts and  
prayers are with you and all our brave men and women Patriots  
who keep us safe and secure.

Wendy Connors

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## Re: Stephen Bassett Cosmic Candidate - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 22:08:54 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 18:25:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Stephen Bassett Cosmic Candidate - Hall

>From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 02 Mar 2003 15:01:06 -0500  
>Subject: Stephen Bassett Cosmic Candidate

>To: Jim Hightower <[lowdown@newslet.com](mailto:lowdown@newslet.com)>  
>(Editor of 'The Hightower Lowdown' newsletter):

>Here's my nominee for your grassroots congressional-candidate  
>contest as announced in the February 2003 issue:

>When Montgomery County, Md., resident Stephen G. Bassett ran (as  
>an independent) for Congress last fall, he had no illusions  
>about winning the election. Basically, he was making a  
>statement: that Congress had failed to fulfill its obligation to  
>help release the Executive Branch's stranglehold on the truth  
>about UFO-E.T. reality -- a reality reflected by reams of FOIA-  
>freed-up official documentation dating back to the forties.  
>Read all about it at his website:

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

>Thank you for this opportunity to help Steve gear up for  
>additional challenges to the UFO-secrecy status quo.

> -- Larry W. Bryant

Larry,

Don't you mean "Comic Candidate" as in total joke? Vast  
conspiracies exposed and free energy for all?

- Dick

P.S. My lawyer will see your lawyer in tennis court.

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Hansen

From: **George Hansen** <[gphansen2001@yahoo.com](mailto:gphansen2001@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2003 16:25:29 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 07:14:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Hansen

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 09:05:07 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 09:16:56 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Sandow

Greg Sandow, ever naive (being a major proponent of the Linda Napolitano [Cortile] case), asserts that postmodernists "found their work on a careful foundation of fact."

Is Sandow completely oblivious of the "inventions" of Michel Foucault?

Colin Bennett's postmodern analysis is particularly applicable to ufology precisely because it calls attention to the blurring of fact and fiction.

That same blurring is exemplified in the writings of Greg Sandow when he promotes the Linda case!

George P. Hansen  
The Trickster and the Paranormal  
<http://www.tricksterbook.com>

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 00:15:43 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 07:16:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Hall

>From: Laurel Oplatka <[calabash2003@webtv.net](mailto:calabash2003@webtv.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 11:26:03 -0800 (PST)  
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>which of course in and of themselves address the limitations of  
>the mechanistic approach re:UFO and all "things" paranormal.

Laurel,

Sorry, but I read the same book and found it to be solipsistic,  
vebose, and pretentious, claiming that there is no such thing as  
consensual knowledge based on scientific methods and casually  
invoking subjectivist viewpoints which cannot be justified in  
any rational way.

Furthermore, what the hell exactly does "post- modern" mean? I  
have not heard any definition. In this context, what does "pre-  
modern" and "modern" mean? Or are we just playing with words and  
claiming that, somehow "truth" (or whatever these post-  
modernists substitute as a concept of what we should believe) is  
obtainable through literary analysis, but not through scientific  
method?

- Dick

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From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 00:43:22 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 07:19:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Hall

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 17:58:08 -0600  
>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>>From: Laurel Oplatka <[calabash2003@webtv.net](mailto:calabash2003@webtv.net)>  
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>and very, very funny. Watching much of the response to Colin  
>Bennett on this List, I get the clear sense that many are  
>missing his splendid sense of humor, which Fort himself would  
>have appreciated.

Well, I always hate to disagree with Jerry Clark, for whom I  
have great admiration both as a nonpareil analyst and historian  
of UFOs, but also as an intelligent and articulate person on  
political and social issues. But the only thing I find  
"humorous" about Colin Bennett is his attempt to substitute  
subjectivism for consensual reality and scientific method.

I was about to review Bennett's book for the Journal of  
Scientific Exploration, but I had to recuse myself after  
clashing with Bennett on this List to the point that anything  
negative I might say would be taken as "sour grapes".

I was impressed by his biographical reporting on Fort, but not  
at all by his anti-science rhetoric.

- Dick

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## Accounting For Pennsylvania's 'Roswell'

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 20:35:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 07:22:24 -0500  
Subject: Accounting For Pennsylvania's 'Roswell'

[LWB Note: I'm posting the following bulletin onto at least one major newspaper's website's message board for all to read and heed. And I urge other readers to do likewise, using their own language if they prefer. If the GAO sleuths can investigate the Roswell Incident, then they certainly can outdo themselves with Kecksburg!]

== Accountability for Pennsylvania's "Roswell" ==

UF-truth-seekers everywhere can rejoice in a brand-new milestone for serious UFO research. It consists of a citizens petition to urge the Pennsylvania congressional delegation to request an investigation by the U. S. General Accounting Office into what happened (and why) on the night of Dec. 9, 1965, near Kecksburg, Pa.

At the hands of some aggressive, rude, and menacing U. S. soldiers dispatched to the scene of a UFO crash-landing in the woods of that community, local residents found themselves cut out of the equation as to what was to happen (and did happen) to the retrieved craft.

Now, in this bold move to demand full accountability from our government, those citizens and the entire Citizenry of Earth have a final chance to help set the record straight. To add your signature to the petition, please visit the following website:

<http://www.signpetition.com/index.html>

To the sponsors of this long-overdue initiative, I suggest that they pursue two more tactics: (1) place a few advertisements in key Pennsylvania newspapers to announce the petition drive and to solicit signatures therefor; (2) establish a "UFO-coverup-Whistleblower Reward Fund" for all verifiable evidence leading to the solution of the Kecksburg mystery.

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## Info On 'Woolhouse Case'?

From: Diego Cuoghi <[diegocuoghi@spamcop.net](mailto:diegocuoghi@spamcop.net)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 01:12:55 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 07:25:17 -0500  
Subject: Info On 'Woolhouse Case'?

In an Italian UFO-related newsgroup I read this excerpt from a web page:

<http://www.greys.mcmail.com/ufo.htm>

"On 13 March 1993, Stephen Woolhouse saw something strange in the sky above his house in Lancashire. He became a witness to one of the world's most enduring mysteries. But, Stephen had one advantage over most people who see UFOs - he had a video camera, loaded with film, and ready to go."

But I have not found any web page with more information, or pictures. Is there some documentation about this 'Woolhouse Case' - or is it a legend?

Diego Cuoghi

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<http://www.diegocuoghi.com>

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## Sightings During Conflict? [was: Call Up]

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 20:55:45 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 07:31:05 -0500  
Subject: Sightings During Conflict? [was: Call Up]

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 12:46:32 -0700  
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>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:01:08 -0500  
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>>My National Guard unit has been activated so that I am now full  
>>time in the Army. Although I enjoy the enchanges on UpDates, I  
>>do not have the time to read the messages and respond so I need  
>>to unsubscribe at this point. I'm hoping to resubscribe in a few  
>>weeks (And for Stan who once asked if I have ever been on active  
>>duty as an intelligence officer... the answer then, as it is  
>>now, Yes.)

>You stay safe, Kevin. Thank you for all you do. Our thoughts and  
>prayers are with you and all our brave men and women Patriots  
>who keep us safe and secure.

Wendy and Kevin:

It is widely known that during wars and small conflicts, UFOs are seen over the involved areas. It happened in the 1st and 2nd World Wars and many others. I remember 1982, when the Falkland (Malvinas) Island war broke up just on the southern cost of Argentina. Lots of UFO reports where filed by civilian and mainly military, from both sides. After the war was over, however, very little info about the sightings was available to the public. Some Argentinian UFO researchers have tried hard to have the docs released, but none of the governments that ruled the country after the war gave them.

Some other wars had the same thing going on, such us Gulf War, back a decade ago. Civilian researchers living in areas close to the conflict reported strange lights. Of course, when the tons of reports are filtered, most of them turn out to be only jets in nocturnal operation, bombing the places. But a few incidents remained unexplained. Actually not very few. I wonder if are we going to see the same thing happening during the next conflict with Iraq, as it is inevitable and could start any minute.

Is there anyone on UFO UpDates who could elaborate more about it and someone who has reports from the Gulf War sightings?

A. J.

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <[bdenzler1@email.msn.com](mailto:bdenzler1@email.msn.com)>  
Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 20:13:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 07:33:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Denzler

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm@arrakis.es](mailto:lrgm@arrakis.es)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2003 11:44:47 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question

>In short, there are very few accounts of a conscious abduction,  
>recalled from beginning to end.

>To me, "conscious recall" should be employed only when the  
>witness never forget the incident (his going inside a UFO), even  
>though there could be "gaps" in his/her story.

>If the witness do not remember going (or staying, let's allow  
>the so called "doorway amnesia") inside a UFO conciously, just  
>dreams and/or "flashbacks" before entering hypnosis, we can  
>never know for sure what he/she is recalling.

Luis,

I have been collecting survey data on those who have (or claim to have had) UFO experiences. Here are some of my results. Please note that I do not select my respondents. Anyone who feels that they are an abductee or experiencer is free to respond.

79% of my survey respondents (n=223) report that they have never been hypnotized at all for UFO-related issues.

13% of my respondents say that they recall significant segments of the events - as compared to just bits and pieces, only the physical sensations preceding an event, etc.

23% say that they remember bits and pieces of the event.

Brenda Denzler  
<http://www.abductionproject.com>

"War does not determine who is right;  
it only determines who is left."

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## Re: Firmage - Bueche

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<snip>

>Yeah, you're probably right. Joe Firmage probably got hit hard  
>by the tech stock downturn. But, he could have helped the  
>"little people" who actually do the research, etc. when he had  
>the chance.

He did. I was asked by Ray Stanford in another post if I would reveal how Firmage chose to distribute some funds. It is none of your darn business. That concept seems to have evaded you. He does not, or did not, have any obligation to give to anyone, regardless of whether they've done good work or not.

>He gave a lot of lip service of how great all of us  
>were as his great "works" in Ufology lays in a heap and nobody  
>pays any attention.

I have to differ with you there (that "nobody pays any attention" to Firmage). While I've never heard of you, I have heard of Firmage. That's no slight against you, that's just a credit to how Firmage got wide exposure in the national press. His ability to get into the media reached a great deal more people than usual. They were talking about alien encounters in financial sections for heavens sake, reaching a different audience (which I view as an important development). This was mostly fate, of course, he didn't plan on being the sensation that he was. But he lived up to the challenge. He spoke out when the opportunity presented itself. He even spoke at the United Nations (though he didn't include mention of aliens when he was at the podium). And you resent him for this: For being himself?

I don't understand.

>But the real researchers and historians who keep all of you  
>supplied with new documentation, etc., are still shelling out of  
>their pockets and didn't give a damn if the stock market  
>collapsed.

>That's the point and the difference between Joe Firmage, a one-  
>shot wonder, and us schlocks that are still here after the  
>glitter of Firmage's show faded.

>Oh, yeah. You didn't mention the two books I co-authored. As a  
>matter of fact, I haven't made so much as a dime from Ufology...  
>but I can guarantee you one thing... I'm one of the few in this  
>field that has brought new knowledge, insight, documentation,  
>etc. into this field in the last 5 years. I think I've tried to  
>be generous too, but feel bad that I can't be more so.

>So, Will, cry about poor Joe Firmage in somebody else's beer.

Wendy, I'm not crying. It sounds as if you are though.

Does it really come down to such a petty matter? You're bitter about what he decided to do with his own money, so you feel that he's less honorable a man? Don't you understand that he is not you? That he was free to do whatever the heck he wanted to do? If you can't grok that concept... I just don't know. I just can't see how you can presume to know what was best for him to choose. That's offensive to me. I don't like it when beggars presume that I'm supposed to give them a quarter, and it is no better when it comes from a sensible adult. I should mention that I'm pretty sure I make less money than most people here, so this isn't about class. This is about not honoring another person's decisions - more, it is about attacking someone not for what they have done (which was courageous), but what you think they should have done. Well guess what? That's not your call.

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## Re: Firmage - Bueche

From: Will Bueche <[willb3d@hotmail.com](mailto:willb3d@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 22:46:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 07:59:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Firmage - Bueche

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 17:02:13 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Firmage - Stanford

<snip>

>called UFOs, but from what I've heard of Firmage, I suspect he'd  
>go, instead, for what might be called the more "Gee Whiz!" side  
>of 'UFO Studies', where money could be easily and quickly  
>wasted.

And again, we have the heart of it. You're presuming to know how best to make decisions that are in fact the purview of someone else entirely -- someone other than yourself, who might have different opinions than yourself. Have some humility, please. Have some consideration for the fact that other people may have a different course to plot than the one you'd have chosen for him. "You're either with us or against us" makes as little sense here as it does in the oval office.

See my reply to Ms Connors for why I am not answering your question about what I know about Firmage's donations.

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## Re: Call Up - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 00:05:13 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 08:02:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Call Up - Gates

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net) <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>))  
>Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:01:08 -0500  
>Subject: Call Up

>My National Guard unit has been activated so that I am now full  
>time in the Army. Although I enjoy the enchanges on UpDates, I  
>do not have the time to read the messages and respond so I need  
>to unsubscribe at this point. I'm hoping to resubscribe in a few  
>weeks (And for Stan who once asked if I have ever been on active  
>duty as an intelligence officer... the answer then, as it is  
>now, Yes.)

Kevin,

Where ever you end-up going, be safe, be careful.

Cheers,

Robert

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Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 00:14:57 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 08:04:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Firmage - Gates

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 10:58:05 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Firmage

>>From: Will Bueche <[willb3d@hotmail.com](mailto:willb3d@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 19:43:33 -0500  
>>Subject: Firmage [was: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe]

>>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 04:07:52 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Linda Moulton Howe

><snip>

>>>She ranks right up there with Joe Firmage... one hit wonders in  
>>>the field of Ufology who take and don't give anything back.

>>Woah. Before you need to buy more knives to stick in people's  
>>backs, take that one back.

>>Firmage gave millions of dollars to support serious research  
>>into alien encounters, as well as into alternative energy. Not  
>>to mention trying to develop better science education methods  
>>for children (in a largely unsuccessful venture...not many people  
>>besides him wanted to invest in children's futures, apparently).

><snip>

>You miss the point. I didn't see Mr. Firmage give CUFOS or FUFOR  
>a serious influx of needed financial help... and they are still  
>here long after Mr. Firmage took a powder.

As I recall NIDS (not Firmage) gave money to CUFOS, FUFOR and  
MUFON, along with a few other notable, quoteables, including  
Linda Howe, as I recall.

<snip>

>Oh, yeah. You didn't mention the two books I co-authored. As a  
>matter of fact, I haven't made so much as a dime from Ufology...  
>but I can guarantee you one thing... I'm one of the few in this  
>field that has brought new knowledge, insight, documentation,  
>etc. into this field in the last 5 years. I think I've tried to  
>be generous too, but feel bad that I can't be more so.

I would say that besides Wendy's contributions, a number of  
other folks have brought knowledge, insight and documentation.  
People like Jerry Clark, Mark Rodeghier, Tom Carey, Kevin Randle  
Stan Friedman, Jan Aldrich, Fran Ridge, Peter Davenport, John  
Schulser, Bruce Macabee, and a host of others who have  
contributed in their own way... some received money for books  
and articles, others have not.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 00:56:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 08:07:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release - Velez

>From: Leslie Kean <[lkean@ix.netcom.com](mailto:lkean@ix.netcom.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 02:50:20 -0500  
>Subject: Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release - 03-03-03

>CFI - Coalition For Freedom Of Information

>Press Release

>Monday, March 3, 2003

>For further information:  
>Contact: Ed Rothschild (202) 879-9317  
>Leslie Kean (415) 250-9791

>SCI FI Channel and Coalition for Freedom of Information to  
>Support Petition for Federal Investigation into Kecksburg  
>Incident

<snip>

>For more background, see [www.freedomofinfo.org](http://www.freedomofinfo.org) . Please see  
>[www.signpetition.com](http://www.signpetition.com) for a copy of the petition and information  
>about the petition drive.

Hi Leslie or whoever is listening from CFI,

Is there a reason why all the eggs are being put into one basket? There are so many great UFO cases to choose from I'm just curious, why Kecksburg to the exclusion of all the other cases? Who voted Kecksburg to be the 'best case' for this purpose?

If Kecksburg turns out to be the recovery of some stray Ruskie bird, is there going to be 'another' petition over some other 'individual' UFO case? If so, 'who' does the choosing?

Just wondering.

John Velez

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## Re: Question About Missing Time - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
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Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 09:55:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time - Shough

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
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>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 20:06:26 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time

>>From: Martin Shough <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 19:58:18 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time

>>"THE TIME-GAP EXPERIENCE  
>>After a long drive the motorist will quite commonly report  
>>that at some point on the journey he 'woke up' to realise  
>>that he had no awareness of some preceding period of time.  
>>People often describe this, with some justification, as 'a  
>>gap in time', 'a lost half-hour' or 'a piece out of my life'.  
>>The strangeness of the experience springs partly from the  
>>'waking up' when one is already awake..."

>As one of those motorists who has had that experience - as I'm  
>sure most have [and there's also that period in the 60s,  
>actually the 60s - but that's another story] that experience is  
>not so much as a missing time episode, but missing recall of  
>details on the way to the destination. The journey which was  
>expected to take a half-hour still takes a half-hour. Not two  
>and a half hours, for example, for a trip that should only take  
>a half-hour - as is often reported by the abductees.

>Or getting out of a vehicle, for example, for a couple of  
>minutes to observe an object which suddenly vanishes only to  
>discover when you got back in the vehicle that two hours of time  
>had elapsed for both yourself and your driver as told to me  
>recently by a retired army officer.

>That's what has to be addressed.

Hi Don

The experience on which we were invited to comment was  
the anomaly of having no recollection of any events during an  
intervening passage of time. John Velez said:

[START QUOTE]  
. . . When I got about 15 feet from my front door  
(again) without any sense of time having passed, I found  
myself sitting bolt upright in my bed and the room flooded with  
morning light.

One second it's night-time and I'm running for dear life  
(half-out of my wits with fear) and the very next second (no  
gaps) I'm sitting up in bed and it's morning. Hours of 'missing  
time.'  
[END QUOTE]

It seems to me you are wanting to distinguish 'missing time'  
from 'missing recall of events that take place in time'. I don't  
think this is necessarily valid.

The well-known 'road hypnosis' type of attention anomaly that



you and I are referring to is similarly described in terms of missing time, but as Reed points out (reference as before) could just as well be described as 'missing distance'. The way we structure our experience means that the mind 'measures' the anomaly in terms of time, but at root it is missing events, i.e. the oddness of the realisation that nothing 'happened', in the sense that a 'happening' is a record on the screen of consciousness.

The point is that there is no way to define missing time except in terms of missing events. I imagine that the connection between the sense of the continuity of 'self' - the series of conscious records - and the sense of the subjective passage of time, are profoundly connected. So this 'time gap' experience seems to me to be the same thing in essence as what John describes. This isn't the same thing as 'explaining' it and doesn't mean that such an experience has to be trivial.

You say that a failure to register any conscious events during some interval is not the same as experiencing an anomalously telescoped interval of time. I'm not sure that we can demonstrate how these are different things. Experimentally, clinical psychologists know that the experience of duration is strongly correlated to the numerical frequency of stimuli or events (Cathy Reason would probably be able to give us chapter and verse on this). If two people get out of a car to observe a UFO and two subjective minutes pass although the clock says two hours, then this is constructively equivalent to the absence from their experience of all those clock-ticks which in the 'real world' are counting out the two hours.

This might be very important, but it is not the same as making a statement about the time of physical processes, where 'time' would be defined in terms of standard frequencies related to the constant speed of light, say, or the constant decay-rate of a radioactive isotope. If the rates of two such clocks, one carried by the observers and one in the car, don't agree after the experience then this is a statement about the time of physical processes. Only in a case where there is such a discrepancy between physical rates would it be clear that the distinction you are arguing for is meaningful.

Even then it is not possible to dissociate the subjective experience of duration from the experience of events. Relativistic effects in physics express the idea that time for the observer is the sequence of 'clock ticks' that constitutes experience for that observer. There is no way to define a global time that is independent of who is experiencing it except by the self-negating procedure of defining a common frame where there are no local-real events. The essence of relativity is that clock rates become meaningful only because the universe emerges pluralistically in the differentiation of the reference frames of different possible observers. This is real 'time'. A physical absence of real time is equivalent to the removal of this differentiation between observers. The 'time' which results from this theoretical procedure is the dimension of cosmic 'time' in physics, an imaginary time which is technically spacelike and has no connection to the psychological experience of duration.

>Incidentally, you mentioned the same missing time having  
>occurred during encounters with fairies some centuries ago. Any  
>idea what these fairies were supposed to look like?

Well they don't have to look like anything, but the general view was that they would adopt appearances from the expectations of the viewer. Also, this isn't just 'some centuries ago' - but I'm sure you're as familiar with the classic crossover literature as I am (Passport to Magonia and all that). One fascinating source of first-hand interviews with abductees and their families in early twentieth-century rural Ireland is Lady Gregory's "Visions and Beliefs in the West of Ireland". You find all the canonical features of an abductee culture here. People, usually youths, were 'taken' by the Gentry, odd lights and poltergeist-like disturbances announced the presence of the Sidhe (short for aes sidhe, Irish Gaelic for the 'people of the [fairy] hills'), those who were 'away' reported seeing people they knew in the 'round houses' of the Sidhe to which they were spirited away, those who antagonised the 'good neighbours' would be beaten, left scarred with pinch-marks or paralysed (given 'the touch') and animals too were used, sucked dry and discarded - it's all there. But a fascinating thing is that an individual who is

'away' need not be physically absent, and in fact generally isn't - the feverish or comatose thing left in his or her place is believed to be a clever simulacrum but there is an understanding that although the real person is 'away' the place they have gone is not a location in what we'd call physical space. This exposes an interesting awareness of the subtle connection between identity and the continuity of conscious experience.

One small point about clock rates and fairies. There was spate of anomalous mushrooms associated with UFO-landings in the 1970s, mostly in Brazil and Argentina if I recall. These 'fairy rings' of truly massive fungi would appear literally overnight, sometimes along with 'scorched' grass etc. Anomalies of time were also reported by CEII witnesses, as elsewhere. Accelerated fungal growth and dead grass could be thought of as providing an objective relativistic clock. I'm speaking slightly tongue-in-cheek, but something like this would be needed to objectively distinguish an objective clock-rate from the subjective event-rate. Maybe fairy stories have something to teach us.

Regards,

Martin

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## Re: Question About Missing Time - Shough

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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 15:55:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time - Shough

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2003 13:34:49 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time

>>From: Martin Shough <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 19:58:18 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time

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>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 02:06:32 -0500  
>>>Subject: Question About Missing Time

>After I walked on stage and sat down to play I realized the piano was  
>stiff and I didn't like that, but there was nothing I could do.  
>My fingers were working "properly" and, thinking about it afterwards,  
>I could remember getting to the bottom of the first page... and then  
>nothing. To this day, and, more importantly, immediately afterward,  
>I had no recollection of whether I played or not through most of the  
>first half of the first movement.

Hi Bruce,

I have had a similar if slightly less dramatic experience from time to time when performing in public. But in my case this has been when becoming dissociated because the stress-level has been too low - mechanical playing, bored and probably boring! The musical equivalent of road hypnosis I suppose. Your experience is interesting because of the presumably high level of stress and alertness in a competition situation. What does this imply about 'missing time' in an experience like John's I wonder? It certainly appears as though there is a continuum of experiences of distorted subjective time containing events of high and low strangeness. It may not be easy, therefore, to define a straightforward cut-off between anomalies which are UFO-related and those which aren't

>The above discussion is not intended to detract from UFO related  
>missing time experiences, such as portrayed in by "abduction "  
>book. IMHO something is REALLY happening there and its not  
>all in the mind!

I wouldn't necessarily disagree with you, with the caveat that "real" and "mind" and a lot of other words might end up getting redefined in working out what is happening.

Regards

Martin Shough

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## Gabe L. Valdez Address?

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Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 11:27:14 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 15:57:21 -0500  
Subject: Gabe L. Valdez Address?

Hi the List,

Does anyone here have the address of former State Police officer  
Gabe L. Valdez ?

Gratefully,

Sebastien Denis  
France

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Denzler

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Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 08:05:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 16:00:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Denzler

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 00:15:43 +0000  
>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>Furthermore, what the hell exactly does "post- modern" mean? I  
>have not heard any definition. In this context, what does "pre-  
>modern" and "modern" mean? Or are we just playing with words and  
>claiming that, somehow "truth" (or whatever these post-  
>modernists substitute as a concept of what we should believe) is  
>obtainable through literary analysis, but not through scientific  
>method?

From \*A Primer on Postmodernism\* by Stanley Grenz:  
Deconstructionists say that "meaning is not inherent in a text  
itself...but emerges only as the interpreter enters into  
dialogue with the text....Postmodern philosophers applied the  
theories of the literary deconstructionists to the world as a  
whole....Reality will be 'read' differently by each knowing self  
that encounters it. This means that there is no one meaning of  
the world, no transcendent center to reality as a whole....The  
central dictum of postmodern philosophy: 'All is difference.'  
This sweeps away the 'uni' of the 'universe' sought by the  
Enlightenment project. It abandons the quest for a unified  
grasp of objective reality. It asserts that the world has no  
center, only differing viewpoints and perspectives....In the  
postmodern world, people are no longer convinced that knowledge  
is inherently good....The postmodern mind refuses to limit truth  
to its rational dimension and thus dethrones the human intellect  
as the arbiter of truth. There are other valid paths to  
knowledge besides reason, say the postmoderns, including the  
emotions and the intuition. Finally, the postmodern mind no  
longer accepts the Enlightenment belief that knowledge is  
objective..., because the universe is not mechanistic...but  
rather historical, relational, and personal....The postmodern  
worldview operates with a community-based understanding of  
truth...They focus instead on what is held to be true within a  
specific community. They maintain that truth consists in the  
ground rules that facilitate the well-being of the  
community...." (pp. 6-8).

For "Postmodernism as the End of Science," and a description of  
postmodern science, see pp. 46-56.

Another excellent book on the topic -- very readable -- is  
Walter Truett Anderson's \*Reality Isn't What It Used to Be\*.

One of his interesting observations is: "The conservative  
indictment [of postmodernism] is correct, and yet the strategy  
that logically follows from it -- to rebuild consensus [about  
reality]... -- is doomed to fail." (p. 4).

Brenda Denzler

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## Re: Firmage - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 09:09:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 16:07:00 -0500  
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>From: Will Bueche <[willb3d@hotmail.com](mailto:willb3d@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 22:46:37 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Firmage

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 17:02:13 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Firmage - Stanford

><snip>

>>called UFOs, but from what I've heard of Firmage, I suspect he'd  
>>go, instead, for what might be called the more "Gee Whiz!" side  
>>of 'UFO Studies', where money could be easily and quickly  
>>wasted.

>And again, we have the heart of it. You're presuming to know how  
>best to make decisions that are in fact the purview of someone  
>else entirely -- someone other than yourself, who might have  
>different opinions than yourself. Have some humility, please.  
>Have some consideration for the fact that other people may have  
>a different course to plot than the one you'd have chosen for  
>him. "You're either with us or against us" makes as little sense  
>here as it does in the oval office.

>See my reply to Ms Connors for why I am not answering your  
>question about what I know about Firmage's donations.

Will,

You miss the point. Firmage's impact is non existant from the perspective of most of us. His "ManyOne" project is certainly not helpful to the field and will likely not be supported by any of the major research organizations in its current form.

Are you aware of all the contact that he's had with researchers? I'm not sure that you are, but I certainly could be wrong.

But in any case, the proof is in the pudding, so to speak. Either he has impact or he doesn't. Regardless of his bank account, or his desire to back engineer alien technology, he hasn't done very much for the field.

Of course, that's just an opinion and I certainly don't expect to sway your beliefs.

Steve

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## Re: Firmage - Connors

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>Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 22:38:14 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Firmage - Bueche

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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 10:58:05 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Firmage - Connors

<snip>

>Yeah, you're probably right. Joe Firmage probably got hit hard  
>by the tech stock downturn. But, he could have helped the  
>"little people" who actually do the research, etc. when he had  
>the chance.

>>He did. I was asked by Ray Stanford in another post if I would  
>>reveal how Firmage chose to distribute some funds. It is none of  
>>your darn business. That concept seems to have evaded you. He  
>>does not, or did not, have any obligation to give to anyone,  
>>regardless of whether they've done good work or not.

No, it didn't evade me. I didn't and don't care how Firmage distributes his money. I'm saying he blew into the field of Ufology, used it for personal gain and making promises he didn't keep. In other words, a one-shot wonder. Again, Firmage's contributions to the field of Ufology are fluff and the majority of people can't remember exactly what his major contribution was, other than the publicity. Firmage is probably a nice guy. I never met him, but that doesn't mean I'm ignorant of his blitz into Ufology and the results.

>He gave a lot of lip service of how great all of us  
>were as his great "works" in Ufology lays in a heap and nobody  
>pays any attention.

>>I have to differ with you there (that "nobody pays any  
>>attention" to Firmage). While I've never heard of you, I have  
>>heard of Firmage. That's no slight against you, that's just a  
>>credit to how Firmage got wide exposure in the national press.  
>>His ability to get into the media reached a great deal more  
>>people than usual. They were talking about alien encounters in  
>>fincial sections for heavens sake, reaching a different audience  
>>(which I view as an important development). This was mostly  
>>fate, of course, he didn't plan on being the sensation that he  
>>was. But he lived up to the challenge. He spoke out when the  
>>opportunity presented itself. He even spoke at the United  
>>Nations (though he didn't include mention of aliens when he was  
>>at the podium). And you resent him for this: For being himself?

I'm sure you haven't heard of me, Will. I'm not a millionaire who can garner media attention that ensures my wealth means I am the greatest thing in Ufology. Why, Will, I'm just like you. I haven't done diddly squat in the field of Ufology.

I don't "resent" Joe Firmage one bit. I just don't have any use

for one-hit wonders who have no dedication, but talk big and can't walk the walk.

Come to think of it, Will, I've never heard of you either. Your contributions to the field of Ufology has been what?

>But the real researchers and historians who keep all of you  
>supplied with new documentation, etc., are still shelling out of  
>their pockets and didn't give a damn if the stock market  
>collapsed.

>That's the point and the difference between Joe Firmage, a one-  
>shot wonder, and us schlocks that are still here after the  
>glitter of Firmage's show faded.

>Oh, yeah. You didn't mention the two books I co-authored. As a  
>matter of fact, I haven't made so much as a dime from Ufology...  
>but I can guarantee you one thing... I'm one of the few in this  
>field that has brought new knowledge, insight, documentation,  
>etc. into this field in the last 5 years. I think I've tried to  
>be generous too, but feel bad that I can't be more so.

>So, Will, cry about poor Joe Firmage in somebody else's beer.

>>Wendy, I'm not crying. It sounds as if you are though.

No. Not crying. Just torqued that people like you equate money to ability and expertise in a field in which Firmage didn't take the time to learn, understand or contribute in a meaningful and lasting way. Firmage is a nice guy. He just doesn't have any expertise in Ufology to use his money and power to reposition it.

>>Does it really come down to such a petty matter? You're bitter  
>>about what he decided to do with his own money, so you feel  
that >>he's less honorable a man? Don't you understand that he  
is not >>you? That he was free to do whatever the heck he wanted  
to do? >>If you can't grok that concept... I just don't know. I  
just >>can't see how you can presume to know what was best for  
him to >>choose. That's offensive to me. I don't like it when  
beggars >>presume that I'm supposed to give them a quarter, and  
it is no >>better when it comes from a sensible adult. I should  
mention >>hat I'm pretty sure I make less money than most people  
>>here, so this isn't about class. This is about not honoring  
>>another person's decisions - more, it is about attacking someone  
>>not for what they have done (which was courageous), but what you  
>>think they should have done. Well guess what? That's not your  
>>call.

I never said Firmage was a "less than honorable" man. I said he made promises he didn't keep. He had the right to spend his money any way he wanted to and did, which got him 15 minutes of fame in the field of Ufology and all the money spent was for nothing of substance. In other words, a one-shot wonder.

Wendy Connors

Ufological Do Nothing, Extrordinaire

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Gehrman

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>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

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>>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 11:26:03 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>Furthermore, what the hell exactly does "post- modern" mean?

William,

Check out this link:

<http://www.as.ua.edu/ant/Faculty/murphy/436/pomo.htm>

Ed

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## Re: Firmage - Kaeser

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>Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 00:14:57 EST  
>Subject: Re: Firmage

>As I recall NIDS (not Firmage) gave money to CUFOS, FUFOR and  
>MUFON, along with a few other notable, quoteables, including  
>Linda Howe, as I recall.

Robert Bigalow (I believe from Las Vegas) helped CUFOS, MUFON and the Fund in establishing the UFO Coalition, which produced "The Best Available Evidence". That publication was released as a paperback a couple of years ago, but it had originally been created for direct distribution to the media, as well as government and business leaders. The UFO Coalition has also become involved in other projects, which continue to this day, but Bigalow is no longer funding that effort. He later created the National Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS), which has a number of very good reports published on the Internet. It has also performed research into various areas, including the purchase of a ranch in the southwest for the purpose of investigating cattle mutilation.

Like Firmage, Bigalow's financial support has been very limited and targetted toward specific projects.

Steve

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ORIGINAL 1953 "STATE SECRETS" RULING DISPUTED

A 1953 Supreme Court decision that is one of the cornerstones of national security secrecy policy relied on false government information, the Court was told in a startling petition filed last week.

The decision, *United States v. Reynolds*, is the judicial foundation of the "state secrets privilege." It provides the precedential basis for asserting that there are "military matters which, in the interest of national security, should not be divulged," not even to a federal court.

The Reynolds case originated over 50 years ago when the widows of three crew members who died in a 1948 crash of a B-29 Superfortress bomber requested accident reports on the crash. The Air Force denied the request and filed affidavits with the Supreme Court claiming that the withheld reports contained information about the aircraft's secret mission and described secret electronic equipment on board that had to be protected from disclosure. The Court, citing that claim, ruled in favor of the Air Force and established the state secrets privilege.

"But it turns out that the Air Force's affidavits were false," according to the new petition filed by the surviving widows or their heirs. The recently declassified Air Force accident reports contain nothing whatsoever about a secret mission or sensitive electronic equipment.

"In telling the Court otherwise, the Air Force lied," the Petitioners said.

The petitioners want the Court to vacate the 1953 Reynolds decision (345 U.S. 1 (1953)). But they take no position on the body of law that derives from it. "Whether the legal principles established in Reynolds are right or wrong is for another day and another case."

"For petitioners, the only issue this Court must confront today is whether it will tolerate a fraud -- a fraud that struck at the integrity of the Court's decision-making process and that cheated three struggling widows and their children out of that which was rightly theirs."

See the February 26 "Petition for a Writ of Error Coram Nobis to Remedy Fraud Upon This Court" here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/reynoldspet.pdf>

A supplementary appendix including original case files and the declassified accident reports is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/reynoldspetapp.pdf>

The Justice Department has not yet commented on the matter.

#### FERC ADOPTS "NEED TO KNOW" INFO POLICY

In an potentially momentous change in government information policy, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will now process public requests for access to certain kinds of sensitive energy infrastructure information selectively, depending on who the requester is and why the information is sought.

Requesters will have to provide a "detailed statement explaining the particular need for and intended use of the information" that will then be evaluated by an agency official. In effect, the new policy imposes a differential "need to know" standard on members of the public.

The policy is intended to protect "critical energy infrastructure information," i.e. critical infrastructure information that "relates to the production, generation, transportation, transmission, or distribution of energy [and] could be useful to a person in planning an attack...."

"These new steps will help keep sensitive infrastructure information out of the public domain, decreasing the likelihood that such information could be used to plan or execute terrorist attacks," according to the new statement of policy.

FERC downplayed any potential adverse impact of the move, arguing that the alternative to selective disclosure of such information was no disclosure at all. And while access to "critical energy infrastructure information" would be denied to ordinary requesters under the Freedom of Information Act, the Commission indicated that "state agencies, landowners, environmental groups [and others] may be found to have a need for [such] information in a particular situation."

The text of the new rule, as published in the Federal Register on March 3, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2003/03/fr030303.html>

#### BIOSECURITY & BIOTERRORISM JOURNAL

"It is imperative that there be an informed, vigorous, and wide-ranging public discussion about the bio-weapons threat and what to do about it," write Tara O'Toole and Thomas V. Inglesby of the Johns Hopkins Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies.

They are the co-editors of "Biosecurity and Bioterrorism," a new peer-reviewed quarterly journal that is intended "to foster a deepening understanding of the threat posed by biological weapons and to broaden the spectrum of people who are knowledgeable in these realms."

Further information, including a promising selection of articles from the first issue, may be found here:

<http://www.liebertpub.com/BSP/default1.asp>

#### THE WOODWARD EXCEPTION TO CLASSIFICATION

The political abuse of the national security classification system is shockingly manifest in Bob Woodward's best-selling book "Bush at War," the conservative watchdog group Accuracy in Media (AIM) complained in its latest publication.

"CIA Director [George J.] Tenet clearly authorized Woodward to republish the contents of the President's Daily Briefing (PDB)... [Yet] Tenet adamantly refused to provide copies of the PDB to congressional investigators probing intelligence failures prior to 9/11 and got the White House to exercise its executive

privilege weapon to block Capitol Hill's access to back PDB copies. Executive privilege clearly does not apply to Woodward," according to the AIM Report, edited by Cliff Kincaid and Notra Trulock.

"Had the leaks not come from Tenet directly, government security officials would be preparing 'damage assessments' to show how much classified intelligence had been revealed and how the leaks had harmed the nation's ability to collect that intelligence in the future. Intelligence officials would be sending 'referrals' to the Justice Department urging a full-scale leak investigation. It's a safe bet that none of that will happen and that security officials will reserve their wrath for low-level violators," AIM concluded.

The AIM report tends to be overwrought and accusatory; it assumes what it cannot prove, and the authors' critique is diminished by their evident animosity towards Woodward, Tenet and others.

But it serves as a timely reminder that the classification system is a political artifact and is susceptible to political abuse.

See "Mortuary Bob Hits a Gusher," AIM Report, February 28, here (thanks to PW):

[http://www.aim.org/publications/aim\\_report/2003/4.html](http://www.aim.org/publications/aim_report/2003/4.html)

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## Review 'The Luminous Journey'

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A review of The Luminous Journey  
Johan Quanjer 1934-2001

Reviewer: Joe McGonagle  
Review date: 3rd March 2003

Johan Quanjer (pronounced "Kwanya") was the originator of a spiritual-political philosophy that he dubbed "Pneumatocracy" (a Greek representation of "The rule of the Spirit"). This book is an autobiography covering from his early childhood, through to the sunset years of his life.

At several stages of his life starting moments before (no, that's not a typo!) his birth he encountered spiritual revelations which took various forms. Some of these could be attributed to wishful thinking, but there can be no doubt that they greatly influenced his dedication and enthusiasm for the Pneumatocratic philosophy, his social consciousness and his activism. Although he was an enthusiastic proponent of the philosophy of Pneumatocracy, he does not attempt to force-feed it to the reader in this book.

His biography takes you from his young childhood in Dutch colonial Java, through his maturation into a young man in NAZI-occupied Holland, and his experiences in North America (where he travelled widely, undertaking various relatively menial jobs and where he was introduced to Theosophy). He left America in 1957 and spent a short time with his parents before moving to England in the same year. It was in England that his political and spiritual development peaked.

During his lifetime, he came into contact with most, if not all facets of "New Age" activity from mediums to UFO groups and he socialised with members of the entire social spectrum from new-age colonists to Royalty. Although his activities were centred on what is often regarded as "fringe" areas, he displays little tolerance in his book for the charlatans and cranks that have always been part of the fringe scene. He was highly critical of individuals and groups that he thought were taking unfair advantage of human gullibility. He also had a damning opinion of communism and was a keen supporter of European politics, actually standing for election to the European parliament under the banner of "Spirit of Europe" in 1994. He also founded "New Humanity" magazine, which was one of the longest running alternative publications in the UK until it recently ceased publication.

His autobiography is fascinating on several levels. It will interest those with spiritual leanings, it contains first-hand accounts of Colonial Java and occupied Europe, examples of the extremes of trade-unionism in Britain, the involvement of the privileged classes in the new-age movement, behind the scenes commentary on politicians and groups such as the Findhorn community, and has many anecdotes about people who were famous in their day for one reason or another.

The strength of character, humour, and sincerity of Quanjer are made apparent in this book. He seems like a man whose charisma was instantly obvious to anyone that was lucky enough to have

met him.

In my opinion, this book should be added to the reading list for anyone making a serious study of religion, philosophy, social history, or politics. It will also be of particular interest to those who are curious about participation by the higher social strata in the new-age movement.

"The Luminous Journey" is privately published. The review copy was 463 pages in Microsoft Word format and is available from:

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London  
SW11 4BP  
United Kingdom

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Sandow

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>Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2003 16:25:29 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 09:05:07 -0500  
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2003 09:16:56 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Sandow

>Greg Sandow, ever naive (being a major proponent of the Linda  
>Napolitano [Cortile] case), asserts that postmodernists "found  
>their work on a careful foundation of fact."

Proponent? In 1997 - the last time I offered any judgement of  
the case - I said I couldn't prove either that it was real, or  
that it was a hoax. If that makes me a proponent, the meaning of  
the word just changed. Read my study of the case, which  
originally appeared in IUR. It's at [www.gregsandow.com/ufo](http://www.gregsandow.com/ufo).

Of course, in that same piece, I did say that Hansen's study of  
the case (coauthored with two others) was full of spit. No  
wonder he's mad at me. (I might add that I didn't side with Budd  
Hopkins, either, since I found things wrong with his work, too.)

>Is Sandow completely oblivious of the "inventions" of Michel  
>Foucault?

My Foucault books burned in our fire, so I can't consult them  
now. My recollection, however - supported by reading several  
scholarly Foucault sites on the web - is that Foucault founded  
all of his work on a careful study of history. Two examples from  
his unfinished history of sexuality:

- He talks about the fear of masturbation. To show how intense  
it was in the past, he talks about how dormitories for young  
boys were built in 19th century Germany. They were constructed  
with masturbation in mind -- or, rather, constructed with the  
beds deliberately arranged in a way to make masturbation  
difficult. In order to make points like this one, Foucault had  
to do a great deal of careful historical research.

- He challenges (in typical postmodern style) many received  
ideas, among them the notion that ancient Christians were stiff  
and upright, while pagans were loose and wild. In order to do  
this, he has to study in great detail the history of ancient  
Christian and pagan thought and behavior.

Besides, postmodernists vary (as I said). I cited two very  
notable postmodern thinkers who do careful factual research,  
Susan McClary and Edward Said. I could also add Jodi Dean, who  
wrote a thoroughly postmodern book on UFOs. I know from the  
book, and from talking to Dean, that she studied ufology  
carefully and accurately. Her book is based on that study.

Greg Sandow  
was the originator of a  
spiritual-political philosophy that he dubbed "Pneumatocracy" (a

Greek representation of "The rule of the Spirit"). This book is an autobiography covering from his early childhood, through to the sunset years of his life.

At several stages of his life starting moments before (no, that's not a typo!) his birth he encountered spiritual revelations which took various forms. Some of these could be attributed to wishful thinking, but there can be no doubt that they greatly influenced his dedication and enthusiasm for the Pneumatocratic philosophy, his social consciousness and his activism. Although he was an enthusiastic proponent of the philosophy of Pneumatocracy, he does not attempt to force-feed it to the reader in this book.

His biography takes you from his young childhood in Dutch colonial Java, through his maturation into a young man in NAZI-occupied Holland, and his experiences in North America (where he travelled widely, undertaking various relatively menial jobs and where he was introduced to Theosophy). He left America in 1957 and spent a short time with his parents before moving to England in the same year. It was in England that his political and spiritual development peaked.

During his lifetime, he came into contact with most, if not all facets of "New Age" activity from mediums to UFO groups and he socialised with members of the entire social spectrum from new-age colonists to Royalty. Although his activities were centred on what is often regarded as "fringe" areas, he displays little tolerance in his book for the charlatans and cranks that have always been part of the fringe scene. He was highly critical of individuals and groups that he thought were taking unfair advantage of human gullibility. He also had a damning opinion of communism and was a keen supporter of European politics, actually standing for election to the European parliament under the banner of "Spirit of Europe" in 1994. He also founded "New Humanity" magazine, which was one of the longest running alternative publications in the UK until it recently ceased publication.

His autobiography is fascinating on several levels. It will interest those with spiritual leanings, it contains first-hand accounts of Colonial Java and occupied Europe, examples of the extremes of trade-unionism in Britain, the involvement of the privileged classes in the new-age movement, behind the scenes commentary on politicians and groups such as the Findhorn community, and has many anecdotes about people who were famous in their day for one reason or another.

The strength of character, humour, and sincerity of Quanjer are made apparent in this book. He seems like a man whose charisma was instantly obvious to anyone that was lucky enough to have met him.

In my opinion, this book should be added to the reading list for anyone making a serious study of religion, philosophy, social history, or politics. It will also be of particular interest to those who are curious about participation by the higher social strata in the new-age movement.

"The Luminous Journey" is privately published. The review copy was 463 pages in Microsoft Word format and is available from:

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Sandow

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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 16:31:25 -0500  
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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2003 16:25:29 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>Is Sandow completely oblivious of the "inventions" of Michel  
>Foucault?

In my answer to poor George, I'd forgotten to quote the following from Foucault himself. It illustrates how important factual research was to Foucault, and thorough and careful he was. It's from an interview with him:

" I had been planning a study of hospital architecture in the second half of the eighteenth century, when the great movement for the reform of medical institutions was getting under way. I wanted to find out how the medical gaze was institutionalised, how it was effectively inscribed in social space, how the new form of the hospital was at once the effect and the support of a new type of gaze. In examining the series of different architectural projects which followed the second fire at the Hotel-Dieu in 1772, I noticed how the whole problem of visibility of bodies, individuals and things, under a system of centralised observation, was one of their most constant directing principles. In the case of the hospitals this general problem involves a further difficulty: it was necessary to avoid undue contact, contagion, physical proximity and overcrowding, while at the same time ensuring ventilation and circulation of air, at once dividing space up and keeping it open, ensuring a surveillance which would be both global and individualising while at the same time carefully separating the individuals under observation. For some time I thought all these problems were specific to eighteenth-century medicine and its beliefs.

"Then while studying the problems of the penal system, I noticed that all the great projects for re-organising the prisons (which date, incidentally, from a slightly later period, the first half of the nineteenth century) take up this same theme, but accompanied this time by the almost invariable reference to Bentham. There was scarcely a text or a proposal about the prisons which didn't mention Bentham's 'device' - the 'Panopticon'

"The principle was this. A perimeter building in the form of a ring. At the center of this, a tower, pierced by large windows opening on to the inner face of the ring. The outer building is divided into cells each of which traverses the whole thickness of the building. These cells have two windows, one opening on to the inside, facing the windows of the central tower, the other, outer one allowing daylight to pass through the whole cell. All that is then needed is to put an overseer in the tower and place in each of the cells a lunatic, a patient, a convict, or a schoolboy. The back lighting enables one to pick out from the central tower the little captive silhouettes in the ring of cells. In short, the principle of the dungeon is reversed; daylight and the overseer's gaze capture the inmate more effectively than darkness, which afforded after all a sort of protection."

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## Re: Question About Missing Time - Jonnaert

From: **Thierry Jonnaert** <[thierry.jonnaert@pandora.be](mailto:thierry.jonnaert@pandora.be)>  
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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 16:34:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time - Jonnaert

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 08:55:15 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Missing Time

<snip>

Hi,

You have to read the whole and real story about Kelly Cahill -  
'Encounter'... in Australia, about missing time etc., and all  
the research they did there.....

Have a nice day!

Thierry Jonnaert  
Belgium

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## Re: Firmage - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 11:47:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 16:36:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Firmage - Stanford

>From: Will Bueche <[willb3d@hotmail.com](mailto:willb3d@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2003 22:46:37 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Firmage

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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 17:02:13 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Firmage - Stanford

<snip>

>>called UFOs, but from what I've heard of Firmage, I suspect he'd  
>>go, instead, for what might be called the more "Gee Whiz!" side  
>>of 'UFO Studies', where money could be easily and quickly  
>>wasted.

Will Bueche did not answer my inquiry, saying:

>...I am not answering your question about what I know about  
>Firmage's donations."

One of the purposes and functions of this List it to openly discuss and constructively criticize things transpiring in the field of Ufology, and that is what was transpiring in my comments on Firmage's alleged millions in contributions to, as of now, rather invisible sources. I think it interesting that Will refused to answer, preferring to insinuate that I lack humility in suggesting causes that I personally deem more worthy than those one could have reason to suspect might have been financially entertained by Firmage.

If Firmage gave money in confidence, why not just say that?

Or was the confidentiality, itself, confidential?

If that was the case, one might wonder about either the motives, the self-confidence, or both, of the recipient(s), or maybe even of a giver.

One cannot justly question the absolute right of Firmage (or of anyone else) to decide how to use his own money, and if my comments have been taken to suggest that, then they have been misinterpreted or I have been insufficiently clear.

One might, however, in all fairness, question whether Firmage had enough knowledge (through experience) of UFO studies to enable him to make a WISE decision on where to productively put contributions. That is what I seriously question in this case.

Ray Stanford

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

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## Linda Howe 'Dis-Invited' From UFO Conference

From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 10:22:21 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 16:57:11 -0500  
Subject: Linda Howe 'Dis-Invited' From UFO Conference

Hello all,

Just wanted to say hi and let everyone know I am doing well in spite of the recent ludicrous assault on my website. But I'm not here to address that issue at this time...

I have been keeping track with the debate about Linda Howe on this list. I did some work with Linda on a couple of cattle mutilation cases some years ago.

One of my LMH experiences dealt with the Hale-Bopp issue on the Art Bell program. Linda told me she would deny this if I ever told anyone about it, so, as one poster said, it comes down to whom you believe.

Linda told me she had been on the phone arguing with Bell that the Hale-Bopp companion was bogus and she could prove it - we all know Jeff Rense actually exposed this hoax to begin with. Linda told me that after informing Bell of her proof that Bell stated, "So what? Controversy is good for ratings." She told me the conversation with Bell was essentially a screaming match, just as she had told me it was when she was first producing Sightings.

I asked Linda why she would have anything to do with someone that had an apparent disregard for credibility and I also told her I'd dump Bell as soon as she could. Linda gave no answer as to why she would continue going on Bell's program. Just one of many tales of my experiences with Linda Howe...of which I have a few more interesting ones including a time she demanded I give her a phone number of someone that had filmed a UFO - this after she said I was being dishonest with her...

While I felt that Linda had a lot of credibility some time ago, her recent jumping into stories and sensationalizing them without proving anything first has simply left me shaking my head wondering what happened to the LMH that liked to present scientific evidence first.

One of the recent and troubling pieces Linda put out there was about the deer being found hanging in the tree. It appeared to many that Linda was attempting to push the story into alien/bigfoot land regardless that the animal had been killed by a three-bladed arrow...I think it was Ted Oliphant that recently called Linda a "media entrepreneur".

Looks like Linda Howe has been "dis-invited" from coming to present in Seattle over her promotion of an apparent Brazilian UFO hoaxer. Her side of the story...

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=479&category=Science>

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM...?

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Royce J. Myers III  
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## March/April Psychology Today Article Reaction

From: Will Bueche <[wbueche@centerchange.org](mailto:wbueche@centerchange.org)>  
Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 14:12:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 16:59:29 -0500  
Subject: March/April Psychology Today Article Reaction

A CC of my letter, sent to the author of the article, and to her editor. The current issue of Psychology Today is arriving on news stands this week. This may not be of general interest, but what the heck, I think I make a good point or two so I may as well share it with the List:

Dear Mr. Perina,

I've read your article ("Cracking the Harvard X-Files") and am satisfied that you included references to William James, which acknowledged the rift between material science and experiential evidence, or the spiritual side of life. This was by no means presented in balance with the pages upon pages, about McNally's study, but it was present, at least in token fashion, so that is appreciated. Naturally I did not expect that a magazine titled Psychology Today would enter into a philosophical discussion (leave that to Philosophy Today, if there is such a publication, I suppose!).

I'd have liked you to have mentioned what Mack's "multifaceted" theory was, rather than refer to it only as a theory which McNally and Clancy find "hilarious;" one can assume from various points in the article that Mack's theory has something to do with "altered states of consciousness," and given the William James reference, probably something to do with "spirit," and indeed Mack's last line in the article, which is quite nice by the way, "We're in different firmaments," does indeed give some hint as to what Mack's perspective is. But please help me if I am mistaken, but you seemed to have omitted actually saying what Mack's theory was.

(Similarly you say that Mack encourages an "abandonment" of the physical sciences in his approach, yet you omit mentioning why he came to that perspective).

Aside from that omission I have only one criticism about the article:

It is simply that it is disheartening to see the tendency, which you are not alone in enacting, of resorting to cynicism to infer disagreement. My criticism is that these negative tendencies slipped into your writing.

Lines written with a cynical edge - such as "[Mack is a] paranormal philosopher king" or "Abductees...cling to him like acolytes, often parroting his theories," (an absurd remark, considering that Mack's theories are simply rephrasings of what experiencers have related to him, not the other way around), or "[explanations] have proliferated apace with blockbuster movies about aliens" (an editorial comment which cynically implies a relationship, yet has no reference, nor bears up to examination considering that people do not report the types of aliens shown in movies) - are ever-present in the piece.

Similarly, beyond word choice, looking at the construction of the piece, your choice to lead Peter's experiences as being "chips implanted in his anus," rather than leading with his remark in which he conveys what he felt was important about his

experience, speaks to this edge of cynicism which crept into your writing. You also described alien encounters as "[beings] hovering over their beds," implying, I suppose, that these are hypnogogic hallucinations - since most readers would assume that by "hovering," you meant "floating," not "standing around." These subtle tilts of the truth likely came from McNally who reinterprets the descriptions to more closely match his theory about hypnogogic hallucination, but you adopted them into the reporter's voice.

I'm afraid that writing a balanced piece involves more than ensuring that a reference to William James provides a nod to the spiritual dimensions. Ideally, these two sides of the discussion are engaged by the writer, boldly, without resorting to tints of cynicism. It seems you tried to cast Eugene Taylor as the voice in balance between the two sides, but ideally, wouldn't that responsibility have been yours as well?

Apparently not. But aside from the cynical tint, thanks for writing the article; it is, at the most, a testament to the enduring divide between different philosophies.

Sincerely,

Will Bueche

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Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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March 5, 2003  
Editor: Joseph Trainor

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

HOVERING UFO SPOTTED  
IN PUNE, INDIA

On Monday, February 24, 2003, at 8:30 p.m., Dinesh Hukmani was at home in the city of Pune, in Maharashtra state, India when he spotted a UFO.

"I was relaxing on my fifth-floor balcony, gazing at the stars, when suddenly, in the clear sky amidst lots of stars, there appeared this light, star-like but very bright. It appeared out of nowhere, grew in intensity, diminished and then disappeared. It was all over in a matter of three seconds."

Dinesh Hukmani described the UFO as "round in shape, silvery white, star-like, very bright."

Pune (pronounced Poo-nah--J.T.) is located 180 kilometers (108 miles) southeast of Mumbai, India's largest city.

LARGE DARK UFO SEEN IN  
VINA DEL MAR, CHILE

On Friday, February 28, 2003, at 6:20 a.m., Ricardo Barraza was driving to work in Vina del Mar, a port in Chile, when "he looked to the southern sky" and "noticed a pulsating luminous object that began to move quickly towards the south. He noticed that the light was being followed by an enormous dark mass that was easily concealed by the darkness of the sky at this early hour."

Vina del Mar is a suburb just north of the large Chilean port city of Valparaiso. (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Rodrigo Cuadra Salazar de la revista Tecnologia: OVNI's y Ciencia para eso informe.)

LUMINOUS BLUE UFO SEEN IN  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

On Saturday, February 22, 2003, at 6:45 p.m., Steve Goldman reports, "I was facing north, coming off the highway, Interstate I-25, at the Griegos exit" in Albuquerque, New Mexico (population 448,607) when "a bright fluorescent blue lozenge-shaped object flew from the west, coming down at around 30 degrees. It seemed to be traveling very fast, crossing about a third of my view of the horizon in about two seconds. When it reached what appeared to be the height of Sandia Peak, 10,000 feet

(3,000 meters) it simply 'turned off' and disappeared from view."

"The object was about the size of an aspirin held at arm's length and was a very bright fluorescent blue until it disappeared. The brightness and color were constant while it was in view." (Email Form Report)

#### MULTICOLORED UFO SEEN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

On Wednesday, February 5, 2003, at 9 p.m., David Boone was outdoors in a rural area near Hemingway, South Carolina (population 573) when he spotted a UFO "with many colored lights."

David reported, "I saw a ball of lights going into the woods" just off Highway 51. "At first I thought it was a helicopter. It was just off Balex Road, where the cows graze. It was a ball of lights. It was big. It had all kinds of colored lights on it."

Hemingway, S.C. is on Highway 51 about 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of Myrtle Beach. (Email Form Report)

#### READER FEEDBACK:

"JELU SIGHTING" WAS NOT MINE!

Giorgio Piacenza of Peru writes, "I never mentioned anything about an ET princess wearing something like a Tanga (Brazilian string bikini--J.T.) The report from Panamericana Television in Lima does not mention this, either. Please correct this information which is highly inaccurate and detracts from my reputation and from the serious and genuine UFO events taking place in northern Peru."

In Peru's department (state) of Piura, "there are sightings witnessed by many people and even filmed by some. They are occurring close to an archaeological area where the pre-Incan Vicus culture thrived. This is the news I sent to UFOINFO."

(Editor's Comment: Giorgio is referring to the story that appeared in UFO Roundup, Volume 8, Number 8 for February 19, 2003, "UFO flap reported in northern Peru," page 5. This story was rewritten and appeared in the Spanish-language newsletter NotiOVNI for February 23, 2003. The original UFO Roundup story listed "Giorgio Piacenza y Monica Gaetano de Silva" as sources, which was true enough. Giorgio provided the report on the TV broadcast of UFO sightings in Chulucanas and Piura La Vieja. Sra. de Silva provided a short report on the "Jelu sighting" in nearby Tangarara. Since the reported incidents all took place in the same area, your editor combined them into one story about northern Peru and listed Giorgio and Sra. de Silva in the attribution line. However, when NotiOVNI reran the story in Spanish, they omitted Sra. de Silva's name. In retrospect, the fault is your editor's--I should have been a lot more specific in the attribution, and I apologize. So let me clear this up right now. Giorgio Piacenza contributed the report about Television Panamericana, Canal (Channel) 5 in Lima's 15-minute news special on the UFO sightings and videotapings in Chulucanas and Piura La Vieja--Monica Gaetano de Silva contributed the report about la princesa de los hermanos espaciales appearing in Tangarara.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us next time for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next time.

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Hatch

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>Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2003 16:25:29 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2003 09:05:07 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Sandow

>Greg Sandow, ever naive (being a major proponent of the Linda  
>Napolitano [Cortile] case), asserts that postmodernists "found  
>their work on a careful foundation of fact."

>Is Sandow completely oblivious of the "inventions" of Michel  
>Foucault?

>Colin Bennett's postmodern analysis is particularly applicable  
>to ufology precisely because it calls attention to the blurring  
>of fact and fiction.

>That same blurring is exemplified in the writings of  
>Greg Sandow when he promotes the Linda case!

>George P. Hansen  
>The Trickster and the Paranormal  
><http://www.tricksterbook.com>

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Hello all:

Forgive me for this, but can anyone give a clear, concise, and  
cogent definition of Post-Modernism in say 100 words or less?  
Here on this List for the sake of those who tuned in late? Not  
everyone here is up on philosophy.

I know that's asking a lot. I asked for a similar definition of  
existentialism once in college. You can well imagine how lengthy  
and unrevealing the responses were.

It would seem prudent to define what we are talking about before  
we discuss it out much more or take sides.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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### Support For GAO Probe Of Kecksburg Incident

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Subject: Support For GAO Probe Of Kecksburg Incident

TO: Hon. James Moran  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

FROM: Larry W. Bryant  
3518 Martha Custis Drive  
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DATE: March 4, 2003

A citizens petition of worldwide scientific, political, and historical importance has begun circulating mainly in Pennsylvania, and elsewhere via the Internet at <http://www.signpetition.com/index.html>

The petition calls for the Pennsylvania congressional delegation to ask the U. S. General Accounting Office to investigate the events, principals, activities, motivations, artifacts, and aftermath of the official, military-led retrieval of an unidentified flying object that crash-landed on Dec. 9, 1965, near Kecksburg, Pa.

Certain evidence amassed since that time by private researchers points to wrongdoing on the part of some members of the retrieval team. With the passage of nearly four decades, the witnesses possessing that evidence (as well as prospective witnesses/whistleblowers yet to come forward) are in a race with the undertaker -- a race that they can win if you and other members of Congress will support the petition drive. Accordingly, so as to help set the record straight on what happened (and why) with the Kecksburg UFO Incident, I now ask that you formally notify all the Pennsylvania members of Congress that they have your support as we seek this long-overdue congressional investigation.

Upon their acknowledgment of your notice, please share their response with me. And thank you for thus helping us all resolve the Kecksburg mystery.

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

P. S.: I'm snail-mailing to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

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## Re: Exeter NH's 'UFO Kid' Dead At 55

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Subject: Re: Exeter NH's 'UFO Kid' Dead At 55

>Exeter UFO kid dead at 55

>Source: The Portsmouth Herald, New Hampshire

><http://www.seacoastonline.com/news/03022003/news/15408.htm>

>By Colleen Lent  
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>The death of longtime Seacoast resident Norman Muscarello, 55,  
>this past week undoubtedly rekindled discussions of his UFO  
>sighting on Sept. 3, 1965, which made national headlines.

>One can almost hear excerpts of conversations around the dinner  
>table or coffee shop counter.

>"Isn't he the kid who was chased by the space ship down by  
>Dining's Farm?" or "There was a book about him by some reporter"  
>or "Muscarello is the 'Close Encounters' guy."

>The account of Norman's teen-age real-life experience was akin  
>to a scene from a Steven Spielberg or George Lucas film. It soon  
>became fodder for several articles by John G. Fuller, appearing  
>in Reader's Digest, Look and True, before it was developed into  
>the book "Incident at Exeter" by the same author.

Interesting that the newspaper story is labelled "UFO Kid...."  
and places the sighting in the context of his whole life but  
does not address the key UFO question: did he see a real UFO,  
have a delusion of make it all up? Reference to two policemen  
who also saw it is made, but not discussed. If I recall  
correctly, this is the case that really got Klass started. When  
Klass found out that there was a power line in the vicinity he  
began to wonder about the possibility of large plasmas being  
created by the corona from a power line.

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Oplatka

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Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Oplatka

Dick,

First, as Colin himself has mentioned in previous posts, a "user-friendly" example of PM can be found in his NASA/Oberg article in Fortean Times, #168.

OK, I'm not an artist or parodist supreme as is Colin but I'll put forth here some of my "takes" (partially at least) re: PM, although it is quite difficult as the essence/nature of PM resists a pigeon-holed definition, being rather a "philosophy of the fluid", so to speak, as opposed to a rigid, fixed-boundary system or approach.

To my understanding the relationship of modernism to post-modernism cannot be expressed simply in terms of an 'apples and oranges' analogy - I think that modernism, in general, attempts to challenge (19th century) cultural definitions in the arenas of philosophy, race, gender, class - sociological issues - as well as art/literature. The modernist view encompasses the idea of innovation in that it seeks to make new moves "within" the rules of what J.F. Lyotard (someone correct me if I'm wrong here), referred to as the "language game act", in an attempt to impart a rejuvenated energy/spirit to established definitions. In contrast, PM takes the leap that will ultimately displace the "rules of the game", to make unexpected or even seemingly impossible moves.

So, if modernism is seeking to refine the efficacy of the prevailing systems, PM is moving to change the "rules" of knowledge-systems themselves. This idea, vis a' vis science, is pointed to by Colin in "Politics of the Imagination" when he talks about scientific "discoveries" being merely changes in the product, not the store. Vis a' vis literature, the PM approach is represented (some times) by a more non-linear, stream-of-consciousness style, rather than the non-fragmented, straight line story narrative; for example, Colin's recent "Fourth Day" post is a very clever and artful piece of PM writing. Although this is perhaps a preposterous over-simplification, I want to say that PM craves an end to the dominance of scientific rationality, instead urging an all-embracing approach, emphasizing the importance and relevance of the subconscious, a plurality of viewpoints, images, mystery, magic and myth.

In Colin's magical PM recipe, we find blended a sense of the metaphysical, a quantum world view and a really witty sense of play/humor.

I think the following is also relevant to the PM sensibility and I assume we can at least agree on this point: " Science seeks to prove the invisible by the visible; metaphysics seeks to demonstrate the 'reality' of the invisible in the visible." (Ann M. Lavalee).

- Laurel

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## Re: Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release - Kaeser

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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 19:44:48 -0500  
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>>Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 02:50:20 -0500  
>>Subject: Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release - 03-03-03

>>Monday, March 3, 2003

>>For further information:  
>>Contact: Ed Rothschild (202) 879-9317  
>>Leslie Kean (415) 250-9791

>>SCI FI Channel and Coalition for Freedom of Information to  
>>Support Petition for Federal Investigation into Kecksburg  
>>Incident

>>For more background, see [www.freedomofinfo.org](http://www.freedomofinfo.org) . Please see  
>>[www.signpetition.com](http://www.signpetition.com) for a copy of the petition and information  
>>about the petition drive.

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>Hi Leslie or whoever is listening from CFI,

>Is there a reason why all the eggs are being put into one  
>basket? There are so many great UFO cases to choose from I'm  
>just curious, why Kecksberg to the exclusion of all the other  
>cases? Who voted Kecksberg to be the 'best case' for this  
>purpose?

>If Kecksberg turns out to be the recovery of some stray Ruskie  
>bird, is there going to be 'another' petition over some other  
>'individual' UFO case? If so, 'who' does the choosing?

I believe that Kecksberg was selected because it involves an incident that involves multiple witnesses and military action that can't be denied, and the fact that FOIA requests have been denied for national security reasons. With publicly known, and acknowledged, government involvement in this case, there is an ability to seek specific information (or an explanation as to why that information is being withheld). CFI has indicated that they would like to concentrate on cases where requests have been denied for national security reasons. Unfortunately, I can think of few others that fit into this category.

You are correct in that the current theory held by many is that this was a former Russian satellite that was picked up and quickly carried away. I have spoken with a Legislative Aide for the Congressional District that includes Kecksberg and he indicated that every thread of information he was able to obtain pointed in that direction. But then again, he certainly wasn't "in the loop" either. I would add that the office was quite aware of the public interest in this case, judging from the amount of mail they received.

CFI provides an opportunity to utilize resources that are

familiar with the workings and government and have expertise in the legal aspects of FOIA requests. They are not prepared to take on hundreds of minor requests, but I believe they would prefer to concentrate their talents. They have indicated that they are open to suggestions, and I believe that is trully the case.

Steve

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Hansen

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>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Hall

Dick Hall comments:

"But the only thing I find 'humorous' about Colin Bennett is his attempt to substitute subjectivism for consensual reality and scientific method."

The fact is, UFO phenomena, and the paranormal generally, resist consensual validation. Anyone familiar with the history of ufology knows this. UFO claims are continually in dispute, even after 50 years of concerted study. Psychical research shows the same pattern after 120 years of investigation.

The so-called "scientific" paradigms of the old white men of ufology are obviously inadequate. Bennett provides a very useful, alternative way of addressing the phenomena.

UFO phenomena are real, but they are not 'rational'. UFO phenomena, like psychic phenomena, are not separate from observers. The subjective-objective distinction is inherently blurred. Theories of liminality, and concepts from postmodernism, can deal with this notion, but most scientific paradigms cannot.

To his credit, Dick Hall understands that Bennett's ideas severely challenge prevailing notions of science. In his attacks on Bennett, Hall would find many allies within the physical sciences. However, those allies will not aid him in his study of UFOs, rather, they will sneer at him in just the same way he sneers at Bennett.

In a fundamental sense, UFOs and postmodernism challenge scientific, objectivist paradigms in the very same way.

George P. Hansen

The Trickster and the Paranormal  
<http://www.tricksterbook.com>

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## Filer's Files #10 -- 2003

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FILER'S FILES #10 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.  
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Warren -- My website is at: [www.Georgefiler.com](http://www.Georgefiler.com)  
Sponsored by: [www.filer.unfranchise.com](http://www.filer.unfranchise.com)

### UFO SIGHTINGS CONTINUE HIGH IN NORTHWEST

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 a wave of UFOs in the northeast and a UFO DISCLOSURE POLL, Massachusetts oval craft, New Jersey giant hang glider and cylinder, Maryland bright lights and a new part of me was opened, Virginia two flashes of bright green light, Wisconsin police officers witness rotating lights, Montana two black objects flutter, Washington airliner paced by small disc, Canadian UFO sightings remain high, Mexico UFOs over volcano, Ireland UFOs over Cork harbor, UK sightings, daylight disc causes accidents in Scotland, Sri Lankan officer sees golden shining object, and the excellent book, "UFO Defense Tactics, Weather Shield to Chemtrails."

### MASSACHUSETTS OVAL CRAFT

ROSLINDALE -- The observer states, "On my way to work, walking down a road, on February 17, 2003, about 5:30 AM, before sunrise, I saw a descending shape, like an airplane above the city's skyscrapers." I assumed the craft to be an airplane landing at the local airport, but it was larger than most, and as it glided it was a strange color unlike any airplane. Also, it glowed with a strange orange luminous crackle, and when I looked at it for very long, it hurt my eyes to do so. Black dots seemed to float around this thing, but I thought it might have been a trick of my eye. I am convinced that it was a vehicle meant for flight, but not of any human construction that I know. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

### NEW JERSEY GIANT HANG GLIDER AND CYLINDER

KENILWORTH -- The witness, a clinical social worker, was driving east on Route 22, on February 16, 2003, and saw something crossing over Route 22 at 3:10 PM, about a mile in front of me or less. It appeared to be only a few hundred feet above the ground, and looked like someone hang gliding, but what was hanging beneath was too big to be a person. As I am approaching the object the traffic is building and slowing in front of me, so they may also have seen the object. As it passed practically directly over me, it appeared to float on the wind and was a dull orange two-tone. I pulled in to a business parking lot to continue watching. The top was shaped like a kite or hang glider that was an estimated fifteen feet across or more and ten feet or more from front to rear. Hanging from it was a cylindrical shaped object that was at least 30 feet long and the last seven feet was curled up in the rear like a seahorse's tail. It was just about to snow storm and the sky was gray and it was windy.

As the object flew southwest, gaining altitude, I saw a similar object behind the first the same shape, color and texture but

two-thirds its size. I became excited that it would join the first. It flew above and directly behind, then passed on the side. It continued southwest but the first flew northwest and disappeared. Later it flew over Route 22, while the second object disappeared flying southwest. The whole event only lasted 7 minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### MARYLAND LIGHTS AND A NEW PART OF ME WAS OPENED!

BOWIE -- A young student witness was outside looking at the snow on the ground at 6 PM, with his dog on February 16, 2003, when a snowflake went in his eye. The student states, "With all of the clouds in the sky, I knew that I wasn't going to see much, but looking up I realized there was a weird flashing light up in the sky." I got a little freaked out when it got closer; and a new set of lights appeared through the clouds, and then another set came down. Each one had eight different sets of flashing lights. Then my dog started to bark and the lights lit up as if they heard her. The lights got brighter and brighter, and I heard a loud shrieking noise and yet despite the pain I kept looking up. My dog got scared and ran with her tail tucked under her. Then a beam of light flashed on my face and then my body and I fell as if someone ousted me! Then with a flash of light they disappeared, except for one that lingered there for a moment flashing it's lights as if it was trying to communicate. I didn't feel scared, but rather safe. Then just like the others, it went away in a flash! I remained still and then went inside and started to feel things I've never felt before. A new part of me had just been awakened. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### VIRGINIA TWO FLASHES OF BRIGHT GREEN LIGHT

VIRGINIA BEACH -- On February 15, 2003, the observer was standing on her porch at 4 AM, when suddenly behind her the sky lit up a bright green for a second or two. She states, "I quickly turned around and a few seconds later another bright emerald green flash lit up the sky like lightning for another second or two." I got my boyfriend and waited for something else to happen, but nothing did, but I was scared. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### POLICE OFFICERS WITNESS ROTATING LIGHTS IN WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN DELLS -- My wife thought she saw a strange star that had "rotating lights" and called me to see it on February 23, 2003. She at first thought it was an emergency medical helicopter because it was coming closer. I looked at 12:10 AM, and told her it was just a bright star, but suddenly it moved to the left at an increasing speed and stopped. The lights were red, blue, green, and white. It continued to maneuver, hover then fly from side to side, up and down and at one point dropped straight down about 500 feet in a matter of a second. Then it would stay stationary for ten minutes. I am a public employee and called a friend of mine who was on duty to witness this thing. He is very skeptical, an experimental pilot and flight enthusiast. He admitted that the movements were very odd and he agreed that no plane could move like that, and no helicopter was that fast. It is now twenty minutes since he left and it is making abnormal movements again with bright multiple lights on the object that increased in intensity. The object then moved closer to our house so I went outside, but I could not hear an engine.

MILWAUKEE -- My 21 year old son came home from work at 7:10 PM on February 15, 2003, all upset and scared. He was so wound up I had a problem getting him calm. Both he and a friend were driving on Highway 100, when his friend saw a round or rectangular craft with lights hovering above them. My son almost got in an accident looking at it as they both freaked out because it looked like an alien craft. It hovered for ten minutes and disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### MISSOURI AN ODD HUM

SPRINGFIELD -- I don't know how exciting this is, but I was laying in bed on February 19, 2003, trying to get to sleep and the neighbors dog was barking at 11 PM. A few seconds after the dog stopped barking, a loud hum started to be heard and I felt an electric feeling. The whole time I was laying in bed listening to the hum there was no other sound. It could be a

generator but it seemed to be radiate from above my house. Once the hum stopped all the usual noises started back. Thanks to NUFORC

#### TEXAS THREE SPHERES AND CHEM CLOUDS

AUSTIN -- Sonia writes, "I just want to let you know that I've seen some unidentified objects in the sky in Texas. I rarely get to see a clear sky any more, because Austin has been under a constant blanket of chemclouds for a year. We've had a daily barrage of chemtrails since June 1999. But for about a year now, we've had seven weeks of unremitting coverage of chemclouds blanket with only 1 1/2 days of sun. That is then repeated. Therefore, my sightings are very limited. I first saw them in the summer of 2000, they had not yet begun to spray during the night. I pointed the UFOs out to my neighbor when we were outside. She had binoculars, which was how I was able to ascertain that one was emanating color, and moving in a zigzag fashion.

There are usually three UFOs that are multi colored brilliant spheres. Two are stationary, and the other moves between those two in a revolving, zigzagging manner. They emit colors of green and red. They might be some type of satellite to keep track of us or measure the contaminants that they have spewed out, or they might be extraterrestrial. Two nights ago the sky was clear enough to make out one that appeared stationary, but was emitting colors. I watched for about 15 minutes and it was still there when I went to bed. Thanks to Sonia.

#### CALIFORNIA FLYING SAUCERS SEEN BY POLICE

BURBANK -- The witness was monitoring the 8 PM radio transmissions of Burbank Airport Police units talking to each other on their radio's. The various police units in different locations were observing six objects flying over the Burbank Airport on February 16, 2003. They were discussing six flying saucers and contacted the tower. The tower contacted the Burbank police helicopter that began searching for the objects. I'm sure all of this radio traffic was recorded by the city of Burbank 911 center. Also, the tower transmissions would be recorded by the FAA. I, personally, did not see the craft and only heard the radio communications.

LIVERMORE -- I was driving north on Route 680 near Pleasanton on February 4, 2003, and as I came down the mountain pass at 11 PM, I saw two shooting stars come down and split directions. I looked out my right hand window and saw the bottom of a circular dark disk 'float' past with an "eclipse" on the bottom. I'm highly positive what I saw was a craft of some sort, and I know I saw the shooting stars just before the UFO? It may have been the same thing. There were no lights as it floated by, just the grayness of the bottom of the disk.

QUAIL VALLEY -- On February 16, 2003, a vertical elongated diamond shaped light in sky was flashing every five seconds for 15 minutes. It faded away at 9:30 PM, and reminded me of the shape of a sword or an elongated diamond. It had a main light in the center and emitted a vertical flashing light. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### MONTANA TWO BLACK OBJECTS FLUTTER

BILLINGS -- At 6:20 PM, the witness was walking north shortly after sunset on February 18, 2003, and noticed an airliner approaching and saw two black fluttering objects moving towards the east. They sort of dipped and weaved across the sky. I noticed a small orange light coming from the rear of the objects. I thought that they were stealth fighter aircraft, however, there were no lights and no sound. They soon disappeared in the east. This was the second time in two weeks that I have seen these strange objects. Thanks to NUFORC

#### WASHINGTON AIRLINER PACED BY SMALL DISC

OLYMPIC MOUNTAINS -- We were walking along a dirt road by our place outside of Shelton at 11:30 AM, on February 24, 2003, when I heard a deep roar of a jet engine. I looked up to see what was making the noise, and noticed an airliner going very slow, almost ready to stall, with a small silver disc under the aircraft. I told my wife, and kids to look at that in the sky.

We watched the little silver craft pace the larger airliner for ten seconds, then the little disc shot ahead, and above, in front, of the airliner and shot off. They were both heading in a northerly direction at that point.

CAMANO ISLAND -- It was a raining on February 16, 2003, when my husband just laid down when our dogs started to act funny and he heard a humming sound in his ears. About 10:30 PM, he looked out to see a diamond shaped object go over the top of our home that was very high up and going faster than an airplane. It had neon lights all around it and it was diamond shaped. After it went over the house it shot down to the south end of Camano Island.

PUYALLUP -- The witness went outside to get some wood on February 23, 2003, and saw three bright red blinking lights that maneuvered in circles and with fast up and down motions and hovered. My boyfriend came to look and said it was just because it was so cold outside the air was reflecting the light differently and making the objects move. I went in the house but it was still very active and moved again flashing a reddish color. We watched them for about an hour when another appeared in view and did the same thing except it would go really fast up in the air and then drop back down and do circles and S shapes.

OLYMPIA -- I saw all these orange or yellow lights in the sky on February 23, 2003, at 7:30 PM, that were gliding silently in the shape of a V, the way birds do. The little lights then moved around to form a circle, still gliding across the sky, then back into a giant V. It must have been the area of a football field or two. It started in the southwest and flew northwest. The lights began to dim out and it eventually just disappeared into the clear night sky. The object had a dark shadow around it, like a giant ship with lights on. The lights were literally dancing in the sky. There were two planes in the sky that were flying very slow compared to the UFOs NUFORC

ORB PHOTOS IN SPOKANE, AND ON LAKE ONTARIO SIMILAR -- Jennifer Jarvis of Orbwatch reports that Judge Ed's photos in Spokane Washington, are very similar to photos taken over Lake Ontario near Toronto, Canada. I would like to direct you to this page on the Orbwatch where there are comparison photos. Thanks to Jennifer Jarvis, orb watch [contact@orbwatch.com](mailto:contact@orbwatch.com)  
[http://fierycelt.tripod.com/ont\\_wa/ont\\_valley.html](http://fierycelt.tripod.com/ont_wa/ont_valley.html)

#### CANADA SIGHTINGS HIGH

WELLINGTON CAP-EGMONT -- A father and son report seeing an odd light on top of the Northumberland Strait almost every night from 10 to 11 PM for almost three years. It is bright white, then changes orange - Yellow and never makes a sound. It hovers around 100 feet in the air but never takes off from land. At about 10 PM, it just appears and hovers for 15-20 minutes, flies a kilometer east, and returns. On February 20, 2003, my friend and I went down to the beach to watch. At 10:15 PM, the light appeared, so we went home to tell my Father. After twenty minutes, at 10:36 PM, it started to move quickly east, then turned and flew west, stopped and became very bright. A second bright light appeared. A jet plane passed between the two bright lights and then a third REALLY bright light appeared. For the first time, we were watching three really bright lights until 11:15 PM, when they just disappeared.

DUNCAN, BC -- A witness phoned Brian Vike to tell him, "He was walking his dog when he observed a circular object with a ring of fire around it on February 10, 2003, at 6 PM." His dog was going crazy from the object that was the size of a dinner plate five blocks away. The ring which surrounded the object would twirl around the main body with blue, green, colors. It would move up and down, when it got close to the cloud cover it would change to all the different colors, but when it dropped back down at a lower level the color changed to an orange. The dog took a bite at his owner's foot, as it was afraid. The witness was phoning from a friend's home and his dog was still acting up. While chatting on the phone, he gave out a loud cry and said there was a bright white streak of light from the object with a short trail of some of the colors was coming off it as it disappeared. Thanks to Brian Vike

#### MEXICO UFOs OVER VOLCANO



Brenda Livingston writes I've been monitoring Cenepred Volcano Camera starting January 1, 2002, and regularly I have seen the most extraordinary display of possible UFOs. I had seen an occasional dark or white rounded object moving across the screen, but this was very different. First, I noticed a white rounded area with a dark area right above and below it -- at the top right that remained in this position for several days. At 1 PM CST, a couple of white 'streaks' appeared in the distance to the right of Mt. Popo both seeming to move toward the volcano. The white streaks in the background certainly were changing in position relative to the volcano and moved over it and curved toward the camera. A white oblong "object" with dark areas on the top and bottom of it also appeared to the left of the stationary object. Over a few minutes this object 'from above' moved beneath the stationary object at a diagonal angle and then moved off screen. I decided to tune in to CENEPRD Volcano Cam the following days and captured the action at random. The march across the skies over Mt. Popo continued over several days. And it was the SAME march! I brought out these old captures and decided to do a little study and had photos taken at relatively the same time to compare. On three separate days, from 1 PM until 1:30 PM -- (1) the white 'streaks' moved over Mt. Popo and (2) the white oblong object moved under the stationary white spherical object and they were synchronized. In the shots taken by the camera at 13:03, 13:15, and 13:23 PM, the objects were in the same almost exact positions on January 3, 6 and 8 at those times. This could be a most important discovery and needs further investigation to explain what is happening in these camera shots. This does appear to be organized monitoring activity...but the question remains, 'who's'? See <http://tracers.8m.com/PopoSeriesI.htm>. Thanks Brenda Livingston Living-Tracers Enterprises [living@airmail.net](mailto:living@airmail.net)

#### UFO IN CHILE

VINA DEL MAR -- UFO researcher Rodrigo Cuadra reports that a UFO was seen today at 06:20 AM on February 28, 2003, over Vi=Fla del Mar in Chile's 5th Region. The witness is Mr. Ricardo Barraza, who claims that as he headed off to work, he looked to the southern sky, where he noticed a pulsating luminous object that began to move quickly toward the South. The light was being followed by an enormous dark mass that was easily concealed by the darkness of the sky at that early hour. Translation (C) 2003. IHU. Special thanks to Rodrigo Cuadra Salazar, Revista TOC (Tecnolog=EDa, OVNI's y Ciencia)

#### IRELAND UFOs OVER CORK HARBOR

CORK -- Six UFOs were seen heading over Cork Harbor at 8:45 PM, on February 23, 2003, in a southwest direction at incredible speed. They seemed to be in formation in a line, but the extreme right UFO did a slight wobble and then they disappeared out of the line of sight due to a tree in way. They seemed in perfect control. I am well used to seeing shooting stars and normal transatlantic airplane traffic. Most certainly these objects were none of those.

#### ENGLAND STARS

LEICESTER -- The witness looked up to see a lit up patch in the sky on February 13, 2003. A giant plane the size of a football field went through the gap where the light was at 7:45 AM. My friend and I both saw it. A week later we were standing at the bus stop chatting. When we finished chatting the bus stop had moved five meters. Wierd!

BIRMINGHAM -- My sister and her family were looking out of a window in the family home at 8:30 PM on February 15, 2003, at what they thought was a particularly bright star in the clear night sky. Almost immediately everyone witnessed the "star" start to flash in different colors. No sense of distance could be obtained, other than to observe that what they thought at first to be a star was considerably brighter than any other within their view. The observation lasted unbroken for two hours, in which time it did not appear to move at all. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### DAYLIGHT DISC CAUSES FENDER BENDERS IN SCOTLAND

KINGSGATE RETAIL PARK -- The appearance of a huge silver UFO caused spooked drivers to bump their cars at around 8:45 AM,

last Wednesday, February 12, 2003. Drivers were so distracted by the bizarre sightings that at least two minor bumps were reported, as the attention of motorists wandered. A local woman, contacted the NEWS and 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. Many saw it, as you couldn't have missed it. He thought, 'Good God!' and was really quite shaken by the whole thing. My friend thinks the accidents at Kingsgate were a result of the sighting. Colleagues in the Cumbernauld had seen a similar object thirty minutes earlier and alerted their South Lanarkshire counterparts that it was heading their way. The sighting has also intrigued East Kilbride UFO Club, whose members were warned in advance that they might be about to spot something strange. Lee Close, of the Anglo-Scottish UFO Research Agency, has been investigating last weeks events in tandem with the local UFO club. He said, "This is the first time I've come across a UFO that caused a car crash, although I'm aware of it having happened in America before." Thanks to Jeff Rense <http://www.rense.com/general35/daylight.htm>

#### SRI LANKAN OFFICER SEES GOLDEN SHINING OBJECT

HINGURAKGODA -- A military officer reports we were playing soft ball cricket on the Air force grounds on February 18, 2003. At about 5:15 PM, one of the players showed me something in the sky at sunset moving very slowly to the left side of the mountains. It was a stick shaped shining object in gold color that was observed for eight minutes. It was about 50 km away from us at an altitude estimated to be 5000 feet. We checked with radar and there were no aircraft airborne at that time.

#### CHEMTRAILS (CHEMICALLY AUGMENTED CONTRAILS)

A.K. Johnstone, Ph.D. author of UFO Defense Tactics writes, "The Air Force 2035 report describes how powerful ionospheric heaters (i.e., HAARP), in concert with chemical condensation trails (chemtrails), could generate clouds for weather modification. Chemtrails spread behind airborne tankers, heated by radiowaves of one to ten megahertz at the right time and space, could create rain from a clear blue sky." (Methods and Apparatus for Altering a Region in the Earth's Atmosphere, Ionosphere and Magnetosphere Patent # 4,686,605. Bernard Eastlaund 1987). Aluminum, barium or titanium particles in the chemtrail mixture are included to scatter light and dissipate radiation from the sun (US Patent #3899144). However, a different purpose is described in the patent summary: to achieve, "maximum visibility to aid in the visual acquisition of aircraft target vehicles and the like." Radar sensitive chaff (mica and silica) in the chemical mixture permits tracking of chemical agent dispersal patterns in the atmosphere. As well, polymers (chemically synthesized compounds of very large molecules) are included to absorb water vapor for cloud formation. These compounds have a dual function, however, as they can be utilized as a dielectric, capable of sustaining an electric field and transmitting electrostatic force.

While our government lacks an adequate weapon to deter unknown craft, I believe that it has implemented a method to impede their monitoring practices. I believe other countries have done so, as well. The defensive method is neither lethal to the visitors, nor harmful, yet its total effectiveness to dissuade surveillance is questionable at this time. I submit that weather modifications by the US military and the government covert agencies has been one of the chosen stratagems of resistance. Thanks to A.K. Johnstone, Ph.D.

#### UFO DEFENSE TACTICS - WEATHER SHIELD TO CHEMTRAILS

A. K. Johnstone, Ph.D., explores with evidence, the creation of a weather shield to deter UFOs from entering earth's atmosphere, by manipulating weather electromagnetically and with chemtrails. Numerous UFO sightings are examined from a scientific viewpoint, including EM pulses, and fireballs. Order illustrated book, \$14.95 from Hancock House 1-800-938-1114.

#### SCIENTIFIC STUDIES HELP YOU STAY YOUNG AND HEALTHY

Almost every week, I get letters from people who claim to be suffering from what they call Chemtrail illness generated by jet engine 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 history. You can purchase Isotonix OPC-3 at the Health and Nutrition Store for about a dollar a day. You can lose weight Ephedra Free at: lose weight. For the latest in anti-aging technology and HGH enhancement see: Antiaging, and for antioxidants use: Isotonix OPC-3,

The BOOK, "ILLUSTRATED NEWS OF THE UNBELIEVABLE"

Robert Trundle, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy at Northern Kentucky University, and I are looking for either a publisher or an agent to represent our book. Falling into the area of Nonfiction Paranormal, the book consists of eyewitness reports and pictures in newspaper format. Provocative headlines, straddling the millennium, provide a paradigm for twenty-first century expectations of paranormal encounters. Lead articles are followed by illustrated news of such things as encounters with angels, Near-Death Experience, alien abductions, alien pet animals, and reported contacts with their worlds by government officials. Though Dr. Trundle's previous books such as "UFOs: Politics, God & Science" and "Camus' Answer" were published in university presses for relatively well educated readers, this work is for a mass audience and is based on reports sent to Air Force Intelligence Officer Major George Filer. He is recognized internationally as a top authority on UFOs, has often appeared on television, and was one of the prominent officials invited to speak at The National Press Club on the subject in Washington D.C. Also, of possible interest to marketing considerations is that Filer gets over 400,000 hits a month on his paranormal website Filer's Research Institute. And exposure includes his weekly newsletter to tens of thousands of readers. Our work is wholly unlike any book on the market. It has been completed with forty-eight short chapters, 393 pages and almost 100,000 words. Please contact Major George Filer (US Air Force Intelligence, Ret.) and Robert Trundle via the email [Trundle@NKU.EDU](mailto:Trundle@NKU.EDU)

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## 'History's Mysteries - Crop Circles' Phone Review

From: Loren Coleman <[lcolemal@maine.rr.com](mailto:lcolemal@maine.rr.com)>  
Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 14:14:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 01:28:05 -0500  
Subject: 'History's Mysteries - Crop Circles' Phone Review

Termite Art, the company that produced the History Channel's History's Mysteries crop circles episode have placed an extremely insane, negative, LOL review of their program online.

You will not believe how belly-laughing funny this is:

<http://www.termiteart.com/satisfied/satisfied.mp3>

Take a break, and have a listen,

Loren

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## Loaded's Bentwaters Article

From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Mar 2003 20:23:00 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 01:29:59 -0500  
Subject: Loaded's Bentwaters Article

The April issue of Loaded magazine contains an article on the Rendlesham Forest incident, as seen through the eyes of two very different researchers, Georgina Bruni and Brenda Butler.

The tone of the article is as you would expect in a magazine of this kind, with the staff writer making various 'humorous' asides. However, given that he had no previous knowledge of the case, and no vested interest in pushing any particular theory, the following observation is interesting. The writer is describing events that took place in the course of a skywatch he undertook in Rendlesham Forest:

"On turning a corner, Peter points out Orfordness lighthouse in the distance. As a case for the sceptical defence, it's ludicrous. It's a tiny blinking pin-prick on the horizon that you'd easily miss if you weren't looking for it."

There is little that will be new to ufologists, and so-called Lads' Mags such as Loaded are not to everyone's taste. But the real benefit of such articles is that they bring the subject to a new audience. Loaded sells around 350,000 copies in the UK.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 21:27:30 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 01:32:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Hall

>From: Brenda Denzler <[bdenzler1@email.msn.com](mailto:bdenzler1@email.msn.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 08:05:49 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 00:15:43 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>>Furthermore, what the hell exactly does "post-modern" mean? I  
>>have not heard any definition. In this context, what does "pre-  
>>modern" and "modern" mean? Or are we just playing with words and  
>>claiming that, somehow "truth" (or whatever these post-  
>>modernists substitute as a concept of what we should believe) is  
>>obtainable through literary analysis, but not through scientific  
>>method?

>From \*A Primer on Postmodernism\* by Stanley Grenz:  
>Deconstructionists say that "meaning is not inherent in a text  
>itself...but emerges only as the interpreter enters into  
>dialogue with the text....Postmodern philosophers applied the  
>theories of the literary deconstructionists to the world as a  
>whole....Reality will be 'read' differently by each knowing self  
>that encounters it. This means that there is no one meaning of  
>the world, no transcendent center to reality as a whole....The  
>central dictum of postmodern philosophy: 'All is difference.'  
>This sweeps away the 'uni' of the 'universe' sought by the  
>Enlightenment project. It abandons the quest for a unified  
>grasp of objective reality. It asserts that the world has no  
>center, only differing viewpoints and perspectives....In the  
>postmodern world, people are no longer convinced that knowledge  
>is inherently good....The postmodern mind refuses to limit truth  
>to its rational dimension and thus dethrones the human intellect  
>as the arbiter of truth. There are other valid paths to  
>knowledge besides reason, say the postmoderns, including the  
>emotions and the intuition. Finally, the postmodern mind no  
>longer accepts the Enlightenment belief that knowledge is  
>objective..., because the universe is not mechanistic...but  
>rather historical, relational, and personal....The postmodern  
>worldview operates with a community-based understanding of  
>truth....They focus instead on what is held to be true within a  
>specific community. They maintain that truth consists in the  
>ground rules that facilitate the well-being of the  
>community...." (pp. 6-8).

Brenda,

Thanks. Okay, that's about what I thought. Sure sounds like the  
Subjectivism bordering on Solipsism that I encountered in my  
studies toward a B.A. in Philosophy. "There are other valid  
paths to knowledge..." sounds suspiciously like New Age blather  
to me. Without any objective measures of truth, one can charge  
off in any direction and believe what one wants.

Science (or more properly, scientific method) may be flawed in  
some respects insofar as it at times may not encompass  
borderline phenomena as valid subjects as much as it should, but  
it's the best we have. I'll take it over intuition and tea-leaf

reading any day.

The Bennett-style post-modernists also sound very much like the Rationalists of old (though they seem to use the word differently) in that they reject Empricism and think that by Pure Reason (unaccompanied by objective facts) they can determine Truth.

Bah, humbug!

- Dick

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## BLM Roswell Site FOIA Response

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 17:18:14 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 01:36:43 -0500  
Subject: BLM Roswell Site FOIA Response

News from the Bureaucratic Land Managers (BLM)

FROM: U. S. Bureau of Land Management  
Washington, D.C. (via e-mail)

TO: Larry W. Bryant

DATE: March 5, 2003

Dear Mr. Bryant,

Reference is made to your letter of February 10, 2003, to Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Counsel's Office, indicating your desire to file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal pertaining to the December 11, 2002, response by the BLM New Mexico State Office, to your November 7, 2002, FOIA request.

By letter dated March 3, 2003, the Department of the Interior's FOIA Appeals Officer, directed this office to treat your February 10, 2003, letter as a new request. I have forwarded that letter to the BLM New Mexico State Office for further processing as a new request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email or by phone @ (202) 452-5013.

Regards,

John Livornese  
BLM FOIA Policy Administrator

[LWB Note: the point of contention here centers on the BLM-censored exact geographic location of the Roswell, N.M., excavation site from their response to my original FOIA request. U.S. tax money at work!]

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## International Scientific & Metaphysical Symposium

From: Diane Harrison <[auforn@hypermax.net.au](mailto:auforn@hypermax.net.au)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Mar 2003 08:31:24 +1000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 01:55:59 -0500  
Subject: International Scientific & Metaphysical Symposium

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Colin Andrews UK:  
International acclaimed author & investigator of Crop Circles

Jennifer Lawson Aust:  
Author of Violent Weather Predictions and long - range weather forecaster

Dr Viera Scheibner Ph.D Aust:  
World renowned medical researcher & author of Vaccination.

Duncan Roads Aust:  
Editor of Nexus magazine

Bill Chalker Aust:  
Author of The OZ Files and one of the most respected UFO investigators in his field.

Dr Richard Tracy Aust:  
Bio Chemist Lecturing on Quantum Physics of the Soul

Travis Walton USA:  
Author of the book "Fire in the Sky "  
and the hit movie by paramount Pictures.

Victor Viggiani USA:  
Board member of the Mutual UFO Network of Ontario and  
Contributing Editor of 'Strange Days... Indeed' radio program

Kathleen Andersen USA  
A free lance writer she 2 years at the ABC Television  
Network in Hollywood California.

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Colin Andrews - Friday night  
Travis Walton - Monday morning.

For more information on workshops and conference

please e-mail Glennys Mackay at [glenmack@pacific.net.au](mailto:glenmack@pacific.net.au)  
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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 10 - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Mar 2003 19:59:23 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 01:57:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 10 - Balaskas

>From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2003 15:59:02 +0000  
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 10

<snip>

>HOVERING UFO SPOTTED  
>IN PUNE, INDIA

> On Monday, February 24, 2003, at 8:30 p.m., Dinesh  
>Hukmani was at home in the city of Pune, in Maharashtra  
>state, India when he spotted a UFO.  
> "I was relaxing on my fifth-floor balcony, gazing at  
>the stars, when suddenly, in the clear sky amidst lots of  
>stars, there appeared this light, star-like but very  
>bright. It appeared out of nowhere, grew in intensity,  
>diminished and then disappeared. It was all over in a  
>matter of three seconds."  
> Dinesh Hukmani described the UFO as "round in shape,  
>silvery white, star-like, very bright."  
> Pune (pronounced Poo-nah--J.T.) is located 180  
>kilometers (108 miles) southeast of Mumbai, India's  
>largest city.

Hi everyone!

Although other important and very useful information was not provided (eg. elevation above the horizon, motion of object in the sky, etc.) to allow one to make a reasonable attempt to positively identify this "UFO", from the few facts Dinesh provided, I would say that what this single witness(?) saw was a bright meteor.

Just last summer while sitting on the deck in the backyard of my family's house in Ottawa, I witnessed the very same thing - a star-like object which grew in brightness so that it was brighter than any of the stars in the sky before it disappeared just seconds later. A fireball with a general trajectory towards the observer will appear this way.

Since the end of astronomical twilight (Sun is 18 degrees below the horizon) in Pune, India on the date of this UFO sighting would have been about 7:15 p.m., and the witness does mention seeing lots of stars in the clear night sky, if Dinesh was mistaken about the exact time of his sighting, he may have witnessed an "Iridium flare", or a sudden brightening of a satellite at about 6:50 p.m. (Iridium 65 in his case) when many stars would still be visible. If it was this Iridium flare (about half way up in the sky from the horizon) what Dinesh saw, he would certainly have reported it as a UFO sighting too since for a second or two it would have outshone even the planet Venus at its brightest.

Nick Balaskas

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## Postmodernism [was: The Dark Side Of...]

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Wed, 5 Mar 2003 17:43:58 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 02:01:47 -0500  
Subject: Postmodernism [was: The Dark Side Of...]

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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## Kecksburg FOIA Request To FBI

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2003 23:15:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 08:30:07 -0500  
Subject: Kecksburg FOIA Request To FBI

TO: Director  
U. S. Federal Bureau of Investigation  
ATTN: Freedom of Information Manager  
Washington, DC 20535

FROM: Larry W. Bryant  
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Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: March 5, 2003

Certain witnesses to, and victims of, the military-led retrieval of a mysterious crash-landed craft on Dec. 9, 1965, near Kecksburg, Pa., have become the focus of a citizens petition now circulating via the Internet website of <http://www.signpetition.com/index.html>

The petition calls for a GAO/congressional investigation into the events, principals, activities, motivations, and aftermath surrounding what has become known as the Kecksburg UFO Incident.

In the interest of supporting this long-overdue public initiative toward ferreting out the truth about Kecksburg, I hereby submit this letter as a formal freedom-of-information request that you send me a copy of all FBI-received and FBI-generated records pertaining to the incident, said records to include the following:

(1) Correspondence, telegrams, memoranda of telephone conversations, minutes of meetings, memoranda for record, document-transmittal slips, legal opinions, interview transcripts, local-law-enforcement incident reports, laboratory analyses of retrieved wreckage/occupants, forensic-analysis reports as to any alien-originated documentation, military-liaison reports, the retrieval team's after-action reports, and all related intelligence assessments.

(2) All FBI-originated/maintained dossiers on any private investigator/researcher associated with the Kecksburg case.

As you conduct your records search in compliance with this request, I ask that it include all files originated by and maintained by the FBI field office(s) serving the county of Westmoreland, Pa.

Since I make this request as a member of the UFO-awareness press (mainly as a columnist for the Internet website of <http://www.ufocity.com> ), and on behalf of the public's interest in knowing (and assessing) how FBI personnel collect, investigate, document, disseminate, and maintain 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 request.

LARRY W. BRYANT

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

Copies furnished to:

Mark S. Zaid, Esq. (Washington, D.C.)

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## Aztec UFO Symposium

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Tuesday, March 04, 2003 11:57 PM  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 11:34:09 -0500  
Subject: Aztec UFO Symposium

Well, it looks like Jim Moseley ain't gonna be able to make it to the 5th Annual Aztec UFO Symposium this year, so I've been asked to try and fill his shoes and have agreed. Now that kinda grabs my goat... I wanted him to autograph my copy of 'Shockingly Close to the Truth', but now that ain't gonna happen. Shucky Darn!!

I think everyone out there in UFO UpDates-Land ought to get your reservations in for the event. Why, you ask? Well, you see, since I'm filling in for the Commandant Klinger of 'Saucer Smear' and Karl (my balloon theory on Roswell isn't a bag of gas) Pflock is going to be there, it should be a hoot and a holler of a good time.

Better yet, Peter (Sasshaying on the Butte in Robes of Purple) Gersten is going to be there too! Well, I don't think I need to draw you a picture that this scene is going to be the Ufology event of the decade. <G>

I'm looking forward to the evening sky watch event...man, I wanna see that Mothership of Adamski visit the multitude! Believe me, I've put in for the flashlight concession.

Now, I'm really looking forward to smoozing with Dr. Bruce (there's a breeze in my gulf) Maccabee. He's one of my heros in Ufology and now I can corner him and make him sign my copy of his book, 'UFO/FBI Connection', because I did him a favor by looking at it before he sent it to the publisher to make sure he had the new Project SIGN stuff right... I got a free copy of the book, but what do I gotta do to get it autographed? Meet him in Aztec, NM of all places! Jeez!! That's OK. I'll let him look at my Polaroids! <G>

Ol' Nick Redfern is gonna be there too! I'm so excited, cause I want to rub his head for luck. I've got a photo of him looking like Yul Brenner incarnate and as a young lass, I just had the drools for Yul in 'The King and I'. It will be nice to "whot, whot" with one of our own from across the pond. Pip, pip, Cheerio and all that sort of rot!

Stan Friedman is coming (wild Cibola's couldn't stop him) too. He's gonna MJ-12 us to the n'th degree and maybe I can get him to actually trim his beard while he's here in the high desert of New Mexico. Actually, Stan comes here a lot and is now officially recognized as honorary New Mexican. Am I the only one who thinks he looks more like the Downey Fabric Softener teddy bear as the years pass? <G>

Rob Swiatek is gonna breeze in and give a talk. Rob's a neat guy. Haven't seen him since we congregated at Richard Hall's house two years ago and then chowed down at a local choke and gag. Rob, if your reading this, I'll have the you-know-what ready for elbow bending exercises. Richard Hall will just have to grin and bear it, pal. When you get back, tell him I'll send another St. Bernard his way soon. <G>

Well, it should be a lot of fun at this years event. Ya all come now, ya here? And bring money for flashlights and batteries (\$300 per person)...I know a lot of neat blind canyons we can

snipe hunt in and give ol' Doc Greer some competition.

Wendy Connors

First Lady of Ufology  
aka the Wicked Witch of Ufology by the riff-raff elements

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From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 00:40:32 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 18:24:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Hatch

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>Never mind.

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Hello Tom:

I think you have a fine working definition. That plus Brenda's  
quotations from \*Primer on Postmodernism\* by Stanley Grenz tell  
me all I need to know.

And yes, nobody who knows how to do anything will waste any time on it. This is the stuff of people who cannot handle an objective world, so they try to dis-invent it.

Little wonder I could never get a straight answer whether the Moon exists or not. Now back to other matters. Your word count was fine.

Best wishes

- Larry

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## Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Dabrowski

From: Andrew Dabrowski <[dabrowsa@indiana.edu](mailto:dabrowsa@indiana.edu)>  
Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 00:45:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 18:26:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Dabrowski

>From: Laurel Oplatka <[calabash2003@webtv.net](mailto:calabash2003@webtv.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 19:12:03 -0800 (PST)  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>I want to say  
>that PM craves an end to the dominance of scientific  
>rationality, instead urging an all-embracing approach,  
>emphasizing the importance and relevance of the subconscious, a  
>plurality of viewpoints, images, mystery, magic and myth.

I agree that science shouldn't "dominate" human affairs, but too often pmo seems itself to present a cursed "binary" choice, of rationality or imagination, as if the two were mutually exclusive. On the contrary, it is our duty as intelligent beings to try for as much of both as possible.

>In Colin's magical PM recipe, we find blended a sense of the  
>metaphysical, a quantum world view and a really witty sense of  
>play/humor.

That phrase "quantum world view" is a good example of what makes me distrust pmo: it's impressive sounding but vague to the point of meaninglessness.

>I think the following is also relevant to the PM sensibility and  
>I assume we can at least agree on this point: " Science seeks to  
>prove the invisible by the visible; metaphysics seeks to  
>demonstrate the 'reality' of the invisible in the visible." (Ann  
>M. Lavalee).

Both noble goals.

Andrew Dabrowski

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## Re: Another Abduction Question - Sparks

From: **Brad Sparks**  
Date: Thu, 6 Mar 2003 00:44:31 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 18:27:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Sparks

>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 - Gonzalez

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 16:53:03 +0000  
>>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

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>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.

Hi Luis,

That is just not true, the "evidences" of those phenomena are  
\_not\_ to the "same degree" as with UFO's. There are \_no\_  
phototheodolite trackings of "ghosts" and Blessed Virgin Mary  
apparitions, as there are for UFO's. There are no triangulations  
of mysterious "visions." There are no Electronic Intelligence  
measurements of radar-like transmissions from radar-visual  
cryptozoological specimens.

>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.

Again that is flatly not true, there is no such "high percentage  
80-90%" of \_UFO\_ cases somehow ending up with conventional  
explanations. Most witnesses do not even report seeing a "UFO"  
or "flying saucer" or "spacecraft." Just look at NUFORC's online  
catalogs of thousands of sightings, only about 5% of the  
sightings are labeled a "UFO" by witnesses. Same with other  
sighting databases. Most of the time the "UFO" label is slapped  
on by the reporting agency -- military base, news media, or UFO  
group.

So, roughly 95% of all sightings are from the start \_not\_ UFO's  
at all but in an undetermined holding category. A "UFO" report  
is not just what some nitwit enthusiast declares in some  
pathetic fan club newsletter to be a "UFO." And a UFO is not



defined as such just because a witness might say that. A witness can see something that he/she is fully convinced is an IFO and a scientist can come along and conclude that the witness is wrong, it's a UFO and the IFO identification is mistaken. Witnesses are not the scientists of their case. Witnesses do not get to control the scientific analysis of their sightings. But neither should they be slandered and misrepresented as saying things they never said. If witnesses do not say they saw a "UFO" or "spaceship" then it is slander to come along and say they did and then to perversely knock down the strawman thus set up and say "the witness" is wrong, it was not a UFO but an IFO. This is a sick game and it needs to stop.

As J. Allen Hynek defined the UFO problem a "UFO" is the subject of a sighting report that has gone through a scientific-technical screening process by competent personnel (not hobbyists and crackpots) to eliminate IFO's and conventional explanations.

If the Hynek screening process has not been done then you don't have a UFO or an IFO. You have nothing but unfiltered noise with an unknown amount of signal or no signal at all. It's just garbage. Once screened, cases may be investigated. Screening does not require field investigation but may include it. Proper Hynek-type screening results in a small number of UFO's, a large number of undecided Insufficient Data, and a small number of IFO's. Insufficient Data is not the same thing as an IFO -- that deliberate confusion is an old Blue Book debunker trick designed to inflate the IFO statistics for propaganda purposes.

Most Hynek-type properly screened UFO's do not become IFO's if properly screened. And as I have pointed out many times on this List, even the Condon Report shows that witnesses were about 97%-98% accurate in observational details (not interpretations), judging by IFO cases used as control samples.

Debunkers desire to win by fraud and dirty tricks, since truth is not their object. Debunkers seek to mask any real UFO phenomenon in a mass of poor data, unscreened reports, and irrelevant folklore tales. They always trot out the bogus "95% of all UFO's are actually IFO's" canard (or whatever % figure of the moment), which goes back to Project Blue Book in the 50's. They twist definitions (or ignore them) to bloat the "UFO" category to include every piece of garbage possible then to dismiss it all as garbage, sweeping with it scientifically credible UFO data as well. It is time to blow the whistle on this charade.

Regards,

Brad Sparks

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>Subject: Re: Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release

[grammar and sentence construction correction]

In my previous post in this thread I began with:

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>incident that involves multiple witnesses and military action  
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It should have been re-written to read:

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This is what I get for re-editing my responses over and over while distracted by real work at my day job. Consider my wrists slapped.

Steve

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I think this, in part, depends on what we are trying to define by "reality". Is it the physical reality we all exist in (as defined by science), or our interpretation of that reality? From a psychological perspective, we all view the world, in part, according to our own accepted beliefs and facts which is somewhat like trying to identify colors while looking through a red filter (bad example, but you probably get the point).

For a rather long look at the difference between "modernism" and "postmodernism", you can go to:

<http://www.colorado.edu/English/ENGL2012Klages/pomo.html>

This, unfortunately, contains a fair amount of the "philosobabble" you referred to.

Then, if you're really curious you can find out more about "postmodernism" vs. "post-postmodernism" at:

<http://jonmattox.com/grids/ideas/postmodernism.html>

These are both excellent examples of why I really didn't like philosophy in school. Talk about a bottomless pit.

Steve

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## Re: Postmodernism - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 09:31:51 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 18:48:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Ledger

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>>>modern" and "modern" mean? Or are we just playing with words and  
>>>claiming that, somehow "truth" (or whatever these post-  
>>>modernists substitute as a concept of what we should believe) is  
>>>obtainable through literary analysis, but not through scientific  
>>>method?

>>From \*A Primer on Postmodernism\* by Stanley Grenz:

>>Deconstructionists say that "meaning is not inherent in a text  
>>itself...but emerges only as the interpreter enters into  
>>dialogue with the text....Postmodern philosophers applied the  
>>theories of the literary deconstructionists to the world as a  
>>whole....Reality will be 'read' differently by each knowing self  
>>that encounters it. This means that there is no one meaning of  
>>the world, no transcendent center to reality as a whole....The  
>>central dictum of postmodern philosophy: 'All is difference.'  
>>This sweeps away the 'uni' of the 'universe' sought by the  
>>Enlightenment project. It abandons the quest for a unified  
>>grasp of objective reality. It asserts that the world has no  
>>center, only differing viewpoints and perspectives....In the  
>>postmodern world, people are no longer convinced that knowledge  
>>is inherently good....The postmodern mind refuses to limit truth  
>>to its rational dimension and thus dethrones the human intellect  
>>as the arbiter of truth. There are other valid paths to  
>>knowledge besides reason, say the postmoderns, including the  
>>emotions and the intuition. Finally, the ppostmodern mind no  
>>longer accepts the Enlightenment belief that knowledge is  
>>objective..., because the universe is not mechanistic...but  
>>rather historical, relational, and personal....The postmodern  
>>worldview operates with a community-based understanding of  
>>truth....They focus instead on what is held to be true within a  
>>specific community. They maintain that truth consists in the  
>>ground rules that facilitate the well-being of the  
>>community...." (pp. 6-8).

>Thanks. Okay, that's about what I thought. Sure sounds like  
>the Subjectivism bordering on Solipsism that I encountered in my  
>studies toward a B.A. in Philosophy. "There are other valid  
>paths to knowledge..." sounds suspiciously like New Age blather  
>to me. Without any objective measures of truth, one can charge  
>off in any direction and believe what one wants.

>Science (or more properly, scientific method) may be flawed in  
>some respects insofar as it at times may not encompass  
>borderline phenomena as valid subjects as much as it should, but  
>it's the best we have. I'll take it over intuition and tea-leaf  
>reading any day.

>The Bennett-style post-modernists also sound very much like  
>the Rationalists of old (though they seem to use the word  
>differently) in that they reject Empricism and think that by  
>Pure Reason (unaccompanied by objective facts) they can  
>determine Truth.

>Bah, humbug!

Hi Dick,

My thinking exactly. Self grandizement by the pompous. You can bet that some good universities are now being rooked by what were once called mystics. Or if I prove what I'm saying then we're missing the whole point.

Horse droppings is still horse droppings no matter what name you put on it.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Secrecy News -- 03/06/03

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood@fas.org](mailto:saftergood@fas.org)>  
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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2003, Issue No. 20  
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### DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE HISTORY UNVEILED

U.S. military intelligence has lately assumed new prominence with the establishment of an Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, expanding roles and missions, and growing budgets. Now, rather unexpectedly, the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) is asserting itself in a different way by publishing collections of declassified documents on the history of the 40 year old agency.

"As DIA enters its fourth decade of preeminence in Defense intelligence support, we have an obligation to DIA employees, the public, and historians to unveil the previously classified materials on the origins and accomplishments of this Agency," wrote Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, the DIA Director, in the preface to a handsome new volume entitled "At the Creation: 1961-1965."

"The 104 specially selected documents tell our early story from 1961 to 1965," Adm. Jacoby wrote. "In the near future, we will publish additional volumes covering the years from 1965 to the present."

"At the Creation," a 486 page collection edited by Deane J. Allen and Brian G. Shellum and published by the DIA History Office, reproduces facsimiles of original documents, or carbon copies thereof, and encompasses the agency's creation, the establishment of its internal directorates, and assorted administrative policies.

Opening the thing at random, Secrecy News was pleased to discover a 1962 Pentagon memorandum recommending "that the total dollars as well as the total number of positions for DIA... be considered as unclassified information."

Realistically, the new volume will be read only by a small subset of intelligence historians and former employees. Others are likely to find it boring or incomprehensible. Accordingly, it has been produced in a limited edition and will not be sold through the Government Printing Office. Copies may be available through DIA Freedom of Information Act channels.

### A PALESTINIAN CONSTITUTION

"Old patterns of conflict in the Middle East can be broken, if all concerned will let go of bitterness, hatred, and violence,

and get on with the serious work of economic development, and political reform, and reconciliation," said President Bush in a February 26 speech. "America will seize every opportunity in pursuit of peace. And the end of the present regime in Iraq would create such an opportunity."

It is far from self-evident how a U.S. war to topple Saddam Hussein could lead in some sequential way, as the President suggested, to "two states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security."

But one gesture toward political reform, proffered by the Palestinian Authority, is a new draft Constitution for a future State of Palestine.

The text of the new draft Constitution, published in Al-Ayyam on February 17 and translated, rather stiffly, by the CIA's Foreign Broadcast Information Service, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/02/paconst.html>

The new draft drew criticism from the Hamas terrorist group as well as the Israeli government. A Hamas official told the Palestine Chronicle that a Constitution was premature as long as there was no Palestinian state, and that the whole initiative was an undue concession to the Bush Administration "roadmap." An Israeli official objected to some of the historical references in the document and questioned some procedural aspects in a March 4 article by Aluf Benn in Haaretz.

#### HISTORY OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

The State Department has recently posted on its web site the full text of the Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) volume on the Near East, 1961-1962, which documents official views of various aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict in those years, U.S. policy towards Iran and Nasser's Egypt, Israel's nascent nuclear program, and related topics.

"We have been assured categorically at the highest level of the Israeli Government that Israel has no plans for the production of atomic weapons," according to a declassified 1961 State Department memo included in the volume. The evolution of Israel's nuclear weapons program was traced in Avner Cohen's book "Israel and the Bomb" (Columbia University Press, 1998).

Foreign Relations of the United States, 1961-1963, vol. XVII, Near East, 1961-1962, was published in hard copy in 1994. It may now be found here:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/kennedyjf/xvii/>

#### IN THE NEWS

"Dozens of new rules -- on the books and under development -- govern who can come into the United States to work on scientific projects, who can work with dangerous organisms or sensitive technologies, how that work will be carried out and how widely the results can be reported.... Many fear the security crackdown will backfire, hampering studies that are critical to thwarting terrorists."

See "Security concerns imperil research" by Glennda Chui, San Jose Mercury News, March 3:

<http://www.bayarea.com/mld/mercurynews/news/5303757.htm>

A petition asking the Supreme Court to revisit a 1953 ruling on state secrets, alleging that it had been based on false government information (SNews, 03/04/03), "was so unusual that the staff at the Supreme Court clerk's office didn't know what to do with it when it was filed last week - and returned it," according to the Philadelphia Inquirer. Attorney Wilson M. Brown III said the petition would be refiled this week.

See "Unearthed military secret brings new life to old case" by L. Stuart Ditzen, Philadelphia Inquirer, March 5:

<http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/news/local/5316568.htm>



Rep. Chris Shays, chairman of a House national security subcommittee, is pursuing the question of "whether Bush administration officials passed classified information to journalist Bob Woodward for 'Bush at War,' his latest best-selling book." See "Shays queries Woodward leaks" by Jonathan E. Kaplan, The Hill, March 6:

<http://www.thehill.com/news/030503/woodward.aspx>

"What is the procedure for declassifying [Russian] documents that are part of the country's history?" See "FSB Declassifies Over 100 Documents" by Alexandra Samarina, Moscow News, March 5:

<http://www.mn.ru/english/issue.php?2003-8-16>

The Department of Homeland Security once held out the promise of transcending the divisions that undermined the U.S. intelligence community's counterterrorism posture. But it didn't work out that way.

The bureaucratic collision between the new Department and the old intelligence bureaucracy is scrutinized by Laura Rozen in "Intelligence Deficient," The American Prospect, March 6:

<http://www.prospect.org/webfeatures/2003/03/rozen-1-03-06.html>

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## Re: Filer's Files #10 -- 2003 - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Mar 2003 12:07:38 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 18:57:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #10 -- 2003 - Balaskas

>From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 5 Mar 2003 12:41:03 EST  
>Subject: Filer's Files #10 -- 2003

<snip>

>ORB PHOTOS IN SPOKANE, AND ON LAKE ONTARIO SIMILAR -- Jennifer  
>Jarvis of Orbwatch reports that Judge Ed's photos in Spokane  
>Washington, are very similar to photos taken over Lake Ontario  
>near Toronto, Canada. I would like to direct you to this page  
>on the Orbwatch where there are comparison photos. Thanks to  
>Jennifer Jarvis, orb watch [contact@orbwatch.com](mailto:contact@orbwatch.com)  
>[http://fierycelt.tripod.com/ont\\_wa/ont\\_valley.html](http://fierycelt.tripod.com/ont_wa/ont_valley.html)

<snip>

Hi everyone!

Anyone who lives within 100 kilometers or so from a large airport will have seen these same orbs moving very low above the horizon in the general direction of these airports. They seem to zig-zag, change size or brightness and are often orange or red in colour - much like the setting Sun or Moon at these same elevations above the horizon. Many of the orbs which I have witnessed, including a location just west of Toronto in Oakville where Jennifer has made many of her sightings, seemed pop out or submerge in the distant south-west horizon across Lake Ontario.

The fact that there is a busy international airport that serves Niagara Falls and Buffalo, New York just beyond the horizon in that same south-west direction from Oakville and mirages do occur at the horizon (once while returning from Niagara Falls I was shocked to see an inverted image of the entire Toronto skyline across the lake hovering just above the real skyline!) would in my opinion account for the many orb sightings seen around this region of Lake Ontario.

Nick Balaskas

P.S. UFO UpDates subscribers who live close to Toronto may be interested a special presentation by the Toronto Ghosts and Hauntings Research Society on the mysterious "Scugog lights" which continue to be seen by many who live or visit Lake Scugog to the north-east of Toronto. Please contact me directly for further details if you are interested.

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## Re: Aztec UFO Symposium - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 10:48:35 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 19:01:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Aztec UFO Symposium - Hamilton

On Thu, 06 Mar 2003 11:34:09 -0500, "UFO UpDates - Toronto"  
<[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>said:

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tuesday, March 04, 2003 11:57 PM  
>Subject: Aztec UFO Symposium

>Well, it looks like Jim Moseley ain't gonna be able to make it  
>to the 5th Annual Aztec UFO Symposium this year, so I've been  
>asked to try and fill his shoes and have agreed. Now that kinda  
>grabs my goat... I wanted him to autograph my copy of 'Shockingly  
>Close to the Truth', but now that ain't gonna happen. Shucky  
>Darn!!

>I think everyone out there in UFO UpDates-Land ought to get your  
>reservations in for the event. Why, you ask? Well, you see,  
>since I'm filling in for the Commandant Klinger of 'Saucer  
>Smear' and Karl (my balloon theory on Roswell isn't a bag of  
>gas) Pflock is going to be there, it should be a hoot and a  
>holler of a good time.

>Better yet, Peter (Sasshaying on the Butte in Robes of Purple)  
>Gersten is going to be there too! Well, I don't think I need to  
>draw you a picture that this scene is going to be the Ufology  
>event of the decade. <G>

He was there the year I spoke too, but no Robes of Purple. He  
did have any eye for the girls though.

>I'm looking forward to the evening sky watch event...man, I  
>wanna see that Mothership of Adamski visit the multitude!  
>Believe me, I've put in for the flashlight concession.

By golly, it has been years - since 1957 that I saw that  
Adamski-type Mothership over Yucca Valley, CA. I waved when it  
went by, but got no response. Maybe they didn't see me or were  
just being rude.

- Bill Hamilton

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## Bush, Reagan & Life In Outer Space

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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 10:02:36 -0500  
Subject: Bush, Reagan & Life In Outer Space

<http://icnewcastle.icnetwork.co.uk/ic/thejournal/page.cfm?objectid=12694748&method=full&siteid=50081>

George Bush, Reagan and life in outer space

Mar 3 2003

By Peter Leathley, The Journal

George W Bush's budget suggests aliens could exist somewhere in the depths of space.

A brief passage called Where Are the Real Space Aliens? mentions scientific discoveries in the past decade which indicate "habitable worlds" in outer space may be much more prevalent than once thought. The finds include evidence of large bodies of water on Jupiter's moons and Mars.

With the threat of war on the horizon, Mr Bush could learn something from UFO enthusiast Ronald Reagan who, addressing the United Nations General Assembly in 1987, said: "In our obsession with antagonisms of the moment, we often forget how much unites all the members of humanity. Perhaps we need some outside, universal threat to make us recognise this common bond. I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world."

Ronald Reagan had a keen interest in UFOs and often spoke of alien invasions. His daughter Patti Davis described him as "fascinated with stories about unidentified flying objects and the possibility of life on other worlds". His alien interest may have stemmed from UFO sightings he had when he was governor of California.

After one, in 1974, he said: "I was in a plane last week when I looked out the window and saw this white light. It was zigzagging around. I went up to the pilot and said, 'Have you seen anything like that before?' He was shocked and said, 'Nope.' And I said to him: 'Let's follow it!'"

When Reagan became President, White House staff went to great lengths to conceal his assertion that he had seen a flying saucer and his belief that there was a ghost in the Lincoln bedroom. There was also an effort to discourage Reagan from talking about two other topics he liked - Armageddon and astrology.

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## NASA/SOHO - How to Make Your Own UFO

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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 10:09:38 -0500  
Subject: NASA/SOHO - How to Make Your Own UFO

[http://soho.nascom.nasa.gov/hotshots/2003\\_01\\_17/](http://soho.nascom.nasa.gov/hotshots/2003_01_17/)

Hot Shots from SOHO  
How to Make Your Own UFO

Caption: Ever since launch, there's been a number of people who've claimed to have seen flying saucers and other esoteric objects in SOHO images. Although some of these supposed pictures of UFOs can seem quite intriguing, they have always turned out to have a quite ordinary cause when examined by experienced SOHO scientists. In recent days, we've been receiving so many questions and claims that we'd like to set the record straight: We've never seen anything that even suggests that there are UFOs "out there".

In the past we've been accused of "covering up" UFO evidence when we present our explanations, and of "refusing to comment" (or "clamming up") when we give up on somebody who won't accept our explanations. While we don't expect to convince everybody, we hope that this page (and links herein) can provide some information for the curious who want to investigate the claims on their own.

Most commonly, UFO claims are due to perfectly natural flaws or artifacts in our publicly available data. Quoting from one of the replies sent by a SOHO scientist in response to a question from the public:

The most common sources of UFO claims are:

\* Planets: These always look very strange in LASCO images, because they're so bright that the image blooms, and the CCD pixels bleed along the readout rows. Some people try to claim that they're flying saucers, based on their appearance. I've also heard the claim that they're previously unknown Saturn-like planets with rings around them. You can see what I'm talking about on this SOHO Hot Shot page.

\* Cosmic rays: High energy particles from the solar wind, and from the galaxy as a whole, whip around the SOHO spacecraft and interact with the detectors. These produce spots and streaks on the detector ranging from a single pixel, to large streaks that span a large fraction of the image. These are most evident during a solar storm, as can be seen on this Hot Shot page, but are always present at some level. I know that some people have claimed that they've seen spacecraft-looking things that seem to be moving around, but which are obviously cosmic rays when examined by an experienced observer. People see a cosmic ray at one location in one image, and then another random cosmic ray hit nearby in the next image, and claim they're both the same thing moving between frames.

Sometimes you'll see a cosmic ray seem to persist in the web images for two or more frames. This is because we lose a certain percentage of the data coming down from the spacecraft. In LASCO such losses appear as square blocks in the image. The software which puts the images up on the web will fill in these blocks from the last good image, and if there's a cosmic ray in that block from the previous image, it will appear in this image

as well. The way to check for this is to look at the raw data files, which are also available on the web through the SOHO catalog interface.

\* Software glitches: Occasionally we'll have some problems with the software which produce the images for the web, and strange artifacts will appear in the data. These glitches are usually corrected within a few days. In fact, we had a couple of instances of that recently.

\* Detector defects: There are defects which appear in the cameras from time to time, sometimes temporary and sometimes permanent. I remember seeing a web site which claimed that strange lights were hovering over the lower left limb of the Sun in EIT images, and thought to myself "You only just noticed that?". Those defects have been around forever, and were seen in the lab even before SOHO was launched.

Debris: Small pieces of aging insulation on the outside of the spacecraft, dust particles, micrometeorites etc can show up in pictures. Visit the LASCO Debris Lists and Images page for more details.

On the general subject of UFO claims from SOHO images, one should be aware that a lot of the supposed UFO pictures taken by SOHO have been modified by the proponents. For example, looking at the image that is distributed with the news release for the upcoming UFO conference, it's obvious that the picture is taken from a tiny number of pixels in the camera, and then passed through some kind of smoothing filter to make it look like a craft with rounded edges. They should at least have the courage to show the actual data, and not something which has been manipulated in Photoshop. In the example above, where the original image was "revealed" through the timestamp, we have shown how easy it can be to manipulate pictures into showing UFO-like features.

That all said, it should be noted that we do see objects moving in SOHO images. Over 500 comets have been discovered in SOHO images, most by amateurs using LASCO data which have been downloaded from the web. That's more comets than from any other observatory, either from the ground or in space. People are looking for moving objects in these pictures all the time, and are highly motivated to find them. None of them have ever turned out to be anything other than comets. More about comets observed by SOHO on this SOHO Hot Shot page.

Credits: Newspaper article from Perth Sunday Times (Australia; not affiliated with the UK newspaper The Sunday Times). Many thanks to those who contributed their time & resources to this article. The EIT image credit is "SOHO/EIT (ESA & NASA).

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## Northern Ireland Contacts?

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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 10:24:43 -0500  
Subject: Northern Ireland Contacts?

Folks:

Can anyone from the U.K. on this list tell me whether there are any decent UFO groups that meet in N. Ireland? I just received a survey response from a woman who reports having had abduction experiences, but she has told virtually no one before and knows of no UFO groups in her area. She'd like to make contact with some, from the sound of her survey responses.

Brenda Denzler

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## Re: Postmodernism - Jacobson

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Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Jacobson

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 6 Mar 2003 06:53:18 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

>>From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 5 Mar 2003 17:43:58 -0800 (PST)  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

><snip>

>Tom wrote:

>>I supposed this means that anyone's attempts to explain anything  
>>in terms of scientific data are futile in the mind of a post-  
>>modernist because everything is open to interpretation based on  
>>each individual's reality context, therefore there is no  
>>possible absolute standard of concrete, scientific evidence.

>I think this, in part, depends on what we are trying to define  
>by "reality". Is it the physical reality we all exist in (as  
>defined by science), or our interpretation of that reality? From  
>a psychological perspective, we all view the world, in part,  
>according to our own accepted beliefs and facts which is  
>somewhat like trying to identify colors while looking through a  
>red filter (bad example, but you probably get the point).

Following are my favorite three nails in the coffin of post-  
modernism:

The most lucid resolution of the conflict between the relativity  
of human standards of "knowledge" and the experience of  
"empirical truth" on which science is constructed is Hillary  
Putnam's doctrine of "internal realism." In a nutshell a) human  
communities are free to construct any standards of "truth" which  
they wish to, however b) once a community has constructed a  
standard (which includes the procedures by which claims will be  
judged, etc) they will find that some things are true and others  
false, i.e "reality" is not arbitrary within a particular  
cultural paradigm.

The model of the interpretation of texts on which so much of  
post-modernist argument is based is simply inadequate for  
paradigms in which statements are checked by procedures that  
involve well-defined activities and observations, e.g. empirical  
science. The literary critic can argue for whatever  
interpretation he wants, the scientist's words are checked  
against specific procedures of experimentation and observation.

Finally, the appeal to the evidence of variation in "truth"  
across cultures is far overblown, and was carried on winds of  
"radical relativism" which prevailed in anthropology for a good  
part of the second half of the 1900s. Actually the list of  
"realities" that people acknowledge in virtually all world  
cultures is very long. The radical relativist tactic was to note  
the differences in meaning which one can find attached to such  
recognitions, e.g. people realize that human beings die but have  
different theories about whether any part survives, how, where

it goes, etc. Then having noted such differences to argue that "all knowledge is culturally relative." This is obviously invalid.

Ditto observations of "otherworldly" vehicles in the sky and encounters with "otherworldly" beings. Differences in explanation, but the observations are found across a large number of cultures.

Eric

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## Re: Aztec UFO Symposium - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 21:38:01 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 10:31:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Aztec UFO Symposium - Connors

>From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 10:48:35 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Aztec UFO Symposium

>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tuesday, March 04, 2003 11:57 PM  
>>Subject: Aztec UFO Symposium

<snip>

>>Better yet, Peter (Sasshaying on the Butte in Robes of Purple)  
>>Gersten is going to be there too! Well, I don't think I need to  
>>draw you a picture that this scene is going to be the Ufology  
>>event of the decade. <G>

>He was there the year I spoke too, but no Robes of Purple. He  
>did have any eye for the girls though.

You sure? I have a neighbor that keeps lurking around at our  
local Victoria's Secret.

>>I'm looking forward to the evening sky watch event...man, I  
>>wanna see that Mothership of Adamski visit the multitude!  
>>Believe me, I've put in for the flashlight concession.

>By golly, it has been years - since 1957 that I saw that  
>Adamski-type Mothership over Yucca Valley, CA. I waved when it  
>went by, but got no response. Maybe they didn't see me or were  
>just being rude.

You just didn't do it right, Bill. You're suppose to shoot them  
the moon as they pass over to get their attention! <G>

Wendy Connors  
So, there ya have it, but whadda ya got?

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## The Next 1,000 Years

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Thu, 6 Mar 2003 21:05:48 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 10:32:40 -0500  
Subject: The Next 1,000 Years

The following piece started out as an entry in my weblog. Although it's unpolished, I'll share it as it has some relevance to the UFO question.

--Mac

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The Next 1,000 Years

by Mac Tonnies

So, will the human race survive the next 1,000 years? Stephen Hawking, for one, doesn't think we will unless we expand into space. It's sad commentary on our predicament when a week's worth of precision bombing in Iraq could have financed a manned Mars exploration program. Will humans make the evolutionary cut? Almost certainly not. But that doesn't exclude our descendants, who may or may not be human-like in any recognizable sense.

I sense that we are treading a vast and portentous ontological gulf; it's crunch time. The next few hundred years will be absolutely decisive. Either the Earth becomes a planetary mass grave or it becomes a fondly remembered home...or an abstract notion. Posthumanity will take on a variety of forms; almost by definition, it will be multiplex, vastly intelligent, and as tenacious as any virus or prion.

A thousand years, in geological time, is less than an eyeblink. A mere century can be viewed as a single defining event. If so, it's not unreasonable to expect that our flailing attempts at ascension, burdened as they are with superstition and bureaucracy, are being watched by others in the space-time neighborhood. We might be quite amusing to them. Or quite sickening.

People invariably ask me about my "beliefs" in aliens. The point I try to make is this: If extraterrestrials exist -- which they probably do -- then it doesn't logically follow that they're here (although they very well might be). Secondly, aliens are not likely to think in terms of 1950s sci-fi films. I doubt there are too many cosmic altruists out there, like the blatantly messiahnic "Mr. Carpenter" from "The Day the Earth Stood Still." On the up-side, I don't think malevolently xenophobic civilizations are too common, either. Why destroy or enslave another civilization when posthuman reasoning suggests that advanced ET intelligences will be able to provide for themselves without assistance?

I really don't want to be an alarmist, but time is running out. Our weather patterns are showing ominous new trends; global warming continues; deforestation -- and its brutal cousin, desertification -- are hacking away at our biosphere's roots with the unheeding avarice of out-of-control clockwork. An ecological 9-11 might get our attention, but it also might consume too much of it: while we feebly try to restore order, an uncatalogued asteroid might be racing silently our way. Or the rain forests will unleash an airborne Ebola in an attempt to

maintain some semblance of homeostasis.

Earth is dying under what William S. Burroughs aptly referred to as a mudslide of "devalued human stock." Don't think it won't fight back, even if its weapons seem initially superficial or quaint compared to humankind's iconic nuclear stockpiles.

I watch our planet steered by soulless multinational corporations and bigoted governments whose "future" is as reassuringly near as next month's NASDAQ or voter opinion polls. Is this how it ends, snuffed out into petrochemical oblivion before we make the critical move off-planet? Our space shuttles crash because they're obsolete, fragile museum pieces. But our smart-bombs are cutting edge: gleaming chrome and laser-light, avatars of technological cunning.

I am deeply afraid.

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## Re: Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2003 01:59:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 11:39:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release - Velez

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 5 Mar 2003 07:49:35 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release

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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 00:56:05 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 28 Feb 2003 02:50:20 -0500  
>>>Subject: Kecksburg Petition CFI Press Release - 03-03-03

>>>Monday, March 3, 2003

>>>For further information:  
>>>Contact: Ed Rothschild (202) 879-9317  
>>>Leslie Kean (415) 250-9791

>>>SCI FI Channel and Coalition for Freedom of Information to  
>>>Support Petition for Federal Investigation into Kecksburg  
>>>Incident

>>>For more background, see [www.freedomofinfo.org](http://www.freedomofinfo.org) . Please see  
>>>[www.signpetition.com](http://www.signpetition.com) for a copy of the petition and information  
>>>about the petition drive.

>>Hi Leslie or whoever is listening from CFI,

>>Is there a reason why all the eggs are being put into one  
>>basket? There are so many great UFO cases to choose from I'm  
>>just curious, why Kecksburg to the exclusion of all the other  
>>cases? Who voted Kecksburg to be the 'best case' for this  
>>purpose?

>>If Kecksburg turns out to be the recovery of some stray Ruskie  
>>bird, is there going to be 'another' petition over some other  
>>'individual' UFO case? If so, 'who' does the choosing?

>I believe that Kecksburg was selected because it involves an  
>incident that involves multiple witnesses and military action  
>that can't be denied, and the fact that FOIA requests have been  
>denied for national security reasons. With publicly known, and  
>acknowledged, government involvement in this case, there is an  
>ability to seek specific information (or an explanation as to  
>why that information is being withheld). CFI has indicated that  
>they would like to concentrate on cases where requests have been  
>denied for national security reasons. Unfortunately, I can think  
>of few others that fit into this category.

Hi Steve,

You wrote:

>You are correct in that the current theory held by many is that  
>this was a former Russian satellite that was picked up and  
>quickly carried away. I have spoken with a Legislative Aide for

>the Congressional District that includes Kecksburg and he  
>indicated that every thread of information he was able to obtain  
>pointed in that direction. But then again, he certainly wasn't  
>"in the loop" either. I would add that the office was quite  
>aware of the public interest in this case, judging from the  
>amount of mail they received.

Sure, maybe this aide was just being fed a line. But there's a 50/50 chance that the office scuttlebutt was based on fact. That's why I asked. Kecksburg is the kind of case that could go either way. Why put all the political eggs and the resources of CFI into an 'iffy' basket?

Here's a f'rinstance...

Why not the Malmstrom Air Force base incident? A UFO is spotted by base security personnel just outside of the main gate. Something like 10 nuclear tipped Minuteman missiles were neutralized in their silos.

National security was compromised by a 'UFO'. (possibly)

The guy who baby-sat the 'button' in the missile silo has already given testimony as one of the Disclosure Witnesses. Man, it just doesn't get much better than that in terms of meeting all the criteria you cited for selection as a good, solid, multiple-witness, military involved, representative UFO case.

I'm just saying that Kecksburg stands a chance of being identified as something other than a 'UFO' case. So why choose it?

I'm kinda surprised that guys like Dick Haines, Jerry Clark, Dick Hall, Stan Friedman or Jan Aldritch (among other 'reputable' ufologists) weren't consulted or included in the case selection process. Maybe they did consult with them, I don't know. I just didn't see the selection of the Kecksburg case as being the 'strongest' one available.

If it's going to be Kecksburg 'like it or not' then so be it. I will support the efforts of CFI and hope that Kecksburg turns out to be a solid 'UFO' case after all. I just wonder how many times ufologists will be able to engage the Government Accounting Office in a UFO paper hunt before they decide it's a waste of \_their\_ time and resources.

>CFI provides an opportunity to utilize resources that are  
>familiar with the workings and government and have expertise in  
>the legal aspects of FOIA requests. They are not prepared to  
>take on hundreds of minor requests, but I believe they would  
>prefer to concentrate their talents. They have indicated that  
>they are open to suggestions, and I believe that is trully the  
>case.

Then ask them to consult with some of the people I named earlier. I know that, I for one, would feel a lot more confident about the prospects for success of this effort if several of the people I mentioned could agree on a case that they believe would be a good candidate.

Kecksburg? I think we can do much better than that.

Regards,

John Velez, speaking strictly for myself

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## Re: Postmodernism - Auchettl

From: John Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2003 02:57:02 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 11:43:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Auchettl

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 17:58:08 -0600  
>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism - Clark

>>From: Laurel Oplatka <[calabash2003@webtv.net](mailto:calabash2003@webtv.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 11:26:03 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism

>>To those who regard Colin Bennett as some sort of rococo pedant,  
>>I submit that the reading of his truly fine book, "Politics of  
>>the Imagination" will provide an understanding of the depth and  
>>scope of this superb thinker re: Fortean and Post-Modern issues  
>>which of course in and of themselves address the limitations of  
>>the mechanistic approach re:UFO and all "things" paranormal.

>I, too, recommend the book. It's wonderfully thought-provoking  
>and very, very funny. Watching much of the response to Colin  
>Bennett on this List, I get the clear sense that many are  
>missing his splendid sense of humor, which Fort himself would  
>have appreciated.

Hi Laurel, Jerry and List,

I agree with you, Well said!

Colin Bennett has a gift that opens up the text. I am very  
surprise how some US groups have reacted to Colin. If you don't  
get it then get someone to read it to you. Go back to the posts,  
Colin has placed up, take your time. Read his books. We need  
more of this type of thinking.

Jerome Clark, Laurel Oplatka, Brenda Denzler, George P. Hansen  
and many others got the point (message image & text)!

But then again you can't teach an old dog new tricks, that's  
their way (life). Being left behind, imposed ignorance and  
closed minds by any measure is not science just a way of life.  
If you don't get it then you probably will never stretch that  
fossil. Postmodernism is another way to "read" the world, but  
hell if you're happy with your lot the who wants to change you,  
got better things to do. Don't close the debate down for the  
rest of us who may be interested, go to bed and have a rest.

If you think that science has all the answers, is conflict/pole  
free, scientific method solves all and is the best system we  
have then "help", your stranded in some strange land without  
scientific image, text and literature!

George P. Hansen in his post, has hit the nail on the head!

"To his credit, Dick Hall understands that Bennett's ideas  
severely challenge prevailing notions of science. In his attacks  
on Bennett, Hall would find many allies within the physical  
sciences. However, those allies will not aid him in his study of  
UFOs, rather, they will sneer at him in just the same way he

sneers at Bennett." [6]

They "sneer" at our icon Dick Hall, now that's a fact.

The postmodern method does work and it is one of many tools you can use. The thing that you have missed is the issue, it opens up the data and new ideas come out. It splits Positive<>Negative ++<>-- poles, and when we get caught up in deadlock teams opposing each other, USA<>UK - you can keep your team or side and using this method to spin off the frozen pile of stored facts the "dead stop" and open up a new front.

Now, if you're interested then:

FOR EXAMPLE:

That's why it work with CORSO text, it splits the Right<>Wrong and looks at CORSO world structure of the 50s/60s. Jerry Clark is right on the beam when he noted that - "I find the exchange regarding Corso just plain disheartening, a sad commentary on the state of ufology" [1] that's if you want war!

Jerry then tells us that "People who ought to know better, people I like personally, fling themselves over the rhetorical cliff" [1] well if you want a go to war over Right<>Wrong or Good<>Bad that rhetorical cliff is right next to you, your on the edge.

Jerry then tells us "Jan [Aldrich], Brad Sparks, Karl Pflock, Stan Friedman, and others -- have produced abundant evidence" [1] on CORSO, well for one side but they know nothing about the life the middle part, the grey area. When I asked a very simple question to get an idea how Dick Hall could be so positive I asked "Dick, did you (or Jan) know Corso in the: 1960's, 70's, 80's?" [2] Dick Hall went to war with me. The answer, NON, that's right he "conclude that you are another 'will-to-believer' who rejects facts, logic, scientific method, in favour of... what? Subjective preference? You want to believe Corso, therefore he is telling the truth?" [2], yes Dick zeroed his weapon on my 25 metre range, hit me with 7.62 rimless NATO, this icon loves conflict?

I love my facts, tools, instruments, science, and I have teams & sides, but I can also see the grey area between the poles. Dick Hall can only use instruments, a thermometer to take a child's temperature, that's his science truth, I can take that same measurement just by holding my child, no facts, no scientific method, you can still do it another way, and it works well. It all sounds mad, yet these places exist. But I like the instrument also.

Dick Hall loves facts; they are clean and stack into folders. Anything outside the Dicks rules of coding, anti-facts peel should be cut out, incarcerated, eliminated with Snake Blisken to LA. (Kurt Russell movie 'Escapes from L.A.' 1996).

NO CONFLICT:

It's not about the sides such as Josh Goldstein, Nazis<>Jew - Dark<>Light as in Kevin Coogan's book on orthodox Yockeyism. [4] And you don't have to give up your position. You open up the image and pitch out above the Nazis<>Jew lock then read the structure that holds all that in place. Good<>Evil out. There is no conflict. If you want war, right just go back to the sides and kill each other, fine. I do understand Josh's feelings, and I don't like Nazis also, but...?

OPENING UP THE TEXT:

I had this out with Jan Aldrich in 2000 [3]. Jan went into lockdown mode and war. But as I tried to show him, like the truth, lies are also facts. They are a part of the system Truth<>Lie & Fact<>Fiction and so on.

If you think you have the truth on your side then everything outside your defence is a lie (CORSO), but if you split between the two, into the grey area new structure, data, ideas or images pop into space:

PULITZER PRIZE WIN:

I wrote: [3]

"Sorry Jan [Aldrich] - That Vet "Lawrence Levine" was right. You missed the "hook" Jan [Aldrich].

"It was "Edward L. Daily" of Clarksville, Tenn, who told the lie or better still "embellished his personal wartime behaviour".

"One of the many requirements to good research is to drop the "ego" "the I" and 'blind hate' out of the data and keep that mind open to the message.

"The paradox you need to grasp was that 'Edward L. Daily's' crap revealed the truth - about an event that 'Lawrence Levine' was at!

"Edward Daily's embellished personal wartime behaviour saw four Associated Press staff members win the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists' top reporting award for stories uncovering attacks by the U.S. military on civilians during the Korean War. A series that also earned the Pulitzer Prize." [3]

The Army facts were a bigger lie than the faker's lies. Now that's postmodern ideas at work. These journalists found another way out!

It is not a "1970 love in", "hug a tree or bad person" or "return to post electric" or "hand me your gun" or Don Ledger "Self grandizement by the pompous" [5] and so on. If you don't get it then your still at home on one of the ends ++<>--.

The UFO facts have gone dry on us and we need to look for new ideas and paths, postmodernism is a great tool to use, give it time.

Best regards to you all,

John Auchettl  
PRA - Director

"Science seeks to prove the invisible by the visible;  
metaphysics seeks to demonstrate the 'reality' of the  
invisible in the visible."

Ann M. Lavalee

[1].  
<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2000/jun/m29-021.shtml>  
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## Request for Reinstatement Of Rejected FOIA Appeal

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 12:27:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 13:19:03 -0500  
Subject: Request for Reinstatement Of Rejected FOIA Appeal

To: [president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov)

TO: General Counsel  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, DC 20240

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

DATE: March 7, 2003

DOI FOIA appeals officer William W. Wolf's March 3, 2003, rejection (quoted below) of my Feb. 10, 2003, FOIA appeal unfairly penalizes me for having no knowledge of the BLM partial denial of my Nov. 7, 2002, FOIA request until that censorship surfaced via action of a third party. That initially unexplained/unjustified denial thus constitutes improper processing of my original request, and Mr. Wolf's rejection of my appeal constitutes aiding and abetting that impropriety. His action/inaction equates to a defrauded person's being denied justice despite her initial lack of knowledge of the fraud.

Accordingly, I ask that you take the following immediate steps to resolve this impasse:

(1) Overrule Mr. Wolf's rejection of my appeal: simply pick up the phone, call the BLM FOIA manager in New Mexico, and direct that "initial denial authority" to fulfill my original request forthwith.

(2) Process this numbered subparagraph as a new, supplementary FOIA request -- viz., for a copy of the entire contents to date of the BLM-maintained case file on my original request and subsequent appeal. Armed with that information, I can proceed with presenting my case fully to appropriate congressional bodies: that your department's FOIA-request processing system has at least one serious, unacceptable flaw that can be resolved, in part, by congressional intervention.

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

P.S.: Please note that I'm snail-mailing to you a signed printout of this e-formatted request.

Copies furnished to:

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Inspector General, U. S. Department of the Interior

Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Information, Management,  
and Technology, U. S. House of Representatives

Peter Robbins, Editor-in-Chief, [UFOcity.com](http://UFOcity.com)

TEXT OF MR. WOLF'S MARCH 3, 2003, LETTER TO L.W.B.

"This concerns your February 10, 2003, letter, addressed to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Counsel, and received in this Office on February 27, 2003. In your letter, you indicated your desire to file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal, pertaining to the December 11, 2002, response by the BLM, New Mexico State Office, to your November 7, 2002, FOIA request. In your FOIA request, you sought information pertaining to the Standard Archeological Plan for the excavation of the Roswell UFO-crash-landing debris field.

"The Department's regulations state that an appeal must be received by the FOIA Appeals Officer no later than 30 workdays after the date of the final response or 30 workdays after receipt of any records that are provided to you (43 CFR, Sec. 2.29(a)).

"Your letter of intent to file an FOIA appeal is dated February 10, 2003, which is more than one month after the date of the bureau's response letter. The Department is not able to process your letter as an FOIA appeal, since your FOIA appeal was filed in excess of the 30-day time limitation.

"In your letter you advised that BLM did not include, in its release of responsive documents, a 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.'

"Also, you advised of 'white blanks' after the designated BLM lands, that were not explained.

"By copy of this letter, the Department is referring your February 10, 2003, letter, with attachments, to the BLM FOIA Officer to be treated as a new FOIA request, and to consider the issues raised in your intended appeal when issuing its response."

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### Re: An Appeal to Ufology's Senior Members - Velez

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Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2003 12:46:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 13:21:24 -0500  
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Steve Kaeser has stated that the folks at CFI are 'open to suggestions' before they go in with the Kecksberg case. It's not too late for all of you, the most knowledgeable and reputable people in ufology to make your voices heard. To weigh in with your sage opinions and expertise and give this effort a real chance to succeed.

Why waste the truly valuable resources that the good people at CFI have offered? If this opportunity is lost because of apathy or the failure of ufology's most experienced and senior members to take the initiative, to involve themselves and make their voices heard, then man oh man, what a freakin' waste.

GAO is only going to spend time and resources hunting for any paper on UFOs but so many times before they themselves put the brakes on it. Roswell was strike one. If CFI goes back to the well and comes up 'dry' on the Kecksberg case then it's strike two. How many 'swings' is the GAO going to give ufologists before they claim that they are wasting the GAO's time and resources?

Now is the time to get in touch with each other and with CFI and see if you all can agree on a case that has better chances for success than Kecksberg.

Please. Obe Won Kenobe's we need you now!

Warmest regards to you all, thank you for your consideration,

John Velez, UFO witness

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## Re: An Appeal to Ufology's Senior Members - Connors

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Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 11:47:58 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 15:41:58 -0500  
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## Triangular Body Marks

From: Philip <Reply Via Moderator>  
Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2003 13:57:40 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 15:47:13 -0500  
Subject: Triangular Body Marks

[Non-Subscriber Post]

I was just doing a Google search on triangular marks. I was surprised to find posts on UFO UpDates describing the same phenomena I have noted myself, which prompted me to do the search in the first place. In the past two years I have received two strange "wounds". The first, on the outside (opposite the palm) of my left hand, was a pattern of three small holes or punches forming an equilateral triangle about 10 mm on a side. It took a while (several weeks) for the pattern to disappear.

The second happened only about a month ago. I was at the gym in the morning and noticed bleeding from my left calf behind my knee. There a triangular plug of flesh was missing. The hole was about 3 mm on a side, a perfect triangle. Even today there is a triangular scar at the spot.

I have no memories of anything strange associated with these two occurrences, except that I noticed both wounds in the morning. I am fascinated that others report similar experiences. I have no theory about this nor do I necessarily attribute either happening to unnatural causes; I just can't explain them.

Philip

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## Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 12:14:10 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 15:58:53 -0500  
Subject: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

Hello all:

Does anybody want to pursue this matter? It came in via my website.

If so, the originator is: thumper is\_cool <[thumper\\_0007@hotmail.com](mailto:thumper_0007@hotmail.com)> and you can respond directly. I prefer not to act as intermediary. I can hardly read the message below, and doubt I could ever catalog it..

The message is in the original. I only chopped up the single endless line to conform to List Rules.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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from: "thumper is\_cool" <[thumper\\_0007@hotmail.com](mailto:thumper_0007@hotmail.com)>

Subject: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S In The Film.By Aircraft Carriers

are you intrested..found them on a film of a strike carries usa ship launching our fighters and torpedo planes in the south pacific..it looked at first like a white streak moving across the screen looping momentarily so fast the fighters seemed like they were standing still.. me and my son slowed the film down to picture frame by picture frame and dang there is the ufo not only one but many others diving and climbing between the american planes witch can be seen clearly..on one photo slowed to still shot a like stealth fighter..could be seen manuvering between around and behing torpedo planed you intrested in the name of the war documentry...let me know...for real no denying it at all its not bullets or weather ballons or birds...and its all been overlooked for years [name & location removed--ebk] being a abductee i tend to watch closer and leard as much about the phonemina

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## Re: George Bush, Reagan & Life In Outer Space -

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2003 13:13:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 13:25:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: George Bush, Reagan & Life In Outer Space -

>Source: The Journal - Newcastle, UK

><http://icnewcastle.icnetwork.co.uk/ic/thejournal/page.cfm?objectid=12694748&method=full&siteid=50081>

>George Bush, Reagan and life in outer space

>Mar 3 2003

>By Peter Leathley, The Journal

>George W Bush's budget suggests aliens could exist somewhere in  
>the depths of space.

<snip>

Hi All,

Just a comment...

Greg Sandow posted a brilliant analysis of this new chestnut that is circulating around about George Bush's comment on UFOs, in the national budget he submitted. I strongly suggest that everybody take the time to visit the UpDates archive and give it a second read.

Also, speaking as an American citizen, after listening to George Bush's nationally televised press conference last night, I think that everybody should be much more concerned that the man who has his finger on the 'button' is not a very bright individual. Downright dangerous in fact.

Screw what he may or may not have said about UFOs. We need to pay very close attention to everything else he's saying. If we don't concentrate, it could cost lives here and abroad.

I read somewhere that it is going to cost 2 billion dollars to finance this little campaign to change the regime in Iraq. How about we give the Iraqi people 1 billion dollars to change their own regime and spend the other 1 billion changing the regime over here!

Rant over.

John Velez, UFO UpDates Listerion

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From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 21:23:19 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 08:38:29 -0500  
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The same information was filled in for Location, Date, Approach Direction, Departure Direction, Witness Direction, Description, Color/Shape, Height & Speed!

Slight overkill I think!

Wonder who else it has been sent to?

John Hayes

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Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 21:41:29 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 08:42:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Appeal to Ufology's Senior Members - Hall

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John,

As an old fogey who "attacks" (meaning you disagree with them)  
proponents of post-modernist meaningless doubletalk, I don't  
know what CFI stands for. Are you talking about the Sci-Fi  
Channel? If, so I was unable to attend their planning meeting in  
Washington. Had I done so, I would have suggested they take a  
look at my suggestion for a Citizen's Commission on UFOs posted  
here a while back. It would provide ample dramatic cases and  
lots of exploitable and newsworthy content for TV. The trouble  
is, they seem to be looking for smoking gun, hardware cases  
which are difficult to come by.

I agree with Wendy that the Malmstrom AFB and the series of  
Northern Tier ICBM missile base sightings would be ideal, since  
they certainly had to have left a paper trail. They included  
multiple eyewitnesses, radar, E-M effects on the missiles, etc.  
Lots of credible witnesses. However, GAO works for Congress so  
CFI(?) would need to have a Congressional sponsor in order to  
initiate a GAO inquiry.

Dick Hall

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## Re: Postmodernism - Dabrowski

From: Andrew Dabrowski <[dabrowsa@indiana.edu](mailto:dabrowsa@indiana.edu)>  
Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 16:45:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 08:44:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Dabrowski

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2003 02:57:02 EST  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

>The postmodern method does work and it is one of many tools you  
>can use. The thing that you have missed is the issue, it opens  
>up the data and new ideas come out. It splits Positive<>Negative  
>+<>-- poles, and when we get caught up in deadlock teams  
>opposing each other, USA<>UK - you can keep your team or side  
>and using this method to spin off the frozen pile of stored  
>facts the "dead stop" and open up a new front.

I think pomo is often just another method of hiding one's head in the sand. There's a lot of uncertainty in UFO research: are these recollections accurate, is that witness a hoaxer or liar, how far away is the figure in that photo? These can be extremely difficult questions to answer, often being impossible to arrive at a consensus on. True believers and debunkers tend to arbitrarily resolve uncertainties in a way favorable to their own positions.

Pomo takes a slightly more sophisticated approach: if a consensus can't be reached, then declare the question inherently unanswerable. Have we been arguing about UFOs for 50 years? Then there must be no objective truth about UFOs at all.

That is much to hasty a conclusion. If we're still arguing about UFOs after another 1000 years, then OK. But 50 years is not a long time in human history.

What irks me about pomo is that it's often simply another way of brushing uncertainty under the rug: if we're unsure about something then it must be inherently unresolvable, case closed. Pomo reduces every interesting question to triviality.

>Jerry then tells us "Jan [Aldrich], Brad Sparks, Karl Pflock, >Stan Friedman, and others -- have produced abundant evidence" >[1] on CORSO, well for one side but they know nothing about the >life the middle part, the grey area. When I asked a very simple >question to get an idea how Dick Hall could be so positive I >asked "Dick, did you (or Jan) know Corso in the: 1960's, 70's, >80's?" [2] Dick Hall went to war with me. The answer, NON, >that's right he "conclude that you are another 'will-to- >believer' who rejects facts, logic, scientific method, in favour >of... what? Subjective preference? You want to believe Corso, >therefore he is telling the truth?" [2], yes Dick zeroed his >weapon on my 25 metre range, hit me with 7.62 rimless NATO, this >icon loves conflict?

>I love my facts, tools, instruments, science, and I have teams & >sides, but I can also see the grey area between the poles. Dick >Hall can only use instruments, a thermometer to take a child's >temperature, that's his science truth, I can take that same >measurement just by holding my child, no facts, no scientific >method, you can still do it another way, and it works well. It >all sounds mad, yet these places exist. But I like the >instrument also.

>Dick Hall loves facts; they are clean and stack into folders.  
>Anything outside the Dicks rules of coding, anti-facts peel  
>should be cut out, incarcerated, eliminated with Snake Blisken  
>to LA. (Kurt Russell movie 'Escapes from L.A.' 1996).

The trouble with PoMo is that whenever disagreement arises they want to split the difference - both sides are always equally right. Pomo never seems to want to get its fingers dirty investigating conflicting claims - which are more credible, which better supported by other evidence, etc.

I see above that you are content to note that you disagree with others about Corso. Is that where you think the discussion should be left, or is it worth trying to reach a consensus about Corso?

Pomo is fine for exploring values, but useless for pursuing science. Good/bad is endlessly debatable, hopelessly unresolvable; but the Pythagorean theorem and conservation of momentum are true everywhere on earth. Why does pomo insist on sticking its icky fingers everywhere?

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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.
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## Post-Armageddonism

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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 08:49:06 -0500  
Subject: Post-Armageddonism

This is to announce the formation of a new school of philosophy, Post-Armageddonism (P-A), which is about to replace the trendy Irrational Subjectivism du jour, Post-Modernism (P-M, not to be confused with Post-Menopausalism). Once the United States "liberates" the Iraqi people by bombing the country back into the Stone Age and destroying what little civilization they have left, against the will of the world community, P-A will seek to become the reigning paradigm.

Advocates of P-A will fight a rear-guard action against a growing chorus of anti-intellectualism and anti-science led by the P-M gurus whose rejection of science, logic, and empiricism has paved the way for their exposure as completely irrelevant, pompous idiots. To them, the War will be only an amusing exercise in literary analysis, not really real, since there is no objective reality according to their creed.

To defend against their pending irrelevance, they will blame the [unreal] war on science and technology and on elderly, out-of-it, bitter ufologists, who according to them are too ignorant to see that they [P-Ms] have found a superior route to understanding, or their moral equivalent of "truth," which they seem totally incapable of defining or explaining.

P-A adherents will continue to argue that factual, scientific, objective evidence indicates the reality of UFOs as some "phenomenon of nature" that has not been adequately investigated and certainly not explained. That is, if irrationalism such as that espoused by P-M adherents does not destroy the environment, lead to a total breakdown in international relations, and result ultimately in the Biblical Armageddon (a literary reference that should be dear to the hearts of P-Ms).

- Dick

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Hi Wendy,

I agree with you. Now I will say something I've said before here but bear with me as I haven't done so for a while. The event that got me to decide to get actually involved in researching this UFO mystery was in 1975 when I was in Washington, D.C. restoring aircraft. I opened the morning's Washington, D.C. Right on the front was the story that UFOs were seen at five USAF ICBM bases in the northern tier.

That popped my eyeballs and got me into wanting to do more than read UFO books. My only previous contact with UFO people was many years before when my dad wanted to go to Giant Rock (he was a Psychiatrist) and see how contactees tick. We hopped in the car and headed south to the contactee party. I don't want to offend anyone but it sure was a multi-ringed and multi-channelled circus with clowns in the center ring. My Dad and I had great laughs.

Back to reality. It was a shock to learn of the ICBM base UFO sightings but it wasn't until later when I learned of the claim that they infected underground missile systems. We all remember Fawcett and Greenwood's book "Clear Intent" (since reprinted under a new name). And then there was the Malstrom AFB incident.

To me it is still one of my top priorities to see the actual USAF files on all these incidents. I want to see their interviews with the personnel involved, the investigations, and the conclusions.

Josh

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## Speaking Of Congressional (Non-)Intervention

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Subject: Speaking Of Congressional (Non-)Intervention

And Speaking of Congressional (NON-)Intervention.....

... we have this plaintive reminder sent to me by a Ufologist out West, who laments the mostly non-responsiveness from his own senator, dating back to 1992. Here's an excerpt from this citizen's perennial demand for accountability:

"On June 18 you [Senator] wrote that you were forwarding my letter (below) to the Department of Defense for a reply. To date, there has been no reply from them, not even a non-responsive form letter. Did they write you?

"Also, you (or your staff) totally ignored the key paragraph, to which I have now added '\*\*' at the start. Please let me know your thoughts on that particular matter, of Congressional hearings.

"Thank you for your consideration.

"(Sent March 27, May 15, June 25, 2001):

"I had tried writing you about this before, but the replies evaded the issue, and I got the distinct impression that you never read my letters personally. Particularly after I read the 10/23/97 Journal Sentinel article in which you had trouble grasping a high school student's question about the subject, when my letters would have informed you about it. So here is an updated version of my previous correspondence:

"As your constituent, I am writing to request a clarification of the U.S. Government's current position concerning the events that occurred in and around the areas of Roswell and Corona, New Mexico, in July of 1947. The USG's handling of the situation also has serious implications with regard to violation of civil rights. [Ellipsis ...]

"\*\* I urge you to press for open hearings into this event, so that at long last the facts may be made public. Despite the Freedom of Information Act and a GAO investigation, the relevant departments of the U.S. government are not forthcoming in providing information. Many potential informants are still intimidated by threats from officials who would keep the crash under wraps. Congress, with its powers to subpoena and to grant immunity, is in a position to get to the bottom of it. Please do so soon, before even more participants in the retrieval die. For example, since I first wrote you on the matter in 1992, Gen. DuBose has died. (The USAF's announcement that military personnel could speak about the event is phony (though it may fool some people), inasmuch as the USAF didn't even exist then. The Army has yet to release its members from secrecy.)

"Open hearings into the crash would put to rest claims of a coverup (this would be especially true even if there really was no coverup). It is the lack of hearings (and of any reasonable government response to inquiries about the crash) that plays right into the hands of the 'coverup conspiracists.'

"Even apart from the crash, another issue would be worth a Senate hearing in itself. This is the violation of civil rights



of participants in the retrieval, in an attempt to enforce the coverup. (Besides the people directly involved, these participants include casual bystanders such as Frankie Rowe, who happened to come across some bit of information or artifact.) Not only did they feel intimidated and threatened for a good many years, but even when individuals did venture to report what they knew, society's ridicule of UFOs (government-inspired?) assured that they would not be taken seriously.

"If you would like to speak with people involved with the Roswell UFO retrieval, or with researchers into the subject, please let me know, and I'll put you in touch with some.

"Thank you very much for your reply."

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## CI: Will We Survive The Next 1,000 Years?

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
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Will We Survive the Next 1,000 Years?  
by Mac Tonnies

<http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 37)

[Note: The original version of the following editorial began as an entry in my weblog, Posthuman Blues. The rough "blog" version also appears on the Center for Psychology and Social Change website. -M.T.]

Will the human race survive the next 1,000 years? Theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking, for one, doesn't think we will unless we expand into space. It's sad commentary on our predicament when a week's worth of precision bombing in Iraq could have financed a manned Mars exploration program. Will humans make the evolutionary cut? Almost certainly not. But that doesn't exclude our descendants, who may not be human in any recognizable sense.

We are treading a vast and portentous ontological gulf: it's crunch time, and the next few hundred years will be absolutely decisive in determining the direction taken by (presumably) intelligent life on this planet. Either the Earth will become a planetary mass grave or it will become a fondly remembered home, a quasi-utopian sanctuary and beloved womb. Our posthuman descendants will take on a variety of forms; almost by definition, they will be multiplex, vastly intelligent, and as tenacious as any virus.

A thousand years, in geological time, is less than an eyeblink. In this context, a mere century can be viewed as a single defining event. If so, it's not unreasonable to expect that our flailing attempts at ascension, burdened as they are with superstition and bureaucracy, are being watched by others in the space-time neighborhood. We might be quite amusing to them. Or quite sickening.

Upon learning of my interests, people invariably ask me about my "beliefs" in aliens and the Cydonia region on Mars. The point I try to make is this: If extraterrestrials exist - which I think they probably do - then it doesn't logically follow that they're here (although they very well might be). Secondly, aliens are not likely to think in terms of 1950s sci-fi films. I doubt there are too many cosmic altruists out there, like the blatantly messiahnic "Mr. Carpenter" from "The Day the Earth Stood Still."

On the up-side, I don't think actively malevolent civilizations are too common, either. Why destroy or enslave another civilization when reason suggests that advanced ET intelligences will be able to provide for themselves?

Our time as an endlessly complacent species is running out. In a very true sense, it has always been running out, but our technological society is just waking to the fact...and perhaps wishing it was all a bad dream. Our weather patterns are showing ominous new trends; global warming continues; deforestation and

desertification hack away at our biosphere's roots with the unheeding avarice of out-of-control clockwork. Can we rouse ourselves in time to make a difference? Or is Earth to become a clone of Mars, arid and wind-scoured, any remains of civilization consumed by dust?

An ecological 9-11 might get our attention, but it also might consume too much of it: while we feebly try to restore order, an uncatalogued asteroid might be racing silently our way. Or the rain forests will unleash an airborne Ebola in an attempt to maintain some semblance of homeostasis. Evidence strongly suggests that Mars died a convulsive and sudden death via meteor bombardment. If this is true, Mars exploration may prove essential if we're to protect our own planet from a similar fate.

Earth is gradually but inexorably dying under what William S. Burroughs aptly referred to as a mudslide of "devalued human stock." Don't think our planet won't fight back, even if its weapons seem initially quaint compared to humankind's iconic nuclear stockpiles.

As I write, our planet is steered primarily by soulless multinational corporations and bigoted governments whose "future" is as reassuringly near as next month's NASDAQ or voter opinion polls. Is this how it ends, snuffed out into petrochemical oblivion before we make the critical move off-planet? Our space shuttles crash because they're obsolete, fragile museum pieces. But our smart-bombs are cutting edge: gleaming chrome and laser-light, avatars of technological cunning.

But if we have every reason to be deeply afraid, we also have room to be deeply hopeful. We possess the technology to stage a crewed mission to Mars. It is within our means to colonize the Moon and extend our reach to the outer planets, probing the enigmatic moons of Jupiter for life and looking for evidence of extraterrestrial visitation. If we can establish beachheads in space, we will be helping to ensure that the human legacy is not lost in some unguessable orgy of destruction.

If we - almost certainly not the familiar carbon-based "we" but a greatly empowered posthuman "we" - still exist in 1,000 years' time, we will have achieved a monumental victory over entropy and our own penchant for violence. Destroying a posthuman civilization won't be easy. But destroying a merely human civilization is almost absurdly simple in a cosmic context.

Survival implies drastic change. Parting ways with the familiar can be difficult but is nonetheless imperative. We can embrace the future by creating it, or we can retread the past by succumbing to xenophobia and the pathological allure of war and destructive energy sources. Our collective predicament transcends national allegiance and geopolitical clashes. The future is not some static entity waiting for us to catch up; it is a dynamic realm that demands creativity, intellect, foresight, and drive.

We know that planetary extinction is a real possibility. What will we choose to do about it?

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## Re: An Appeal to Ufology's Senior Members - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2003 02:29:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 09:05:43 -0500  
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>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 11:47:58 -0700  
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>Subject: Re: An Appeal to Ufology's Senior Members

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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2003 12:46:02 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: An Appeal to Ufology's Senior Members

>>This is addressed to Dick Hall, Jerry Clark, Wendy Connors,  
>>Stan Friedman, Jan Aldritch, Brad Sparks, Dick Haines and any  
>>other 'reputable' ufologist that I may have failed to mention.

>>CFI is about to commit rare and valuable resources in an effort  
>>to get the GAO (Government Accounting Office) to scare up and  
>>release any information they may be in possession of regarding  
>>the rather 'iffy' Kecksberg incident from the 60's.

>>I was wondering if it would be possible for all of you to  
>>commiserate privately, and come up with a stronger case for  
>>CFI to approach the GAO with? It wouldn't involve a tremendous  
>>amount of time or effort or place any unusual demands on your  
>>(and I know that you're all busy people) time. It would be for a  
>>worthwhile cause.

Hi Wendy,

You wrote:

>I cannot respond for my fellow colleagues, as to if CFI asked  
>for their opinion in regards to item in play, but I was not  
>approached for personal comment.

I figured as much.

Experienced and knowledgeable people like yourself need to have  
direct input into something as important to all of us as this  
is. Both Dick Hall and Steve Kaeser are right there in the  
Maryland/DC area. Maybe something could be arranged or  
coordinated through them so that yourself and others can be put  
in touch with the shakers and movers at CFI.

It really shouldn't be too big a deal to include several  
reputable ufologists in the proceedings. If several of you can  
take the time to put your heads together and agree on a 'best  
case' to use, the chances for success (may) increase  
dramatically. CFI seems to be open to it. Contact Leslie Kean  
at:

[lkean@ix.netcom.com](mailto:lkean@ix.netcom.com)

to see if something can be co-ordinated/arranged to include as  
many of you as possible in the decision making process.

I'm hoping that Jerry Clark, Stan Friedman, Jan Aldrich and  
some of the others I mentioned in my earlier post will respond  
and become involved in helping to steer the folks at CFI in  
the right direction. (In terms of 'best case' selection.)

>That aside, I feel that the Kecksburg case is strong in many  
>respects, but the Malstrom AFB incident is, in my opinion, a  
>wiser case to put into power play. Strictly from the position  
>that it is a more "internal" case within the military and  
>therefore would not suffer from outside contamination.

Yes, it is a good case. But I was just throwing it out as an example of the many other good UFO cases that lost out to Kecksberg. Cases which were possibly not even considered during the selection process. That's where you guys could come in like the cavalry in white hats and maybe suggest some stronger cases for consideration.

Steve Kaeser says that the people at CFI are 'open to suggestions.' It's a case of using or losing this opportunity for ufologists to have some input before CFI goes to the GAO with a formal request.

Please, talk to Dick Hall and Jerry Clark and see if you guys can't 'organize' yourselves to do a little brain-storming and come up with a UFO case that stands a better chance of succeeding than Kecksberg does. The more of you that participate in the selection process the better.

As great as the people at CFI may be for taking up this cross, they are 'newbies' and 'outsiders'. A lot of us will feel a whole lot better, more confident about this proposed effort knowing that you and other established, reputable ufologists with proven track records are directly involved.

It's the way it should have been set up from the start. Better late than never, however. Let's see if it's not too late to remedy that situation.

If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know. I'll rattle a few cages for you if needed. Whatever it takes. This is way too valuable an opportunity to waste.

Regards, and 'here's hoping'

John Velez

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>Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 22:27:39 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

>Following are my favorite three nails in the coffin of post-  
>modernism:

<snip>

>... the scientist's words are checked  
>against specific procedures of experimentation and observation.

In this regard, the following readings might be of interest to  
folks on this list:

Bruno Latour and Steve Woolgar, \*Laboratory Life\*  
Karen Knorr Cetina, \*The Manufacture of Knowledge\* (about science  
laboratories)  
Stephen Toulmin, \*Cosmopolis\* -- which one sociologist reviewer  
called "simply the best discussion on modernity and post-  
modernity available today"

I realize that these are books rather than articles and will  
take longer to read and digest, but for those willing - and  
brave enough! - to take the time, they are well worth the  
effort.

Brenda Denzler

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THE DEATH OF MARCELLO COPPETTI

Dead in Florence at age 76 is the journalist Marcello Coppetti, a long-time editor and later editor-in-chief of ANSA Italian national news agency, not to mention the author of a few books about political personalities, secret agents, freemasonry and Italian mysteries.

Coppetti began collaborating in 1978 with the monthly "Il Giornale dei Misteri" ("Journal of Mysteries"), in which he supported, in a long series of articles, the theory that UFOs were, in fact, secret weapons.

These were then collected in his book "UFO: arma segreta" ("UFO: Secret Weapon"), published in 1979 by Mediterranee Publications.

After subscribing to the Sezione Ufologica Fiorentina (SUF), Coppetti also signed (together with Boncompagni, Conti, Lamperi and Sani) the second volume in the collection "UFO in Italia" ("UFOs In Italy") in 1980; little by little, he then began distancing himself from the UFO matter.

[Communication by Renzo Cabassi; La nazione and Il resto del Carlino, 15 February; UFO-Italia, 15 February; collaboration by Paolo Fiorino and Gildo Persone']

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 16:45:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

<snip>

>What irks me about pomo is that it's often simply another way of  
>brushing uncertainty under the rug:

Au contraire. What "pomo" is all about is bringing uncertainty  
out from under the rug where empiricism wants to banish it (if  
it can't defeat it, first).

Not only is this galling to empiricism -- to have these  
uncertainties flaunted as if they might \*mean\* something --,  
everything is made worse by the fact that pomo then turns around  
and says, "Not only these swept-under things exist, but the  
uncertainties you say you HAVE defeated are not really all that  
defeated, after all." Now \*that\* assertion does not just gall  
empiricism, but inflames it.

Pomo is, in a sense, a celebration of the uncertainties. Some-  
times a grudging but good-humored celebration; other times a  
downright raucous veritable Mardi Gras of a celebration. IMHO,  
it is in the latter situation that post-modernspeak lives -- in  
that kind of inebriated, scarcely-intelligible revelry. It is in  
that spirit that Sokal did his brilliant sting. But the  
essential insights of pomo, I certainly hope, can be conveyed  
and understood without inebriation. I never was much of a party  
girl, myself.

Brenda Denzler  
<http://www.abductionproject.com>

"War does not determine who is right;  
it only determines who is left."

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## Re: Speaking Of Congressional (Non-)Intervention -

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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 11:05:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Speaking Of Congressional (Non-)Intervention -

>From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 20:04:52 -0500  
>Subject: And Speaking of Congressional (Non-)Intervention

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>your thoughts on that particular matter, of Congressional  
>hearings.

>"Thank you for your consideration.

<snip>

Larry-

Without new information to open such a "hearing", I'm somewhat amazed that anyone would expect their elected representative to focus on issues other than the pending conflict in the Middle-East, the state of the economy, and foreign policy issues. These would seem to be of much greater importance to a vast majority of average constituents.

If we can get the entire U.S. population to write in on this issue, then you could probably re-focus the efforts of Congress to deal with the Roswell event. However, I find that to be unlikely.

I'm not saying that one shouldn't write to their elected representatives, but I wouldn't expect to sway their opinion unless it becomes a major issue for their constituency. I've had good success at getting my elected representatives to help in failed FOIA requests, but I was asking for specific information that I knew existed and not making generic "shot in the dark" requests.

Steve

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## Re: Argentina: UFO Over Rufino - Hall

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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 12:02:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Argentina: UFO Over Rufino - Hall

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>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2003 16:08:31 -0500  
>Subject: Argentina: UFO Over Rufino

>SOURCE: IFOR (Investigadores del Fen=F3meno Ovni de Rufino)  
>DATE: March 7, 2003

>UFO OVER RUFINO, ARGENTINA

>On March 6, 2003 at 19:35 hours local time, several individuals  
>who were at the motorcycle racetrack of the Ben Hur Sports Club,  
>located in southeastern Rufino, Santa Fe Province, noticed a  
>strange white light moving over the city from the south and  
>heading northward. Witnesses indicated that said light was lower  
>than the flight altitude at which aircraft normally fly over the  
>city. It was much brighter than a star and traveled horizontally  
>with regard to the ground, and at high speed.

>At a given moment during its trajectory, it vanished; it made no  
>sound whatsoever and the possibility that it could have been an  
>artificial satellite was dismissed given its low altitude and  
>high velocity.

Scott,

Why is this not a meteor? Since the size of the object is unknown, there is no way to know the altitude - unless it flew beneath a cloud cover or in front of some landmark. Nothing to that effect is stated in the story.

- Dick

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**Fw: From Linda Moulton Howe on March 7, 2003**

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
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Subject: From Linda Moulton Howe on March 7, 2003  
Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 11:39:52 -0500  
From: Linda Moulton Howe <[earthfiles@earthfiles.com](mailto:earthfiles@earthfiles.com)>  
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March 7, 2003

Since the following e-mail was forwarded to me this morning by correspondent, Lisa/Dixie Ricks, about her correspondence with Charlette LeFevre in which Charlette says, "Urandidir is currently being investigated by Federal Authorities in his "Project Portal" UFO sect...", I think it is important to consider at least one legal fact from Brazil's federal court in Sao Paulo.

Please see the attached "Poder Judiciario Justica Federal document" (Judicial Power of Federal Justice, a federal court of Brazil) that confirmed on April 2, 2001, that Urandidir Fernandes De Oliveira is innocent of any and all charges in the nation of Brazil. Businessman Felipe Branco said the lawyer who represented Urandidir in the "land fraud" lawsuit against Urandidir in March 2001 in which Urandidir was found innocent wanted a federal court declaration of Urandidir's innocence. Branco said this action was taken because A. J. Gevaerd was the one responsible for the land fraud lawsuit and continuing alleged harassment after Urandidir was found innocent.

Here is the Portuguese to English translation of the sentences on the Poder Judiciario:

"Judicial Power  
Federal Justice (federal court in Sao Paulo)  
Certificate of Distribution  
of Actions and Executions  
Civil, Criminal and Fiscal  
Case File: 8407-1  
A certificate concerning the person listed below since April 25, 1967:

Urandidir Fernandes de Oliveira  
CPF: 046.299.678-59 (federal I. D. number in Brazil tied to citizenship)

NADA CONSTA ("Of no merit," or "Not Guilty" or "The charges against this person have no merit.")

Sao Paulo, 2 April 2001 (time)

Wanderley De Oliveira Filho (Filho means "the son of" like we would put II on a son's name)

Central Registry  
(address)  
Federal Justice in Region 1 of Sao Paulo, Brazil

A fee of 42 cents was paid to copy this document of case file 8407-1.  
This certificate is from the federal judiciary in the State of Sao Paulo.

ATTACHMENT: Poder Judiciario Justica Federal Document April 2, 2001

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on 3/7/03 2:37 AM, Dixie Ricks at [frodoricks@centurytel.net](mailto:frodoricks@centurytel.net) wrote:

Lisa,

You will be glad to know there is no conspiracy here. Urandir is currently being investigated by Federal Authorities in his "Project Portal" UFO sect and it has been requested that we do not further any promotion. We also do not want our conference used as a battle ground for International dispute and we respect Brazilian authorities to continue their investigations.

We also do not want our sales based on this case which could potentially mislead a lot of people. We reserve that right. We would never ask Linda to stop investigating so we stand by our decision to cancel her altogether. We hope she works with the Brazilian UFO community for the truth and are referring people to the Ozark conference in April where she will be attending.

Sincerely,  
Charlette LeFevre  
Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group

Lisa W. wrote:

Just a note to let you know that I was planning on attending the Seattle Conference but on hearing that Linda Moulton Howe was dis-invited due to the badgering of others intent on NOT hearing her research, I will NEVER attend another one of your conferences!

If honest research and debate are censored due to the heavy-handed tactics of skeptics who are threatened by Linda's and Dr. Levensgood's findings on the samples from Brazil, then, what is the use of even having a so-called fair UFO Conference? It is neither fair nor honest.

Linda Moulton Howe is thorough in her research. What is being done to her is just another "Doug and Dave" job. I've been to the Seattle Conference before and there were guests there who might have been easily "selling a line." It was always up to ME and the rest of the Conference goes to be "adult enough" to "make up our OWN minds" based on the research given us.

Now, someone has succeeded in getting Linda "kicked-out" of the upcoming Seattle Conference just because they "wrote more e-mails." That to ME would be enough reason to INVITE her as there is definitely something in what she has found that is causing this massive SMEAR campaign against her name.

Isn't honest debate good for Ufology? What is there to fear from Linda's research? If it is an outright "Hoax" as others have claimed, then where is the harm? This sounds so much like an "inside job" by someone who is VERY threatened by what Linda has found out about the Urandir case in Brazil.

Lisa W.

Linda:

1. In Brazil, the document that you describe in your e-mail is issued to anyone, anytime, very easily. It is just a "instant photograph" of someone's judicial status, if she or he has any problem with the Justice at that specific moment.
2. That kind of document is issued by federal authorities for a small fee, but if you have problems with the law then you can buy forged ones exactly identical for like US\$ 50. Lots of people buy that to "prove" that she or he has no problem with the law at a particular time.
3. By the above items 1 and 2, I don't mean that Urandir either faked the document, bought a fake document from someone or even that he isn't actually clear of Justice problems. In fact, he was cleared from that particular problem of selling what wasn't his.
4. The circumstances of such a clear up are very suspicious, as some of his old partners in his scam came up after they have broken partnership with Urandir to say that an amount of R\$ 40 thousand reais (about US\$ 17 thousand) was used to bribe authorities to have Urandir released. I verified that story and got serious evidences of that, but have no material proof of it. The attorney involved in the case told me that he had never seen such speed in a release proceedings in his life before.
5. The money to pay Urandir's release would have been collected from volunteers all over Brazil, followers and enthusiasts that would have contributed in cash to the cause. By what I heard, however, much more than R\$ 40 thousand (about US\$ 17 thousand) would have been collected and it would have increased Urandir's partners greed, who then decided to keep the change, causing a rupture in the scam.
6. If the press wasn't all over the case at the time, the bribery probably would have cost half of that. Bribes don't surprise anyone in my country. In Brazil we have federal judges and ministers of the Supreme Court selling sentences and release orders ("habeas corpus") to narcodealers all the time. Some of the negotiations are made by congressmen. So, buy someone's release from jail is very easy here, unfortunately.
7. But suppose that all the above is just fiction, invention or delusion from my mind. Please, Linda, consider at least that Urandir HIMSELF confessed that he sold 6,000 (six thousand) shares of a land that wasn't his, for R\$ 1,400.00 each (or about US\$ 600 at the time). The total is US\$ 3,6 MILLION DOLLARS. And why the people bought the shares? Because Urandir INDUCED them to believe that by doing so that they would be SAFE from Armageddon and could be RESCUED by the extraterrestrials at his command.
8. Even if he got cleared up by Justice, wouldn't item 7 be enough for a serious UFO researcher and/or journalist think twice before take that person's word for fact ?

Linda, do whatever you will with this info. Or simply ignore it, as you've been doing so far. I shall later comment on your new support to the alleged explosion of the light at Urandir's friend's farm, back in 2001. I have this other hoax fully, completely and deeply documented in many ways. I was with the TV crew that interviewed both Urandir and the farm's owner, along with several of their neighbors, police officials, city major etc etc etc.

A. J. Gevaerd

PS.: Just another correction: I was not one of the responsible for Urandir's land fraud lawsuit, as you state, and that is another lie from Felipe Castelo Branco. I never entered a lawsuit against Urandir, as it is not my problem. The only thing I did that made him arrested was to go to public notary, where anyone can go, and request copies of the certificates of ownership that Urandir should have registered of the land he was selling. Anyone is entitled of doing that, too. The documents came out to show that the land belonged to someone else, and I

sent it to the authorities as a concerned citizen.

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## Re: Postmodernism - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <[bdenzler1@email.msn.com](mailto:bdenzler1@email.msn.com)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2003 13:23:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 17:27:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Denzler

By the way: To Dick Hall and all the others on this List who are empiricists by nature - although I have certain affinities with postmodernism in my own thought, this does not mean I decry or dismiss the empirical method. In fact, I would hate to touch a ufology that existed without it. I have admired Dick Hall's work for years.

And although I cannot presume to speak for George Hansen, I know that he is even more keen for and knowledgeable about scientific method than I am, at least in experimentally-based science. You'd think this would be the kind of thing sloughed off by some- one who appreciated post-modernism, but it's not. Or at least, not always.

Brenda Denzler

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## Re: Postmodernism - Hansen

From: **George Hansen** <[gphansen2001@yahoo.com](mailto:gphansen2001@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2003 11:18:11 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 17:29:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Hansen

>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, 8 Mar 2003 09:10:41 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Denzler

>From: Andrew Dabrowski <[dabrowsa@indiana.edu](mailto:dabrowsa@indiana.edu)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 16:45:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

Dabrowski asserts--

"If we're still arguing about UFOs after another 1000 years, then OK. But 50 years is not a long time in human history."

In actuality, UFOs have been recognized, discussed, and debated for thousands of years. Just look at the UFO accounts in the Bible.

The same is true of other paranormal phenomena. The disputes on the supernatural between the Sadducees and the Pharisees at the time of Christ are strikingly similar to those between CSICOP and paranormal researchers today.

To his credit, Dabrowski admits--

"There's a lot of uncertainty in UFO research: are these recollections accurate, is that witness a hoaxer or liar, how far away is the figure in that photo? These can be extremely difficult questions to answer, often being impossible to arrive at a consensus on."

This does indeed characterize the field of ufology. That needs to be explicitly accommodated in any comprehensive theory of UFOs, and of the paranormal generally.

Brenda Denzler explains --

"Pomo is, in a sense, a celebration of the uncertainties. Sometimes a grudging but good-humored celebration; other times a downright raucous veritable Mardi Gras of a celebration."

Such raucous celebrations are examples of liminal conditions. Denzler's metaphor here is entirely in keeping with anthropological concepts of liminality. Ambiguity is a prime characteristic of such conditions.

Denzler reports--

"What "pomo" is all about is bringing uncertainty out from under the rug"

This is correct, and it's about time that ufologists explicitly recognize this to be inherent in UFO phenomena.

Denzler recommended "Laboratory Life" by Woolgar and Latour. I would also recommend their work on reflexivity that was published in "Knowledge and Reflexivity" a volume edited by Woolgar. Reflexivity inherently breaks down the subject-object binary opposition, and that is also a property of paranormal phenomena (including UFO phenomena).

George P. Hansen  
The Trickster and the Paranormal  
<http://www.tricksterbook.com>

Reference--

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## A. J. Gevaerd On SDI Tonight - 03-08-03

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Subject: A. J. Gevaerd On SDI Tonight - 03-08-03

I try not to plug 'Strange Days... Indeed' the radio program that I host, Saturday nights at 21:00 Eastern on NewsTalk 1010 CFRB in Toronto and The Web, here. There are, however, exceptions and tonight is one of them.

Brazilian UFO researcher, publisher/editor of Revista UFO, Director of MUFON Brazil, A. J. Gevaerd will join us tonight to discuss some of the strangeness that has been occurring on his turf, recently. Also on the program tonight, Dave Furlotte, Stephen G. Bassett & John Velez.

Should you wish to listen you'll need to D/L SurferNet which you can get via:

<http://www.cfrb.com>

or:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/sdi2003.html>

The program runs until 12:00 midnight, Eastern.

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Folk of UFO UpDates:

It may seem very strange what I stated in my previous e-mail, precisely in the item 6. It should read much better like this:

"6. If the press wasn't all over the case at the time, the bribery probably would have cost half of that. Bribes don't surprise anyone in my country. In Brazil we have federal judges and ministers of the Supreme Court ACCUSED of selling sentences and release orders ("habeas corpus") to narcodealers all the time. Some of the negotiations are made by congressmen. So, buy someone's release from jail is very easy here, unfortunately."

I only inserted the word accused. We have to give to these peoples the right of being considered innocent until (if) found guilty. As a matter of fact, in this very moment we are watching a new scandal in Brazil, in which some judges and a minister from high courts have been removed from their places because of accusations of selling habeas corpus to the biggest narco-dealers of all times in my country. And the negotiation was supposedly done by a congressman that have just given up from his term at the National Congress because of that. And by doing that he cannot be properly punished, as none of guys of such stature are in Brazil.

I love the truth and I would like to have this straight, so I post this for the record.

All the best.

A. J. Gevaerd

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## Re: Postmodernism - Dabrowski

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>>What irks me about pomo is that it's often simply another way of  
>>brushing uncertainty under the rug:

>Au contraire. What "pomo" is all about is bringing uncertainty  
>out from under the rug where empiricism wants to banish it (if  
>it can't defeat it, first).

I grant that pomo does, briefly, bring uncertainty out from under the rug, but only to immediately banish it by declaring all sides equally right. Uncertainty is when either A or not A might be true, and you don't know which. Pomos believe that A and not A are both true. That is not uncertainty, that is shirking the real difficulties that uncertainty presents: doubt. Pomos don't doubt, they seem quite certain they've got it all worked out: everybody is right. If all viewpoints are equally valid there is no hard work left to do. That's the Pomo version of head-in-the-sand.

>Not only is this galling to empiricism -- to have these  
>uncertainties flaunted as if they might \*mean\* something --,  
>everything is made worse by the fact that pomo then turns around  
>and says, "Not only these swept-under things exist, but the  
>uncertainties you say you HAVE defeated are not really all that  
>defeated, after all." Now \*that\* assertion does not just gall  
>empiricism, but inflames it.

I haven't seen any good case that pomo has made against science. Have you seen any penetrating critiques of relativity, or Newtonian mechanics for that matter? In every culture in the world all carts, shacks, and treehouses obey Newton's laws.

>Pomo is, in a sense, a celebration of the uncertainties. Some-  
>times a grudging but good-humored celebration; other times a  
>downright raucous veritable Mardi Gras of a celebration. IMHO,  
>it is in the latter situation that post-modernspeak lives -- in  
>that kind of inebriated, scarcely-intelligible revelry. It is in  
>that spirit that Sokal did his brilliant sting.

Are you actually citing Alan Sokal's "sting" as positive example of pomo at work? Sokal showed pomo up for the fraud it is by submitting an intentionally vacuous paper to Social Text, where it was accepted. Thus proving that even pomo's own journal editors can't tell the difference between sense and nonsense. See e.g:

[http://dannyreviews.com/h/Intellectual\\_Impostures.html](http://dannyreviews.com/h/Intellectual_Impostures.html)

If you're able to twist that into an endorsement of pomo then you're capable of anything.

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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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## FOIA Request To DOD Inspector General

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Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Mar 2003 14:51:36 -0500  
Subject: FOIA Request To DOD Inspector General

To: [hotline@dodig.osd.mil](mailto:hotline@dodig.osd.mil)  
TO: Inspector General  
U. S. Department of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

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

DATE: March 8, 2003

In a letter to you of Nov. 22, 2002, Sen. Charles E. Grassley asked you to "conduct a complete and thorough review of the [DOD-developed/operated] TIA [Total Information Awareness] program."

Accordingly -- in order to help shed more public light on that program's funding/leadership/operations/motivations and its ramifications for government accountability and civil liberty --

I hereby submit this letter as a formal, written freedom-of-information request that you send me a copy of the entire DOD-IG case file, to date, of all information/records generated and received by your office in response to (and granting of) Sen. Grassley's request.

Because of the inherent public-interest nature of this FOIA request, 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

Copies furnished to:

Sen. Grassley

Mark S. Zaid, Esq. (Washington, D.C.)

Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Information, Management, and Technology -- U. S. House of Representatives

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## Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

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Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 14:11:33 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Mar 2003 14:53:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 12:14:10 -0800  
>>Subject: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>>Hello all:

>>Does anybody want to pursue this matter? It came in via my  
>>website.

>We had exactly the same entered yesterday on a sighting report  
>form for UFO Roundup.

>The same information was filled in for Location, Date, Approach  
>Direction, Departure Direction, Witness Direction, Description,  
>Color/Shape, Height & Speed!

>Slight overkill I think!

>Wonder who else it has been sent to?

>John Hayes

>[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)

>UFOINFO:- <http://www.ufoinfo.com>

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>Official Archives for UFO Roundup, AUFORN Australian  
>UFO Reports and Experiences, UFO + PSI Magazine  
>plus archives of Filer's Files, Oz Files, UFO News UK  
>and UFO Sightings Italia.

Hello John:

That makes at least 3 important websites the fellow wrote to. I think that's a lot of successful work for somebody who cannot spell, nor parse a sentence, nor distinguish between the subject line and the body of an email.

Why do I smell a rat?

The seemingly deliberately rough-hewn message I got gave no details at all about dates, time, place, etc. .. not even the name of the documentary.

Could this be a test, along the lines of "Who is more credulous than who?" Things like that are sometimes done in psychology or journalism departments, some less subtle than others.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Date: 8 Mar 2003 23:04:32 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Mar 2003 15:02:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

EBK, Listers,

I contacted Robert (AKA Thumper) and below you'll find his reply. I plan to take him up on his offer; sounds intriguing to me.

I have no expertise with cam recorders so can't offer him any advice in that area. Maybe someone on the list might be interested in lending a hand.

Ed

>From: [egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)  
>To: thumper\_0007  
>Subject: UFO  
>Date: 7 Mar 2003 19:55:00 -0800

>Thumper,

> I'd certainly be interested in  
>seeing what you have found re the UFO  
>and aircraft carriers.  
>Please contact me at  
>[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)

>Look forward to hearing from you.  
>Ed

KEEP IN TOUCH ..yes they can be seen..send me a vcr tape and self address, envelope ill make the copy and send it to you.. co of robert mackey pobox 1524seward alaska 99664 also lots of sightings up in this area of alaska..just got a460xdigital zoom handy cam vision but its not that great at night filming its a sony 8 mm hi 8 with night vision but at night we cant even film stars in the sky any hints to what were doing wrong.and plus what is the best equipment for filming at night ,as we really want to document what were seeing up here in the night skys any donations of old filming gear wii be greatly appricated,and info on filming at night but you must at the beginning part where the planes start taking off from the carrier..go through the viedo frame by frame ok till plus past the point where you see torpedo planes flying in motion the documentary is;[[[ the world at war vol.23 ]]]made through MCMLXXII thames television....Thorn EMIVideo...im keeping my copy but go rent one ill futher watch it again and get the frame photos number for you ok...frame by frame tho..i barley seen it at first it looked like a white flash moving in a weird fashion across the screen but fast..then i slowed it down just to see..and bang there it is..not only one but many ufo,s.....bullets cant move in circles so itsnot bullets or other planes as you can see them pass through and behind then move in front then on top then below its quite revealing

robert

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## Re: UFOs In The Bible [was: Postmodernism - Hansen]

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>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

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>for thousands of years. Just look at the UFO accounts in the  
>Bible. ...

George,

I don't see where it's debated anywhere in the Bible. It was just accepted that Yahweh would sometimes ride around in his sky chariot. Ezekiel may have tried to interpret what he saw, but where was the debate?

Jim Deardorff

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>for thousands of years. Just look at the UFO accounts in the  
>Bible.

I believe the figure of 50 years was originally cited by you as a measure of how long people have been arguing about UFOs. That figure is more appropriate since our current understanding of the UFO problem only goes back about that far.

>The same is true of other paranormal phenomena. The disputes on  
>the supernatural between the Sadducees and the Pharisees at the  
>time of Christ are strikingly similar to those between CSICOP  
>and paranormal researchers today.

Well the truth is there's no statute of limitations operative here. People were thinking about mathematics for thousands of years before even the cubic equation was solved. Just because a problem is open for 50 or 1000 or 10,000 years doesn't mean it will never be solved. I don't understand why you find that conclusion irresistible in the case of UFOs (or paranormal phenomena for that matter).

>To his credit, Dabrowski admits--  
>"There's a lot of uncertainty in UFO research: are these  
>recollections accurate, is that witness a hoaxer or liar, how  
>far away is the figure in that photo? These can be extremely  
>difficult questions to answer, often being impossible to arrive  
>at a consensus on."  
>This does indeed characterize the field of ufology. That needs  
>to be explicitly accommodated in any comprehensive theory of  
>UFOs, and of the paranormal generally.

Sure, but that's just a matter of ordinary common sense, modesty, and prudence. There's no need to be ostentatious about it.

>Brenda Denzler explains --  
>"Pomo is, in a sense, a celebration of the uncertainties. Some-  
>times a grudging but good-humored celebration; other times a  
>downright raucous veritable Mardi Gras of a celebration."  
>Such raucous celebrations are examples of liminal conditions.

>Denzler's metaphor here is entirely in keeping with  
>anthropological concepts of liminality. Ambiguity is a prime  
>characteristic of such conditions.  
>  
>Denzler reports--  
>"What "pomo" is all about is bringing uncertainty out  
>from under the rug"  
>This is correct, and it's about time that ufologists explicitly  
>recognize this to be inherent in UFO phenomena.

That's fine as far it goes, but you also seem to advocate giving  
up trying to ever actually resolve any of these uncertainties.  
That's what I object to.

-- Andrew Dabrowski

|...it is a ghost's right/his element is so fine/being  
Bloomington IN USA |sharpened by his death/to drink from the  
wine breath/ [dabrowsa@indiana.edu](mailto:dabrowsa@indiana.edu)|while our gross palates drink  
from the whole wine. -Yeats

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## 'Ghostwatch'?

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Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Mar 2003 18:30:36 -0500  
Subject: 'Ghostwatch'?

Hi there,

I wonder can anyone help me? I'm trying to locate a copy of the BBC TV show of a few years back entitled 'Ghostwatch'. The presenter I believe was Michael Parkinson and if my memory serves me correct the show was all a bit of a hoax. If anyone can help me locate a copy of this show I'd be most grateful. I will of course meet any costs for a copy of this show.

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle  
[philip.mantle@eidosnet.co.uk](mailto:philip.mantle@eidosnet.co.uk)

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## Kecksburg Wants To Know What Fell From The Sky

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People In Kecksburg Want To Resolve What Fell From The Sky In 1965

Pittsburgh, PA  
Monday  
March 10, 2003

Sunday, March 09, 2003

By Tom Gibb, Post-Gazette Staff Writer

KECKSBURG, Pa. -- Dec. 9, 1965. A day that will live in incongruity.

That was the late afternoon when something -- or nothing -- shot from the heavens over this south edge of Westmoreland County and landed -- or didn't -- in a gully a mile outside of town.

Really. It came down, an acorn-shaped something a size up from a Volkswagen Beetle, some insist.

Bunk, say others.

In the intervening 37 years, the dispute busted up a few friendships. Even now, pair Kecksburg and UFO in a sentence and it kick-starts a back-and-forth, said Kathy Leeper, bartender at the local firefighters club.

"They were talking about it just the other night," she said.

So, now come UFO sleuths, figuring to settle this by getting as much of the public behind them as they can and demanding a look at the record.

Except that key elements of the record, if there is much of one, may be locked away in government files. And the UFO sleuths, a coalition of cash, legal expertise and ardor for probing the supernatural, figure that getting at it will take a major petition drive, a congressional investigation and maybe some legal muscle.

"This case is so incredibly fascinating," said Leslie Kean, a San Francisco-area freelance journalist whose writing on UFOs appeared from opinion pages of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution to news pages of the Boston Globe. "Even now, the trail is not cold."

For years, retiree Robert Bitner, former Kecksburg fire chief, a man who believes that something noteworthy fell from the sky, hasn't spoken with his brother-in-law. He maintains only a nodding acquaintance with neighbor and fellow ex-fire chief Ed Myers. It's a cold war born of the UFO dispute.

"I'd love to know what the government knows about it," Bitner said. "It might help us end this thing for good."

That's end, not forget.

The Roswell of Pa.

What looks like a Bunyanesque brown acorn perched on a platform next to the fire hall is actually a 7-foot replica of what believers say they saw -- modeled a dozen years ago for the television show "Unsolved Mysteries," then put on permanent display here.

North of town, the twisting township route closest to the purported crash site has been renamed Meteor Road.

The records hunt begins with a newly launched online petition drive, at [www.signpetition.com](http://www.signpetition.com), to persuade Congress to put its General Accounting Office on the case, a gambit that Kean said might shake loose records that the general public hasn't seen.

Then, through a law firm doing freedom-of-information work, the coalition would sue where it felt government agencies shortchanged requests for declassified files on Kecksburg.

The drive is being bankrolled by television's SciFi Channel, where fare ranges from "The Twilight Zone" reruns to the ultimate vision of the American melting pot, a serial about space aliens blending in with the Roswell, N.M., locals.

This isn't about Kecksburg's promotional value to SciFi, channel Special Projects Director Larry Landsman vowed. "We're committed to solving this," he said.

Along with reporter Kean, the records hunt includes Greensburg resident Stan Gordon, 53, an electronics salesman and, since age 16, gumshoe tracking the unexplained.

Gordon's pursuit of enigmas ranging from UFOs to Bigfoot, detailed at his Web site, [www.westol.com/~pauf/](http://www.westol.com/~pauf/), brings 200 e-mails a day and "phone calls at 2, 3, 4 in the morning," he said. His Kecksburg inquiry, begun when he was a teenager, has yielded reams of files and produced a 92-minute, \$25 videotape, "Kecksburg: The Untold Story," a 1998 production bearing the tag line "New Mexico has Roswell, but in Pennsylvania it was Kecksburg."

Sales, he said, "have been in the hundreds."

"I keep an open mind," said Gordon, who recites Kecksburg particulars with edge-of-his-seat urgency, "... but something of military importance seems to have fallen."

He has critics.

Between me and trees

Ed Myers, fire chief in 1965, complains that Gordon "turned this into a circus." And Bob Young, an amateur astronomer who lectures at the state planetarium in Harrisburg and studied the Kecksburg puzzle, said people who insist that something slammed down outside town ignored hard evidence that the matter was much ado about a meteor that came nowhere close.

But the UFO case also has people dropping tantalizing hints.

Retiree Bob Schmidt, an amateur astronomer in Pittsburgh's North Hills, tells of a friend, wary of reporters, who worked with NASA and had associates who said they examined debris retrieved from Kecksburg.

"They said it looks very much like a Russian nose cone," Schmidt said.

Around Kecksburg, 300-some people strong, that's the talk that rumpuses are made of.

On that dreary 1965 afternoon, the episode began in a flash -- a "brilliant fireball" lighting the dusk sky, according to the next morning's Post-Gazette.

It was meteor, photographed by at least a couple earthlings, visible from Chicago to New York State to Virginia, astronomers Von Del Chamberlain and David Krause of Michigan State University wrote in a paper published 20 months later by the

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

The space rock burst and vanished 15 miles southeast of Windsor, Ontario, but not before fooling spectators as it streaked into the horizon, Chamberlain wrote.

"Observers in several states were certain the object landed within a mile from them," he wrote in a follow-up paper for the state of Michigan's Geological Survey.

"Individuals often report: 'It definitely went between me and the nearby trees.' "

Actually, it did, says Bill Bulebush.

'Big, huge piece of metal'

Bulebush, 40 then, was home just outside Kecksburg, tinkering with his 1964 Corvair.

He saw the flaming whatever-it-was fly over, then double back "just like it was controlled," he said last week.

And when he watched it go down just north of town, Bulebush said, he drove off after it, up what's now Meteor Road.

There, maybe a quarter-mile into the woods, lay this thing -- burnt orange, maybe 10 feet long, shaped like an acorn, he said.

"It was smoldering and cracking, sparks coming off it ... no sign of life, with a sour smell, sort of like sulfur," Bulebush said.

It was half-buried, after tearing a trench into the ground with a belly-flop landing, he said.

"I went down and stood behind a tree and watched it ... 10 feet away," he said.

And when he heard people tramping through the woods, he said, he got scared and hightailed back home -- where wife, Betty Bulebush, concedes she met the story with enough lack of interest that "I kept watching TV."

James Romansky, now 57 and a disabled machinist living near Derry, insists he came upon it, too, as a volunteer firefighter, called from Lloydsville, 25 miles from Kecksburg, to comb woods for what was supposed to be a crashed plane.

In the flashlight beams, he said, he and a handful of searchers saw "one big, huge piece of metal buried in the mud ... goldish, copperish, yellow, quiet as a church mouse."

The wreckage bore markings Romansky likens to hieroglyphics. Nobody touched it.

"I'm running around, looking for bodies and scratching my head and my butt because there aren't any," Romansky said. "There's no loose pieces. This thing has no rivets, no portals, no way to get in and out."

Out of the dark came "two guys with crewcuts and trench coats," Romansky said. "And they said, 'This is quarantined. You get the hell out,' very loud and very adamant."

Then-Fire Chief Ed Myers' response, in a word: hooley.

"Afterward, there was no sign of it," he said. "There wasn't so much as a bird spot."

People who figure that something indeed hit the ground suggested origins ranging from extraterrestrials to a misfired NIKE missile to a remnant of Kosmos 96, a Soviet probe that was bound for Venus but, according to U.S. Space Command, crashed in Canada 14 hours earlier.

Like to get it resolved

No matter what the case, reporter Kean said, the case is ripe for investigation because it has living witnesses who saw

something on the ground and three decades worth of evidence rounded up by Gordon.

"It's a very good case," she said.

Except that in Kecksburg, even what happened in plain sight is open to dispute.

U.S. Air Force documents tell of a three-man team coming from its Oakdale radar station, finding nothing and heading home in early morning.

Retired firefighter Bitner recalls seeing "a dozen" military men.

Carl Porch, whose farmland sits nearby, says there barely were any.

"There were all kind of military people," said Robert Gatty, now publishing a trade magazine in the Washington, D.C., suburbs, then a reporter with the Tribune-Review in Greensburg. "I couldn't get past them."

"And the government didn't send all them out because of some shooting star," Bitner said.

By Romansky's account, the military trucked out its find under tarp, on a flatbed truck, and commandeered the fire hall as a command post, stationing armed guards who turned him away when he tried to use the restroom.

Myers' response: More hooley. The firehouse was open and people jammed the social club, he said.

"We probably sold as much beer as we ever did because of all the people," he said.

So it goes. Storytellers question each others' credibility. Critics who turned up a criminal past that included theft and armed robbery scoff at Romansky's believability. Gordon defends him for offering corroborated detail. Allegations simmer of people massaging stories over the years.

If townspeople figure that the new push to open records will settle this, though, a spokesman for Kecksburg's congressman offers little hope. If there are files locked away and the government justified sealing them, said Brad Clemenson, aide to Rep. John Murtha, D-Johnstown, GAO probably won't find a rationale to unseal them.

That's not what a lot of people want to hear.

"This thing dies off, then it comes up," current Fire Chief Duane Hutter said. "Everybody'd like it if we got it resolved."

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE STATISTICS FOR 2002

Only 6 UFO sightings allegedly took place in Italy during 2002 and were recorded by the special office of the General Staff of the Italian Military Air Force.

As has occurred almost regularly since 1986, the Reparto Generale Sicurezza (Department of Security Management) has published its list of UFO cases gathered and transmitted by various military units and the Italian Carabinieri police force during the previous year  
[[www.aeronautica.difesa.it/csma/rgs/OVNI2002.asp](http://www.aeronautica.difesa.it/csma/rgs/OVNI2002.asp)].

Still, the update for 2002 is more disappointing than usual: only six observations were said to have occurred in our country, in contrast with the over 700 collected and recorded by the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU). Such a gap was already evidenced by the preceding list relative to 2001, which only consisted of 12 reports vs. the 760 cases collected by Ufologists [[www.cisu.org/ovni2001.htm](http://www.cisu.org/ovni2001.htm)].

[Report by Nico Sgarlato]

NEW ISSUE OF CISU JOURNAL

All subscribers and CISU members will soon be receiving Issue 25 of the periodical "UFO - Rivista di informazione ufologica" ("UFO Information Magazine") from the Italian Center for UFO Studies [[www.arpnet.it/ufo/riu25\\_28.htm](http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/riu25_28.htm)].

Features include the following: Ufology in Hessdalen (Nico Conti); underwater UFOs (Marco Bianchini); the Swedish Military and UFOs (Clas Svahn); Italian cases of "earth lights" (Giuseppe Stilo); the Italian Wave of 2001 (Giorgio Abraini); a wide "special" on the Mothman in film (Danilo Arona), in real-life (Bob Rickard) and in UFO literature (Pierre Lagrange); the riddle of UFO "revelators" (Jan Aldrich); rational skepticism (Roger Evans); the mission of Ufology (Ron Westrum); the life and death of Milton William Cooper (Giuseppe Stilo); the sociology of science and prejudice (Claude Maug=E8); and also columns on news, investigations, caselogs, debates, and CISU life.

The journal will be distributed in Librerie Feltrinelli

bookstores and at other affiliated retail outlets, with free shipment to CISU members and subscription available via mail (16 Euro for 4 issues).

[Communication by Gian Paolo Grassino]

#### UFO STAMPS AND THE LIKE: THE NEW CATALOG

Giancarlo D'Alessandro has completed the new edition of "PhilCat", the "Catalog of UFO-themed stamps, conference cards and coins" from all over the world.

The 2003 edition comprises two volumes: the first constitutes the 326 color pages catalog, reproducing hundreds of stamp-, coin- and collection-related images directly or indirectly inspired by UFOs and related topics; the second volume's 100 pages feature the existing bibliography on the argument, including the complete reproduction of twenty-odd (Italian and foreign) articles devoted to this theme.

[Communication by Giancarlo D'Alessandro; <http://web.tiscali.it/Giada>]

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## UFO Sightings OZ Files 10.3.03

From: Diane Harrison <[auforn@hypermax.net.au](mailto:auforn@hypermax.net.au)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 09:55:16 +1000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 18:45:39 -0500  
Subject: UFO Sightings OZ Files 10.3.03

UFO sighting Edgeroi NSW 2040hr (CE1)  
Source: National UFO Hotline 1800 77 22 88:

1800 Callin Code: 02760 25/11/02 NSW  
Date: 25/11/02  
Day: Monday  
Time: 8.40pm DST  
Location: Edgeroi (between Moree and Narrabri)  
Classification: CE1 (50 mtrs) approx  
Duration of sighting: 3 seconds approx  
Light colour: red/green  
Apparent size: Two road lanes wide  
Shape: Unknown  
Noise: None  
Objects observed: Single  
Activity when object seen: Driving  
Other witness's: Girlfriend  
Name: Peter G

### Report

Peter was driving down the Newell Hwy at 8.40pm DST on the 25th of November just before Edgeroi (just outside of Narrabri), with his girlfriend in his truck. They had the windows down and were talking, the radio was not on. There were no vehicles in front of him and a car a long way behind. Peter suddenly noticed an object to his left hand side. The object had two red lights at the front, two red lights at the back and two green lights on the edges of the middle, no shape could be determined. The object was approximately 50 mtrs away from the truck at about telegraph pole height. When first noticed by Peter the object was travelling at right angles to the ground, with the lights at a North/South configuration. It appeared to Peter that the object was either taking evasive action to miss the truck or was trying to show him something. When Peter got the attention of his girlfriend (who had not sighted the object due to its incredible speed) the object had now flattened out to a more conventional East/West configuration and only the rear red lights could be seen, this was viewed through the open driver's side window on the right hand side. The geography of the area in question consists of very flat plains. The object maintained its very low altitude over the plains to disappear within 1.5 to 2 seconds over the horizon. Peter stated that the object was like "something out of Star Wars" and was the quickest thing he had ever seen". No noise was heard during the sighting. The object was estimated to be about the size of two road lanes by Peter. Peter rang Coonabarrabran Observatory, Police and various observatories before calling Williamtown Air Base, who referred Peter to the Hotline Number. When Peter got to Edgeroi, he had cold shivers for three hours after the encounter. Previous to this encounter, Peter had not given any thought at all to possible ET visitation, he is now convinced he saw something totally unexplainable. Due to the sincerity of the witness and the facts pertaining to this case I have no doubt Peter saw a genuine UFO. My personal belief is that Peter saw an ET craft. Peter is going to call back in the next few days to the general store in Edgeroi to see if there are any other reports and will phone the Hotline if there is. I did not feel comfortable asking Peter about missing time/abduction scenario's as he was

experiencing difficulty dealing with what had just happened to him as it was, perhaps later.

Regards Doug Moffett NSW State Director AUFORN

UFO sighting Bellata NSW 2117hr (CE2)  
Source: National UFO Hotline 1800 77 22 88:

1800 Callin Code: 02762 30/11/02 NSW  
Date: 30/11/02  
Day: Saturday  
Time: 9.17am DST  
Location: Bellata area (between Moree and Narrabri)  
Classification: CE2 (sound during experience was very audible and real)  
Duration of sighting: 2 minutes approx  
Light colour: orange/white  
Apparent size: Lights appeared 6 foot apart at apparent perspective  
Shape: Unknown  
Noise: Magnified sound of ocean roaring x 25 plus times in quadrasonic surround sound  
Objects observed: Six lights flying in formation  
Activity when object seen: On 100,000 acre property opening gate  
Other witness's: Wife  
Name: John

#### Report

John is a professional shooter and was opening a gate on the 100,000 acre property he was working on when he noticed six orange/white lights moving in formation heading West/Southwest of his position. The lights formed a rectangular pattern with the bottom three lights slightly in front of the top three. The objects held this formation during the course of the sighting. John has been a professional shooter for 25 years and has spent 70% of nights in paddocks but noticed that these lights seemed out of place in the night sky. John viewed the lights through the scope of his gun at one point, but the lights only appeared bigger, without definition of shape. The lights were of an intermittent nature, with some on and some off as they "ripped across the night sky & quot "faster than any plane or jet in John's many observations of same". As the objects approached approximately 12 o'clock high, John noticed a noise he first thought was the wind. As the objects moved from 12 o'clock to 3 o'clock, the sound increased to such an extent that John in a somewhat frightened state went into his four wheel drive to put the spot lights on fearing " something " "was going to ram him". John described the sound like something coming at you. At this point it became the sound and not the lights that created most consternation for John and his wife. John described the sound as surrounding him and being like the roar of the sea magnified 25 to 40 times. Interestingly, John stated that the sound did not hurt his ears and did not contain the harsh shrill of jets, nor did the windows of his four wheel drive rattle. The noise grew to a frightening crescendo before reducing in volume as the lights moved to 3 o'clock, this noise lasted for 20 to 30 seconds. At the peak of volume, John felt that the noise was terrestrial in nature and it was only after he made the correlation of the lights moving away and the sound decreasing that he made a connection. The noise was so loud at one point you could not hear yourself.

Due to John's experience with night time skies, low flying jets, meteors, satellites and general familiarity with the night sky, as well as the sounds of the bush, due to his vocation and 25 years of experience, I find this an interesting case. I would estimate 80% of cases report no noise, 15% report low humming or whirring and only 5% where the noise becomes the overwhelming experience of the encounter. Obviously I found John to be sincere and logical in his reasoning, and find no reason to doubt his summation of events. The exact date of this sighting should be confirmed by Wednesday, when John checks his diary.

Regards  
Doug Moffett NSW State Director UFORNSW - AUFORN

UFO sighting O'Sullivan Beach SA 2230hr (NL)  
Source: National UFO Hotline 1800 77 22 88:

Callin Code: 2873 05/03/03 State; SA

Date: 05/03/03  
Day: Wednesday  
Time: 10.30pm -11.00 pm  
Location: O'Sullivan Beach  
Duration 15 seconds  
Lights colour: Bright intermittent flashes of light  
Apparent size: slightly larger than the regular satellite or star.  
Shape: Star  
Noise: silent  
Traveling: Erratic movement along a NNW to SSW  
Conditions: Clear, warm night. Very clear view of the night sky.  
Objects observed: 1  
Activity when seen: Outside drinking coffee.  
Other witnesses: 2  
Name: Ann & daughter

Report: Ann and her daughter

Ann had gone outside to sit and have a coffee on the western side of their beach front home when she noticed a bright flash of white light out to sea and above the water on the horizon. This was then followed a few seconds later by another flash and so on until the object disappeared after about 15 seconds. Ann called her 16-year-old daughter who also saw this. It was too fast for a plane and too close for a satellite. She also brought up an event 20 years earlier on the south coast of SA when she and a friend witnessed a large triangular shaped object, defined by a row of red lights down each "wing" at Cape Jervis. This un-nerved them enough to go straight home.

Debbie Payne A.U.R.A -AUFORN Adelaide

UFO sighting Kings Cross NSW 1630hrs (NL)  
Source: National UFO Hotline 1800 77 22 88:

1800 Callin Code; 2854 12/02/03 State; NSW  
Date: 09/02/03  
Day: Sunday  
Time: 4.30pm  
Location: Kings Cross  
Duration of sighting: 1-2 seconds  
Lights colour: no lights  
Apparent size: About the size of a car  
Shape: Knob or helmet shaped object with one or two occupants  
Noise: silent  
Objects observed: 1  
Activity when seen: painting on rooftop  
Other witnesses: none  
Name: James

Report; James is an artist who lives in Kings Cross. He was painting on the rooftop of his apartment block when he 'felt' something watching him. Looking up, he saw a metallic 'knob' or 'helmet' shaped object, about the size of a car, hovering directly above him. He could "see" one occupant, a "cloaked" figure, although the object had no windows; this "seeing" was more a feeling, and James was in fact sure there where two such figures in the object although he could only "see" one. The object vanished after about one or two seconds, James thinks in response to his looking up at it. There was no suggestion that it went anywhere, it just instantly disappeared.

James had no active interest in UFOs or the paranormal before the incident. Afterwards he consulted a book he had about UFOs where he found some photos that where similar to the object he saw, and from where he may have found the terms "knob-like" and "helmet-like". He was not disturbed by the incident, and reported it because he felt it should be reported.

He knows of no other witnesses but wonders if people in nearby apartments saw it too.

Report by Ralph Bergmann AUFORN NSW

Thank you to everyone who contributed to these reports

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Kind regards

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## 'The Case for The UFO'?

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Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 05:41:35 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 18:50:41 -0500  
Subject: 'The Case for The UFO'?

John has been trying to get this book for a long time now, I thought I would pass his request on.

Joe

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From: John Jacob <[jjacob@graphite.com](mailto:jjacob@graphite.com)>  
Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports  
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2003 9:35 PM  
Subject: Looking for Book

Any information on where one can obtain a copy of "The Case for The UFO (Varco Annotated Edition)" would be greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,

John Jacobs

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## Re: Speaking Of Congressional (Non-)Intervention -

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 01:09:40 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 18:52:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Speaking Of Congressional (Non-)Intervention -

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Speaking Of Congressional (Non-)Intervention  
>Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2003 09:37:44 -0500

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 20:04:52 -0500  
>>Subject: And Speaking of Congressional (Non-)Intervention

>>And Speaking of Congressional (NON-)Intervention.....

>>... we have this plaintive reminder sent to me by a Ufologist  
>>out West, who laments the mostly non-responsiveness from his own  
>>senator, dating back to 1992. Here's an excerpt from this  
>>citizen's perennial demand for accountability:

>>"On June 18 you [Senator] wrote that you were forwarding my  
>>letter (below) to the Department of Defense for a reply. To  
>>date, there has been no reply from them, not even a non-  
>>responsive form letter. Did they write you?

>>"Also, you (or your staff) totally ignored the key paragraph, to  
>>which I have now added '\*\*' at the start. Please let me know  
>>your thoughts on that particular matter, of Congressional  
>>hearings.

>>"Thank you for your consideration.

><snip>

>Larry-

>Without new information to open such a "hearing", I'm somewhat  
>amazed that anyone would expect their elected representative to  
>focus on issues other than the pending conflict in the Middle-  
>East, the state of the economy, and foreign policy issues.  
>These would seem to be of much greater importance to a vast  
>majority of average constituents.

Steve, Larry, Listers,

I suspect that the general public of the United States has  
reached a point that the only thing on their radar scope is  
Iraq, Iraq, Iraq, by the way North Korea, North Korea, and  
possibly Iran.

So if the American public is lasered on Iraq, guess what  
Congress is focused on and will be until the war ends? Yup,  
Iraq. Mix into this any terror attacks in the UK or US after the  
war begins on Iraq and that will further grab public attention.

North Korea will be a wild card because they have guessed that  
after we get done with Iraq, the troops may go home via North  
Korea, so NK is content to agitate, provoke, provocations,  
tests, launches and whatever else...the whole time the US is  
saying 'don't bother us right now with that... will get back to  
you...'

Point to all of this is its probably a waste of time and resources to chase Congressional hearings until the mess over seas settles down to "normal."

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Postmodernism - Bennett

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Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 13:32:57 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 18:58:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Bennett

>From: Laurel Oplatka [calabash2003@webtv.net](mailto:calabash2003@webtv.net)  
>To <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 19:12:03 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism -- Oplatka

>>From: George Hansen [gphansen2001@yahoo.com](mailto:gphansen2001@yahoo.com)  
>>To <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 5 Mar 2003 07:44:56 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism -- Hansen

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>>>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2003 02:57:02 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Postmodernism -- Auchettl

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>>>>To <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2003 17:58:08 -0600  
>>>>Subject: Re: The Dark Side Of Postmodernism -- Clark

>So, if modernism is seeking to refine the efficacy of the  
>prevailing systems, PM is moving to change the "rules" of  
>knowledge-systems themselves. This idea, vis a' vis science, is  
>pointed to by Colin in "Politics of the Imagination" when he  
>talks about scientific "discoveries" being merely changes in the  
>product, not the store. Vis a' vis literature, the PM approach  
>is represented (some times) by a more non-linear, stream-of-  
>consciousness style, rather than the non-fragmented, straight  
>line story narrative; for example, Colin's recent "Fourth Day"  
>post is a very clever and artful piece of PM writing. Although  
>this is perhaps a preposterous over-simplification, I want to say  
>that PM craves an end to the dominance of scientific  
>rationality, instead urging an all-embracing approach,  
>emphasizing the importance and relevance of the subconscious, a  
>plurality of viewpoints, images, mystery, magic and myth.

>In Colin's magical PM recipe, we find blended a sense of the  
>metaphysical, a quantum world view and a really witty sense of  
>play/humor.

>>The so-called "scientific" paradigms of the old white men of  
>>ufology are obviously inadequate. Bennett provides a very  
>>useful, alternative way of addressing the phenomena.

<snip>

>>To his credit, Dick Hall understands that Bennett's ideas  
>>severely challenge prevailing notions of science. In his  
>>attacks on Bennett, Hall would find many allies within the  
>>physical sciences. However, those allies will not aid him in  
>>his study of UFOs, rather, they will sneer at him in just the  
>>same way he sneers at Bennett.

>>>Colin Bennett has a gift that opens up the text. I am very  
>>>surprise how some US groups have reacted to Colin. If you don't  
>>>get it then get someone to read it to you. Go back to the posts,  
>>>Colin has placed up, take your time. Read his books. We need  
>>>more of this type of thinking.



>>>Jerome Clark, Laurel Oplatka, Brenda Denzler, George P. Hansen  
>>>and many others got the point (message image & text)!

>>>>I, too, recommend the book. It's wonderfully thought-provoking  
>>>>and very, very funny. Watching much of the response to Colin  
>>>>Bennett on this List, I get the clear sense that many are  
>>>>missing his splendid sense of humor, which Fort himself would  
>>>>have appreciated.

Warning: List Bears, you are entering Postmodern Pirate Town,  
the Dark Side of the List. So be careful. One wrong step, and  
you might become a virtual guerrilla.

Hello all List Savants,

Well I am heartened indeed at this level of support from Listers  
for my attempt to introduce an element of Postmodern thinking  
into Ufology. The support is such that as far as this List is  
concerned, I think it could be said for the first time that  
there is a now a definite Postmodern element in modern Ufology  
as represented by this List. Yes, as veterans will know, blood  
has flown over the months, but that is always the way with  
revolutions proper.

I now feel confident enough to launch the first of a five-part  
series on the List showing the development of Postmodernism from  
its beginning. But first, in answer to the recent suggestion  
from Larry Hatch, I include my brief definition of  
Postmodernism. I have used plain language, and have attempted to  
show that what we now call postmodernism has a deep historical  
context:

Postmodernism is a philosophy whose world-view is based on  
single idea. That idea is that what we perceive as objective  
fact is an advertising construct created by cultural gaming-  
systems. These systems are seen to be archetypal theatres full  
of and texts and scripts, and in this scheme of wonder-  
management, all human beings are actors with roles, a view  
endorsed by no less than William Shakespeare, when he said that  
all the world is a stage and all who are in it are actors.  
Postmodernism is nothing more or less than a modern expression  
of this view. Reject it, and Shakespeare is rejected in turn,  
his "Hamlet" being the ultimate postmodern play. Contrast for  
example, the Hecuba speech with Hamlet's cursing that follows.  
In the first, Hamlet sees "real" tears arising from the Player's  
"false" imaginings. In the second he hears his own "false"  
cursing from the prompting of a "real" situation, namely the  
murder of the King. In the ensuing monologues, Hamlet concludes  
that if the real can arise from the false in the first case, and  
the false arise from the real in the second, then the universe  
has no moral arrow. Up to this point, Dick's quite righteous  
accusation of amorality is correct. Hamlet gets to the confused  
stage where pushes his sword through the arras not knowing or  
caring who is behind it, and kills Polonius.

But notwithstanding, Hamlet does finally take up the moral cause  
and kills Claudius, because the moral law is higher than  
intellectual law. Thus does Shakespeare solve the  
objective/subjective dichotomy by stating that the only reality  
that is truly objective is moral. Everything else is staging.  
That does not mean that it is not tragic staging, as in Hamlet.  
Dick Hall is grossly unfair to postmodernists when he accuses  
them of not sharing his obvious moral outrage at the present  
turn of events.

But history forgot Shakespeare's world held mind, matter and  
moral purpose in a unique Renaissance synthesis The Romantics  
struggled to revive such things, and were only partially  
successful. Their influence was swamped by the rise of secular  
science and industrialisation.

The 1960s movements tried again and were much more successful  
than the Romantic Movement, creating a permanent alternative  
culture. Such new views are developed necessarily in the course  
of time, otherwise cultures would be at a standstill.  
Postmodernism is nothing less than such a new view of mind and  
matter. It sees facts not as Newtonian billiard ball atoms, but  
as streams of advertising, media, information-management, and  
degrees of allowance rather than fact or fiction. In the opinion  
of many, this view switched on the universal lights to reveal

the interiors of fact to be the interplay of structured of pieces of manufactured cultural deception whose sole object is to get agendas into the prime time of consciousness. To see everything from a nut and bolt to a royal court as a text and a language of shapes, signs, has created one of the great revolutions in thought and brought a whole philosophy into social, political, artistic, and intellectual action. Empirical Ufology, in embracing what appears to be a very old-fashioned (almost Victorian) deterministic mechanical science is falling behind as regards being a part of the fundamental structure of the modern world.

The Postmodern analysis of fact as a procedure is called Deconstruction, and in the opinion of many, Postmodernism is the only philosophy that can begin to make sense of a Web and Media age. Old industrial input-output factual examination cannot analyse media, for example. It just does not work in a world where images, not facts, are the ruling criteria. Postmodernism sees media and information as a new form of life, strung between absolute fact and absolute fiction, both of which are seen as approximations, final only when summed to a theoretical infinity. (end of definition)

Thus when Dick protests about the amorality of Postmodernism, I refer him to the Shakespearian solution. Unfortunately since the death of T.R. Henn of Cambridge many years ago, the Theory of Tragedy is no longer taught in many university literary courses. A study of Aristotle's Poetics or Longinus on the Sublime might enlighten Dick on very relevant questions about the commitment of philosophers to politics and resolve some of his obvious doubts about philosophy and moral commitment.

In this debate the List is wonderful cultural theatre. When the old Left (RIP) was still alive, I can remember exactly similar arguments raging through the Balliol seminars about Existentialism and political action and commitment as regards Vietnam, for example. We now have the UFO and its framework of reference. The only claim I will make in this area is that I have had a UFO experience and Dick and the members of what John Velez calls (blushingly!) the Senior group have not. They can correct me if I am wrong, but matters have so deteriorated between us such that we both refer to one another in the third person that is if we refer to one another at all!

These matters apart, People often get very confused about postmodernism because they start with the somewhat difficult Frenchmen. They should go earlier, to Barthes' Mythologies, Thomas "paradigm" Kuhn's The Structure of Scientific Revolution, and the unacknowledged father of postmodernism, Charles Fort, whose Book of the Damned (1919) was at least 25 years before any other postmodern writer. Fort was the first writer to deconstruct science, for example, although he did not call it deconstruction. The Postmodernist Brenda Denzler has quite rightly brought the excellent books of Latour and Woolgar (Laboratory Life), Karen Cetina (The Manufacture of Knowledge), and Stephen Toulmin's Cosmopolis. When Ufology starts to generate books of this standard it can begin to raise its old-fashioned head and get somewhere. The negative attitudes towards Postmodernism I have encountered on this List have all been an expression of prejudice and not a little ignorance, misinterpretation, and quite frankly, cultural fear, and not a few mistakes. The abuse I have received has been very amusing, and I have returned it in good measure, with a lot of fun all round. I shall continue to be the Bad Man in this respect. I am disappointed to see Mr. Eric Jacobson brings out the old saws concerning the theorem of Pythagoras and Newton's concept of conservation of momentum. Pythagoras does indeed apply to Euclidean plane geometry, but a number of mathematicians and physicists in the late 19th century (such as Reimann, Minkowski and Einstein) showed that there are many other geometries possibly other than that of Euclid, geometries in which Pythagoras does not apply. In the simplest sense, the laws of Pythagoras could not possibly apply to a triangle drawn on a curved surface, the models of the "new" space and time all being modeled on such curved surfaces (and enfolded) worlds in which there is no such thing as a straight line. In a simpler sense, Pythagoras does not apply to a triangle that does not contain a right angle, and neither does it apply if one side of the triangle is represented by the square root of a minus number.

Therefore Mr Jacobson's argument putting Pythagoras forward as a

general law is somewhat flawed. The principle applies to a very narrow range of highly specialised conditions, and the answers are approximate. What I ask, are we to make of the "length" of hypotenuse if the other two sides consist of pi and an infinite series, never mind in the of all three sides consisting of an infinite series!

As regards momentum, Relativity deconstructed it along with Euclid and Newton both. Einsteinian space-time corrections are now applied frequently to super-macrocosmic conditions (planetary distances, and even the length of extremely long bridges) and of course the microcosmic world of elementary particles. This we have a world not of accuracies, certainties or facts, but a world of constant re-adjustment of continuously-developed approximations. These approximations themselves become transient scientific consumer items whilst the central mysteries within the ultimate of momentum and magnetism and gravity remain ineffable. What postmodernism points out is that we do not solve anything at all so much as engineer our way around the problem with cultural scaffolding.

Dick of course always argues in terms of the gross macrocosm, where such approximations are hidden. Certainly, I cannot avoid momentum (whatever it is!), or float through a barn door with Postmodernism or anything else. But as Postmodernism points out, both the barn door and concepts such as momentum are always crumbling at the edges. They are always changing into something else. They are both auto-deconstructing themselves. Both the barn door and momentum are journeys in cultural time, although they may not look or feel like it.

Seeing things in this way, Postmodernism is not the difficult philosophy that some think it is. It provides a means (in many ways like poetry indeed) of accessing the live images within Dick's much-vaunted "solid" constructs. When we change the framework of reference in which we see a thing, we change our relationship with the world. When we change the world, we change ourselves. Hence, as with poetry and the arts in general, a relationship (or what Jung called a participation mystique), is possible between Mind and Nature, personality and circumstance, destiny and ambition, character and motivation. Such metaphysical conceits are what constitute an individual's identity, which is the most precious thing a human being can possess. Morally speaking, objectivity is nonsense. A man who has fallen in life might indeed be a moral genius. Objectively, he is a loser.

Of course my nose is painful because it banged into the barn door. Momentarily I am convinced in my pain that the world is a meaningless cruel place consisting of nothing but objectively painful experiences flying about random. But we can defeat pain. We can reconstruct ourselves. We can beat the barn door. If one person survived the concentration camps, then the concentration camps can be defeated. A scornful woman says to a character in D.H. Lawrence's novel, *Women in Love*, pointing to a high mountain: Are you bigger than that mountain? Yes, I am bigger than that mountain. Why? How? Because I am a human being.

That he cannot lift the mountain is irrelevant to almost anything. Human beings are special. They are special because they are moral creatures, and morality, like the mystical experience of religion, is subjective. It is extremely difficult to bring moral concepts into law courts or laboratories. With objectivity there is no connection between the individual self and a squealing rabbit in agony in some experimental laboratory of a science that advertises itself as "ethical". I am surprised that Dick does not turn his moral outrage against scientists rather than postmodernists, who as far as I know have never harmed anyone. He should consider that his beloved objectivity is a cultural screen that tries to show that a shopping crowd in a mall are not doing some nasty thing to the rabbit as well as the evil bastard in the white coat with his (or her) everlasting needles in the name of "progress". Thus objectivity screens out all collective moral responsibility. With objectivity you get out of this moral responsibility in torturing an animal for the sake of "knowledge" or one of science's infamous "breakthroughs" "advances" or equally suspicious "benefits to mankind", most of which all turn out to disastrous bullcrap. It is not the Postmodernists you should blame for the present state of the world Dick, but your beloved scientists!

Thus objectivity destroys the participation mystique between the community and the event, replaces the I-thou relationship with the myself-it relationship, and the tortured rabbit is the result is losing a vital contact between Mind and Nature, and science and morality. Objectivity will never reveal that the guilt for the Holocaust was (and is) collective.

Events themselves as clusters of information are a language, they have personality, a face, and multiple agendas. If events are regarded as objective, the whole subtle process of human cognition fails, and teeth are broken on the concrete. If we forget that it is ourselves who doing nasty things to the rabbit, humanity is doomed. If we accept it, then recognition means that a healing is possible. I do not use the word healing in the religious sense, but in the sense of a metaphysical reconstruction of a relationship with animal life and Nature that we are in danger of losing.

Unfortunately for Dick's argument again, life and experience consists of anything and everything far less substantial and far more unstable than concrete barn doors and concentration camps which are things we encounter only rarely, if at all. Most of our life consists of absorbing and developing and processing images from many sources, a processing in which enclosed finite "facts" play a rapidly diminishing part. Thanks to electronic media, within a few generations the entire world has been wired up to make one huge doll's house full of media and entertainment. All the world now lives inside the head of some entertainer or other, whether they like it or not. Mechanism in the old sense of input-output bears no relation to this world and how it operates. A cleverly engineered almost costless media input can make an output out of all proportion to its original constituent. In this sense, entertainment is advertising fission. Mass suggestion through image-absorption can create chain reactions of mood, tastes, feeling and association discoveries, all linked to advertising, imagery, glamour. Our metaphors are derived from staging, acting, and performing. There is no OFF switch. I personally have never ever seen TV in my life, yet I know about the programmes, the series, the characters through merely passing shop windows and hearing unavoidable chatter about such things.

Thus this world no longer obeys any law of objective mechanical causation. You needn't have a TV to be a viewer. Ours is a world of constant commercial breaks, low concentration, low intelligence levels, and vast fantasies, both national and individual. Old hard policies are now public relations exercises involving imagery and propaganda. This situation is hardly described by the laws of conventional social change in which the traditional threads of economic, politic and psychological influences can be clearly seen. This situation only lends itself to the laws of media, and the laws of media are postmodern laws.

But to our purpose. Postmodern Ufology (I call it the New Ufology) accepts say, the (radar/visual) element as only one information vector within the extended body of the UFO experience. But as Mac Tonnies has shown, the postmodern view sees a long scaling between the radar/visual case and the alien face on a pack of chewing gum, with the investigator as part of the process of scaling. Quite other vectors may exist within this extended body. This is called the holistic view. For half a century the UFO as an image has been steadily invading the main body of our culture. Yet it does not seem to have occurred to the objective investigators that this steadily increasing body of image-influence is yet another vector alongside the mechanical vector they so eagerly investigate and far too readily equate to the total "reality" of the UFO manifestation.

Thus the body of the alien presence may be much more complex than we have realized up to now. It may consist of many shades of being, from an image on junior's puffer-train to the utterly fantastic events of the Linda Cortile case. I have pleaded on this List for a reconsideration of our very simple-minded view of what contact with an "advanced" intelligence (or a number of very different ones simultaneously) might be like. Instead of the WASP image of a worthy bourgeois doing very recognizable bourgeois things, we might well meet a very advanced form of levels of play. In my opinion, this is what such people as Adamski and Corso met up with, and they both became confused when dealing with entities that played confusion games with them with just about as much respect as regards their dignity and

welfare as we had for black African slaves of 1800. Just read about what cargo-cults did with old black-and-white images of Garry Cooper, bits of crashed aeroplanes and tins of Spam, and we have just about got it right as concerns what is probably happening to us at this very moment in time.

That we might just be getting the alien equivalent of black-and-white images of Garry Cooper, bits of crashed aeroplanes and tins of Spam, is something the objectivists might not recognise or like. They would want something worthy indeed something like themselves. That they might get bits from an ancient rubbish dump sprinkled with a few partially-working god-games is a daunting almost SF thought. That the different levels may have outgrown mechanical science long ago is a thought even more daunting. That our cultural Petri dish might be full of suggestion- protein in terms of advertisements and commercials in which forms of living intelligence recreate themselves is a daunting thought yet again.

Alien forms may have already gone from the molecular stage to tissues of viral information, they may be capable of mimicking elements of the concrete world, such as possibly the MJ 12 phenomenon. In that case, contact may turn out to be nothing like our wildest dreams suspected, and be absolutely nothing to do with the terms "extraterrestrial" at all, although they may keep that as another card in their obfuscation pack. Frankly, I think aliens will turn out to be just as devious and untrustworthy as ourselves. In other words, I myself think that if something steps out from the ramp of a landed UFO, it will be part of an almost inconceivable deception, the kind we have practiced in turn on others "beneath" us.

Postmodernism is ready to accept and analyse these science-fiction suggestions of versions of the future. It is not an old fashioned rejection/accept fact/fiction two-state binary binary philosophy based on mechanical objectivity. We are now moving into a very strange world in which degrees of virtuality will be the key. Postmodernism recognizes that any "investigating" group is a piece of unadulterated media trying to measure media by media. In my coming series of post on postmodernism from the very beginning I want also to demonstrate that the fantastic claim or deviant (such as that of Corso) act is a part of the UFO experience. I wish to show that such things are not extraneous noise to be filtered away, but are defining vectors within the UFO experience-set.

I believe that postmodernism can make a great contribution to traditional Ufology, work alongside traditional methods of approach, and create fresh interpretations, the new alongside the old. We need a new generation of holistic postmodern thinkers and new young minds introduced into Ufology. There will be opposition from the Mechanised Old Guard of course, but that has not changed since the days of Socrates.

Perhaps Mr. Velez will now consider the inclusion of a postmodern thinker in his suggested investigative team for Kecksburg investigation. Might I suggest our very own List Bear, Mac Tonnie? I am sure that Listers now somewhat more free of postmodern prejudice would welcome such a twin investigation that might function rather like a digital/analogue interface. I would put myself forward, but that would probably bring on a boot and fist attack from Mr. Velez, and he is much bigger than I am.

As the Senior Citizens set sail for Kecksberg, this could be the greatest voyage since the Owl and the Pussy cat set sail in their pea-green boat. I myself shall be watching this attempted measurement of the Real very carefully. I won't be satisfied with approximations, counterfeit versions of the real, or pseudo- versions, although I expect them to pour forth as a golden stream in a drunk's dream of Las Vegas. Neither do I want imperfections, imitations, dilutions, or mimicry or reflections of the Real. Also, shadows, versions, or borrowings or lendings, or promises of the Real will not be accepted. But above all I do not want any backsliding.

To conclude, here are my requirements for Senior Citizen's Investigating Group group to satisfy me that it is truly objective. They must all be certain to divest themselves of: Personality, power, prestige; all opinions, class identification, professional attitudes, and political

tendencies; no prejudice, pre-conceived opinions; no intuitions, or good guesses must be involved; the investigating group must demolish all personal angst, all dreams and ambitions, all nostalgia mysterieux, all terror of the irrational; they must make sure all their responses, judgments and definitions are neither ameliorated, episodic nor curtailed, forsooth; there must be no abbreviations, foreshortenings, scaling down of concept, or compromises in thought, actions, decisions or procedures; verily, they must cast out all productions, projections, simulations, or acting out of the Real.

But why do I say these things? Because Wendy, Dick, and Stan and Jan (I know you all watch this banned channel in locked toilets, and under sheets by torchlight), I want the real you!

Of course the Senior Citizens will do none of these thing if only because getting rid of such characteristics would what Harold MacMillan called local difficulties. What to do? Well Citizens, then go ahead and investigate, and we (I use Dick's royal plural) will no doubt applaud.

But just don't call the investigation objective!

But now to barn door matters. Folks, with casual remarks like "war next week" around me, I am going out now to check the barricades, my gas mask, and await the living Postmodern theatre of the Great British Disaster Scenario which is rehearsing in London next week. All the Fallen and Walking Wounded from the house of the Bad Man are getting ten pounds a day to act as pavement corpses, victims of Alla's (who he?) coming revenge (for what?), which is as bad they say as the revenge of Montezuma. The Seething Elmon (my manservant) is going to be a smallpox casualty near death (he doesn't need any makeup), and the rest of my household are playing plague and Anthrax victims, and they won't have much trouble doing that, I can tell you, especially the lying about and doing nothing bit.

This day could be intense. Imagine if the virtual vectors got interwoven with the acting corpses indistinguishable from my household. You can't get more postmodern than that.

I'm going out now to take newly acquired (officially disarmed) Taliban servants to the Social Security Bunker (Welfare Office for all you Sons and Daughters of the 1776 Revolution). Apparently something has gone wrong with their Reality claim. Dick would be delighted at that, but he would not be delighted with the situation I shall be faced with if they all start praying together on the bunker floor!

I'll be back

Colin (Bad Man) Bennett

(the original rococo pedant -- don't trust other brands)

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"If Thomas Pynchon had any interest in Charles Fort, then Politics of the Imagination is the kind of book that might result. It's far more than a biography (Damon Knight already did that), but a literary study of Fort the writer, as well as a postmodern rant on the illusory nature of facts and reality in the light of Fort's philosophy. Bennett, like Fort, sees "explanations," especially those provided by science, as a superficial means of understanding. Even more than in his previous book, Looking for Orthon, Bennett does battle with modern skepticism, which he sees as a debilitating contemporary illness. This is a great, big, heady stew of a book full of references to literature, arts, philosophy and more\_much, much more. Bennett takes Fort and runs for the goalposts - I don't think anyone else could have done him justice. T his book is a monster, a raised fist at the orthodox prison of the mind that is contemporary culture."

Patrick Huyghe, the Anomalist

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I apologize for my tone in my last message. I was in a hurry and had missed my Prozac for several days running. Sorry.

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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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If my friends could see me now, trying to serve as a voice explaining the postmodern worldview -- they would laugh uproariously at the implausibility of it all!

>><snip>

>>>What irks me about pomo is that it's often simply another way of brushing uncertainty under the rug:

>>Au contraire. What "pomo" is all about is bringing uncertainty out from under the rug where empiricism wants to banish it (if it can't defeat it, first).

>I grant that pomo does, briefly, bring uncertainty out from under the rug, but only to immediately banish it by declaring all sides equally right. Uncertainty is when either A or not A might be true, and you don't know which. Pomos believe that A and not A are both true. That is not uncertainty, that is shirking the real difficulties that uncertainty presents: doubt.

It's only shirking if you really think that the question demands an answer. Pomo looks, instead, at what drove the question to even be asked in the first place and looks (or tries to look) at the ways in which human perceptual abilities, thinking styles, social conditions, etc., etc., etc. contribute to the framing of the question as well as contribute to the answers that are produced as people attempt to answer the question.

>>Not only is this galling to empiricism -- to have these uncertainties flaunted as if they might \*mean\* something --, >>everything is made worse by the fact that pomo then turns around >>and says, "Not only these swept-under things exist, but the >>uncertainties you say you HAVE defeated are not really all that >>defeated, after all." Now \*that\* assertion does not just gall >>empiricism, but inflames it.

>>I haven't seen any good case that pomo has made against science.

One person's "good case" is another person's "not a good case." As the history of ufology clearly demonstrates.

And, as I understand it, pomo is not anti-science. It is anti-science-as-the-ultimate-arbiter-of-truth-and-ultimate-system-of-thought-and-practice-for-knowing-things. I don't think

pomo, or a lot of folks who promote it, anyway, would reject science. Only science's pretensions to ultimacy.

>>Pomo is, in a sense, a celebration of the uncertainties. Some-  
>>times a grudging but good-humored celebration; other times a  
>>downright raucous veritable Mardi Gras of a celebration. IMHO,  
>>it is in the latter situation that post-modernspeak lives -- in  
>>that kind of inebriated, scarcely-intelligible revelry. It is in  
>>that spirit that Sokal did his brilliant sting.

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>Are you actually citing Alan Sokal's "sting" as positive example  
>of pomo at work? Sokal showed pomo up for the fraud it is by  
>submitting an intentionally vacuous paper to Social Text, where  
>it was accepted. Thus proving that even pomo's own journal  
>editors can't tell the difference between sense and nonsense.  
>See e.g:

>[http://dannyreviews.com/h/Intellectual\\_Impostures.html](http://dannyreviews.com/h/Intellectual_Impostures.html)

>If you're able to twist that into an endorsement of pomo then  
>you're capable of anything.

Read what I wrote more closely. I said that pomo has (at least) two faces -- one of which is a bit more sober and plain-spoken, the other of which is rather "raucous". Sokal's paper was written \*in the spirit of\* the raucous face of pomo -- a brilliant rendition of it. It's a face of pomo that I, myself, find not very appealing, and I thought Sokal's piece was a nifty jab at it.

Brenda

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## 'And a Little Child Shall Lead Them'

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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 22:46:39 -0500  
Subject: 'And a Little Child Shall Lead Them'

Here's the text of an e-mail exchange I've just concluded with a student at Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, Md.:

TO: Mr. Bryant: I am currently writing a feature piece on Steve Bassett for my high school newspaper, the "Black & White," which just received an award as one of the top five student publications in the country. Mr. Bassett gave me your e-mail address and said you might be willing to answer a few questions about him and your work. I'd very much appreciate it if you could answer any of the following questions that relate to your experience with Mr. Bassett. Also, if you could please give your full name and job title it would be very helpful. Thanks.

(1) What's the nature of your relationship with Mr. Bassett? Did you work together, etc.?

LWB: We're colleagues in the worldwide, grassroots quest for fully open and accountable government operations - particularly as regards UFO-E.T. reality. During his run for Congress last summer, I got to know him quite well; never have I met a more committed citizen to a worthy cause. Had you been able to sign his nominating petition and gone on to vote for him, you would've received what I've labeled "a man with a mission, and a mission with a man!"

(2) Do you believe, as Bassett argues, that the government has concealed the existence of life from space?

LWB: I of course prefer to confine the term "believe" to such questions as, e.g., do I "believe" the sun will rise tomorrow morning? Otherwise, I do ACCEPT the available evidence that some UFO-encounter reports represent hardware from elsewhere. Some of that evidence consists of formerly concealed government documentation (and of some more material (plus materiel) still being withheld from public view, as admitted/hinted at by various intelligence/law-enforcement agencies in response to freedom-of-information probes into the inner sanctum of official UFOlogy).

(3) What is the status of the "disclosure" movement?

LWB: For additional disclosure to occur (or to get closer to occurring officially), we need more funding of private UFO researchers and activists - so as to press on with educating the mass news media, the Congress, academia, and the general public. The citizens-driven disclosure process also needs to have more UFO-coverup whistleblowers to come forward with further (hard) evidence of governmental oversecrecy, abuse of authority, and other malfeasance/nonfeasance in the politics of UFOlogy.

(4) Do you believe there is a government conspiracy?

LWB: Well, I certainly presume that our own UFO-aware officials "believe" there's a conspiracy to hide their UFO-related activity/records from full public view. Getting them to face up to (or to be caught red-handed in) that reality is the hard part of achieving full, immediate, unqualified disclosure of what the government knows (and when it knew it) about UFO- E.T. reality.

(5) Is X-PPAC effective as a political force? Have they changed minds on the Hill or in the public?

LWB: It WANTS to be effective, of course; but this game of UFO hide-and-seek is so belabored via the taboo factor of the subject matter that it will be a long time before any conventional politician dare touch it in public.

(6) What has X-PPAC accomplished?

LWB: It has helped raise UFO-E.T. awareness, and the issues surrounding it, in the hearts and minds of John/Jane Q. Public; and it serves as an ideological launch pad for further activism in this 6-decades-long paper chase.

(7) How will revealing the existence of alien life impact humanity? Will aliens contact us? How will humans and aliens interact, or how have they interacted in the past?

LWB: How much time do you have here to entertain my answer? Suffice it to say that the worldwide UFO-E.T. presence offers mankind a chance to evolve at a faster rate than now were we to be apprised, officially, that we have sapient neighbors in the universe who may or may not have our best interests at heart.

CONCLUSION: Thank you very much for your time. It would be a great help if you could answer before Sunday at the latest, because I'm running into my deadline.

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>>downright raucous veritable Mardi Gras of a celebration."  
>>Such raucous celebrations are examples of liminal conditions.  
>>Denzler's metaphor here is entirely in keeping with  
>>anthropological concepts of liminality. Ambiguity is a prime  
>>characteristic of such conditions.

>>Denzler reports--  
>>"What "pomo" is all about is bringing uncertainty out  
>>from under the rug"  
>>This is correct, and it's about time that ufologists explicitly  
>>recognize this to be inherent in UFO phenomena.

>That's fine as far it goes, but you also seem to advocate giving  
>up trying to ever actually resolve any of these uncertainties.  
>That's what I object to.

Can't speak for George, but I myself would not advocate giving  
up at all - only proceeding with a bit more humility and humor.

Brenda

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## UFOs Over Iraq In 1991?

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Subject: UFOs Over Iraq In 1991?

Does anyone on this List recall the photo of 7 triangular UFOs reported by the Iraqis near the end of January 1991? I wonder if we'll see photos of these triangular craft during this war?

Just for the record, I have personally witnessed the exact same vehicle photographed by the Iraqis while traveling near EAF near Bakersfield, California in 1978.

If someone has a record of the photo of seven triangular UFOs, which appeared on the front of nearly every newspaper in the US in late January or early February of 1991, I would like to get a copy of it.

Dave

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>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

>The Postmodernist Brenda Denzler

ROTFLMAO! This settles it! I have to send this post to a few of my old professors who were frankly dis-appointed with me because I wasn't sufficiently "avant garde" with my theory while I was in grad school.

I have to confess to having some sympathy for a lot of what postmodernists say, but had never considered myself one. Many thanks, Colin!

Brenda  
Still grinning from ear to ear

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## Re: Speaking Of Congressional (Non-)Intervention -

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>Subject: Re: Speaking Of Congressional (Non-)Intervention

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>Steve, Larry, Listers,

>I suspect that the general public of the United States has  
>reached a point that the only thing on their radar scope is  
>Iraq, Iraq, Iraq, by the way North Korea, North Korea, and  
>possibly Iran.

>So if the American public is lasered on Iraq, guess what  
>Congress is focused on and will be until the war ends? Yup,  
>Iraq. Mix into this any terror attacks in the UK or US after the  
>war begins on Iraq and that will further grab public attention.

<snip>

>Point to all of this is its probably a waste of time and  
>resources to chase Congressional hearings until the mess over  
>seas settles down to "normal."

Robert,

That's exactly the point. Congress won't focus on it until the  
general public requires it of them, and I'm afraid that's going  
to take a major "flap" of some sort to get their attention.

Congress is always going to have some crisis to deal with, and  
trying to get them focused on lights in the sky will be  
difficult at best. At some point the question of inappropriate  
military behavior or secrecy might provide a few interesting  
pieces of information, but even that's going to be difficult to  
utilize to any advantage in this quest.

Steve

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What a crock of crappola and waste of life.

Wendy Connors  
So there ya have it, but whadda ya got?

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## Re: Postmodernism - Gates

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>What a crock of crappola and waste of life.

Wendy,

Speaking about crocks of crappola, a secret source on the inside leaked me a copy of the "Corso's Greatest Hits" soundtrack... a collection of one hit wonders from the great one himself. :) On that album we have:

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)  
and lastly, one of the greater hits of all time  
I See Dead ET (With Flunky And The Stiffs)

:)

Hmm, sorry about the retro trip into bull land but I couldn't resist.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Post-Modernism - Oplatka

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Greetings, Listers:

I propose kudos is due Colin Bennett for his latest very educative, far-reaching, brilliant and humanizing Post-Modern installment! I find his literary references to be most helpful and invigorating (unlike his detractors who view them (terribly wrong-headedly) as hifalutin irrelevancies.

I laud the courage of Colin and other Modernist Listers who are trying to expand the cloistered views of strict determinism. In "The Politics of the Imagination" Colin expresses this wonderfully apropos thought: "It takes alot of intellectual courage to confront a painful and messy chaos, as distinct from trusting to formula, finite destiny, and fixed definable deterministic purpose."

In Colin's discussion of a holistic UFO approach he mentions (re: the observation of Mac Tonnies) a PM view which "sees a long scaling between the radar/vision case and the alien face on a pack of chewing gum....." Yes, I too, like to ponder/consider the "alien invasion into pop culture" aspect, and I am noticing more and more of this 'image' trend here in Los Angeles. Last month, while driving down a particularly busy street, I saw looming large a billboard ad for breath mints, displaying images of mints sporting spindly arms/legs and Streiberized grey alien facial features. The ad copy read: "Attack of the Little Green Mints". And on the radio station K-Earth 101, in between songs, one of the announcers has been playing the Spielberg Close Encounters tone-notes, after which he issues dramatically the invitation, "Aliens, come on down!" This sequence is repeated many times a day. Now, in three or four stores here, an alien "doll" is being sold (looks kind of like the AA entity); the box in which it comes is labeled 'Alien Model - Roswell Type' . Heretofore I'd thought these were sold exclusively in New Mexico. Probably Listers have seen/heard other new 'signs' and images UFO/Alien-related, yes?

The following, I think, interfaces well with Colin's mind-stimulating Post:

"Useful as it is under everyday circumstances to say that the world exists 'out there' independent of us, that view can no longer be upheld. There is a strange sense in which this is a 'participatory' universe."

- John Wheeler, Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist

Best Regards,

Laurel

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## Re: Postmodernism - Dabrowski

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>>I grant that pomo does, briefly, bring uncertainty out from  
>>under the rug, but only to immediately banish it by declaring  
>>all sides equally right. Uncertainty is when either A or not A  
>>might be true, and you don't know which. Pomos believe that A  
>>and not A are both true. That is not uncertainty, that is  
>>shirking the real difficulties that uncertainty presents: doubt.  
>It's only shirking if you really think that the question demands  
>an answer.

Whether a particular question "demands" an answer is perhaps a matter of taste. Would you say that physics and mathematics deal with questions that don't "demand" an answer?

In your next message you said:

>>>This is correct, and it's about time that ufologists explicitly  
>>>recognize this to be inherent in UFO phenomena.

>>That's fine as far it goes, but you also seem to advocate giving  
>>up trying to ever actually resolve any of these uncertainties.  
>>That's what I object to.

>Can't speak for George, but I myself would not advocate giving  
>up at all - only proceeding with a bit more humility and humor.

Does that mean that you feel that the question as to the nature of UFOs does "demand" an answer?

>Pomo looks, instead, at what drove the question to  
>even be asked in the first place and looks (or tries to look) at  
>the ways in which human perceptual abilities, thinking styles,  
>social conditions, etc., etc., etc. contribute to the framing of  
>the question as well as contribute to the answers that are  
>produced as people attempt to answer the question.

These are perfectly valid issues, both as sociology and critique of bad science. But they don't in themselves raise doubt about the existence of objective truth.

You've said you have great respect for empirical science, yet in the following paragraph you seem to suggest that it is incapable of ever resolving anything.

>>>Not only is this galling to empiricism -- to have these  
>>>uncertainties flaunted as if they might \*mean\* something --,  
>>>everything is made worse by the fact that pomo then turns around  
>>>and says, "Not only these swept-under things exist, but the

>>>uncertainties you say you HAVE defeated are not really all that  
>>>defeated, after all." Now \*that\* assertion does not just gall  
>>>empiricism, but inflames it.

>>I haven't seen any good case that pomo has made against science.  
>One person's "good case" is another person's "not a good case."  
>As the history of ufology clearly demonstrates.  
>And, as I understand it, pomo is not anti-science. It is anti-  
>science-as-the-ultimate-arbiter-of-truth-and-ultimate-system-  
>of- thought-and-practice-for-knowing-things. I don't think  
>pomo, or a lot of folks who promote it, anyway, would reject  
>science. Only science's pretensions to ultimacy.

I don't think anyone on this List would say that science should be the ultimate arbiter on social issues; I don't think many scientists feel that way. But as for being the arbiter of truth on questions about the material world, it's the only game in town. The sole ostensible purpose of science (emotional needs of individual scientists aside) is to answer those questions; if pomo denies its ability to do so it is certainly "anti-science". What sense of "anti-science" did you have in mind?

Andrew Dabrowski

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Mr Bennett can be a charming writer, but his talents are wasted in this forum. I wish he would either settle down and write a novel or forget about pomo entirely and just try to think for himself. He has some good ideas. I find myself agreeing with almost everything he says about popular culture and most of his specific ideas about UFOs; I find myself disagreeing with almost all of his pomo cant.

>Postmodernism is a philosophy whose world-view is based on  
>single idea. That idea is that what we perceive as objective  
>fact is an advertising construct created by cultural gaming-  
>systems.

How do you deal with the well known paradox of pomo, i.e. if there are no facts, just advertising, then pomo itself must be just advertising?

>But notwithstanding, Hamlet does finally take up the moral cause  
>and kills Claudius, because the moral law is higher than  
>intellectual law. Thus does Shakespeare solve the  
>objective/subjective dichotomy by stating that the only reality  
>that is truly objective is moral. Everything else is staging.  
>That does not mean that it is not tragic staging, as in Hamlet.  
>Dick Hall is grossly unfair to postmodernists when he accuses  
>them of not sharing his obvious moral outrage at the present  
>turn of events.

Why is morality immune from pomo's murk? Don't the same arguments against objective facts apply as well against a universal morality?

>Postmodernism is nothing less than such a new view of mind and  
>matter. It sees facts not as Newtonian billard ball atoms, but  
>as streams of advertising, media, information-management, and  
>degrees of allowance rather than fact or fiction. In the opinion  
>of many, this view switched on the universal lights to reveal  
>the interiors of fact to be the interplay of structured of  
>pieces of manufactured cultural deception whose sole object is  
>to get agendas into the prime time of consciousness.

This sounds just a touch paranoid. Is the study of Newtonian mechanics the first step on a slippery slope down to corporate fascism?

>The Postmodern analysis of fact as a procedure is called  
>Deconstruction, and in the opinion of many, Postmodernism is the  
>only philosophy that can begin to make sense of a Web and Media  
>age. Old industrial input-output factual examination cannot  
>analyse media, for example. It just does not work in a world  
>where images, not facts, are the ruling criteria. Postmodernism  
>sees media and information as a new form of life, strung between  
>absolute fact and absolute fiction, both of which are seen as



>approximations, final only when summed to a theoretical  
>infinity. (end of definition)

I don't question pomo's competence to analyse "media"; I do question its competence to critique science. By your definition, pomo is almost entirely sociological. Since most of the people on this list are interested, to one degree or another, in science, there seems to be a mismatch.

>Thus when Dick protests about the amorality of Postmodernism, I >refer him to the Shakespearian solution. Unfortunately since the >death of T.R. Henn of Cambridge many years ago, the Theory of >Tragedy is no longer taught in many university literary courses. >A study of Aristotle's Poetics or Longinus on the Sublime might >enlighten Dick on very relevant questions about the commitment >of philosophers to politics and resolve some of his obvious >doubts about philosophy and moral commitment. >In this debate the List is wonderful cultural theatre. When the >old Left (RIP) was still alive, I can remember exactly similar >arguments raging through the Balliol seminars about >Existentialism and political action and commitment as regards >Vietnam, for example. We now have the UFO and its framework of >reference. The only claim I will make in this area is that I >have had a UFO experience and Dick and the members of what John >Velez calls (blushingly!) the Senior group have not. They can >correct me if I am wrong, but matters have so deteriorated >between us such that we both refer to one another in the third >person that is if we refer to one another at all! >The abuse I have received has been very amusing, >and I have returned it in good measure, with a lot of fun all >round. I shall continue to be the Bad Man in this respect. I am >disappointed to see Mr. Eric Jacobson brings out the old saws >concerning the theorem of Pythagoras and Newton's concept of >conservation of momentum.

Mr. Jacobson deserves an apology, it was I who brought up Pythagoras.

>Pythagoras does indeed apply to >Euclidean plane geometry, but a number of mathematicians and >physicists in the late 19th century (such as Reimann, Minkowski >and Einstein) showed that there are many other geometries >possibly other than that of Euclid, geometries in which >Pythagoras does not apply. In the simplest sense, the laws of >Pythagoras could not possibly apply to a triangle drawn on a >curved surface, the models of the "new" space and time all being >modeled on such curved surfaces (and enfolded) worlds in which >there is no such thing as a straight line.

This is really irrelevant. In ordinary English "triangle" refers to an object in the Euclidean 2D plane. If I said that cats like mice would you feel the need to point out that lions prefer wildebeest?

>In a simpler sense, >Pythagoras does not apply to a triangle that does not contain a >right angle, and neither does it apply if one side of the >triangle is represented by the square root of a minus number.

Now you're really being silly. Part of a theorem is the statement of the circumstances under which it applies.

>Therefore Mr Jacobson's argument putting Pythagoras forward as a >general law is somewhat flawed. The principle applies to a very >narrow range of highly specialised conditions, and the answers >are approximate. What I ask, are we to make of the "length" of >hypotenuse if the other two sides consist of pi and an infinite >series, never mind in the of all three sides consisting of an >infinite series!

I think you're getting in over your head. Any number can be expressed as an infinite series. There's nothing special about infinite series.

>As regards momentum, Relativity deconstructed it along with >Euclid and Newton both.

"Deconstructed" is here quite misleading. Certainly Einstein never deconstructed anything in the way you defined deconstruction above: turning a fact into a process (whatever that might mean in this context).

Incidentally, it's cheeky of you to try to corral Einstein into pomo. Einstein couldn't even accept quantum mechanics because he didn't think God a craps player.

>Einsteinian space-time corrections are  
>now applied frequently to super-macrocosmic conditions  
>(planetary distances, and even the length of extremely long  
>bridges) and of course the microcosmic world of elementary  
>particles. This we have a world not of accuracies, certainties  
>or facts, but a world of constant re-adjustment of continuously-  
>developed approximations.

Relativity is quite precise. It calls for no constant readjustment or continuously developed approximations. Maybe you're confusing relativity with quantum theory.

>That he cannot lift the mountain is irrelevant to almost  
>anything. Human beings are special. They are special because  
>they are moral creatures, and morality, like the mystical  
>experience of religion, is subjective. It is extremely difficult  
>to bring moral concepts into law courts or laboratories. With  
>objectivity there is no connection between the individual self  
>and a squealing rabbit in agony in some experimental laboratory  
>of a science that advertises itself as "ethical". I am surprised  
>that Dick does not turn his moral outrage against scientists  
>rather than postmodernists, who as far as I know have never  
>harmed anyone. He should consider that his beloved objectivity  
>is a cultural screen that tries to show that a shopping crowd in  
>a mall are not doing some nasty thing to the rabbit as well as  
>the evil bastard in the white coat with his (or her) everlasting  
>needles in the name of "progress". Thus objectivity screens out  
>all collective moral responsibility. With objectivity you get  
>out of this moral responsibility in torturing an animal for the  
>sake of "knowledge" or one of science's infamous "breakthroughs"  
>"advances" or equally suspicious "benefits to mankind", most of  
>which all turn out to disastrous bullcrap. It is not the  
>Postmodernists you should blame for the present state of the  
>world Dick, but your beloved scientists!

You're getting a bit maudlin here, Mr. Bennett. Surely we can all agree that torturing bunny rabbits is a Bad Thing. But how does this throw doubt on the existence of objective scientific facts?

>Thus objectivity destroys the participation mystique between the  
>community and the event, replaces the I-thou relationship with  
>the myself-it relationship, and the tortured rabbit is the  
>result is losing a vital contact between Mind and Nature, and  
>science and morality. Objectivity will never reveal that the  
>guilt for the Holocaust was (and is) collective.

Are you confusing categories? Just because we want Sweetness and Light (morality) doesn't mean we can turn a Euclidean plane into a sphere (science).

>I personally have never ever seen TV in  
>my life, yet I know about the programmes, the series, the  
>characters through merely passing shop windows and hearing  
>unavoidable chatter about such things.  
>Thus this world no longer obeys any law of objective mechanical  
>causation.

"Any"?! That's quite a leap: from overhearing talk about TV shows to the complete absence of mechanical causation. No wonder you people get carried away with pomo: such a fabulous yield on such a tiny investment of thought.

>You needn't have a TV to be a viewer. Ours is a world  
>of constant commercial breaks, low concentration, low  
>intelligence levels, and vast fantasies, both national and  
>individual. Old hard policies are now public relations exercises  
>involving imagery and propaganda. This situation is hardly  
>described by the laws of conventional social change in which the  
>traditional threads of economic, politic and psychological  
>influences can be clearly seen. This situation only lends itself  
>to the laws of media, and the laws of media are postmodern laws.

Fine, go analyze media. It seems what really interests you is the sociology of science (and UFOs). But there's no need to confuse that with science itself.

>Thus the body of the alien presence may be much more complex  
>than we have realized up to now. It may consist of many shades  
>of being, from an image on junior's puffer-train to the utterly  
>fantastic events of the Linda Cortile case. I have pleaded on  
>this List for a reconsideration of our very simple-minded view  
>of what contact with an "advanced" intelligence (or a number of  
>very different ones simultaneously) might be like. Instead of  
>the WASP image of a worthy bourgeois doing very recognizable  
>bourgeois things, we might well meet a very advanced form of  
>levels of play. In my opinion, this is what such people as  
>Adamski and Corso met up with, and they both became confused  
>when dealing with entities that played confusion games with them  
>with just about as much respect as regards their dignity and  
>welfare as we had for black African slaves of 1800. Just read  
>about what cargo-cults did with old black-and-white images of  
>Garry Cooper, bits of crashed aeroplanes and tins of Spam, and  
>we have just about got it right as concerns what is probably  
>happening to us at this very moment in time.

This is a fascinating idea; if you will write a novel about it I will read it. But it seems a little dishonest of you to use a clever SF storyline as cover for trying to smuggle Adamski and Corso into respectability on this list. No such elaborate hypothesis is necessary to explain their shenanigans. But it might make an excellent novel. Why don't you get to work on it?

>That we might just be getting the alien equivalent of black-and-white images of Garry Cooper, bits of crashed aeroplanes and tins of Spam, is something the objectivists might not recognise or like. They would want something worthy indeed something like themselves. That they might get bits from an ancient rubbish dump sprinkled with a few partially-working god-games is a daunting almost SF thought. That the different levels may have outgrown mechanical science long ago is a thought even more daunting. That our cultural Petri dish might be full of suggestion- protein in terms of advertisements and commercials in which forms of living intelligence recreate themselves is a daunting thought yet again.

If I read you right you are suggesting that aliens may already have such a pervasive grip on our popular media that resistance is futile. Another fascinating premise for a novel, but it does go back at least to Jacques Vallee. Who, I might add, was able to expound it without ever mentioning pomo.

[Long burlesque on the impossibility of an objective investigation into UFOs omitted.]

An objective investigation doesn't require that each individual investigator be perfectly objective, only that the results be acceptable to people with diverse prejudices.

Andrew Dabrowski

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>I apologize for my tone in my last message. I was in a hurry  
>and had missed my Prozac for several days running. Sorry.

For my part, Andrew, you have nothing to apologize for. Seemed to me that we were having a good, intelligent discussion of something, although we are on different sides of the issue (at least in some regards). I never thought you were out of line. Exasperated and irritated a bit, perhaps. But since when is that a punishable offense? Or, more appropriately put, if that's an punishable offense, God help \*me\*!

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Brenda Denzler

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## Forget The Little Green Men

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Is there life in outer space? One thing's for sure, they wouldn't look anything like us. James Hamilton-Paterson surveys the latest from the search for extraterrestrial life in this exclusive LRB essay

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Evolving the Alien: The Science of Extraterrestrial Life by Jack Cohen and Ian Stewart Ebury, 369 pp., =A317.99, September 2002, 09 187927 2

XTL: Extraterrestrial Life and How to Find It by Simon Goodwin and John Gribbin Weidenfeld, 191 pp., =A312.99, August 2002, 1 84188 193 7

In the middle of the 19th century the prevailing scientific view of the abyssal ocean held that it was a vast body of water with a uniform temperature of 4=B0C. With no variation of temperature there could be no convection currents, hence no circulation of dissolved oxygen and suspended food particles.

The abyss was stagnant, a body of water under massive pressure, barely warmer than freezing and utterly without light. Thus, reasoned the scientists (influenced, no doubt, by human physiology and the Book of Genesis), it could not conceivably support life. The Manx naturalist Edward Forbes coined the word 'azoic' to describe this self-evidently lifeless zone.

By the 1870s he and other oceanographers were eating their words as improved sampling technology retrieved abundant evidence that, in cheerful defiance of human preconceptions, even the deepest abyss was teeming with life.

A cautionary tale, one might think, for scientists of the early 21st century engaged in planning space missions to find extraterrestrial life. Expressly shunning an anthropic approach, the authors of *Evolving the Alien* insist that the fledgling science devoted to discovering extraterrestrial life-forms should be known not as 'astrobiology' but as 'xenoscience'. They are combative on this point, and so united that they frequently refer to themselves as 'Jack&Ian'.

To this winsome dyad the notion of astrobiology is limiting in that it stands for astronomy as seen from Earth plus Earth-style biology, so that its thinking is governed by anthropic concerns such as the search for 'habitable zones' elsewhere in our solar system, just as we once looked in the oceans. Jack&Ian is feistily scornful of 'habitable zone' thinking, partly because he knows how life constantly confounds human expectations of what is habitable and partly because he has in mind life-forms quite unlike terran creatures, with properly alien chemistries and biologies to match.

Most formative thinking about the genuinely alien has been done by science fiction writers, and Cohen and Stewart provide their

own short SF story about how an unknown creature might perceive a Nasa probe sent in the near future to Europa, a satellite of Jupiter. (There are great hopes that life might be found in the ocean that is believed to lie beneath its frozen surface.)

They also dot their text with plot summaries of thirty SF classics in order to illustrate their scientific points. Part of their task is to debunk popular misconceptions about what alien life-forms might be like. They are merciless with anthropomorphic nursery and cinematic imagery (ET and Star Trek), the fallacies underlying the cod science of Jurassic Park and the loony gospel of UFOs and alien abductions.

Since they start from a strictly Darwinian account of terrestrial evolution they can assert that however alien life-forms may turn out to look, there is virtually no possibility that they will resemble Homo sapiens. We can forget humanoids such as Mr Spock and the Klingons because Homo evolved under a uniquely changing series of terran conditions. What is more, even if evolution could be rerun, contingency would guarantee that next time around it would not follow the same path.

Stephen Jay Gould's book Wonderful Life, about the fantastic evolutionary dead-ends fossilised in Canada's Burgess Shale, makes this point beautifully. We and other land vertebrates owe our eyes-above-nose-above-mouth features and our awkwardly intersecting windpipe-and-gullet arrangement to a lobe-finned fish that happened to make it ashore. (The bad design of this airway-cum-throat means that people occasionally choke to death, but too infrequently for the feature to have been deselected by evolution. A similar awkwardness can be seen in the bizarre mix-up of our genital and excretory organs.)

It is crucial, so far as Cohen and Stewart are concerned, that there is no satisfactory and generally agreed definition of what life is - and therefore no way of being certain we would recognise it in alien guise. They don't quote Nasa's current tentative definition ('a self-sustained chemical system capable of undergoing Darwinian evolution'), probably because they find it possible to imagine conditions in which life-forms might not replicate according to natural selection.

But they do quote Stuart Kauffman's definition, according to which a life-form is any 'autonomous agent' that can reproduce and carry out at least one thermodynamic work cycle. In other words, it would have to be able to redirect energy so as to 'pump up' processes back to their starting point, and to pass that ability on to copies of itself. Life could even be a vacuum, which at a quantum level has more than enough complexity to organise itself into an autonomous agent.

If a living vacuum seems an imaginative step too far, it is worth considering what we understand as being 'alive'. The bacteriophage known as T4 is a parasite of the bacterium E coli that thrives in the human gut. It looks like a spacecraft with a geometrical cabin perched on a vertical column, at the bottom of which are six folding legs.

The phage has no organising brain whatever, not even a nucleus. It is an entirely chemical robot that lands on the surface of E coli, dissolves a hole in its host with enzymes and injects a rope of DNA. The rope contains more than 150 genes that immediately shut down most of the bacterium's functions, leaving active only those that can set about replicating copies of T4 and its DNA. This entire, submicroscopic whirl of precise activity involves nothing but blind chemical reactions.

Is T4 alive in any meaningful sense? The question will remain unanswered until science has devised a theoretical, molecular-level explanation that can say precisely when 'dead' chemicals constitute a 'live' organism. Theology is hardly an issue, but philosophy might enjoy adding its tithe.

Meanwhile, Cohen and Stewart describe how inanimate clays can 'organise' themselves and self-replicate (much as crystals grow in saturated solutions). In the presence of the right catalyst, simple chemicals can become complex and in turn autocatalytic: one of the most persuasive of current explanations of how life began on Earth. Such phenomena seem to tally with computer simulations and experiments which have shown repeatedly that systems have the ability to evolve themselves out of apparent

chaos.

This effectively debunks the assertion that 'life is too complex to have arisen spontaneously,' and it now seems to be established as a general principle that in the right conditions simple chemistry becomes complex and can eventually organise itself: become, effectively, alive. The 'live' polio virus, for example, has recently been created from scratch using its genetic sequence alone, although the process was extremely slow and tedious.

The value of Cohen and Stewart's speculative, imaginative, even fanciful approach is that it enables them to cover a lot of very useful ground. At its best, it exposes flaws in popular thinking and is painlessly educative about the present state of science in matters including the pervasive misreading of evolution as 'succession' or 'progress'; Gaia; the possibility of building Arthur C Clarke's space elevator; the alternatives to DNA/RNA-based life.

They also examine the probable flaw in SETI, the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence - this has been listening out for radio messages for decades and is now a worldwide co-operative effort using the downtime of thousands of personal computers. Cohen and Stewart point out that our present radio and TV transmissions employ coding that would have been quite unintelligible to us only fifty years ago: we wouldn't even have been able to distinguish a modern digital signal from background white noise. SETI is maintained, nevertheless, in the hope that we will receive transmissions we can recognise as such.

The account of SETI in XTL (a zippy acronym for Extra-Terrestrial Life) is more technically detailed, and lacks Jack&Ian's scepticism. But then, XTL is a very different book. For a start, most of it is exclusively about astronomy. It belongs, in fact, in the category of Jack&Ian's despised astrobiology.

Unlike Jack&Ian, Simon Goodwin and John Gribbin are very keen on habitable zones, drawing two concentric spheres of habitability out from the Sun to mark the limits between which it might be worth looking for life. After reading *Evolving the Alien* this feels conservative, as well it might when one sees Goodwin and Gribbin's diagram showing the life zone here on Earth stretching just 25 km from below the seabed to the stratosphere.

I don't understand this. In the last decade live bacteria have been found at a height of 41 km, where they evidently deal very adequately with scorching ultraviolet radiation that would swiftly do for us, and Archaeans (ancient bacteria-like organisms) have been found alive and well in rocks 3 km underground. This nearly doubles Goodwin and Gribbin's zone of habitability, and further research will probably reveal it to be even larger.

This impression of being slightly out of date may betray lingering 'azoic' tendencies, possibly because Goodwin and Gribbin are astronomers. But then they go on to examine which planets in any system might fall into the habitable zone, ruling out those whose orbits are close enough to a star to become tidally locked, so that they always present the same face to the star 'just like the Moon relative to the Earth or Mercury relative to the Sun'.

What was that again? Mercury rotates once every 58.65 Earth days, a fact that was revealed by Doppler radar observation in 1965 and made ruthlessly public - it's even in Patrick Moore's 1967 edition of *The Observer's Book of Astronomy*. XTL was published as a hardback in 2001. Did nobody notice? It's not a typo and Goodwin and Gribbin both have a PhD in astronomy. Whatever the reason, the error inevitably casts something of a penumbra over the rest of the book.

The last chapter, 'Searching for Civilisation', does deal with several of the topics that Jack&Ian covers (such as SETI and the Drake Equation for estimating the number of civilisations Out There), but not in such discursive detail. The pictures are nice, however.

The one thing these books share is a naive optimism. Both end with confident speculations about technological breakthroughs

that will soon make space travel easy. It is theoretically possible even now, although primitive and hopelessly time-consuming; but soon? There is a grand vision of the kind unmoved by the spectacle of space shuttles breaking up on re-entry.

This is how Jack&Ian ends *Evolving the Alien*: 'Will we find alien life? Or is there a supervening reason for us to be the only ones, ever, in the Great Adventure? Surely not. In less than two hundred years, we will know.' Why two hundred years? This is an authorial guesstimate based on Jack&Ian's conviction that 'we' (though not I) will have discovered some sort of warp drive by then that will set us Trekking around the nearer stars. Here Jack&Ian's scepticism stops while mine goes galloping on.

For whatever reasons - age, the present threatening political and environmental situations, or my having lately read John Gray's highly unsanguine *Straw Dogs* - I cannot see why the discovery of extraterrestrial life would any longer be such a prodigious deal. Fascinating, certainly, but not miraculous; and certainly not (in Goodwin and Gribbin's words) 'arguably... the most profound discovery in the entire history of human civilisation'. What, more than that of mayonnaise?

Many of us have long had no difficulty in assuming the likelihood of life existing elsewhere in the universe. I take their hyperbole to spring from an unconscious cultural inheritance rooted in the biblically implied uniqueness of the human race. In this same mood I can see that although SETI is mediated by glittering technology, it is essentially a religious activity. The plaintive human cry 'Is anybody out there? Please?' has echoed down the millennia and now, borne on inscribed tablets and radio waves, is heading out of our solar system. Like any religion, SETI's hope of receiving an answer requires belief and occupies thousands of waking hours, often whole lives. And why not? Jack&Ian provides some pretty good reasons why SETI is unlikely to turn up aliens, but who knows?

No matter how corrective Jack&Ian's science may be, it is hard not to feel that a lot of this essentially optimistic speculation is grandly inconsequential, even blatantly escapist. It is easy to decry the way in which popular ideas of the alien are constructed from nursery imagery and infantile fears, but when Jack&Ian breathlessly invokes a phrase like 'Grand Adventure' to signify humanity's blasting off into the unknown he is obviously deaf to its echo of Peter Pan's mawkish assertion that 'to die will be an awfully big adventure.' It is also fine to throw out phrases like 'we will soon be able to cross the gaps between stars'; but who is this 'we', and why the implied immediacy, even urgency, of all this?

This is a category of rhetoric common to much popular science, often self-parodied by the *New Scientist* in its shock-horror headlines ('Crunch time soon?') referring to claims that the universe will collapse within the next ten to twenty billion years. 'Soon' is good, and so are the equally excitable stories about the danger of our imminently falling victim to rogue asteroids, black holes, wormholes in space-time and the rest.

We have reached a point where researches into the geological and palaeontological past, as well as the astronomical future, are yielding great quantities of data, much of it speculative but some of it very detailed. The data are so readily retrieved and downloaded, their popular presentation so vivid and present-tense, it is as though they referred to last Tuesday or next Thursday. Past and future have both been telescoped. Millions of schoolchildren are so familiar with T rex that the animal is in some sense alive still. Millions, too, regularly encounter speculation about the newest theories of cosmology and xenoscience - to say nothing of SF tales and virtual reality games - and probably feel interstellar or multi-dimensional travel are already pretty much fact, if only they knew where to buy a ticket.

This is fine for our imaginative self. But for our fleeting physical self locked in its photo-flash of a lifetime it is irrelevant. There is no living T rex; there is no star travel. Instead, the human race's very survival for even the next two hundred years may well depend on its reluctantly dragging itself away from exotic futures and addressing the disagreeable realities of the now. Contrary to Jack&Ian's belief, technology



is not an entirely autocatalytic system. Scientific knowledge itself might be unstoppable; but converting knowledge into costly hardware usually intersects with dicey politics.

And that's without taking into account the social and political consequences of currently metastasising technologies (especially genetic and pharmacological ones) which, like it or not, have already begun the process of re-engineering the human animal, something that might be thought of more immediate concern to us than the putative physiology of alien species.

In such a confrontation SF begins to look like a weapon of mass distraction. Besides, only governments can hope to fund fabulously expensive Big Science projects such as exploring the planets and their satellites. At this moment the one nation whose technical achievements have inspired so much cosmological and SF dreaming looks like becoming bogged down for the foreseeable future in managing its recalcitrant earthly empire; nor can it ignore the human and PR costs of the inevitable disasters that attend space exploration.

In any case there is surely a fallacy underlying Jack&Ian's castigation of anthropocentric attitudes. On the off-chance that humans do eventually encounter aliens (the most we can realistically hope for in our own solar system is bacteria or primitive aquatic organisms), those explorers will inevitably be trying to grasp them with human minds. They can purge themselves of all the cultural baggage they like, but their intelligences will be irreducibly that of Homo sapiens.

The authors therefore seem merely to be saying that our descendants will need to be maximally broadminded, both scientifically and ethnologically. But that is no more than Star Trek was saying thirty years ago, with a cast of middle-class Californians doing their best to be enlightened - exactly the terms on which Jack&Ian is dismissive about the series.

What of an alien viewpoint of our strange race? Both these books mention the Fermi Paradox: why, if the galaxy is full of advanced civilisations, are they not already here? I would refer them to the words of Calvin in Bill Watterson's immortal strip cartoon, Calvin and Hobbes: 'Sometimes I think the surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that none of it has tried to contact us.'

o James Hamilton-Paterson lives in Italy. His most recent novel, Loving Monsters, is a Granta paperback.

o To read more online essays from the current edition of the London Review of Books visit the LRB. The extensive online archive of essays from the past includes Alan Bennett's Diary and much more.

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## Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

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>Date: 8 Mar 2003 23:04:32 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>EBK, Listers,

>I contacted Robert (AKA Thumper) and below you'll find his  
>reply. I plan to take him up on his offer; sounds intriguing to  
>me.

>I have no expertise with cam recorders so can't offer him any  
>advice in that area. Maybe someone on the list might be  
>interested in lending a hand.

>Ed

Thumper(?) wrote:

>KEEP IN TOUCH ..yes they can be seen..send me a vcr tape and  
>self address,envelope ill make the copy and send it to you.. co  
>of robert mackey pobox 1524seward alaska 99664 also lots of  
>sightings up in this area of alaska..just got a460xdigital zoom  
>handy cam vision but its not that great at night filming its a  
>sony 8 mm hi 8 with night vision but at night we cant even film  
>stars in the sky any hints to what were doing wrong.and plus

Regarding the "night vision" cameras: it is my understanding that these cameras use an infra-red beam to illuminate the scene in front of the camera. The CCD imaging array is sensitive to near IR (infra-red). Hence, if the IR is reflected by anything it can be detected by the camera providing that the reflection is bright enough. Every/Any camera is limited by the smallest amount of visible or IR light it can detect. He says he can't film stars in the sky. This implies that the camera is not very sensitive. He would do better with a camera with the ability to detect 1 lux or less. Black and White (not color) nighttime surveillance cameras can produce pictures in light levels down to 1/2 lux (or perhaps less). One can also obtain standard night vision (not infrared) goggles or binoculars and optically couple such a device to a video camera (this might require special lenses). Another way to increase overall light sensitivity is to increase the diameter of the "input optic", i.e. the input first lens of the optical system. This can be done by attaching a monocular (or half a binocular) to the front of the camera.

A 50 mm or 70 mm diameter input lens on the binocular could multiply the light collecting power by a factor of 4 (or more). Furthermore, one gets a telescopic effect from using a 6, 8, 10 (or whatever) power monocular/binocular.

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## The Ultimate Ufology Vacation!

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Quoting:

"... there is virtually no possibility that they will resemble  
Homo sapiens."

Observing Earth's creatures who live on land, and the reports of  
UFO occupant sightings and UFO abductions, I would bet my money  
that the human-like (and Earth-animal-like) form is the  
predominant template for alien physiology. I totally disagree  
with the writer of that essay.

Eleanor White

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## Cancellation - Important

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Subject: Cancellation - Important

Dear Whitley Strieber, program Dreamland:

After consulting some friends in the USA and in Brazil, I have decided to write to you to request that you totally disconsider and completely delete my segment of your next show, which should be aired by internet on March 15, 2003. Please, simply erase the tape with my interview and don=B4t use in part or whole, or any of my quotes and talks to anything at all, written or broadcast.

My decision was influenced by the fact that we have recorded the interview last Friday, March 07, just one day before your program, on March 08, where Linda Moulton Howe presented what I consider to be another hoax from Brazil, the alleged explosion of a ball of light. I have detailed information of how the fraud was fabricated. Her presentation of that on your program of March 08 should have been of your knowledge, and previously you recorded my interview.

I consider that you should have informed to me that Linda Moulton Howe would be presenting that case the next day, so I could, in the interview I gave to you, explain to your listeners and to yourself how that hoax was produced as well as I have tried to do with the other hoax she is supporting. I am not implying that you avoided telling me that, unethically, nor with obscure intentions. I just consider that I should have known that.

Besides it all, considering that the interview was recorded, and given the fact that Linda Moulton Howe, as consultant to your program, is far away than reasonably supporting the set of hoaxes she found in Brazil, I believe it was a mistake that I have accepted giving that interview in the first place. You also know that I consider Linda's passionate involvement in that set of hoaxes totally unacceptable.

At any time you want, you may count on me to present any data, any info, any detail etc from any Brazilian UFO case that I and my fellow researchers have investigated and/or concluded legitimate. But as long as your program is been used as tribune by Linda Moulton Howe to present what she considers "sincere efforts to find the truth", about the mentioned incidents, I shaw respectfully decline talking about those hoaxes and the perpetrator(s).

However, if in a program transmitted live, I would accept and thankfully take part in segments about this or any other subject, as well as I would be glad to take part in any live debate about the mentioned set of hoaxes.

This message is being forwarded to the friends who helped me in my decision and other of the US UFO Community. Please, don=B4t take it personally and be sure that I always had and will have great respect for you and your activities. I have shown that in the past and I hope I can continue showing that in the future.

A. J. Gevaerd,

Editor Brazilian UFO Magazine

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## Re: Postmodernism - Shough

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>>Postmodernism is nothing less than such a new view of mind and  
>>matter. It sees facts not as Newtonian billard ball atoms, but  
>>as streams of advertising, media, information-management, and  
>>degrees of allowance rather than fact or fiction. In the opinion  
>>of many, this view switched on the universal lights to reveal  
>>the interiors of fact to be the interplay of structured of  
>>pieces of manufactured cultural deception whose sole object is  
>>to get agendas into the prime time of consciousness.  
>>As regards momentum, Relativity deconstructed it along with  
>>Euclid and Newton both.

Andrew Dabrowski is entirely right. Insofar as those ideas to which 'postmodernism' lays claim can be said to have relevance to the interpretation of UFO reports they have been part of the 'understood' furniture of the discussion for decades, going back, via Vallee, arguably to Fort himself - to whom ufologists have a claim equal to that of anybody. These notions may not get as much airtime as Colin would like these days, which is fair enough but hardly gives grounds for sounding the trumpets of Armeggedon over such a dramatic picture of the destruction of rationality as he likes to paint.

I'd point out that the 'deconstruction' of Euclid and Newton wasn't carried out by postmodernists but by physicists. The deconstruction of quantum theory will be, too. And by the way, total relativistic momentum is still conserved in any system. Or in quantum theory the sum of the initial frequencies equals the sum of the final frequencies and the sum of the initial wave vectors equals the sum of the final wave vectors. Same thing, because Planck's constant is a unique value. A physicist worked that one out.

If postmodernism wants to use the processes of scientific change to legitimate its own world view then it had better get used to an insecure future. The fact is that we do not know the final truth about the world, and that lesson, too, was taught us by experimental science not by postmodern philosophy. The point is that only science offers a chance of finding out.

Colin may retort that the point of postmodernism is that we can never "find out" in anything other than a temporising process of falling into successive cultural false-vacuum conditions without ever realising the myth of final rest at absolute zero. This may be true. The possibility that it is true is a venerable (not to say trivial) axiom of the sociology of knowledge and history/philosophy of science. Perhaps the distinctive



contribution of postmodernism is a proof that this is true? If so then I'd like to ask what experiments Colin has performed to demonstrate that conclusion.

Or will he refer again to the paradigmatic mutability of science? This surely risks being one of Santayana's self-undermining ultimate insights, because if the next scientific revolution decides that the world is, after all, a fully determined complex system (because the ruling 'fuzzy' doctrine is only a product of human imagination after all and sure to be 'wrong' someday) then there'll be a different philosophical bandwagon coming along right after this one.

Martin Shough

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## Re: Postmodernism - Hall

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Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 16:04:28 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 15:45:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Hall

>From: Brenda Denzler <[bdenzler1@email.msn.com](mailto:bdenzler1@email.msn.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 19:14:22 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

>>From: Andrew Dabrowski <[dabrowsa@indiana.edu](mailto:dabrowsa@indiana.edu)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 23:05:22 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

>>>From: George Hansen <[gphansen2001@yahoo.com](mailto:gphansen2001@yahoo.com)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2003 11:18:11 -0800 (PST)  
>>>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

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>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>>Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2003 09:10:41 -0500  
>>>>Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Denzler

<snip>

>>>Brenda Denzler explains --  
>>>"Pomo is, in a sense, a celebration of the uncertainties. Some-  
>>>times a grudging but good-humored celebration; other times a  
>>>downright raucous veritable Mardi Gras of a celebration."  
>>>Such raucous celebrations are examples of liminal conditions.  
>>>Denzler's metaphor here is entirely in keeping with  
>>>anthropological concepts of liminality. Ambiguity is a prime  
>>>characteristic of such conditions.

>>>Denzler reports--  
>>>"What "pomo" is all about is bringing uncertainty out  
>>>from under the rug"  
>>>This is correct, and it's about time that ufologists explicitly  
>>>recognize this to be inherent in UFO phenomena.

>>That's fine as far it goes, but you also seem to advocate giving  
>>up trying to ever actually resolve any of these uncertainties.  
>>That's what I object to.

>Can't speak for George, but I myself would not advocate giving  
>up at all - only proceeding with a bit more humility and humor.

Brenda,

I have been following your comments on this thread with interest, and probably have learned "more about postmodernism than I care to know." It has been helpful to learn that there are several schools of thought involved. However, I see no signs of "humility" (or "humor" of any type that I appreciate) emanating from the main self-appointed advocates of PM on this list. To me, they seem far more arrogant and self-important than advocates of scientific empiricism. To me, they also do come across clearly as very anti-scientific and always derogating science.

One of my greatest disappointments in life since I studied logic

and scientific method in college has been to learn that scientists don't always adhere to scientific method, and in fact behave dogmatically, reject out-of-hand borderline phenomena no matter how well attested, etc. I probably am more aware of that than most people when it comes to UFOs. The PM people on this list are offering it as a superior path to truth/knowledge. They are throwing out scientific method because scientists are human. Literary analysis, spirituality, etc., certainly can enhance life and knowledge and wisdom in many ways, but they are not a substitute for scientific method when it comes to nature and natural phenomena. I hope this articulates my position a little better.

- Dick

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## Re: Post-Modernism - Shough

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Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 16:21:54 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 15:47:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Post-Modernism - Shough

>From: Laurel Oplatka <[calabash2003@webtv.net](mailto:calabash2003@webtv.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 00:06:46 -0800 (PST)  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Re: Post-Modernism

>Greetings, Listers:

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>installment! I find his literary references to be most helpful  
>and invigorating (unlike his detractors who view them (terribly  
>wrong-headedly) as hifalutin irrelevancies.

>I laud the courage of Colin and other Modernist Listers who are  
>trying to expand the cloistered views of strict determinism. In  
>"The Politics of the Imagination" Colin expresses this  
>wonderfully apropos thought: "It takes alot of intellectual  
>courage to confront a painful and messy chaos, as distinct from  
>trusting to formula, finite destiny, and fixed definable  
>deterministic purpose."

<snip>

>The following, I think, interfaces well with Colin's mind-  
>stimulating Post:

>"Useful as it is under everyday circumstances to say that the  
>world exists 'out there' independent of us, that view can no  
>longer be upheld. There is a strange sense in which this is a  
>'participatory' universe."

> - John Wheeler, Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist

Hello Laurel

I know postmodernists reckon themselves major appreciators of irony, but the irony of quoting Nobel-laureate physicists in support of a post which demonizes 'Science' is pretty rich. Which humanist poet was it whose "intellectual courage" that confronted and overturned the evil spectre of determinism? Remind me which postmodern literary critic it was that reinvented the science of mechanics for Lorentz-symmetric inertial frames and overthrew the Newtonian hegemony of absolute space and time? And while we're at it, any ideas as to whose will be the name associated with the next great transformation in human understanding? I don't think it will be a post-postmodern literateur. But doubtless there will be plenty of those making themselves available to absorb the reflected glow of complacent success whilst patronizing ("ah, how quaint those old Wheelerian ideas!") the centuries of terrifically hard intellectual and engineering achievement that generated the new scientific 'reality' they choose to take for granted.

Martin Shough

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## Aliens May Gain State Honors

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Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 13:39:52 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 15:49:51 -0500  
Subject: Aliens May Gain State Honors

Source: CNN.com

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/space/03/10/offbeat.roswell.aliens.reut/index.html>

Santa Fe, New Mexico (Reuters) -- E.T.: Phone New Mexico. They may have a little something special for you.

A New Mexico legislator proposed Monday having the state honor all extraterrestrial beings with a special day that will "celebrate and honor all past, present and future extraterrestrial visitors" to New Mexico, the measure reads.

Rep. Dan Foley, a Republican from Roswell, the spot where some say aliens crash-landed more than 50 years ago, said he introduced the legislation to "enhance relationships among all the citizens of the cosmos, known and unknown."

Extraterrestrial Culture Day would be held the second Thursday of February and would honor space travelers from other worlds and even give a nod to creatures made famous in movies, such as E.T. in Steven Spielberg's 1982 blockbuster film by the same name.

In July of each year, thousands of earthly visitors descend on Roswell, the self-appointed alien capital of the world, where many UFO buffs believe an alien craft crash-landed in 1947, based on claims that alien bodies were discovered there.

The town's population of 45,000 doubles and even triples during the week long festival that includes speakers on extraterrestrial life, UFOs and other anomalies such as crop circles.

Foley feels the same excitement - and economic benefit - can be spread to the rest of the state by adding a state-sanctioned day of alien celebration.

"If we can capitalize on something that did or did not happen in 1947 then it can help the entire state," Foley said.

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## Re: Postmodernism - Hansen

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Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 15:52:12 -0500  
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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 05:15:02 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Dabrowski

Andrew Dabrowski comments on Colin Bennett saying:

"It seems what really interests you is the sociology of science (and UFOs). But there's no need to confuse that with science itself."

This is a fundamental issue, and it is Dabrowski, rather than Bennett, who seems confused on this point.

For instance, SSK (sociology of scientific knowledge) is a postmodern endeavor. It uses the methods of science to study science itself. It is a reflexive discipline.

There is an amusing history of scientists resisting scientific attempts to study science. The criticisms of Bennett we see here on this list, are strikingly similar to physicists' attacks on Bruno Latour (a leading practitioner of SSK).

Scientists unthinkingly laud science, until it is applied to their own activities. When scientists resist the application of science, we need to be alert for their unstated agendas, agendas that they are unconscious of themselves.

George P. Hansen  
The Trickster and the Paranormal  
<http://www.tricksterbook.com>

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## Re: Forget The Little Green Men - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 09:02:14 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 15:54:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Forget The Little Green Men - Tonnies

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 10:22:44 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Forget The Little Green Men

>>Source: The Guardian - London

><http://books.guardian.co.uk/lrb/articles/0,6109,911464,00.html>

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You're in good company. Science guru (and UFO debunker) Isaac Asimov advocated "parallel evolution," in which variations on the bipedal, two eyes, two arms "template" is relatively common among intelligent life-forms in the Cosmos.

I agree with you. I'm never impressed by debunkers who declare that our old friends the "Grays" are "impossible" because they're "too much like us." They're actually strikingly different in several respects, if reports are valid. (Comments, John?)

At the same time, I appreciate Jacques Vallee's commentary on "absurd humanoids." Some ufonauts look a little bit too much like us for comfort...are we dealing with a system that manipulates belief by appealing to what we think ETs "should" look like at any given point in history?

On a related note, here's my contribution to the alien autopsy debate. I conclude that the "alien" is essentially human (if of course it's real):

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

Mac Tonnies  
[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)

MTVI: <http://www.mactonnies.com>  
Transcelestial Ontology, Posthumanism and Theoretical Ufology

Blog: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (updated daily)

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## Re: Postmodernism - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: 11 Mar 2003 17:44:05 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 05:25:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Gehrman

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 01:20:08 EST  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 18:25:00 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

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>>What a crock of crappola and waste of life.

>Speaking about crocks of crappola, a secret source on the inside  
>leaked me a copy of the "Corso's Greatest Hits" soundtrack... a  
>collection of one hit wonders from the great one himself. :) On  
>that album we have:

>In The Mine With ET... (with the Grey chorus)

I don't understand. Are all contacts with ET bogus or just Col.  
Corso's?

>Fly Me In Your Time Machine (with Crash Landing and the Nazi's)

So, as far as you're concerned, time travel is bunk or is it  
just Col. Corso's time travel that concerns you?

>J Edgar And Me (With The Black Bags)

Are you saying that Col. Corso never worked with J. Edgar. Have  
you read Corso's "FBI Files Revisited"?

>I Worked For Ike (With The Secret Agent Chorus)

Are you saying that Col. Corso didn't work for Ike and wasn't  
Ike's military intel aide? Do you have evidence for this claim?

>and lastly, one of the greater hits of all time  
>I See Dead ET (With Flunky And The Stiffs)

Col. Corso claimed he saw a dead ET in July, 1947 while  
stationed at Ft. Riley. You have no proof that he didn't. He has  
no proof that he did. I happen to believe Corso because when he  
told this story on the Art Bell show, he didn't show the voice  
stress that would be expected if he were telling a lie of this  
magnitude.

>Hmm, sorry about the retro trip into bull land but I couldn't  
>resist.

I didn't want to begin this discussion again, but couldn't  
resist. All I have to offer is Corso's VSA and my research paper  
on Corso's FBI files. The VSA is a scientific and objective  
tool, so I don't understand the resistance to it I see on this  
list. VSA can be replicated, as I suggested to Richard. I'd even  
let him choose the tester and pay for the cost myself. The

results would be public.

And while we're on the subject, why haven't any of you brave listers confronted Stan F. for lying about reading "The Day After Roswell" and also lying when he stated that Corso wrote that he had caused the development of integrated circuits. This type of ambiguous behavior, by so-called objective scientists, is what post-modernism exploits just as it abhors our treatment of lab animals.

And we should be reminded that lab animals, too, have subjective lives and suffer, just as we would suffer if abducted and cruelly treated. Don't you think lab animals get the blues? Doesn't this concern you?

Ed

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## Re: Forget The Little Green Men - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 10:32:55 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 05:51:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Forget The Little Green Men - Hamilton

>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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I agree with you Eleanor. There are continuing changes in evolutionary biology and good reasons to believe that human-like forms may be universal, even beyond the UFO witness testimony.

See: [http://bcornet.homestead.com/files/evolution\\_discussion.htm](http://bcornet.homestead.com/files/evolution_discussion.htm)

This is an essay by Dr. Bruce Cornet on why he feels there are physical constraints on biological forms.

You might also see my essay

<http://www.skywatch-research.org/telos.htm>

on Telic Evolution which takes into account semiotics and information theory.

I also include some comments from Dr. Rhawn Joseph from his book on Astrobiology. Dr. Joseph makes an amazing statement which led me to correspond with him:

"the genetic seeds of life swarm throughout the cosmos, and some of these genetic "seeds" fell to Earth, as well as on other planets. And these genetic "seeds" contained the instructions

for the metamorphosis of all life, including woman and man. Contrary to Darwinism, life did not evolve secondary to "random mutations" but in a purposeful, highly predictable, genetically controlled, step-wise, molecular clock-like fashion, and in accordance with the genetic engineering of the environment and the womb of the planet. Just as a caterpillar spins a cocoon and later undergoes a profound metamorphosis and emerges as a butterfly, the metamorphosis of life on this planet has been genetically predetermined and genetically precoded, unfolding in accordance with the genetic engineering of the environment and those DNA-based instructions maintained within the genomes of the first living creatures to appear on Earth. DNA acts to purposefully modify the environment, which acts on gene selection, so as to fulfill specific genetic goals: the dispersal and activation of silent DNA and the replication of life forms that long ago lived on other planets."

My own research has led me to a similar conclusion.

-Bill Hamilton

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## Re: Post-Modernism - Kimball

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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 05:56:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Post-Modernism - Kimball

>From: Laurel Oplatka <[calabash2003@webtv.net](mailto:calabash2003@webtv.net)>  
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Laurel:

Educative, far-reaching, brilliant and humanizing?

Wow.

I can only wonder what you would say about someone who actually had something useful to say.

As for "hifalutin irrelevancies", I couldn't disagree more.

I'd take out the "highfalutin" part.

Still, y'all do make me laugh. That's got to be worth something.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball

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Secrecy News -- 03/11/03

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
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\*\*IN PRINT

DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER ON SECRECY ADVANCES

A new draft executive order on national security classification and declassification policy began circulating for official comment this week. An early assessment offered by one agency official who favors public access to government information, is that "It could be a lot worse."

When finalized, the new executive order will replace President Clinton's 1995 executive order 12958, which dramatically accelerated the declassification process and which has now yielded close to a billion pages of historically valuable declassified documents.

In recent decades, whenever the Presidency shifted from one party to another, the new President would issue an executive order on secrecy policy to serve as the foundation of the classification system. Typically, and at least rhetorically, the orders issued by Democratic presidents (e.g., Clinton's EO 12958) have emphasized disclosure, while those of Republican presidents (e.g., Reagan's EO 12356) have stressed secrecy.

The Bush Administration initiative to craft a new executive order, which began in August 2001, has therefore been a source of anxiety for those who feared that the Administration's predilection for official secrecy would lead to dramatic changes in classification policy. But that may not turn out to be the case.

The new draft order "amounts to amendments to the Clinton order, rather than an entirely new Bush order," according to the official.

A number of changes have been made, but they are "quite modest, quite supportable" the official said. "If you parsed it out, you would find things you didn't like. But I question whether those things make a lot of real world difference anyway."

Executive orders on classification define top level information policies, but they cannot prevent officials from making unwarranted or irrational classification decisions.

There is a loose deadline of April 17, 2003 for issuance of the new order, because that is the date on which 25 year old classified files that are replete with intelligence information or multi-agency "equities" are due to be automatically declassified, pursuant to Executive Order 13142. The new Bush order is expected to defer that April 17 deadline.



The text of the new draft executive order was not immediately available.

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"Protecting secrets when appropriate, disclosing secrets when proper, and managing secrecy are all normal parts of the democratic process," writes Bruce Berkowitz of the Hoover Institution. "The same principles that are used to strike a balance among competing interests in a democracy can be used to oversee intelligence secrets as well."

See "Democracies and Their Spies," by Bruce Berkowitz, Hoover Digest, Winter 2003:

<http://www-hoover.stanford.edu/publications/digest/031/berkowitz.html>

In the USA Patriot Act's provisions for electronic surveillance, "too much has been left to executive branch discretion," according to an analysis in the Duke Law Journal. "Americans should be concerned that privacy may be unnecessarily threatened as a result."

See "The Patriot Act's Impact on the Government's Ability to Conduct Electronic Surveillance of Ongoing Domestic Communications" by Nathan C. Henderson, Duke Law Journal, October 2002:

<http://www.law.duke.edu/shell/cite.pl?52+Duke+L.+J.+179>

A 1966 study performed for the Defense Department evaluated, and rejected, the hypothetical use of tactical nuclear weapons in Vietnam. A declassified copy of that study, and related analyses that draw lessons for today, may be found here:

<http://www.nautilus.org/VietnamFOIA/>

The personal files of British agents of the World War II Special Operations Executive are among the releases announced by the UK Public Record Office this month. See:

<http://www.pro.gov.uk/releases/r2003.htm>

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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 06:01:31 -0500  
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>Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 14:11:33 -0800  
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>>>Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 12:14:10 -0800  
>>>Subject: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>Hello John:

>That makes at least 3 important websites the fellow wrote to. I  
>think that's a lot of successful work for somebody who cannot  
>spell, nor parse a sentence, nor distinguish between the subject  
>line and the body of an email.

>Why do I smell a rat?

>The seemingly deliberately rough-hewn message I got gave no  
>details at all about dates, time, place, etc. .. not even the  
>name of the documentary.

>Could this be a test, along the lines of "Who is more credulous  
>than who?" Things like that are sometimes done in psychology or  
>journalism departments, some less subtle than others.

>Best wishes - Larry Hatch

Hi Larry and all

What has been seen may actually be Rods

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

after a quick read of it

Kind regards

Colin Stevenson

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>Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 08:44:47 -0800 (PST)  
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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 05:15:02 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Dabrowski

>Andrew Dabrowski comments on Colin Bennett saying:  
>"It seems what really interests you is the sociology of science  
>(and UFOs). But there's no need to confuse that with science  
>itself."

I'm sorry I obscured my point by being so telegraphic. I was using "science" here as shorthand for the scientific field of your choice. Perhaps I should have just kept it simple: "It seems what really interests you is the sociology of Ufology. But there's no need to confuse that with Ufology itself."

>This is a fundamental issue, and it is Dabrowski, rather than  
>Bennett, who seems confused on this point.  
>For instance, SSK (sociology of scientific knowledge) is a  
>postmodern endeavor. It uses the methods of science to study  
>science itself. It is a reflexive discipline.

I think you have the sequence backwards. SSK predates pomo, and no doubt contributed greatly to it. But pomo has yet to return the favor.

And your use of "relexive" here is fashionably smart but hollow. SSK does not, I believe (correct if I'm wrong) study itself. It studies other fields of science.

>There is an amusing history of scientists resisting scientific  
>attempts to study science. The criticisms of Bennett we see here  
>on this list, are strikingly similar to physicists' attacks on  
>Bruno Latour (a leading practitioner of SSK).

I'm afraid Colin Bennett will be mortified to learn that you consider him a scientist. Next someone will accuse him of torturing bunnies.

>Scientists unthinkingly laud science, until it is applied to  
>their own activities. When scientists resist the application of  
>science, we need to be alert for their unstated agendas, agendas  
>that they are unconscious of themselves.

Scientists only object to SSK when it reveals an ignorance of the science it claims to be studying.

Andrew Dabrowski

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## Re: Postmodernism - McCoy

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>Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 18:25:00 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

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>>Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 13:32:57 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Bennett

><snip>

>What a crock of crappola and waste of life.

Hello, all, I agree with Wendy, (and Dick) when postmodernism praticioners have any thing of value like Fusion, (scientifically possible) Power, or a General Cure for Cancer (scientifically possible) or even a truly realisitc, workable philosophy, (scientifically impossible). I might give it some serious thought.

As some may remember, I am a proponent of applied scientific thought to the study of UFOs, and I do agree that Science is not going to give up a standard dogma of the non-exsistance of UFOs when they do (personal experience-more than once) exsist. But the fuzzy thinking of Pomos, where all things are of equal value is not going to reap benefits in the real world either.

Banging two Rocks togeather, and going Org! Org! might have had some benefit to Neanderthal, but it is not the equivalent of building a Moon Rocket. Holding one's hand over a boiling pot of herbs and chanting "Boola, Boola, sickness be gone!", may have helped some of my tribal ancestors, (yes there is something to the herb thing) But, finding out why those herbs worked - through experimentation, will lead to better therapy and treatment fine, so be it. My wife and I are alive because of science. My Mother and Mother-in-Law too.

While there is some benefits of applying non-linear, non-dogmatic thinking to many subjects, to throw the Scientific baby out with the Pomo bathwater is to deconstrcut civilization, and with that deconstruction, we get what happened the last time, - the Dark Ages. and here we are again... Banging two rocks together, Org!

GT McCoy

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## Re: Postmodernism - Roberts

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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 08:17:17 -0500  
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>Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 13:32:57 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Bennett

Colin wrote:

>Postmodernism is a philosophy whose world-view is based on  
>single idea. That idea is that what we perceive as objective  
>fact is an advertising construct created by cultural gaming-  
>systems.

Aha! If you recall Colin's entry into this hall of mirrors a few months ago I pointed out then that he would soon be telling us he was the way. True to form he has done. Surely the assertion that post-modernism is a single idea is rather limiting and not at all fortean (a 'philosophy' which Colin is constantly claiming ownership of).

I've come to quite like Colin over the past months - he ties up the List in a way no-one else can do, yet effectively says nothing about anything. A great talent.

I note in a recent book review of the new Richard Dawkins book post-modernism and its ilk is referred to as:

'the low-grade intellectual poodling of pseudo-philosophical poseurs'.

Way to go Richard - is he on Colin's mailing list I wonder?

Colin also wrote:

>Thus this world no longer obeys any law of objective mechanical  
>causation.

Oh dear! I offer the following quote from the Incredible String Band which clearly demonstrates the stupidity of Colin's assertion above:

'You may have observed that when you walk into a wall you get a certain sensation of reality'.

Try it Colin. Report on what happens.

You, Jerry and your sychophants are doing a great job. Keep it up - this is the stuff that gets the outside world really interested in the subject - NOT!

If you're at UnCon Colin I'll be happy to buy you a pint of whatever you're drinking (hemlock? - hey, no mechanical causation, baby).

Happy trails

Andy

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## Happy Space Alien Day!

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Happy Space Alien Day!  
Tue March 11, 2003 09:42 AM ET

SANTA FE, N.M. (Reuters) - E.T.: Phone New Mexico. They may have a little something special for you.

A New Mexico legislator proposed on Monday having the state honor all extraterrestrial beings with a special day that will "celebrate and honor all past, present and future extraterrestrial visitors" to New Mexico, the measure reads.

Rep. Dan Foley, a Republican from Roswell, the spot where some say aliens crash-landed more than 50 years ago, said he introduced the legislation to "enhance relationships among all the citizens of the cosmos, known and unknown."

Extraterrestrial Culture Day would be held the second Thursday of February and would honor space travelers from other worlds and even give a nod to creatures made famous in movies, such as E.T. in Steven Spielberg's 1982 blockbuster film.

In July of each year, thousands of earthly visitors descend on Roswell, the self-appointed alien capital of the world, where many UFO buffs believe an alien craft crash-landed in 1947, based on claims that alien bodies were discovered there.

The town's population of 45,000 doubles and even triples during the week long festival that includes speakers on extraterrestrial life, UFOs and other anomalies such as crop circles.

Foley feels the same excitement -- and economic benefit-- can be spread to the rest of the state by adding a state-sanctioned day of alien celebration.

"If we can capitalize on something that did or did not happen in 1947 then it can help the entire state," Foley said.

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02:00 AM Mar. 11, 2003 PT

Alien Life Search Inches Forward

Scientists behind the world's largest distributed computing project are about to take a closer look at some of the most promising of the billions of radio signals they've collected in their search for intelligent life in outer space.

Between March 18 and 20, SETI -- which stands for Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence -- astronomers will visit the giant Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico to re-examine between 100 and 200 of the best radio signals from space, which have been identified by millions of home computers working in concert.

SETI@Home is a volunteer program that uses the spare computing cycles of ordinary home computers to look for signs of alien life in outer space. Participants download what is essentially a screensaver program, which switches on when computers are idle so it can crunch data.

SETI@Home has sifted through billions of radio signals and identified the most likely candidates.

Since it started in 1999, SETI@Home has become the biggest distributed computing project in history. Its 4 million participants in 226 countries have crunched an incredible 1.3 million years in computing time -- or about 1,000 years of computing time a day.

It is also the biggest virtual supercomputer on the planet, averaging 52 teraflops, or 52 trillion floating-point operations a second. The next most-powerful supercomputer is Japan's Earth simulator, which clocks in at 10 teraflops.

The SETI@Home distributed system is more powerful than all the other supercomputers on the planet combined, according to SETI@Home scientists.

In spite of the immense computing power, veteran alien hunters aren't holding their breath that they'll find extraterrestrial life. Scientists say intelligent life isn't likely to be located for another 20 years at least.

"We're not jumping up and down saying we've got to get to the telescope immediately, we've just found E.T.," said Dan Werthimer, SETI@Home's chief scientist. "These are the best signals that 4 million volunteers have found over the last four years, and we're going to check up on them."

Using a variety of algorithms, the screensavers have whittled down the 5 billion strong signals, or spikes, to about 350 million that look interesting.

All of these 350 million signals display a Gaussian, or bell curve, profile. As the Arecibo telescope scans across the sky,

the signal becomes progressively stronger and then weaker, just like a bell-shaped curve.

"That characteristic pattern gets us excited," said Werthimer, because it means the signal is coming from a fixed point in space, and is getting stronger and weaker as the telescope tracks across it.

The litmus test to determine whether a signal might indicate an alien civilization is transmission from the same part of the sky, at the same frequency, on two or more observations. The idea is to eliminate from consideration random bursts of energy.

Hundreds of signals have been broadcast twice, three times, even four times, over an 18-month period. A map on the project's site shows the results: Red dots are signals picked up more than twice. Green dots are signals detected four or more times.

But so far, every signal that merits closer inspection has proven a red herring.

"Occasionally, you find very strong signals and you look more closely, but it turns out to be a satellite or interference," said Werthimer.

Even though 1.3 million years of computing time seems like a lot to throw at a problem, Werthimer said it's just the beginning.

SETI@Home currently searches a narrow 2.5-MHz band among the billions of potential radio bands. A thorough search for signs of intelligent life would include a much wider swath of the electromagnetic spectrum.

A good candidate, for example, would be light. Advanced alien civilizations might communicate with lasers because of their high information-bearing capacity, Werthimer said.

The good news for SETI@Home researchers is that the ever-increasing power of computers means more and more cycles can be applied at the search.

"I've been doing this for 27 years and I still think we're just scratching the surface," Werthimer said. "We're searching such a small range of frequencies.... We are 20 or 30 years away from a thorough search. It's like combing a cosmic haystack. We've just started poking around the edges."

SETI@home is privately funded, primarily by the Planetary Society, a non-profit foundation co-founded by astronomer Carl Sagan. SETI@home is one of six SETI projects backed by the Planetary Society.

A complementary search effort, the SETI Institute's Project Phoenix, will also travel to Arecibo in April. Though it shares the SETI acronym, the SETI Institute is not associated with [SETI@home](#).

Unlike SETI@Home, Project Phoenix takes a more targeted approach. The project's astronomers have identified scores of promising systems -- stars that are similar to the sun, or those with planets, for example -- and will be looking for radio signals emanating from them. SETI@Home, on the other hand, examines a wide sweep of the sky looking for promising signals first.

"They are two different approaches," said Seth Shostak, Project Phoenix's senior astronomer. "One isn't any better than the other because we don't know what we're looking for. They complement each other."

Shostak agreed that it may be another 20 years before scientists find signs of intelligent life in outer space. The biggest contribution, he said, will be from the Allen Telescope Array, a dedicated alien-hunting radio telescope due to come online in 2005.

The Allen Telescope Array will expand search capabilities hundredfold, Shostak said. In 20 or 25 years, it will thoroughly examine more than 1 million stars. To date, about 500 stars have been examined systematically, Shostak said.

"Examining 1 million stars is a realistic estimate of what it will take to find intelligent life," Shostak said.

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>In Colin's discussion of a holistic UFO approach he mentions  
>(re: the observation of Mac Tonnie's) a PM view which "sees a  
>long scaling between the radar/vision case and the alien face on  
>a pack of chewing gum....." Yes, I too, like to ponder/consider  
>the "alien invasion into pop culture" aspect, and I am noticing  
>more and more of this 'image' trend here in Los Angeles.

Laurel:

I'd love to have a photo of that billboard! I've been collecting cultural references to UFOs and aliens since the mid- 1990s. Magazine ads, commercials on TV, lollipops in the shape of alien heads, UFO-related trinkets as party favors, etc., etc., etc. I have two under-bed boxes filled with things like alien puppets and other 3-D collectables. Hanging from the ceiling just to my left is my UFO pinata. On the wall next to it is my UFO and alien-face kite. Can you take a picture that I could add to my collection?

Brenda Denzler

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>Whether a particular question "demands" an answer is perhaps a  
>matter of taste. Would you say that physics and mathematics deal  
>with questions that don't "demand" an answer?

<snip>

>Does that mean that you feel that the question as to the nature  
>of UFOs does "demand" an answer?

>You've said you have great respect for empirical science, yet in  
>the following paragraph you seem to suggest that it is incapable  
>of ever resolving anything.

If you mean "resolving" in a grand, ultimate sense, then yes,  
that's what I mean. If you mean "resolving" in the sense of  
coming to workable, usable answers to questions, then no, that's  
not what I mean.

And also please note that in the paragraph you quoted from me, I  
was stating what postmodernism says -- which you have attributed  
to me, instead. Although I have a lot of sympathy for postmodern  
ideas, as I've said before, I'm not really sure I'd call myself  
a postmodern-ista.

>I don't think anyone on this List would say that science should  
>be the ultimate arbiter on social issues; I don't think many  
>scientists feel that way. But as for being the arbiter of truth  
>on questions about the material world, it's the only game in  
>town.

Yes, it is more or less the only recognized, sanctioned game in  
town. But read *\*Cosmopolis\** to see how another game, entirely,  
could have been the one we're sitting here debating about, had  
circumstances been different historically.

Sorry I can't respond at more length. First, I was just offering  
some feedback on what postmodernism means, and I have allowed  
my-self to get drawn into an ongoing discussion that I am ill-  
equipped to pursue. I'm not even sure I want to go on at  
greater length. Second, I'm just dog tired tonight and could  
really care less if Newton and Einstein are or can be friends  
with Derrida.

Brenda Denzler



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## Re: Postmodernism - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 17:35:02 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 09:26:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Bowden

>From: George Hansen <[gphansen2001@yahoo.com](mailto:gphansen2001@yahoo.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 08:44:47 -0800 (PST)  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

>>From: Andrew Dabrowski <[dabrowsa@indiana.edu](mailto:dabrowsa@indiana.edu)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 05:15:02 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Dabrowski

<snip>

Listers, please, haven't we heard enough about Post-Modernism?  
There were 14 new posts on this stuff just today! On the whole,  
I fail to see the relevance.

I realize it is not a novel concept that different people have  
different ideas about the nature of objective reality. I have  
even tried to convince my wife that "common sense" is not the  
same for everyone. (That might have been an even more futile  
discussion than the recent rounds on P-M!)

Science has always had to devote a considerable effort to  
establishing ways to define measurements and record observations  
of phenomena in a way that more than one observer could agree  
upon.

I, for one, would like to get back to UFO UpDates. Let's move on  
and leave all of the lengthy discussions of Postmodernism to the  
ivory tower philosophers.

Please?

Tom B.

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## CI: 'Nothing in This Book Is True...'

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 19:19:43 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 09:29:05 -0500  
Subject: CI: 'Nothing in This Book Is True...'

Cydonian Imperative  
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'Nothing in This Book Is True, But It's Exactly How  
Things Are' -- New Edition!

by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 37)

Bob Frissell's 'Nothing in This Book Is True, But It's Exactly How Things Are' (now in its third, expanded edition) is one man's attempt to reconcile subjective truths with a bewildering postmodern universe consisting of alien Grays, monumental architecture on Mars, secret government conspiracies, and sacred geometry. Copiously illustrated and written with surprising lucidity, Frissell's manifesto is an illuminating crack in the wall of orthodox thought. 'Nothing...' is an intriguing compliment to other works that attempt to "explain it all," such as David Jinks' excellent "The Monkey and the Tetrahedron" and Bruce Rux' wildly credulous 'Architects of the Underworld'. Take the plunge!

For more Mars/Cydonia book reviews, see:

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

For books dealing with relatively "mainstream" science and technology, see:

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

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## Re: Aliens May Gain State Honors - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 23:13:16 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 09:31:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Aliens May Gain State Honors - Stanford

>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 13:39:52 -0300  
>Subject: Aliens May Gain State Honors

I think what New Mexico Rep. Dan Foley is proposing is actually  
\_exploitation\_, not honors.

If his proposal is accepted and enacted (which I doubt) it could  
ultimately lead to more ridicule of UFO studies, if media  
behavior in the past is any indicator of future behavior.

Ray Stanford

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

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## Post Postmodernism

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Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 09:39:23 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 09:39:23 -0500  
Subject: Post Postmodernism

And so, as the Postmodernism thread sinks, slowly, in the West we bid it a fond adieu, grateful for the joy, hilarity and biting social introspection it brought us.....

Bye-bye,

ebk

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## Re: Cancellation - Important - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 01:16:47 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 09:32:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Cancellation - Important - Gates

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
>To: Whitley Strieber <[whitley@strieber.com](mailto:whitley@strieber.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 15 Mar 2003 20:31:41 -0300  
>Subject: Cancellation - Important

>Dear Whitley Strieber, program Dreamland:

>After consulting some friends in the USA and in Brazil, I have  
>decided to write to you to request that you totally disconsider  
>and completely delete my segment of your next show, which should  
>be aired by internet on March 15, 2003. Please, simply erase the  
>tape with my interview and don=B4t use in part or whole, or any of  
>my quotes and talks to anything at all, written or broadcast.

>My decision was influenced by the fact that we have recorded the  
>interview last Friday, March 07, just one day before your  
>program, on March 08, where Linda Moulton Howe presented what I  
>consider to be another hoax from Brazil, the alleged explosion  
>of a ball of light. I have detailed information of how the fraud  
>was fabricated. Her presentation of that on your program of  
>March 08 should have been of your knowledge, and previously you  
>recorded my interview.

AJ,

Could you share with us exactly how the alleged hoax was done?  
I am sure Listers would be interested.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Postmodernism - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 07:52:10 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 09:35:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Postmodernism - 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 Mar 2003 22:15:01 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

>>From: Colin Bennett <[sharkley1@panzerben1.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:sharkley1@panzerben1.fsworld.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>>  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 13:32:57 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Bennett

Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>You, Jerry and your sychophants are doing a great job. Keep it  
>up - this is the stuff that gets the outside world really  
>interested in the subject - NOT!

I had given up reading Andy's posts - life is too short and my tolerance of chest-thumping alpha-pelicanists growingly nonexistent - but I fell to temptation on this one. It was, alas, an unworthy, perverse curiosity which had me wondering if, even if I have had nothing to say in the debate about pomo and only modest interest therein, Andy still couldn't resist featuring me, aka the Great Satan, in his latest hit.

I am not surprised to see that the record is still stuck, though I am impressed that he has now been reduced to citing the authoritative pronouncements of Scientologists (e.g., the late Incredible String Band). Unlike Andy, the rest of don't need Scientologists to tell us what would happen if we walked into a wall.

Back to real life...

Jerry Clark

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 11

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Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 12:27:37 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 11:19:17 -0500  
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 11

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

<[Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com)>

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UFO ROUNDUP  
Volume 8, Number 11  
March 12, 2003  
Editor: Joseph Trainor

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

### UFOs REPORTED IN UK

On Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 4:30 p.m., Andrew B. was in Priory Park, Reigate, Surrey, UK when he noticed a UFO approaching from the east. Andrew reported, "Me and my friend Simon were in the park playing football (soccer in the USA--J.T.) when we saw this 'craft' fly across the sky in front of us. At first we dismissed it as a low-flying model aircraft. But after examining the speed of the object, we realised that this could not be so."

Andrew described the UFO as "silver, flattened, metallic. It seemed to be a flattened cylindrical shape. It was 100 to 150 feet (30 to 45 meters) off the ground, extremely fast, for it crossed the sky from one horizon to the other in 20 seconds or so."

On Monday, February 3, 2003, at 9:30 p.m., Matt B. was in Oldbury, Birmingham West, Midlands, UK when he saw a UFO approach from the southwest. Matt reported, "I had just been to the local store. I was looking up into the sky when I thought I saw a jet, but there was no sound of any engines. There were two white lights with a black cylinder shape. Then the lights turned clockwise slowly. Then one light shot off at (high) speed southwest. It was slow at first, then really fast, then it disappeared." (Email Form Reports)

### CIGAR-SHAPED UFO SEEN IN LISMORE, NEW SOUTH WALES

Residents of Lismore, a small city in Australia's state of New South Wales, spotted UFOs flying over the area last week.

"A UFO was sighted near Lismore. The odd craft was said to be cigar-shaped with a light at each end. The object was heading from east to west. Sighting of the object lasted for seven seconds before it disappeared out of sight."

"A daylight sighting of a missile-shaped object at four degrees" above the horizon "was seen by a lady while waiting for a traffic light to change at Ballan Street in Lismore."

In the state of South Australia, the Southern Times-Messenger "reported a UFO sighting at Christie's Beach. A witness said she 'saw the same thing a bit later at 11 p.m. at O'Sullivan's Beach. The object was bigger than a



star. It flashed three times in different locations and moved faster than a plane.'" (See The Northern Mercury of Lismore, N.S.W. for March 2, 3002. Many thanks to John Hayes and Diane Harrison of the Australian UFO Research Network for forwarding these newspaper reports.) (Editor's Comment: Curiously, the UFOs appeared in Lismore just after the twenty-fifth anniversary of the city's "glowing cross" phenomenon. For more on the Lismore cross, see UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 9 for February 26, 2003, "1907: A strange death at Mullumbimby," page 10; and volume 8, number 10 for March 5, 2003, "1978: The Lourdes of Australia?" page 8.)

#### LUMINOUS UFO SPOTTED IN SPAIN'S CANARY ISLANDS

On Wednesday, February 19, 2003, "a luminous UFO was videotaped by a family living in the barrio San Luis (neighborhood) in the city of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, the largest city in Spain's Canary Islands, located off the coast of Morocco.

The videotape was aired on an evening news show on Spain's Antena 3 network, hosted by TV journalist Luis Javier de San Borodin.

"The family observed the strange luminous object the evening of February 19, and it hovered over the sea (Atlantic Ocean--J.T.) for around an hour. According to the eyewitnesses, the UFO remained immobile in the sky during this time and then disappeared completely." (See NotiOVNI for March 2, 2003. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz para esas noticias.)

#### UFO FLAP SWEEPS BRAZIL

The Distrito Federal in central Brazil is now in the midst of a UFO flap.

The first sighting in the D.F., which is home to Brasilia, the capital of the large South American country, took place on Tuesday, February 4, 2003 "when a UFO hovered 30 meters (100 feet) away from a witness."

Four days later, on Saturday, February 8, 2003, "a silver UFO 3 meters (10 feet) in diameter was hovering in the air" in a rural district of the Distrito Federal "just a few meters off the ground."

On Saturday, March 1, 2003, "at 10:15 p.m., Aurezio Galo, 33, who lives in Gama Leste, D.F., (Brazil), 45 kilometers (27 miles) east of Brasilia, was looking to the sky, searching for stars, when he saw a strange light flying slowly. He then fetched his binoculars to observe more clearly and saw that the light was actually a round object with red, orange and white colors around it. It seemed that the object pulsed and rotated on its (own) axis at the same time. Aurezio called in his older son, Pedro Luiz, age 9, to see the UFO also. Both observed the movements of the object until it disappeared from view. The event lasted about four minutes. According to the witnesses, the object did not emit any sound nor did it alter its speed."

On Saturday, March 8, 2003, at around 6:30 p.m., "a UFO was sighted in Maceio," a large port city in the state of Alagoas in northern Brazil.

"The UFO crossed the sky over the city, heading east towards the South Atlantic. Moving at high speed, it presented a luminous aura that pulsed at regular intervals of once every 10 seconds. At the heart of the aura was a misty blue and yellow object of limited intensity. The UFO moved in a zigzagging trajectory and remained in view for approximately one minute."

Maceio is located about 1,050 kilometers (630 miles) northeast of Rio de Janeiro. (Muito obrigado a Thiago Luiz Tichetti e Paulo Silva Countinho para esos casos.)

#### UFO ACTIVITY INCREASES IN ARGENTINA

On Tuesday and Wednesday nights, February 25 and 26, 2003, four luminous UFOs hovered repeatedly over the Parque Chacabuco in Buenos Aires, the capital of

Argentina.

"The first sighting was on Tuesday, February 25, at 8:52 p.m.," ufologist Ricardo E. D'Angelo reported. "The UFOs appeared from and then departed to the southeast, over the Rio de la Plata. The maneuvers of the UFOs lasted all night."

"I saw intense flashes--pulses of blue light--from my apartment balcony, which seemed to be directly above the Parque Chacabuco. During the second night, Wednesday, February 26, blue flashes were seen during a period of five to six hours. On this occasion, the four UFOs retreated due south."

On Thursday, March 6, 2003, at 7:35 p.m., a UFO was seen in Rufino, a town in Argentina's Santa Fe province, located 200 kilometers (120 miles) west of Buenos Aires.

"Several individuals who were at a motorcycle racetrack at the Ben Hur Sports Club, located in southeastern Rufino, noticed a strange white light moving over the city from the south and heading northward. Witnesses testified that the light was traveling lower than the flight altitude at which aircraft normally fly over the city. It was brighter than a star and traveled horizontally with regard to the ground at high speed. At a given moment during the trajectory, it vanished." (Muchas gracias a Ricardo E. D'Angelo, Norberto Mollo y Juan Jose Mecchi para esos informes.)

#### NEW UFO FLAP BREAKS OUT IN NORTHERN CHILE

"Northern Chile has begun witnessing a new wave of UFO sightings."

"On Sunday, March 2, 2003, many people on the streets of Calama," a small city north of Antofagasta, "saw a bright object fly across the city."

"Another similar object appeared the following morning," Monday, March 3, 2003. "Many skeptics believed that it was a weather balloon. However, this object was very bright and appeared to suddenly change speed and direction."

Calama was the site of hundreds of UFO sightings in 2001 and 2002.

"The first flying object was seen in different parts of Calama, as well as in (nearby) San Pedro de Atacama, near Ruta (Route) CH-25. Many residents saw the bright object near the airport, flying so fast that it 'disappeared.' Nevertheless, the object reappeared again several times and in different locations. Many eyewitnesses had time to get their binoculars to get a better look at it."

"A local television channel began broadcasting live images of the object at approximately 3:30 p.m." on Sunday, February 23, 2003. The live video coverage ended at 5:30 p.m."

"A young boy said that he saw a similar object on Tuesday, February 11, 2003. He described the UFO as looking 'like an eye.' The boy claims that he saw the bright object as he was standing outside of his house. According to him, the sighting lasted three minutes. During an interview with the Centro UFO de Calama (Spanish for Calama UFO Center--J.T.), the boy indicated that the object flew at a slow speed from north to south. The object later disappeared into what he called an S-shaped cloud or contrail."

"On Saturday, February 22, 2003, at 6:55 a.m., while waiting at a bus stop, two labor contractors saw yet another similar object. One of the gentlemen, Omar Acevedo, was interviewed by the Centro UFO de Calama. He described the object as 'flying very slow.' It was seen at about 10 kilometers (6 miles) from the hills on the west side of Calama. According to Acevedo, it was a yellow sphere which moved from south to north in an area where no commercial airplanes fly. He is absolutely sure it was no airplane."

Also that Saturday, "at 3 p.m., Roberto Troncoso Rodriguez, 20, an asphalt plant worker, reported seeing another bright object on the south side of Calama. He was among ten other eyewitnesses at the asphalt plant who reported seeing the same object. Roberto said the silver-colored object appeared to be 'spinning on its own axis.'"

The object stayed spinning in the same direction for a few minutes--without traveling in any direction."

"On Monday, February 24, 2003, at 9:35 p.m., a UFO described as 'spherical in shape and bright yellow' but 'did not appear to emit flashes or any kind of light patterns' was seen near the Calama Hills by a warehouse employee named Enrique Cortez. However, this particular object seemed to change colors from red to yellow approximately every 10 seconds." (Muchas gracias a Jaime Ferrer y Mario Andrade del Centro UFO de Calama y tambien a Dr. Virgilio Sanchez Ocejo de UFO Miami para esos informes.)

#### EVIDENCE SHOWS COLUMBIA'S LEFT TIRES EXPLODED

"All six tires from the shuttle Columbia have been found, revealing especially intense damage to the left wheels--a finding that could indicate the orbiter's destruction stemmed from problems in the left wheel well, investigators said Tuesday," March 4, 2003.

"Board members said they are examining the debris for clues about how the shuttle melted and sprayed molten metals as it broke up. Chemical analysis has found more molten aluminum on the orbiter's left side than on the right, consistent with other evidence that the breakup started in that area of the shuttle."

"Investigators also said the shuttle's left tires sustained more damage than those on the right--a finding that could mean a leak of superhot air caused the left wheels to blow up."

"The blowing of these tires would likely have been a very catastrophic event, so it couldn't have occurred until very late (in the flight--J.T.),' investigation board member Roger Tetreault said Tuesday at a news conference in Houston."

"The charred state of much of the wreckage is making it difficult to determine what might have caused the accident and what was simply a result of the (space) ship's disintegration. Although investigators said it is unclear what caused the damage they are seeing, the debris should help pinpoint where hot plasma first breached the shuttle's heat-resistant tiles."

"What we have to do is follow the heat,' Tetreault said, 'Our job is just beginning.'"

"One focus of the investigation is a piece of debris from the frame of the shuttle's left landing gear door that could reveal whether superhot air breached the wheel well during flight."

"Tetreault also described deposits of aluminum and stainless steel found on the inside of carbon panels that were meant to protect the leading edge of the shuttle's left wing." (See the Chicago Tribune for March 5, 2003, "Tires leave clues on shuttle breakup," page 5.)

(Editor's Note: UFO Roundup first looked into the possibility of a tire explosion causing the spacecraft disaster immediately after the loss of Columbia on Saturday, February 1, 2003. See UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 6 for February 5, 2003, "Accident or shutdown? The Columbia mystery," page 4.)

#### ITALIAN UFO AUTHOR DIES

Italian author Marcello Coppetti, 76, passed away recently. Sr. Coppetti was a lifelong editor, journalist and "an author of many books about political affairs, secret agents, Freemasonry and mysteries in Italy."

Twenty-five years ago, Sr. Coppetti began writing about UFOs, collaborating with the Italian magazine *Il Giornale dei Misteri* "in which he engaged in a long series of articles" insisting that "UFOs were secret weapons."

In 1979, he published his first book on the subject, *UFO: Arma segreta* (Publicazione Mediterranee, Milano).

A year later, in 1980, he published a second book, *UFO in Italia* (Boncampagni, Conti, Lamperi e Sani, Milano), documenting sightings in Italy throughout the centuries. (See the Italian newspapers *La Nazione* and *Il Resto di Carlino* for February 15, 2003. Grazie a Edoardo Russo e Renzo Cabassi di CISU per questo rapporto.)

From the UFO Files...

1948: WINGED WONDERS

The year 1948 is usually remembered as the end of the "Roswell flap," with its legions of silver discs crossing the skies worldwide. But some strange entities were sighted during that period, too, and none stranger than the trio who appeared in Longview, Washington state, USA.

On April 9, 1948, James Pittman, Mrs. Viola Johnson and several other workers trooped out of the laundry building where they were employed. People lit their cigarettes or dropped a dime in the Coca-Cola machine, eager to savor their fifteen-minute break.

Suddenly, Pittman and Mrs. Johnson heard "a sound like an airplane engine."

Looking up, they saw three humanoid forms flying in formation over Longview. The "men" had angelic wings sprouting from their shoulder blades. But unlike an angel's wing, these were dark, not white.

"The witnesses could not make out arms but saw dangling legs and thought that the aerobats were attired in dark flying suits with helmets."

"The (three) aviators then circled the city of Longview several times."

Pittman and Mrs. Johnson described the trio as "birdmen."

Another witness said they reminded him "of that Hawkman guy in the funnybooks."

The "birdmen" did not interact with the people on the ground but merely flew out of visual range.

Longview, Wash. is on Highway 4, on the north bank of the Columbia River, located 45 miles (72 kilometers) north-northwest of Portland, Oregon and about 40 miles (64 kilometers) south of Chehalis, Wash. (See the book Weird America by Jim Brandon, E.P. Dutton, New York, N.Y., 1978, page 232.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us next time for more UFOnews from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next week!

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## 03-13-97 Arizona Sightings

From: Tom King <[tomking2030@hotmail.com](mailto:tomking2030@hotmail.com)>  
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Subject: 03-13-97 Arizona Sightings

Hello List,

I have made a semi-official March 13, 1997 website. By semi-official I mean it was made by data by Mike Fortson (8:30 witness) and myself (10:00 witness).

After 6 years we believe the 8:30 event can't be explained by military, holograms, or anything else conventional and is a real UFO event. The 10:00 pm event which I videotaped were most likely flares dropped by the military as a diversion to debunk the sighting 90 minutes earlier.

I'm still loading more stuff on this complex sighting every few days and working on more 3D simulations of what the boomerang looked like to some people.

I plan on having a LiveCam on 3-13-97 from my house if I get my Win98 machine rebuilt in time.

Here is a direct link:

<http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/830.php>

Thanks,

Tom King  
[www.ufovideo.com](http://www.ufovideo.com)

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## 03-13-97 Phoenix Media

From: Tom King <[tomking2030@hotmail.com](mailto:tomking2030@hotmail.com)>  
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Subject: 03-13-97 Phoenix Media

Hello List,

Here is some local Phoenix, Arizona, radio you might be interested.  
You can listen via the Web from your location.

For the record I don't recall Linda Moulton Howe doing any investigation in the Phoenix Lights. She tape recorded a couple interviews for the Art Bell show. I wouldn't call that 'investigating' and I don't think it warrants speaking with the media as an authority on the subject. It's simply shameless self promotion for their personal glory. Does she ever turn down a media interview? Might as well bring in Hoagland, and the rest of the bandwagoners that don't have a clue as to what happened that night.

Tom King

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<http://www.journeyswithmarklewis.com/showinfo.php>

JOURNEYS with Mark Lewis Presents  
The Phoenix Lights with Jim Dilettoso

From 2-4pm, this Sunday, March 16th, 'Journeys with Mark Lewis' presents an afternoon lecture on the Phoenix Lights with Jim Dilettoso at the Southwest Institute of Healing Arts at 1100 East Apache in Tempe.

Dilettoso's firm, Village Labs, was the clearinghouse for video of the event and he will show us the video he has of the Phoenix Lights and take your questions as well.

Mark Lewis will be on hand as moderator and both he and Jim Dilettoso look forward to seeing you this Sunday at the Southwest Institute of Healing Arts.

Date... Sunday March 16  
Time... 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Place... Southwest Institute of Healing Arts  
Place... 1100 East Apache in Tempe  
Fee.... \$10 donation at the door

On March 13th 1997 a strange phenomenon traversed the skies of Arizona. The UFO became known as the Phoenix Lights and was featured on the front page of USA Today and all of the network newscasts because of the enormity of the craft and its mysterious origin.

This coming Saturday March 15th we will devote the entire two hours to discussing just what happened on that March night six years ago.

Linda Moulton Howe

Linda Moulton Howe of Earthfiles.com will be joined by Peter Davenport of the National UFO Reporting Center and we will also talk with Dr. Lynne, a woman who not only witnessed the lights

but has written a book about her experiences as well.

Joining our roundtable discussion on the Phoenix Lights will be Richard Price, who wrote the cover story for USA Today that sent this event over the top internationally. Also joining us will be Jim Dilettoso and Michael Tanner of Village Labs who examined the tapes of the event and set the timeline by interviewing the multiple eyewitnesses to the Phoenix Lights.

Don't miss this riveting look at the Phoenix Lights!

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## Re: Cancellation - Important - Gevaerd

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 12:20:02 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 11:57:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Cancellation - Important - Gevaerd

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 01:16:47 EST  
>Subject: Re: Cancellation - Important

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
>>To: Whitley Strieber <[whitley@strieber.com](mailto:whitley@strieber.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 15 Mar 2003 20:31:41 -0300  
>>Subject: Cancellation - Important

>>Dear Whitley Strieber, program Dreamland:

>>After consulting some friends in the USA and in Brazil, I have  
>>decided to write to you to request that you totally disconsider  
>>and completely delete my segment of your next show, which should  
>>be aired by internet on March 15, 2003. Please, simply erase the  
>>tape with my interview and don't use in part or whole, or any of  
>>my quotes and talks to anything at all, written or broadcast.

<snip>

>Could you share with us exactly how the alleged hoax was done?  
>I am sure Listers would be interested.

Robert, I assume that you are asking about this new hoax that is being supported at [www.earthfiles.com](http://www.earthfiles.com) - that of an alleged crash of a UFO? If so, I have sent some short reports, I wrote at the time about it, to translation. They will be ready soon and immediately posted here.

At the time of the alleged crash I was at the place with a TV crew and absolutely nothing happened. I talked to many people in the area, I analyzed the perimeter, nothing. Not a single rock blasted. The trees that the hoaxer claims that were damaged 'appeared' several days after he announced the alleged explosion, and at a totally different location than he previously claimed. The vets that examined the calves that were allededly blinded by the blast didn't find anything at all.

The perpetrator - for the cameras - said the the crash had the explosion of an atomic bomb, while his friend, who watched the same thing, said - also for the cameras - that the "blast" was absolutely silent. What a difference... The local sheriff didn't even file a report, as absolutely nothing could be seen... I have it all covered.

A. J.

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## Strange Light In Sky A Meteor Or Was It?

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Subject: Strange Light In Sky A Meteor Or Was It?

Source: Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal, Ontario

<http://www.chroniclejournal.com/story.shtml?id=16025>

Strange Light In Sky A Meteor Or Was It?

By Kris Ketonen - The Chronicle-Journal

March 11, 2003

A Lakehead University professor says the strange light seen in Thunder Bay's skies Saturday was a meteor, but some residents believe there was more to it.

Stephen Kissin, a geology professor at Lakehead and member of the Meteorites and Impacts Advisory Committee to the Canadian Space Agency, said reports of the ball of flame with the long, smokey trail are consistent with the many meteors that crash to earth each year.

A Lydia Avenue resident - who wished to remain nameless - was one of the witnesses to the night's astral event. She was sitting in her living room between 7 and 8 p.m., and happened to glance out the west-facing main windows. And that's when she saw it.

It was rectangular, she said, with an orange, with an orange glow. It moved very fast as it streaked westward.

"It was too big to be a plane, that's why I noticed it," she said yesterday, adding it also "moved too fast to be a plane."

The woman didn't hear the loud bang reported by residents near Finmark road, but her television was on at the time, so the bang may have been drowned out. The woman couldn't guess as to how high up the object was. The woman's grandson also witnessed the flight, while her husband got a look at the plume of smoke left behind it.

Kissin said the smoke was actually a dust trail. The woman said the dust remained for about an hour, which Kissin said is possible, depending on the wind.

"It sounds like it's an isolated meteor sighting," Kissin said. "It was definitely down in the lower atmosphere if it's creating a sonic boom, and leaving behind (a dust trail). That's certainly very typical."

However, the object's glow suggests it was still fairly high up.

Meteors usually travel between 20 and 80 kilometres per second, Kissin said. The sighting indicates the meteor was a small one, he said, as a very large one of many tonnes wouldn't have been slowed by the atmosphere and would have crashed to earth in a matter of a few seconds.

"It wouldn't have been visible for very long," Kissin said. "But then, of course, you'd hear a huge . . . impact somewhere."

It may be difficult to track the path of Saturday's sighting, Kissin said.

"You need to have people on both sides of the track," he said. "If it were going east-west, you'd have to have people that were on the north side of it and the south side of it in order to get an accurate fix."

A meteor shower wasn't responsible for the sighting, Kissin said. Meteor showers are actually Earth passing through the tail of a comet, he said, and the chunks of frozen gas seen travelling across the sky during a shower burn up if they enter the atmosphere. There's little stony material in comets.

"Then you get all the UFO reports, because they look really weird," he said. "You see these white things, and they really go fast across the sky. They look weird."

Kissin is going to look into the incident. OPP investigated on the weekend, but didn't turn up anything.

And at least one Thunder Bay resident still believes the Shabaqua Triangle may have had something to do with it.

Yesterday, Bob Armstrong related a tale told to him by his late father Vic, who used to be a conductor on a train that carried pulp wood from Graham eastward to Thunder Bay. The route was inside the triangle, and they'd often end up travelling at night, Bob, 68, said.

One night in the mid-1970s, Vic was riding in the caboose as the train passed through the Raith flats, between Graham and Raith. Outside, he noticed what he described as a fireball travelling alongside the train. It was going about the same speed, but was some distance away.

Suddenly, the ball sped up and pulled away from the train, all before Vic had a chance to wake up the slumbering brakeman.

When Vic returned to town, he told his son what happened. But he wondered what the point of telling anyone else would be, since it's unlikely anyone would believe him.

But Bob \_ who said he's heard of several such sightings in the area \_ believed him.

"Dad wasn't the type to exaggerate," Bob said. "He told things as he saw them."

[UFO UpDates thanks [www.http://anomalist.com](http://anomalist.com) for the lead]

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## Filer's Files #11 -- 2003

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FILER'S FILES #11 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.  
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### UFO SIGHTINGS EXPECTED TO INCREASE

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. This report includes a wave of UFOs in the northeast, a prediction of a UFO wave and a New Hampshire UFO chased, Connecticut flashing lights, Massachusetts oval craft, New Jersey giant hang glider and cylinder, Maryland abduction, North Carolina egg, Georgia object with lights spinning, Alabama floating bell, Illinois cylinders flies over at 300 feet, California circles split, Oregon abductions, Washington UFOs over Navy Bases, Canadian disc sightings remain high, Strange red light in Alaska, Argentina chevron, English cone flies over at 300 feet altitude, Scotland fireflies, and Netherlands maneuvering light changes color. How to stay younger.

### UFO SIGHTINGS FLYING HIGH STARTING SATURDAY

BOW, New Hampshire - If you see little green men on St. Patrick's Day, they're more likely to be extraterrestrials than leprechauns. At least that's the prediction of UFO researcher Donald Johnson, Ph.D., who claims there will be a rash of sightings starting Saturday, March 15, peaking March 25 and lasting throughout spring. He says 47 years of UFO research in his UFOCAT files suggest that sightings seem to happen on a 42-day cycle and peak every 61 months. Places like Denmark, Japan and Australia will get busy while, San Diego; Columbia, Missouri; and Brownsville, Texas, will be the hot spots in the US. Johnson is asking anyone who sees a UFO to photograph it and send it to the Center for UFO Studies for analysis. Thanks to Don Johnson, [ufocat@CUFOS.ORG](mailto:ufocat@CUFOS.ORG)

NASHUA NH.-- The witness walks his dogs every morning before work around five o'clock and often sees a satellite or two, traveling a straight and steady path. On February 27, 2003, I was amazed to see two objects traveling one behind the other, a good distance apart, at a low altitude. There was no sound that I could detect and the objects maintained a steady glow -- with no blinking lights. Above the objects and around the objects, at a much higher altitude were twelve other objects that I thought were Air Force jets. They maneuvered like jets and had blinking lights that pulsated regularly. The jets seemed to be circling the two other objects, but keeping a distance. I watched this spectacle for about four minutes until they disappeared. Before I saw this spectacle, the lights on the interior of my locked car were on when I was at the top of my stairway with my two dogs. As I walked down the stairs, towards the car, the lights went out. I believe that the two objects passing over my house may have been responsible for the lights malfunction. Thanks to: Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

## CONNECTICUT FLASHING LIGHTS GOING AROUND IT.

FARMINGTON -- The witness states that on February 28, 2003, "We were ice skating at about 8:30 PM, when we noticed three lights, white, red and white flashing about every second in a rotating circle pattern. It seemed to be in a circle but we couldn't see the outline of the craft. There was no sound as it moved about the speed of a small plane but in an erratic curve path across the sky. [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

## NEW YORK THREE LIGHTS IN TRIANGULAR FORMATION

HAUPPAUGE, Long Island -- On Thursday evening February 20, 2003, at about 9:00 PM, my girl friend and I were chatting in the car with her head on my lap, looking up at me and out the window. She suddenly asks me "What's that? Then she started pointing directly overhead at moving stars. I got out of the car and noticed three star like objects for thirty seconds moving in the sky. They were just as bright as the other stars in the sky, traveling in a triangular pattern. There was one in the front and two in the back in a triangular shaped pattern. It was moving slow enough to see for over a minute and the one on the left side moved diagonally towards the leading light. It almost touched then went back to it's original position. Twenty seconds later the objects were at about a 60 degree angle, when I started noticing two other fainter lights appearing along side the two brighter lights on the sides. Now the objects were at about a 45 degree angle heading north. There were a total of 5 or 6 lights visible, when the original three lights started to dim as the other lights became brighter, then they all started to fade one by one at 9:32 PM. My girl friend saw eight lights overhead initially. Thanks to: Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

## NEW JERSEY GIANT HANG GLIDER AND CYLINDER

Todd writes, I read in Filer's Files #9 about a large kite/hang glider in Kenilworth, New Jersey. The dimensions of the kite as described struck a chord with me since I'm an avid kite flier and have large kites. The kite as described sounds like a kite I own that is approximately 19.5" feet across by ten feet high. It has an articulated Easton Carbon fiber frame and is capable of producing some very prodigious lift if the wind is moving. The Great Big Kite (GBK) was designed for aerial photography or doing stunts and can be flown as a single line kite. I'm sure prodigious altitude could be attained. The description of the story makes it sound as if the thing was a self-propelled steerable hang-glider contraption that could go much farther than 250 feet away from the person flying it. I can't imagine what the structure underneath the kite was but maybe it was a lightweight sheath (neoprene) for all weather aerial photos? The following large jpeg (<http://pod.ath.cx/gbk.jpg>) is a picture of me flying a Colossal Kiteworks. Thanks to Todd

## MARYLAND ABDUCTION STORY IN DETAIL.

SILVER SPRING -- The witness states, "This is the truth though scary." I was in my room grading my students papers at 12 PM, on February 20, 2003, when I noticed a bright light outside, so I went out to look and felt a warm sensation come over my body. The next thing I can remember is being alone on a cold hard table with people in Doctor like masks above me. I can swear they were at least 8 feet tall. They were slimy. I knew this because they touched me in places I'd rather not share. They stuck a needle in me but for some reason I felt no pain. In the back ground there were more people that appeared to be the female versions of the people. The people talked in a foreign language that I could not be understand because it was a series of clicks and mumbled speech. The room grew cold and I felt something being pulled out of me. My appendix I believe. Then I was knocked out once again. I woke up right where this adventure had started. I thought it to be a dream but then I felt the scar on my side. It looked as if someone had split me open with a machete. It was stitched closed as if a surgeon had performed the strange operation." (( [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC Note: We have inquired whether the witness would be willing to have the scar examined and investigated. PD)) Thanks to: Peter Davenport

## NORTH CAROLINA EGG BIG BRIGHT LIGHT ON THE TOP

SANFORD -- On February 14, 2003, the witness reports, "My cousin and I were coming from a dance when I saw a big white bright light in the sky that looked like a car light. My cousin said she saw it, too, so I began to slow down and rolled down my car window. It was shaped like an egg or oval with a light on top shining upward. When I stopped the light went out and many little lights came on in red, blue, green yellow, and white. They started to blink then fade in and out. Even with the lights out, I could still see the big shape in the sky for about ten minutes even though it was raining just a little. This is my second time seeing an UFO. Thanks to: Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

GEORGIA OBJECT WAS SPINNING FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES.

DALLAS -- The witness happened to look out his window at 2:00 AM, on February 23, 2003, and saw an unusually bright star in the western sky. This one appeared to have been spinning with red, yellow, blue, and white colors. I called my husband and he came and thought it was a star. We both went out side with a video camera and taped it. All of the dogs were barking as it was the only object in the sky and it hovered for about fifteen minutes. Thanks to: Peter Davenport.

ALABAMA FLOATING BELL SHAPED OBJECT

HILLSBORO -- On February 13, 2003, we were driving along a dirt road in the middle of cotton fields for a joy ride and observed an orange glow behind us following at a distance. Our headlights were dimming by themselves, and the car felt like it was held to the ground by a magnet and didn't want to move. We turned around at 10 PM, and affirmed that there was no light source that we could see. We turned around and after a few seconds the orange glow was again following us. In the meantime, we saw a circle from the ground which encircled our view of the moon. There were thick wispy clouds blowing in quickly. We went around a curve in the road and my friend said, "Oh my God, look at this, you're missing it! I jumped out of the car. Flying fifty yards away and descending to the height of the treetops was a bell shaped object completely covered in round white lights, separate but close together. The light was a pure white with the effect of silver mixed in. The object floated slowing just beneath the treetop, and then started ascending. It flew off to the right across the trees toward Highway 20. The object wobbled as hovered and started ascending. The object was completely silent. I grabbed my binoculars and it seemed to be alive, like a living flying self illuminated object. I am pondering if it was an angel or UFO? Thanks to: Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

FLORIDA SILVER METALLIC OBJECT ABOVE CRANE

MIAMI BEACH -- My husband called me on March 3, 2003, he is a crane operator and was looking up at the crane and was saw some type of object in the sky at 9:35 AM. He was still watching and he called all excited and asked me to turn on the news to see if it had been reported. He pointed it out to several workers and no one knew what it was. He said, "It was a silver metallic color and periodically there was red and he was ABSOLUTELY sure it was not a jet. At arm's length his thumb could cover it. He has had more than this sighting being that he works outdoors, but this one really excited him as it flew very slow west to east. Thanks to: Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

ILLINOIS CYLINDERS PASS AT 300 FEET ALTITUDE

DOWNERS GROVE -- The witness was going home from work on February 11, 2003, and was about to enter I 355 Expressway at 4 PM, when he saw two objects passing over at around 300 feet high. One had a cylindrical shape with a circular shape, like a sphere at the ends. Both objects were dark in color and flying without lights. The sky was cloudy above these objects. The second one was flying 500 feet behind and lower than that first one. Another person, also, saw them and stopped his van in front of me and turned on his emergency lights so no body would hit us because there was no room to park. We watched them disappear to the northeast. I will never forget this experience. This is the second time I have seen something like this. The first time was in 1983, in Tampico, Mexico at 4:00 AM, but it was totally



different. This one had a lot of orange and blue lights and a small red sphere came out straight down

MATTOON -- Witnesses in the area have noticed a light in the sky almost every night for a month. On February 25, 2003, the witness reports, "It is scary the way it moved around so quickly, so I had my friend video tape it." It is the brightest light in the sky and moved from side to side and up and down. It looks like a spinning ball of energy. It has been in the sky now for over two hours. Thanks to: Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### CALIFORNIA CIRCLES SPLIT IN TWO

AMERICAN CANYON -- The witnesses report seeing two craft several miles from each other at 11:30 PM, on February 22, 2003. The first one would stop and go, stop and go. Suddenly we saw a second craft, but it just sat in one place while the other moved. They both had an orange glow. As the first one stopped the second one dimmed it's lights then dropped something. It turned its lights back on, suddenly splitting in two. It sparkled like glitter, and then disappeared. The second one also disappeared and that's all we saw. Thanks to: Peter Davenport

#### OREGON MISSING TIME

VALLEY JUNCTION -- My wife and I left the casino parking lot at Grande Ronde, Oregon at exactly 10:30 PM, on February 21, 2003, but we have no memory of how we arrived at the intersection of 99 W and Highway 22 about twelve minutes later, a distance of maybe 25 miles. The time on our watches, as well as the car's clock are all the same. The only strange occurrence we noted was the sound of what can best be described as hundreds of frogs croaking as we left the casino's parking lot. During the previous month, we both missed 32 minutes of time on two separate days, as evidenced by each of our watches showing 32 minutes difference from standard correct time. Since we corrected the time on both watches, they have worked perfectly. My wife also has strange marks on her chest and left hand. Thanks to: Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### WASHINGTON UFOs OVER NAVAL BASES

SUBMARINE BASE BANGOR -- On March 1, 2003, the witness noticed a very bright white light almost due south of his post 2300 hours (11 PM). He states, "What attracted my attention was the intensity of the light and the flashes, not twinkling like a star as seen through the atmosphere." It was about 30 degrees above the horizon and did not move and there was no sound. When I looked at the object through my binoculars, red and blue or blue/green flashes could be clearly seen. At about 2330, the object seemed to move away as it got smaller in size and the intensity diminished until it could not be seen. This process happened slowly over five minutes as it moved away and dropped in elevation by one or two degrees. The night was clear and cold with stars readily visible and just a hint of fog above the water of Hood Canal. At 2345, the object again became visible but was further south and west of its prior position at about 25 degrees above the horizon. The object very slowly moved west, but its change in position was faster than the Earth's rotation. The flashing lights were still clearly visible and none of other stars had flashing lights. At 2353 and at about 20 degrees above the horizon, the object again slowly started moving away until about 0012 at about 15 degrees above the horizon it finally faded from sight. It was back the next night at about the same time but further east and not as intense. All I can say is that I don't think stars fade out and then return lower in the sky, fade out, move west and higher in the sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

BREMERTON -- On February 25, 2003, about 7:30 PM, my husband, going to his vehicle after work looked up and noticed a strange looking aircraft flying directly over the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. The craft had a triangle/chevron shape with one light at each point of the three points which did not blink, as most aircraft running lights do. The craft was at an altitude of only 900 feet without sound, and was moving slowly north. There is a strict no-fly zone in effect over the shipyard and naval base.

BREMERTON -- On February 26, 2003, around 10 PM, my husband noticed an aircraft hovering over the tops of the trees in the



downtown area of Bremerton. The craft was triangular/chevron shaped and had 3 lights at each point of the ship. This craft was unusually low, too low to be an airplane, and its movements did not fit with any existing technology known today. The ship was heading south at a stop-and-go pace without sound. This object was observed for at least five minutes before it descended vertically-upward into the clouds from a standstill/hovering position. This is the second night in row that a similar craft was seen over the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

EVERETT -- In last weeks Filer's Files a sighting was reported of a disc below a large aircraft on February 24, 2003, sighting over Olympic Mountains. At 10:15 AM, hundreds of Boeing employees watched the first 777 ER take off on its first flight. It was accompanied by a small, silver or white colored "chase plane", which would have been taking photos of the new airplane. This could explain the sighting on February 24, 2003, over the Olympic Mountains. Thanks to: Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] NUFORC .

#### CANADA THREE DAYLIGHT DISC SIGHTINGS

VANCOUVER -- I live in a downtown high-rise on the 16th floor and was getting ready to watch the Simpson's at 9 PM, when I saw this flying object over the buildings in front of us on February 12, 2003. I knew it couldn't be a plane because it was so low and after watching the planes that go around here everyday I've memorized their flight paths. Second of all the lights in this craft weren't flickering or blinking, they were just constantly beaming a hazy sort of weird whitish/yellowish light. At first I didn't see the 3 lights on the corners of this triangular craft until it very slowly and silently hovered towards my building. Anything made by man that flies only 500 meters away has to make a sound. I had called my brother and as the craft got closer we realized that it was no plane, but some sort of triangular craft as it passed over a couple stories over my building. We saw it's structure and there was a red light in the middle. I was astonished and ran for my camera and eventfully found it and took one lousy picture. Suddenly instead of going on it's horizontal path it went vertically straight to the skies and turned into a star.

ELLINGTON -- On February 21, 2003, a 17 year old boy from Prince Edward Island and his friends saw a bright light that caused their dogs to go wild. The witness writes, "My four friends and I started up our skidoos to let them warm up at 11 PM, and we came inside my house. The street lights and the power to the house went out and the skidoos stopped. Our two dogs were yelping, and my mom's cat was hissing at the window. There was a tremendously bright light in the yard from three objects that hovered like a yo yo for five minutes. The lights dimmed but these objects kept changing shape and formation. They went from circle to a square then triangle formation and they moved up fast turned on a 90 degree angle like a dime. The cordless phone wouldn't work and my cell phone kept ringing, but when I answered there was only static and weird noises. After 25 minutes, the bright light appeared again and these three objects shot up into the sky. The power went back on, the dogs and cat settled down. It even left a melted area in the snow of a triangle with circles on each tip and a strange sign like it melted the drift of snow.

MILL BAY ON VANCOUVER ISLAND -- Two Alcan Aluminum smelter employees on February 22, 2003, noticed a large disk shaped object traveling very low and slowly over the Douglas Channel. The disc rose up to clear the mountains to the north. The witnesses stood completely still with their mouths wide open watching! "They said, "If it moved towards them, they believed they would have been unable to move". The low flying disc had large, very bright white lights that shone on the water that lit up a good sized area and made a portion of the object visible. No other lights were visible, but after two minutes it gradually gained altitude to climb up over the mountain. They both knew for certain that what they were looking at was no normal aircraft due to it's size, speed and strange shape.

PRINCE RUPERT TO TERRACE, BC -- At 10:30 PM, a couple driving home 85 kilometers west out of Terrace witnessed a huge object traveling north across the Skein River on February 22, 2003. The disk shaped craft was dark and moved very slowly, but had two

large almost rectangular lights that could be seen glowing from the bottom. The husband wanted to pull over to get a better look, but his wife was frightened, crying and "insisted" that he keep going and quickly.

HOUSTON, BC -- Brian Vike reports two local residents stated, "My buddy and I were traveling along Highway #16 just east of town on March 3, 2003, at 7:55 AM, during daylight and just before Perow, they noticed a large object paralleling them along the highway. They were going 50 kilometers an hour and the object was 300 to 400 feet away, so they both had a very close up look at it. Sometimes there were trees between the truck and UFO which hindered their view, but there was no disturbance in the trees. The craft was slightly wobbling, like looking through a heat wave. The UFO looked like an "Air Stream Trailer", and its size was close to a Greyhound Bus. It was metallic in color, and no other features could be seen on it. No lights, windows, nothing! The object stayed straight across from their truck as they drove along! The passenger rolled down the window to see if he was able to hear any sound, but none was heard. After almost a kilometer the craft turned slowly away from the highway, wobbled slightly, sped up, wobbled once again and then shot off out of sight very quickly.

HBCC UFO Note: Three reports, one coming from Vancouver Island, Kitimat and in between Terrace & Prince Rupert all on the same time of a similar craft. Thanks to: Brian Vike Editor: Canadian Communicator (Paranormal Magazine) [hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net) HBCC UFO Research

#### ALASKA STRANGE ORANGE LIGHT

ANCHORAGE -- My sister-in-law called us outside on a very clear February 27, 2003, to look at a strange bright orange/red light moving in the sky directly overhead at 9:10 PM. At first we thought it might be a plane but the object suddenly stopped motionless and then reversed direction." I ran to get the binoculars and saw what appeared to be multiple lights rotating. After observing it for several more minutes we saw a small object separate and move away from the bigger object. The object then faded in and out then just disappeared. [  
<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] NUFORC

#### BRAZIL CIGAR SHAPED CRAFT FLASHED WHITE/BLUE LIGHT

RIO DE JANEIRO -- At 2:40 AM, the sky was clear on March 4, 2003, when the witness saw a craft moving slowly about the speed of a Goodyear balloon and stated, "I estimate the cigar shaped object was two miles from my 22nd floor apartment with a flashing white light on top center, and a red light at each end, and a red light at the bottom below the white light. Every few seconds there would be a blaze of extremely bright intense white/blue light that would stay lit for a few seconds. It covered a very large area of the craft, at least 50% and when it switched off you could see some darker "yellowish" lights as if interior lights. I lost sight of it as it passed beyond my apartment building.

#### ARGENTINA ORANGE CHEVRON SHAPED

BUENOS AIRES -- On February 25, 2003, at 10:30 PM, It was a dim orange light, which I first thought it was a comet or "meteor" by its fast movement, but when it turned to its right it had many stacked horizontal lines forming a chevron like shape. The object was fast moving and turned to the right, and then disappeared in four seconds. The night was clear while viewing the object, no clouds were in the vicinity.

RUFINO -- On March 6, 2003 at 7:35 PM, several individuals who were at the motorcycle racetrack of the Ben Hur Sports Club, in Santa Fe Province, noticed a strange white light moving north over the city. The light was lower than aircraft normally fly over the city, it was much brighter than a star and suddenly vanished. Thanks to the Institute of Hispanic Ufology (IHU). Translation (C) 2003. Investigadores del Fen=F3meno Ovni de Rufino

#### SCOTLAND STAR SHONE BRIGHT WITH BUZZING FIREFLIES

I got up to let the dog out on February 21, 2003, at 2:20 AM, and my vision was drawn instantly to a star, that was moving vertically up and down. I thought it was because I was tired,

but then 4 or 5 little lights appeared like fireflies buzzing around the bottom half of the object for twenty seconds and then disappeared. The 'star' was unlike the others and seemed as if it was revolving. Then a horizontal light appeared at the bottom of the 'star' for 10 to 15 seconds on two occasions. The firefly objects appeared four times. I fled to get the camcorder, but the sky clouded over before I could film it. Thanks to: Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### ENGLAND CONE MOVES BY AT 300 FEET ALTITUDE

SHEFFIELD -- On March 3, 2003, there was a cone of light like Apollo 13 returning to earth, traveling at only 300 feet moving up and slow with no lights or sound. It was moving south at 12:15 PM. This is my first sighting ever, and I never believed in UFOs until now. The night was very clear, I just wish I had a camera to prove the sighting. The shape was amazing to see as I only ever see such things on TV. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ <http://www.ufocenter.com/> ]NUFORC

#### NETHERLANDS MANEUVERING LIGHT-CHANGES COLOR

BUNSCHOTEN -- I looked from the roof window to the east on February 25, 2003, and saw some kind of a star flickering different colors of light. I thought it was kind of weird so I quickly got my binoculars and watched the star. I thought it stood still, but it moved very slowly up and down for fifteen minutes.

#### UFO DEFENSE TACTICS, WEATHER SHIELD TO CHEMTRAILS.

Dear George, Simple words of thanks are not sufficient to express appreciation for your efforts in my behalf. The coverage and compliment concerning my book were outstanding in this week's Filers Files. You did a great job of putting it all together, thank you so very much. If the book sells well, you and the Files deserve the credit. Within four hours of my receipt of Filer's Files today, I had a request by E-mail to discuss the book contents on Satellite Radio with Hilly Rose. The request can be attributed to the publicity you put forth. UFO activity in the NW increased rapidly last month, there was a notable sighting over the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on Feb. 25th, a strict no-fly zone. The triangular craft hovered at 1000 feet for five minutes, without sound (Davenport, 2003). Whenever I drive to that area of Bremerton in clear weather, chemtrails are prevalent. the Shipyard is about 10 miles south of the Bangor Submarine Base and 20 miles south of my home (all three on the Kitsap Peninsula, west of Seattle). A triangular craft was sighted again the next night over Bremerton. After five minutes, it ascended rapidly from a hover position. George, your support has been exemplary! Thanks to Annamarie.

A. K. Johnstone, Ph.D., explores with evidence, the creation of a weather shield to deter UFOs from entering earth's atmosphere, by manipulating weather elecotromagnetically and with chemtrails. Numerous UFO sightings are examined from a scientific viewpoint, including EM pulses, and fireballs. Order illustrated book, \$14.95 from Hancock House 1-800-938-1114.

#### NATURAL CURES OFTEN WORK BETTER THAN DRUGS

Almost every week, I get letters from people who claim to be suffering from what they call Chemtrail illness generated by jet engine and auto emissions. I asked my M.D. friend what he would recommend for toxins in the air. He told me he treats 62 different ailments with amazing success that include all kinds of allergies, colds, smokers cough, and various breathing problems caused by pollution. He uses antioxidant nutrients such as Vitamins E, C, Beta-carotene and CoQ 10 and Isotonix OPC-3. He considers Isotonix OPC-3 the most powerful antioxidant free radical scavengers known to man, and one of the greatest discoveries in history. He has excellent results with Fibromyalgia and a long list of problems associated with a weak immune system. If you smoke you can help prevent lung problems with Isotonix OPC-3 at the Health and Nutrition Store for about a dollar a day. You can use Visa or MasterCard at: [ <http://www.filer.isotonix.com> ]Isotonix OPC-3

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<http://filer.primeblends.com> ]Anti-aging

The BOOK, "ILLUSTRATED NEWS OF THE UNBELIEVABLE"

Robert Trundle, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy at Northern Kentucky University, and I are looking for either a publisher or an agent to represent our book. Falling into the area of Nonfiction Paranormal, the book consists of eyewitness reports and pictures in newspaper format. Provocative headlines, straddling the millennium, provide a paradigm for twenty-first century expectations of paranormal encounters. Lead articles are followed by illustrated news of such things as encounters with angels, Near-Death Experience, alien abductions, alien pet animals, numerous sexual encounters with extraterrestrials, and reported contacts with their worlds by government officials. Though Dr. Trundle's previous books such as "UFOs: Politics, God & Science" and "Camus' Answer" were published in university presses for relatively well educated readers, this work is for a mass audience and is based on reports sent to Air Force Intelligence Officer Major George Filer. He is recognized internationally as a top authority on UFOs, has often appeared on television, and was one of the prominent officials invited to speak at The National Press Club on the subject in Washington DC. Also, of possible interest to marketing considerations is that Filer gets 500,000 hits a month on his paranormal website Filer's Research Institute. And exposure includes his weekly newsletter to tens of thousands of readers. Our work is wholly unlike any book on the market. It has been completed with forty-eight short chapters, 393 pages, and 100,000 words. Please contact Major Filer (US Air Force Intelligence, Ret.) or [Trundle@NKU.EDU](mailto:Trundle@NKU.EDU) [ [Trundle@NKU.EDU](mailto:Trundle@NKU.EDU) ]Dr. Robert Trundle

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## Extrasolar Atmosphere Discovered

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 02:00:03 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 06:47:24 -0500  
Subject: Extrasolar Atmosphere Discovered

>From Nature magazine:

Extrasolar Atmosphere

Planet HD209458b is one of only two extrasolar planets currently known to pass in front of the parent star in relation to observers on Earth. This orbit conveniently allows astronomers to make detailed studies of these otherwise elusive bodies, including the search for an atmosphere. Observation of neutral sodium absorption during one of these passes has provided evidence of a dense lower atmosphere, and now atomic hydrogen absorption suggests that there is an extended hydrogen-rich upper atmosphere too. This could be the signature of a hot planet, similar to Jupiter, which may be losing hydrogen at a rate of 100 million tons per second.

Full story at:

[http://www.nature.com/cgi-taf/DynaPage.taf?  
file=/nature/journal/v422/n6928/full/nature01448\\_fs.html](http://www.nature.com/cgi-taf/DynaPage.taf?file=/nature/journal/v422/n6928/full/nature01448_fs.html)

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## New Rendlesham Documentary

From: James Easton <[voyager@jeaston.com](mailto:voyager@jeaston.com)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 02:52:49 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 06:50:30 -0500  
Subject: New Rendlesham Documentary

New Rendlesham Documentary

UpDates subscribers might be interested in the following, especially central participant John Burroughs' verbatim acknowledgements therein:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UFORL/message/1523>

Best wishes,

James Easton.  
E-mail: [voyager@jeaston.com](mailto:voyager@jeaston.com)

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## Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 23:28:11 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 06:54:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 21:37:37 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 14:11:33 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>>>From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 21:23:19 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>>Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2003 12:14:10 -0800  
>>>>Subject: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>>Hello John:

>>That makes at least 3 important websites the fellow wrote to. I  
>>think that's a lot of successful work for somebody who cannot  
>>spell, nor parse a sentence, nor distinguish between the subject  
>>line and the body of an email.

>>Why do I smell a rat?

>>The seemingly deliberately rough-hewn message I got gave no  
>>details at all about dates, time, place, etc. .. not even the  
>>name of the documentary.

>>Could this be a test? .. Things like that are sometimes  
>>done by psychology or journalism departments .. (snip)

>>Best wishes - Larry Hatch

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>Hi Larry and all

>What has been seen may actually be Rods

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

>after a quick read of it

>Kind regards

>Colin Stevenson

Hello Colin:

I may have been to harsh about 'Thumper' Subsequent posts seem  
to indicate a certain sincerity.

Rods? That sounds like something sandwiched between Mel's Hole



and the latest from Richard Hoagland on the Coast-to-Coast late night radio show.

If Robert (aka Thumper) ever becomes a radio guest, lets hope he talks better than he writes.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: Did we forget about Mel's Hole, the bottomless pit in Washington State? After secret government agencies took it over, Mel went out and found another one. Even Art Bell sounded a bit doubtful about that.

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## Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 12:57:57 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 08:36:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 23:28:11 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S-

<snip>

Just wanted to say that I've been having a few problems with e-mail and the site, as a result I did not see your original reply and some others.

So apologies to all if I've missed out on any replies.

Regards,

John,

John Hayes

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## Did Roswell Produce A Transistron Or A Transistor

From: John Auchettl <[Praufu@aol.com](mailto:Praufu@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 09:20:14 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 11:05:07 -0500  
Subject: Did Roswell Produce A Transistron Or A Transistor

Hi List and EBK,

Another paradox in the life of the PnP transistor.

Just to pre-warn you, very soon there will be a new book out that will give due credit to two German physicists (Matare & Welker), strange as it may seem, who independently discovered the transistor only two months after the Bell Laboratory group did (Bardeen, Brattain & Shockley). And the Bell story from 1947 to 1956 was and is still in disarray.

Now the odd thing - it was Westinghouse laboratory in Paris, who got the solution to the same experiment? The book will not give you any links to the Roswell case so don't ask, but it will show that the original idea was in "transit". The German group got their working model up and going in 1952 (Intermetall) a year before Bell Laboratory did, and that's right - they called the system a "transistron"!

How close was that!

Now, this information has been killed off for years by many, but just recently it has again surfaced. The USA - Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) did most of the cover-up (Why?). If you were in the loop you will remember the case, but that was a very small loop.

It's a long mixed up story, but another strange case of history obscured. The Australian link has again been left out in the book, however the USA story is covered. The public won't get their copy until next month (I think?).

So meet another paradox in the life of the PnP transistor.

Best regards to you all,

John Auchettl  
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## Secrecy News - 03/13/03

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood@fas.org](mailto:saftergood@fas.org)>  
Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 09:20:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 11:08:13 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News - 03/13/03

SECURITY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2003, Issue No. 22  
March 13, 2003

\*\* BUSH DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER: RUNNING IN PLACE  
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BUSH DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER: RUNNING IN PLACE

The Bush Administration's new draft executive order on national security classification does not eliminate all constraints on official secrecy, as some had feared, but neither does it move beyond the parameters of the Cold War secrecy system into a truly twenty-first century information policy.

The new Bush draft would generally affirm the single most important achievement of the 1995 executive order 12958, which was its aggressive declassification regime for historically valuable documents that are 25 years old or older. The draft includes a provision for automatic declassification of 25 year old documents (Section 3.3) but would defer its effective date until December 31, 2006. (The looming April 17, 2003 automatic declassification deadline was the proximate cause for preparation of the new draft.)

The new draft order would also preserve the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP), which has proven to be an exceptionally powerful tool for correcting classification abuses by subjecting them to the scrutiny of an interagency review panel. The new order would blunt the ISCAP's effectiveness, however, by permitting the Director of Central Intelligence to reject Panel rulings unless he is overridden by the President. (Section 5.3)

The draft directs that "the unauthorized disclosure of foreign government information is presumed to cause damage to the national security" and such information would therefore be presumptively classified, which has not previously been the case. (Section 1.1 (c))

It would include the new category of "infrastructure" vulnerabilities as potentially classifiable information (Section 1.4(g)) and it would ease the reclassification of previously declassified information (Section 1.7(c)).

A copy of the draft executive order was obtained by Secrecy News and is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/bush/eodraft.html>

"It could be a lot worse," several officials spontaneously agreed. "Keep in mind that this is the Bush Administration we're talking about, it's post 9/11, and we're about to go to war," said one agency official. "It could be a hell of a lot worse."

It could also be a hell of a lot better.

The draft does not touch the roots of dysfunction in the classification system, which allow agencies to make extravagantly false classification claims. Strengthening and expanding the ISCAP review process, rather than curtailing it, might have been one way to improve the correction of classification errors and abuses.

More fundamentally, the draft order is a vestige of a Cold War information policy that is now obsolete and increasingly counterproductive. The draft, which could have been implemented without any problem thirty years ago, is simply oblivious to the implications of the information revolution of the past decade.

Not only do the authors fail to acknowledge the qualitative distinction between old-fashioned paper records and digital data, they do not know what Senator Richard Shelby has lately pointed out (SNews, Feb. 18): namely, that imposing a strict "need to know" standard of information control can diminish information's utility and must inevitably exclude many of those who could productively exploit it -- to the detriment of national security.

#### IN CONGRESS

Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and several colleagues introduced legislation March 12 to narrow the "extraordinarily broad exemption" from the Freedom of Information Act that was hastily adopted in the Homeland Security Act last year. "The law that was enacted undermines Federal and State sunshine laws permitting the American people to know what their government is doing," according to Sen. Leahy, who said the new "Restore FOIA Act" would fix the problem. See:

<http://leahy.senate.gov/press/200303/031203.html>

Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) "used a rare House procedure known as a Resolution of Inquiry" to force the Bush Administration to provide Congress with a copy of the 12,000 page Iraqi declaration to the United Nations, Rep. Kucinich said in a press release. Members of Congress who sign a non-disclosure agreement (which Kucinich deliberately has not) will now be able to view the classified Iraqi document. See:

[http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/oh10\\_kucinich/030311doc.htm](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/oh10_kucinich/030311doc.htm)

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Former Senator Slade Gorton (R-WA), like several others who were appointed to the new Commission to investigate September 11, has still not obtained the security clearance he needs in order to review classified documents. As a result, "the panel is at a standstill," the Seattle Times reported yesterday. From another point of view, however, the panel is learning first-hand just how broken the security clearance apparatus is. See "Gorton still hasn't received security clearance" by Alex Fryer, Seattle Times, March 12:

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/134651355\\_gorton12m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/134651355_gorton12m.html)

#### CRS ON TIA

The rather complex legal framework that would govern programs such as the Total Information Awareness data-mining initiative is helpfully described in a Congressional Research Service report entitled "Privacy: Total Information Awareness Programs and Related Information Access, Collection, and Protection Laws" by Gina Marie Stevens, updated February 14, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL31730.pdf>

#### WITTGENSTEIN FOR THE DEFENSE

U.S. District Judge Michael B. Mukasey ruled again this week that suspected "dirty bomber" Jose Padilla shall be granted access to an attorney, and he invoked philosopher Ludwig

Wittgenstein (1889 - 1951) to explain a defect in the Justice Department's argument to the contrary.

"The government's argument summons from obscurity an abstruse problem -- that because no rule can determine its own application, it may appear that there can be no binding rule -- that was picked apart on the philosophical dissecting table toward the middle of the last century by Ludwig Wittgenstein, and since has ceased to vex those inclined to contemplate such matters," Judge Mukasey wrote.

"[T]here is a way of grasping a rule that is not an interpretation," Judge Mukasey quoted Wittgenstein, triumphantly and with thrilling erudition.

The text of Judge Mukasey's March 11 ruling in Jose Padilla v. Donald Rumsfeld is here (see footnote 5):

[http://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/rulings/02CV04445\\_031103.pdf](http://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/rulings/02CV04445_031103.pdf)

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## Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

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>>Hi Larry and all

>>What has been seen may actually be Rods

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

>>after a quick read of it

>I may have been to harsh about 'Thumper' Subsequent posts seem  
>to indicate a certain sincerity.

>Rods? That sounds like something sandwiched between Mel's Hole  
>and the latest from Richard Hoagland on the Coast-to-Coast late  
>night radio show.

>If Robert (aka Thumper) ever becomes a radio guest, lets hope he  
>talks better than he writes.

>Best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

>PS: Did we forget about Mel's Hole, the bottomless pit in  
>Washington State? After secret government agencies took it over,  
>Mel went out and found another one. Even Art Bell sounded a bit  
>doubtful about that.

Hello again Larry and all

As I live in the UK, if Washington is in Mel's hole who am I to  
question it?

Wouldn't a bottomless hole reach right through the Earth to the  
other side? Someone ought to investigate it as it could be a  
faster route for transport. Or is the other bottomless hole he  
found on the other side of Earth thus proving his point?

My spell checker doesn't work at all either so part of my  
Windows is in Mel's hole too. Maybe the secret government  
agencies needed to fit it with a window, or multiple parts of  
them in order to make a >hole < one. :-)

Sorry to say, but Rods are real as we see them here and video  
them too. They are also associated with the paranormal and  
hauntings so we are lead to believe. Many theories and  
observations will prove or disprove although from my  
observations its somewhere near the truth



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## CFI, Podesta/Mattoon & Kecksburg

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Hello All,

Preface:

I have been attempting to raise questions about 'how and why' the 'Kecksburg case' of 1965 was selected by the folks at CFI and Podesta/Mattoon and 'who' selected it. I also inquired about why more of the established, experienced ufologists were not included/invited to participate in the case selection process. All the while I have been trying to ask my questions in a way that does not come off as 'confrontational' or 'non-supportive' of the effort. Neither of which is true.

So why am I sticking my nose into this?

I have a very personal stake in all of this. I want to see more projects like this initiated and for them to have the best possible chance of success. My motives are honest and simple to understand for anyone who knows me. Because my questions can be 'taken the wrong way' I felt I needed to preface my remarks so as to avoid negative misinterpretation.

Re: Leslie Kean

Anyone who really cares about this subject knows how very important it is to have bright, established, and open-minded journalists on our side in our struggle to learn the truth regarding the UFO phenomenon. Leslie Kean is one such journalist. I have tremendous respect for her, for her courage - by putting her career and reputation on the line - and for helping to bring this subject into the mainstream arena in an intelligent and thoughtful way - via her well written and informative articles.

I have also had the privilege of meeting Leslie in person and I can tell you that she is a very sweet person as well. I want to make sure that Leslie knows that I regard her highly and that there is no question about my support for the kind of effort being made by CFI and Podesta/Mattoon. I say all this because I find that I have to take umbrage at some statements that she has made in regard to 'how' the Kecksburg case was selected and 'who' was involved in the selection process.

A point needs to be made from the outset:

As terrific a journalist as Leslie is... she is not an experienced ufological researcher. Upon that point sits the whole crux of the matter under discussion. I'm not singling out Leslie either. The same goes for Ed Rothchild of Podesta-Mattoon and Larry Landsman of the Sci-Fi Channel - they may be great at what they do for a living but... they are not (I repeat) not UFO researchers. The whole 'problem' here seems to be that they came up with the Kecksburg case themselves and they did not invite/include enough experienced ufologists in the case selection process.

To their credit, they did consult with a 'few.' Good ones too, Dick Hall, Dick Haines and Ted Roe (of NARCAP) among them. But it appears that in spite of consulting these good people the

lawyers won out in terms of dictating 'what kind' and 'which' case was eventually chosen. 'Kecksburg' was chosen by Leslie Kean, Ed Rothchild and Larry Landsman who, as I already mentioned are not UFO researchers.

That's a 'problem' because the outcome of this effort will affect us all. Each time we go to the well, to the government, we need to be taking our best shot. 'Kecksburg' does not 'fill the bill' on that score. The chances of it being a 'UFO' case at all are slim, at best.

An e-mail that Leslie wrote to me privately follows. I have her permission to post it to the UpDates List. I am posting Leslie's e-mai to me unedited and in it's entirety. I have also written some responses of my own which appear following her e-mai.

Again, just for the record, I would just like to see this effort work and for it to have the very best chances for success. We all have a lot to lose if it fails.

There is much more at stake here than even many of the principles at CFI and Podesta/Mattoon realize. Maybe there is still time to remedy this situation and provide them with the kind of UFO cases they need to succeed.

In that spirit I offer my responses to Leslie's e-mail later on in this post.

Leslie wrote:

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John,

Sorry I took so long to respond to your email. I appreciate your offer of advice from the experts on the Kecksburg case and other cases that the Coalition for Freedom of Information (CFI) might work on.

You asked why CFI (that is Larry Landsman, Director, Special Projects, SCI FI Channel; Ed Rothschild of Podesta/Mattoon, and myself) decided on the Kecksburg case. The choice was made initially for our FOIA initiative, launched last October. This is how the focus on the case began. The GAO petition drive, headed by Stan Gordon with our support, is one aspect of a multi-faceted campaign to get to the bottom of the Kecksburg case.

Last September, Larry asked me to suggest a FOIA case that would be suitable for CFI to address and for SCI FI to support. We were looking for a case that satisfied a list of criteria, which would ensure that the selected case contained quantifiable, forensic aspects. The FOIA action could raise the visibility of the UFO issue in the national media. We felt that if the case allowed for the possibility of an on-air component by the SCI FI Channel, this could help make a FOIA initiative even stronger and further a national discussion of the phenomenon.

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3. A range of living eyewitnesses. (A huge community desiring answers also exists here.)
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At CFI, which was founded at the same time, the focus was on the people's right to information. This is why we were able to gain the support of John Podesta, which has been so important to the FOIA effort, and to its recognition as something serious. (His

speech at our Oct. 22 press conference is on

<http://www.freedomofinfo.org/>

It's about the right to information on incidents involving the question of UFOs, regardless of what the outcome is. The community in PA concerned with this has been torn apart because our government has refused to acknowledge that something fell at all, let alone what the fallen object actually was.

For all these reasons, Kecksburg seemed ideal. There are many credible witnesses, and it wasn't too long ago but past the 25 year mark. Also, there was one other very important factor: the more than three decades of work Stan Gordon has put into the case. He had already done some FOIA work; had done all the work collecting and investigating witnesses, collecting documents, etc. And, he had many powerful leads that had not yet been pursued and compelling information that had not yet been made public. At the same time, this case is not known by people outside of UFO circles, yet it is right here in the Eastern US.

Even if the object turns out to be Soviet - and there is enough evidence to make this a big IF - by litigating the government's refusal to provide documents on it, and by conducting a GAO investigation, we hope to be able to learn much about the procedures and policies governing crash retrievals, about Project Moon Dust, about the handling of documents, and other government operations relating to this incident that should shed light on the issue in general and be useful when pursuing other cases.

The petition drive and possible GAO investigation are the latest developments in this effort. Obviously, since we have a petition drive already public on this, we are not going to drop this and take on something else! We have support in Washington due to the efforts of PodestaMattoon and our connection with John Podesta. The GAO aspect will be handled with sophistication. We are being taken seriously. Since we also have the services of the Washington law firm Nobel, Novins and Lamont, we believe we are in a unique position to take this case a long way, and that we have a very good chance of including a GAO investigation in the process, at the right time. We hope that if the GAO investigation does reveal something, it will open doors to other similar efforts down the road.

When we were making the decision on this case, finding legal support and putting the initial FOIA letters together, I was commissioned to research and write "Science and the Failure to Investigate Unidentified Aerial Phenomena" by SCI FI for release at the Oct. 22 press conference. I needed every minute I had to do that in a very short time, and this is why I didn't consult with more people about the choice of Kecksburg.

However, we welcome input from everyone into this and any other projects, and Larry Landsman is interested in cases to consider for other SCI FI projects. I believe that the SCI FI Channel has made it possible for a new level of credibility to be brought to this subject and they will continue to do this. I think the Science symposium at George Washington University where you and I first met - and which generated coverage in the Washington Post -- is one example of the beginning of something important. The same thing will happen with the Kecksburg case as the work intensifies.

Please note that my role in this is as a journalist. My job is to present the UFO issue with as much credibility as possible in mainstream media. My spearheading the FOIA investigation is being done in this capacity, because I believe the people have a right to the information and it's my job to help them acquire it. I do not claim to be a UFO expert or a seasoned researcher, but simply someone who takes the basic information, applies high level journalistic standards to it, and presents it at a simple but credible level in order to bypass the ridicule factor, elevate the subject, and stimulate debate. It is in this capacity that I have been delighted to assist SCI FI in its unprecedented advocacy initiative, and to work with CFI on the Kecksburg case and other projects.

I have made two visits to the Kecksburg area. In addition to reviewing Stan's documentation and learning a great deal about the case, I met with a number of independent, first hand

witnesses. Three reported seeing the object on the ground. Another, a prominent businessman, described looking down the barrel of a soldier's rifle as he and his friend tried to sneak down to the impact site and were stopped. There are many more. These are credible people who shun publicity and simply want answers.

I hope this answers your questions, and thanks for taking an interest in this.

Leslie Kean

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Hi Leslie,

Excuse my 'editing' but rather than reprint your entire e-mail I am only going to quote the passages that I am responding to directly.

You wrote:

>You asked why CFI (that is Larry Landsman, Director, Special  
>Projects, SCI FI Channel; Ed Rothschild of Podesta/Mattoon,  
>and myself) decided on the Kecksburg case.

That's a very real problem right there Leslie. None of you have the knowledge/expertise required to make such an important selection. No single or couple of experienced UFO researchers should make that kind of monumental decision either. Such a selection should only be trusted to a group of experts in the field. a. to increase it's chances for success and b. to insure that the resources of CFI and Podesta/Mattoon are being spent on the very best cases that the experts can come up with.

Of course this is only true if CFI and Podesta/Mattoon are doing this for the benefit of all Americans/Mankind. On behalf of the "People." Under those circumstances they should have assembled a panel of the best in ufology to perform the case selection process.

If on the other hand, they are only seeking to satisfy some agenda of their own, then it wouldn't matter much to them to include 'outsiders' in such a process. I am beginning to wonder which is the case here. Are they doing it for 'us' or for themselves?

If it's being done to satisfy their own agenda, then I will back off post haste and you won't hear another peep out of me. If it is being done for All, then you all have made a grievous procedural error by not including long-time, respected ufologists in the case selection process from the very beginning.

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As sure as the Sun comes up in the morning, a strong set of cases with excellent chances of achieving success would have been the end result of consulting such a panel of well respected experts in the field. I'm sorry, but as well liked and respected as the three of you are, you are collectively no substitute for the caliber of people/ufologists I mentioned above.

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And that is the crux of the matter under discussion. If you guys want the support of the ufological community then you really need to involve/include some of it's best minds/experts in this very important process. Otherwise you will be working in a vacuum, and by yourselves.

Leslie, I'm an 'amateur' and even I know that 'Kecksburg' is a poor choice. Please, reconsider. Talk to Ed and to Larry and see if you can take the time to include as many of the people I listed above in the selection of the criteria and the case to be chosen. It will only serve to strengthen your chances for success and it will insure the enthusiastic support of the UFO community at large.

Respectfully,

John Velez  
UFO witness/abductee

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Calif. Researchers Search for Life in Outer Space

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Using 4 million computers worldwide, scientists based at the University of California, Berkeley said on Wednesday that they have identified about 150 sources of possible signals from intelligent civilizations.

The California researchers plan to head to Puerto Rico this month to use one of the world's most powerful telescopes to more closely investigate the signals that might be from extra terrestrials, a university spokeswoman said.

"They are homing in on interesting signals," said Sarah Yang, a spokeswoman at the University of California, Berkeley where the SETI@home research project is based. "They have not said they found anything."

The project links volunteer computer users into the researchers' efforts to search for strong or unusual signals from space that one day may lead to the proof that there really may be something else out there.

The leading candidate signals compiled over more than three years of work are the ones that were particularly strong or have been observed in the same spot more than once, researchers said.

While scientists involved in the project are cautious about their chances of actually discovering a signal from an intelligent being in outer space this time, they believe they are on the right track for the future.

"I believe that we will likely discover extraterrestrial civilizations in the next hundred years," Dan Werthimer, chief scientist of SETI@home said in a statement.

"Even if we don't find a signal from ET this time, I'm optimistic in the long run, since our search capabilities are doubling every year."

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<snip>

John -

Why don't you, along with some of the researchers you'd like to be heard from on this issue, set up a textual spreadsheet, with those five criteria as column headings. Save the leftmost column for names of other appropriate, more relevant cases.

Along the left side would be names of cases other than Kecksburg, listed vertically, which you and the researchers feel are better for an appeal to GAO to investigate.

For each case listed in the left column, there would be a short paragraph describing how that case meets each of the five column heading criteria, under the appropriate column heading.

This would be a bit unmanageable for a simple text email format, however, spreadsheet software can compress an amazing amount of text into a small rectangle, using small fonts. I'm sure you know this being a graphic artist.

Using landscape format, possibly landscape format using legal size paper, you can put together a really neat package for mailing to all involved in that FOIA project.

You can also set up a larger-than-screen-width document in .PDF format, which would be accessible by way of a browser's horizontal scroll bar, and post it on your AIC web site.

Call the result a 'first draft' and at least get hard copies into the hands of people working on the current project.

Calling it a first draft allows for quicker publishing. It looks as if time is of the essence in this matter.

You only need one person who knows formatting in spreadsheet formatting to do the final assembly. Researchers who participate can simply supply the paragraphs in ordinary vertical format to be emailed to the final spreadsheet assembly person. Just like placing classified ads, a reasonable word or line count should be given to those naming the cases and writing the paragraphs describing how the case meets each criteria.

You don't need an exhaustive list either. 3 or 4 cases which are better would be enough to launch the spreadsheet.

Good plan?

Eleanor White

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Hello All,

Sorry for the second post...

I neglected to ask an important question in my last and I'd like to take the opportunity now, if I may.

JV

Leslie wrote:

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To which I'd like to add the following:

Who came up with that impossible condition that any case to be considered had to have been one which was previously denied under the FOIA for reasons of national security? Just how many such cases do you think there are? It's a unreasonable stipulation to saddle any UFO investigator with. It's the equivalent of breaking someone's legs before asking them to climb a mountain. Ala 'Nancy Kerrigan's knees' incident.

Do you understand?

Why was such an impossible hurdle placed in the way of the researchers?

Unless... the 'Kecksburg' case itself was being 'propped up' (set-up) from the very beginning, that 'stipulation' doesn't make much sense.

I hope we don't see a "Kecksburg" case movie coming out on the sci-fi channel anytime soon. There will be a lot of disillusioned and very angry campers for them to contend with.

How flexible is CFI and Podesta/Mattoon about the previously refused FOIA request requirement? If we can trash that one, you'll have a number of strong cases to choose from.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

John Velez

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## Re: CFI, Podesta/Mattoon & Kecksburg - Dabrowski

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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 15:53:55 -0500  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 12:03:57 -0500  
>Subject: CFI, Podesta/Mattoon & Kecksburg

>Hello All,

>Preface:

>I have been attempting to raise questions about 'how and why'  
>the 'Kecksburg case' of 1965 was selected by the folks at CFI  
>and Podesta/Mattoon and 'who' selected it. I also inquired  
>about why more of the established, experienced ufologists  
>were not included/invited to participate in the case selection  
>process. All the while I have been trying to ask my questions  
>in a way that does not come off as 'confrontational' or 'non-  
>supportive' of the effort. Neither of which is true.

><snip>

>These criteria needed to be satisfied:

>1. Physical evidence - preferably a crash, or something with  
>debris or trace evidence suitable for analysis by a lab. This  
>ties in with CFI's efforts to make the case for scientists being  
>provided the physical evidence that is now classified.

>2. Access to the site for "forensic" expeditions by  
>archeologists, radiologists or other scientists.

>3. A range of living eyewitnesses. (A huge community desiring  
>answers also exists here.)

>4. A compelling narrative.

>5. Government involvement in the incident and then withholding  
>of information about it.

One thing conspicuously absent from the List is the un-  
likelihood of a mundane explanation. That seems to be what this  
debate is over, and perhaps that just wasn't important to CFI.

Andrew Dabrowski

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## Re: CFI, Podesta/Mattoon & Kecksburg - Velez

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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 15:58:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: CFI, Podesta/Mattoon & Kecksburg - Velez

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>Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 13:50:47 -0500  
>Subject: Re: CFI, Podesta/Mattoon & Kecksburg

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>Why don't you, along with some of the researchers you'd like to  
>be heard from on this issue, set up a textual spreadsheet, with  
>those five criteria as column headings. Save the leftmost column  
>for names of other appropriate, more relevant cases.

>Along the left side would be names of cases other than Kecksburg,  
>listed vertically, which you and the researchers feel are better  
>for an appeal to GAO to investigate.

>For each case listed in the left column, there would be a short  
>paragraph describing how that case meets each of the five column  
>heading criteria, under the appropriate column heading.

>This would be a bit unmanageable for a simple text email format,  
>however, spreadsheet software can compress an amazing amount of  
>text into a small rectangle, using small fonts. I'm sure you  
>know this being a graphic artist.

>Using landscape format, possibly landscape format using legal  
>size paper, you can put together a really neat package for  
>mailing to all involved in that FOIA project.

>You can also set up a larger-than-screen-width document in .PDF  
>format, which would be accessible by way of a browser's  
>horizontal scroll bar, and post it on your AIC web site.

>Call the result a 'first draft' and at least get hard copies  
>into the hands of people working on the current project.  
>Calling it a first draft allows for quicker publishing. It  
>looks as if time is of the essence in this matter.

>You only need one person who knows formatting in spreadsheet  
>formatting to do the final assembly. Researchers who  
>participate can simply supply the paragraphs in ordinary  
>vertical format to be emailed to the final spreadsheet assembly  
>person. Just like placing classified ads, a reasonable word or  
>line count should be given to those naming the cases and writing  
>the paragraphs describing how the case meets each criteria.

>You don't need an exhaustive list either. 3 or 4 cases which  
>are better would be enough to launch the spreadsheet.

Hi Eleanor,

Yes, it's an excellent 'plan' were it not for one thing... I  
don't have to do anything! It's not up to me to do what CFI and  
Podesta/Mattoon should have done on their own.

Your suggestions, as wonderful as they are, is being addressed  
to the wrong party. You should be asking CFI and Podesta/Mattoon  
why they haven't implemented something similar all on their own

without 'prompting' from folks like you and me.

That kind of 'missing item' in the mix speaks volumes - if you're really paying attention.

Please send a copy of your suggestions to CFI. I'm curious to see how it is greeted.

Regards,

John Velez

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John Velez

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OFF LIST

Hi John,

I appreciate you keeping up the pressure on this issue. UFOlogy is going to get another undeserved black eye because of this Kecksburg Krap as I call it. (Please note so you don't get shot down by nitpickers that Kecksb\_u\_rg is with a "u" not an "e.")

This email from Kean demonstrates the two-faced nature of all of this: CFI did cast around behind the scenes last year for a UFO document or case to pursue by FOIA and contacted a number of respected researchers but the requirement was that there had to already be in existence an FOIA DENIED BECAUSE OF "NATIONAL SECURITY." It couldn't be merely an FOIA denial for other reasons such as purportedly not finding any responsive documents or the setting up of a series of evasions and excuses to frustrate the FOIA process.

No one said it HAD to be a UFO case with physical evidence - this is the first I'm hearing this. It was posed as being either a DOCUMENT or a UFO case.

No one could come up with anything good because of this ridiculous stringent condition that it had to be an FOIA denied for national security. I know. I was indirectly providing input to (name deleted), (name deleted) and various (organization name deleted) people, (name deleted), (name deleted). We were stymied

by this unreasonable requirement. The Bolender Memo cries out for a massive FOIA lawsuit - the Bolender review authorized BLUE BOOK's closure on the grounds among others that any UFO cases affecting national security would bypass the BB system anyway so this setup would continue regardless whether BB existed or not. The Bolender Memo had 16 Attachments in support and the AF lies through its teeth in claiming it "can't find them."

If we had known that CFI was simply going to drop this needless FOIA-denied-for-national-security demand in favor of a pet case like Kecksburg we could at least have tried to argue for a better case selection. But we were told that was the rule and they were sticking to it.

I wholeheartedly endorse the 1975 Northern Tier cases as some have suggested. There are plenty of FOIA's on it and a strangely curtailed paper trail that ought to be pursued. The Falconbridge radar track I am now convinced was a large research balloon but the other cases are worthwhile.

Other cases could be suggested too but these are good for lots of reasons including puncturing the PR lie that UFO's pose no threat to national security, and the fact there are several bases involved not just one lone sighting.

Best regards,

(Name withheld)

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## Re: UFOs In The Bible - Aubeck

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>Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 19:29:50 -0800  
>Subject: Re: UFOs In The Bible [was: Postmodernism - >Hansen]

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>>Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2003 11:18:11 -0800 (PST)  
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>>>Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2003 09:10:41 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Postmodernism - Denzler

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>>>Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2003 16:45:21 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

>>Dabrowski asserts--

>>"If we're still arguing about UFOs after another 1000 years,  
>>then OK. But 50 years is not a long time in human history."

>>In actuality, UFOs have been recognized, discussed, and debated  
>>for thousands of years. Just look at the UFO accounts in the  
>>Bible. ...

>George,

>I don't see where it's debated anywhere in the Bible. It was  
>just accepted that Yahweh would sometimes ride around in his sky  
>chariot. Ezekiel may have tried to interpret what he saw, but  
>where was the debate?

>Jim Deardorff

Hello Jim, George,

I think it would be more correct to state that while UFOs were  
not "debated" in the Bible, theologians have spent 2000 years  
discussing the significance of the phenomena described there.

However, I would take issue with the assertion that UFOs have  
been "recognized" for thousands of years. How do you "recognize"  
a UFO? They certainly had not been lumped together or classified  
as such till quite recently.

Regards,

Chris

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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 20:57:34 -0500  
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Hi John,

For the record, members of both PJ47 and SHG were privately asked about cases that might fit into CFI criteria. Don Berliner did ask for input here. I suggested attempting to get the Bolender staff study attachments. This is a FOIA request that has met with all kinds of "problems." However, this one is like climbing up a greased pole, it is hard to get a grip on it. National security is not a factor here. The possibility of resolving this request in a year's time is unlikely.

We have since put together a list of tasks, most interrelated, where there is government involvement in UFO investigation. We had some preliminary discussions on these with various interested parties. None of these tasks are smoking-gun type items. The interrelationship basically lies in the fact that once you attempt to work in one area, other information will become available which will support other avenues of inquiry.

Also, we did also put together a spread sheet that showed for each task: the current progress, degree of difficulty, priority, political influence, FOIA, and lawsuit support probably needed possibility of completion within one year. (Since I have simple FOIA requests for known items which should currently be

declassified and cannot even get a status on the FOIAs after over a year's time, I am doubtful that most cases can be handled in such a short period.

My "objections" to Kecksburg are not that we would like to know more about government involvement, here. I am all for that. (I don't think it is a particularly compelling first rank case.) Rather the skewed history that is present about the 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Project Moon Dust, and Operation Blue Fly bother me. I don't pretend to know much about the history of these organizations and their operations, but from what I know, the history presented is off the wall and not supported by research efforts of dozens of people over the years.

Now the goals seem to be to interest the media, scientists and Congress in UFOs. If so, than we should try to present the history as we currently understand it with complete references and identify the many missing pieces which exist in our model.

One of the facets of UFO research is that advocates abhor any mystery. If they come upon one, they immediately try to fill it in with theories presented as facts. In the last two decade many in the UFO field have fallen victim to the most outrageous of conspiracy theories. Ufology has always been mildly paranoid, but the last twenty years have been real winners.

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## UFOs & NORAD

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Subject: UFOs & NORAD

Hello John Velez and the Listerion family,

John, thanks for posting the information regarding CFI and their attempt to use the Kecksburg case as the vehicle for their efforts.

I only found out today (thanks to you) they demand a case where FOIA access has been denied. I appreciate the posting of a researcher's email requesting the northern tier cases to be included.

Last week Wendy Connors posted that she thought the Malmstrom AFB case and other NORAD cases were worthy as a first effort by CFI, the GSA, and the attorneys. I posted a response supporting her position and illustrated that these cases have always been of top priority to me. I said I first learned of these cases in the 1970s when I saw the USAF released story of UFOs visiting northern tier bases on the front of the Washington Post newspaper. That lit my afterburner as I am sure it did with many people, UFO researchers or not.

The USAF did release some files but it was only limited information. For years I have hoped to see the rest of the information the government is holding back on all the NORAD UFO related cases from the 1960s and 1970s. John, when I saw your post on the List today I decided to look back over some of those cases that I had not looked at for some time. First I became sad because my copy of Fawcett and Greenwood's "Clear Intent" was missing from my books after all these years. I remembered that in Timothy Good's "Above Top Secret" it mentioned (page 300) those cases and the FOIA situation:

"NORAD has released a number of documents under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act which detail some incidents, such as the intrusion over Strategic Air Command (SAC) bases - including nuclear bases - in Maine, Michigan, Montana, North Dakota, and Canada, in 1975, but many more are withheld. When Citizens Against Ufo Secrecy (CAUS) filed an FOIA request this data in NORAD files, they were quoted a search fee of over \$150,000."

In the past the researcher Ray Fowler (in Arthur Bray's book "The UFO Connection") and others revealed information regarding incidents in the 1960s (including Malmstrom AFB) that also involved UFO overflights and interference with some underground ballistic missiles.

I am also posting a link to something that Francis Ridge wrote in the MUFON Journal issue number 192, February 1984 regarding the 1975 incidents. He discussed the limited FOIA releases and the refusal to release further documents.

He stated that "In the overflight document there is one page that states, and I quote, '(3) HQ USAF/DADF also forwarded a copy of a

NORAD document for a review for possible downgrade and release. We have determined that the document is properly and currently classified and is exempt from disclosure under Public Law 90-23,

5USC 552b(2)' " .

One way or another I want to see the documents that are being held back, the actual investigations and determinations. The multiple UFO incidents involving those bases are a serious security issue. What did the government actually do about that situation? Do those files sit in the same vault as the UFO security cases that bypassed Bluebook? What newer cases may be in there besides the NORAD ones? I'd like to see CFI, the GSA, and the attorneys crack that nut open. NOW!

The CFI devised strict requirements for Kecksburg being their first case. It sounds like they are still determined to go ahead with it at this point. I don't know if those people can entertain another case for FOIA release at this point. I don't know what their fixation on the Kecksburg case will result in. I would think that since the cases I have mentioned involved NORAD, UFOs, and interference with critical operations, they would be of high value to CFI, the attorneys, and the SciFi network. I will contact CFI with my information and request. I highly recommend that others interested in this matter also contact them with information and your requests.

The Ridge piece follows a statement by the "First Lady" of our list :- ) Linda Howe from her book "Strange Harvest", also reproduced in Fawcett and Greenwood's book "Clear Intent". I am just showing what she wrote and not saying whether it was accurate or not.

Josh

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FADED GIANT - LAUNCH CODES CHANGED  
RV/E-M  
Malmstrom AFB, Montana  
November 7, 1975

There are more than 2,000 missile sites spread across the United States. At Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, there are twenty Launch Control Facilities (LCF) housing Minuteman missiles underground. The Minuteman sites are alphabetically coded, such as "L-1," "K-1," "E-1," and the like, and are distributed over a wide area. One of these sites, K-7, which is located in the Judith Gap region just south of Lewiston, Montana, was the scene of an event which caused a major stir for the United States Air Force.

On November 7, remote electronic sensors triggered an alarm indicating that something was violating site security. Underground, in the launch control area, two officers noted the signal, but there was no television surveillance topside. The normal procedure for detecting what had violated security was to call for a missile security helicopter to check the area. At the same time, Sabotage Alert Teams (SAT), consisting of four to six men, were also alerted to the fact that a violation was taking place and were ordered to proceed to the site. On this occasion, an SAT team drove down the highway and onto a dirt road which led to the K-7 area. About a mile away, the team could see an orange, glowing object over the area. As they closed to within half a mile, they could now see that the object was tremendous in size. They radioed to the Launch Control Facility that, from their location, they were viewing a brightly glowing, orange, football field-sized disc that illuminated the missile site. The SAT team was ordered by the launch control people to proceed into the K-7 site. However, they responded that they refused to go any farther, clearly fearful of the intimidating appearance of the object. It began to rise, and at about 1,000 feet, NORAD picked up the UFO on radar. Two F-106 jet interceptors were launched from Great Falls, Montana, and headed toward the K-7 area. The UFO continued to rise. At about 200,000 feet, it disappeared from NORAD's radar. The F-106's were never able to get a visual sighting of the UFO.

All members of the SAT team were directed to the base hospital, where they were psychologically tested. It was determined that no one could identify the object that was seen, but that the members of the SAT team obviously had been through a traumatic experience. Meanwhile, targeting teams, along with computer specialists, were brought to the missile site to check out the



missile, and specifically, the computer in the warhead that targets the missile. Amazingly, when the computer was checked, they found that the tape had mysteriously changed target numbers! The re-entry vehicle was then taken from the silo and brought back to the base. Eventually the entire missile was changed.

(Source: Original: A Strange Harvest; reprinted in Clear Intent, 28).

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 THE NIGHT NORAD WENT ON TOP ALERT

Late October 1975

Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado

By Francis L. Ridge

This updated paper was originally printed in the MUFON UFO JOURNAL, issue number 192, February 1984. The incident reportedly occurred in 1975. Several years ago when I first heard of the "mysterious helicopter overflights" of several key U. S. Air Force SAC bases, I treated the whole matter very lightly. I didn't think it was a UFO matter. In 1983 I received over 400 pages of FOIA documents from the Fund For UFO Research and read the pages concerning those overflights and found to my surprise that the word helicopter wasn't used that much. Also, the descriptions of the objects and their maneuvers sounded like the UFOs I had been investigating and researching since 1960. Later on in the documents the word helicopters becomes UFOs.

In 1983 I was the sole guest of radio station WGBF in Evansville, Indiana, for a two hour call-in type talk show program. During that show an anonymous caller reported a very interesting report, a somewhat sinister event that allegedly took place at NORAD, the North American Air Defense Command, at about the same time as those overflights. The moderator and I asked the man to contact me later to document what he had reported. According to this man, it was a full-scale Security Option 5 Alert, and UFOs and investigators from the "Air Force UFO division" were part of the picture. I also obtained some information about the codes used in the 25 pages of data I had in my personal possession on those overflights. And it is obvious that there is more that is being withheld. The pages we have on the overflights are incomplete reports, most of the follow-up data is missing. The reams of pages to the actual reports and all the subsequent comments are still withheld. The pages that we have represent only communication from computer to computer or operator to operator. In other words, the initial filing only. According to my source who served in Air Force security at NORAD, the documents merely say, "I'm making a report. It's up to you to make your report, etc."

NORAD is the National Combat Operations Center (or was at the time of the incident) and is based at Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado. The Command Post is located deep inside the mountain and supposedly can withstand a 10-megaton direct hit. UFOs raise quite a bit of havoc when sighted by military people and detected on radar near any sensitive military installation, but especially at Cheyenne Mountain. When bonified UFOs violate airspace over NORAD's Command Post, there should be serious concern.

In late October 1975, evidently there was enough concern to go into a Security Option 5 Alert. According to our informant, nobody was allowed to enter the base, except cleared, high-ranking officers or cleared security patrols. No one was to leave. Those personnel on base who had just completed duty were rolled out of bed. Jet interceptors were scrambled into the air. In fact, everything they put in the air during an attack on the U.S. was airborne.

The men had worked the third shift of duty at NORAD and came off about eight in the morning. Everybody in the group of approximately nine or ten men went home, got their hunting and camping gear together and met at the home of one of the guys. They then took off for one of their routine hunting trips, one of the things they liked to do together. One of the fellows who was supposed to go, wound up on radar duty, a circumstance that later proved valuable as evidence for what happened at the Mountain that day. Another man in the group later became an airline pilot for United Airlines and a couple of years later

secured some information about an airline case that occurred the same evening as their alert. United had filed a UFO report with the Air Force!

To start off, my informant told me, "We weren't drunk!" He said that they had been hunting all day and they had sat down and ate a late dinner near a warm cozy fire and were getting ready to turn in. One of the guys thought he saw a shooting star. There appeared to be some unusual animal activity/noise for about 15 minutes. It was late, between 10 PM and midnight. One of the other fellows said, "Well, there's two of them!" So, they stopped, kindled the fire down and eventually put it out completely. What they then saw were three distinctly different lights (not on one object, but separate) moving to a point to where they blurred across the horizon and then they would stop, move back in the opposite direction and then move away from them to a point where they almost couldn't see them anymore. Then the lights would move again. "We were thinking our eyes were playing tricks on us until they lined up almost abreast of each other and proceeded directly toward the Mountain," continues Mr. E (as I shall call him). Right after this (approximately 6 to 8 minutes later) they heard the buzzers go and the Mountain went on alert! At this point they, themselves, scrambled, got their gear packed up quickly and headed for the Mountain and their posts. They had been on leave 10 to 12 hours but were still on call, attached to the security of the Mountain, except for the pilot. So they hustled back as their orders dictated. From the campsite to the Mountain was a drive of about 45 minutes to an hour, and they drove there in a hurry, entering the gate at 0210. They showed their passes and were admitted (only because they were part of the bases's security). They were not given a chance to change clothes and were still in their hunting gear. They grabbed their weapons and went to their assigned posts and stayed on alert until 0600, when the alert was "stepped down".

Later, the fellow who had been on radar duty reported he had tracked UFOs for a good 20 minutes. Two or three days later, they were altogether again and they asked him if he had tracked anything on his radar, and he said he had. He reported that it was "weird" and proceeded to describe it to them, word for word, what they had also seen visually. At first it was very erratic (the movement of the first UFO as stated by Mr. E). Mr. E. stated to me later that there appeared to be trails behind the objects at the time. The description sounds as if it could have been "persistence of vision" where a lighted object appears to leave a fading image behind it as it moves quickly across a dark background. A couple of days later, one of the group mentioned to someone that they had seen some lighted objects right before the alert.

Some of the men in the group started checking into the records as to the reason for the scramble and security alert and found that nothing had been filed. They then started asking around to see if they could find something, anything, to explain the occurrence at the base. It was then that the AF "UFO people" showed up. Mr. E. referred to the investigators as the Air Force UFO division, "whatever they were called - came out to talk to us." They interviewed the group (and who else at NORAD?) one by one and everybody's story matched, even the radar operator's, where the UT's (Uncorrelated Targets) maneuvered for over 20 minutes. He filed a report with the AF investigators. He was told to ignore it and continue about his business, not to worry about it. The group was ordered at that time not to mention the incident. "As long as we were in uniform, we were not to discuss it with anyone other than military personnel with an official need-to-know and the fellows from the Air Force investigating team that came out to talk to us." They told the group that they had seen navigational lights or landing lights. Mr. E stated his group had all been in Viet Nam and were familiar with navigation lights. They had seen night fighters working, taking off and landing many times. They were told by the investigators that their report could not be taken seriously since they couldn't describe a shape or color, other than white, like a shooting star. It would appear that the Air Force was very glad that that is all the men could report. We knew that nocturnal lights can be important evidence, especially in conjunction with other better-quality reports and radar cases as backup evidence. It is also strange that the men were asked not to relate their stories to anyone "outside". They were told that incident fell under a document which Mr. E thought sounded like a document I was aware of, like Publication 6, Vol. 5. I am aware of it, but do not as

yet have a copy. However, I am told that it is a CIRVIS document (Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings) and therefore falls under the Communications Act of 1934 with severe penalties or fines attached to it. Also, Mr. E kept saying that "They played it off like it wasn't anything." Yet, a Security Option 5 Alert is very serious, indeed. The overflight documents (the ones we were allowed to see, that is) mention a Security Option 3 being exercised, with UFOs showing "clear intent" near a weapon storage area. When some of the group tried to check the records, they could find no evidence of an alert. "We couldn't find anything in the records that were available to us." said Mr. E. "Now, we didn't try to get into clearance areas, but the records that were available to us were primarily security records." Even the files of the radar man of the group were devoid of any mention of any alert. It appeared that all material relating to the event had been pulled! Within about sixty days, everyone in the group received a written reprimand for drinking on duty, which none of them had done. In fact, they weren't even on duty at the time of the sighting.

The men were reportedly not abused or mistreated. Nor were there any stripes pulled or were any of the men "passed over" by their superiors. They simply received a written reprimand, which came "out of nowhere", dated the same day as the sightings, a copy of which was placed in their 201 file. The radar man, who was still in the Air Force when I investigated this incident, according to my informant received the letter mentioning drinking on duty and dereliction of duty. He was the only one who lost a promotion about six months later, simply because this was on his record.

In the overflight documents there is one page that states, and I quote, "3) HQ USAF/DADF also forwarded a copy of a NORAD document for a review for possible downgrade and release. We have determined the document is properly and currently classified and is exempt from disclosure under Public Law 90-23, 5 USC 552b(1)." This was signed by Col. Terrence C. James, USAF, Director of Administration. There is another page that mentions a "security camper team at K-4 reporting a UFO with white lights" at 0635Z (11:35 PM local). But this one was at Malmstrom AFB, Montana, on 8 Nov. Something very strange was going on in the late fall of 1975. Going on the assumption that UFOs are real and there is a reason for everything, I thought about this series of events as I watched and worried about two sons in the military during the Gulf War. What we were doing was in response to a threat we perceived. Waves of flights and a few crashes. Were WE (U.S. or Soviets) doing something that caused the overflights of 1975? It is my opinion that we were. How many years will it take before we find out? It took over 30 years to find out how close the super powers were to nuclear annihilation in the early 1950's, a period of intense UFO scrutiny. And even earlier than that, two years after we dropped two atomic bombs on mostly civilians, we were testing rockets that (to outside observers) could deliver them from afar. Within a six week period there were over 1,000 sightings (50% were daylight discs) and the reported crash at Roswell.

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## Vandenberg AFV Case

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In my last post I hoped that through the CFI and the FOIA the withheld files on the USAF bases UFO and missile tampering cases would get released. Since then I thought I'd also throw out the classic UFO missile rampering case from Vandenberg USAF base in 1964.

Many of you are familiar with this case but I have enclosed a statement from the Officer in Charge of the Big Sur missile tracking station. If this happens I am sure the USAF has records of it that they are refusing to release. Lets get them out.

Josh

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The Big Sur UFO Filming  
Date: September, 1964  
Location: Pacific Ocean off California

DELIBERATE DECEPTION:  
A Critical Analysis of the Curious Events at Vandenberg Air Force Base By Bob Jacobs, Ph.D.

This is an article about the filming and subsequent U.S. Government coverup of a UFO which interfered with a dummy Atomic warhead one Autumn day in 1964 high over the Pacific Ocean off Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. It is a first hand account of an event. Before dealing with it and the subsequent revelations which have come from a variety of sources since 1964, consider this brief discussion about UFOs and The Press.

It is a sad and curious fact that much of the literature surrounding the UFO phenomena appears in the highly sensationalized "tabloids." Once relegated solely to pulp newsprint this form of idiot journalism has now moved into television with personal ties like Geraldo Rivera, Morton Downey, Jr. and a growing number of other slime merchants. Owing to the prejudice toward this kind of journalism shared by intellectuals, academicians and the celebrities who frequently decay being victimized by the tabloids, such exposure has tended to desensitize the American Public to the potential seriousness of the UFO issue. Since tabloids seem to be written stylistically by and for the lunatic fringe, then UFOs are seen broadly as the purview of lunatics exclusively,

If one wanted deliberately to denigrate an issue, to relegate it to trash heap of pop culture, one could not do so more completely than to insure that the issue falls into the hands of The Star or The National Enquirer or Geraldo Rivera! Perhaps a case could be made for the UFO evidence having been delivered over to garbage journalism by design as a method of discrediting it.

We know, for example, that at the beginning of his involvement with the subject, the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, later Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University, was employed by the United States Air Force with Project Blue Book

to "debunk" all "flying saucer" sightings. His famous "Swamp Gas" conclusion has lived in the popular mythos long after the good Doctor's formal recantation of it. And, in spite of some of the general popularizing of the subject in films like Close Encounters of the Third Kind and E.T., Johnny Carson, David Letterman and other television talk show heroes, still get comic mileage out of poking fun at UFO investigators, "swamp gas and the frequent loonies who claim to be incarnate space ships or to own condos on Venus. If the tabloids were not paid off to run as many mislead- ins, bizarre stories on UFOs and UFO Fringies as possible, always making these tales appear to be from or about some dimwit in the hinter lands, then they may as well have been.

Deliberate deception, Machiavellian conspiracy, coincidence or just the luck of the draw - whatever the reason, the resultant tabloid "sleaze factor" is a handicap for any scholar wishing to engage in research into what is, in fact, a fascinating and deliciously intricate field worthy of serious study.

I am a scholar, a card-carrying Ph.D., and a university professor in a department of Journalism and Broadcasting. Some years ago I was an officer in the United States Air Force, the first officer in the photography career field, by the way, to be awarded the Air Force Guided Missile Insignia; the "Missile Badge."

Those are facts. Another fact is that I have been a participant in an -official United States Government-ordered UFO coverup. I've been ridiculed by some of my colleagues in academia because in 1982 I wrote an article about this coverup and it appeared in The National Enquirer. It was not my intention to become a tabloid writer then or now. The Enquirer turned out to be the only publication I could find which was interested in printing the article at all. Both academic and mainstream journals and periodicals turned it down cold over the period of nearly a year during which I submitted and resubmitted it. I was told by editor after editor that UFO stories weren't "publishable." I thought the story was important then. That's why I let a tabloid publish it. I still think it's important. That's why I responded to the invitation to write it for this journal.

So much for preamble about the press.

#### Big Sur Background

Six years then, after it first broke, here is my report on what we photographed at Big Sur along with some of what has happened since 1982 in plain, unheroic, non-sensational, unexpurgated and non-tabloidized English.

I earned the "Missile Badge" for making a "significant contribution to America's Missile and Space Program" so the citation read, while I was Officer-in-Charge of Photo-optical Instrumentation in the 1369th Photographic Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California from May, 1963 to May, 1966. My work in establishing a long range tracking site at Big Star, California in large part is what convinced the Air Force to give me that cherished award. The circumstances that took me to the "Missile Badge" ceremony as well as to that lovely and mysterious bulge of California coastline known as the Big Star ended up changing my mind about a number of things, including the nature of our government, the nature of my personal belief systems and the nature of the universe.

It began with a man named Kingston A. George. "King" George had the title of Operations Analyst for Headquarters, 1st Strategic Aerospace Division. The engineers, civilian and military, whose job it was to evaluate the instrumentation photography which we provided on every missile launch down the Western Test Range, were unhappy, he said. Shooting tracking footage from Vandenberg only provided a look up the "tailpipe" of the missile. What George said they wanted was a side look at all stages of powered flight. This side-look was not possible from anyplace on the base. Because of the tortured California coastline, such a view was possible from one spot. Big Star.

Topographically, Big Sur is both north and west of Vandenberg. We reasoned that we might get the shot the engineers wanted if we could get high enough to provide both a line-of-sight to the

base and to put us well above the offshore fog bank which blankets the California shoreline much of the year. Because of the 124 mile distance from Vandenberg to Big Sur, the final things needed were a lens with a very long focal length, a recording device capable of enhancing the image and a tracking system on which to mount them.

According to George, such a device was built and ready to go. It was the Boston University telescope, owned by the Air Force Eastern Test Range (AFETR) at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida and under the direction of Mr. Walter Manning in the Aerospace Sciences Division at AFETR. The optical segment of the device was a folded Gregorian telescope with a 24- inch diameter objective mirror and a 240-inch focal length. The lens apparatus was sealed from the air and insulated against heat and cold. A set of Barlow extenders could yield effective focal lengths of from 480 to 2,400 inches. (The normal focal length lens for a 35mm camera is about two inches!)

The light sensing element of the instrument was an image orthocon (television) tube. The I.O. could enhance the optical image, convert it to a series of electrical signals and display on a Kinescope where it was photographed with 35mm motion picture film. Because the I.O. had remarkable low noise, the gain could be "cranked quite high to record very low light level objects. Such a device could record sources of light emission or reflection which were tens of times too weak for detection by other photographic methods.

The B.U., as it was called, was ideal for the purpose. One of the primary goals of our mission, according to George, was to provide information on the "minute events following propellant depletion - at distance of from 300 to 800 nautical miles. (*italics mine*)

If we could find a level place accessible to the B.U. (not easy, considering that the scope with its tracker was just a little smaller than a conventional moving van and had to be hauled by a heavy duty, cross-country type diesel truck) and see the missile through the haze well enough to lock in on it with the tracking mount, we still had one problem left. Engineering sequential photograph is of little use to the viewer without the addition of timing marks on the film. This time code received from Wheeling, West Virginia tagged each individual frame of film with a reference point in real time to the moment of engine ignition and launch. The coded pips of light were recorded on the sound track area of the film by an exciter lamp driven by the signal from WWV. On the base, timing signals were sent to the cameras by hardlines from the blockhouse. Running a line to Big Sur with the necessary amplifiers would have been too costly, particularly for what was only a feasibility test. We had to try something else. The solution was really very simple.

On June 10, 1964 I lead a group of people to the area I had discovered earlier near Anderson Peak at an elevation of 3,400 feet on a Forest Service fire trail, 9 miles into the woods and uphill from Highway 1 in Big Sur. With me on that sunny summer day were my NCOIC, Chief Master Sergeant Ike N. Davis, Jr., NCOIC of my Tracking Section, Staff Sergeant Jules Devine, Kingston A. George, with a Technical Sergeant Porter from 1st STRATAD and a Mr. Paulson from Patrick Air Force Base at Cape Kennedy. All of us agreed that the truck could certainly pull the B.U. up to this site with no trouble. Could we now get timing pips to it?

We had with us that day a portable radio transceiver which we used at Vandenberg to communicate from my office to the mobile vehicles and our tracking sites on base. At Vandenberg I had Airman First Class Joseph Williams standing by. He had wired the output of one of the timing signals to an identical transceiver to the one I had. At my command he activated the radio and transmitted flawless timing signals to us at Big Sur, just as we had in a test weeks earlier. All that was necessary with the B.U. would be to patch-in our receiver to its timing signal input on the 35mm motion picture camera. Timing was no problem. There was happiness on the site and my "Missile Badge" was assured that day.

On August 28, 1964, I lead a convoy up the Pacific Coast Highway through Pismo Beach, past Hearst Castle at San Simeon and into what would be history. Technical Sergeant Thomas Dodd was my

NCOIC for the remote site. He would operate our standard M-45 tracking mount with conventional 35mm Mitchell film cameras to compare with the results of the B.U. Telescope. A1C Joseph Williams was along to handle communications and timing. A1C Daryl Winters was also along. As a sad sideline, Winters would become the first and only Air Force photo man to be killed in action in Vietiiian a little over two years later. Our Air Force troop camped at the preselected fire trail turnout near the summit of Anderson Peak, set up our M-45 and waited.

On August 31, 1964 the B.U. Telescope arrived on site with its truck and its caravan of people for a 30-day test period. Walt Manning was with it along with a crew of three operators and one supervisor. We were also joined by two people from Vandenberg: Chief Warrant Officer Guy M. Spooner from the Operations Section of the 1369th and Major Florenz J. Mansmann from 1st STRATAD. With a celebratory air, the B.U. was set in place and made ready to perform. Mansmann and Spooner went back to Vandenberg. The rest of us settled in to prepare for the first of what could be a total of 11 launches from the base during the 30 day test. Nine of these would be photographed through a major portion of powered flight by both the B.U. Telescope operating with effective focal lengths ranging from 1200 inches to an average of 720 inches, and with the conventional cameras and shorter lenses of the 1369th's M-45 mount.

### The Incident

One of these launches would inspire an official government coverup and provoke an investigation and search for the filmed record which goes on to this day. Here is what happened.

To the best of my recollection and based on sketchy records - the date of the event was most probably either September 2nd, 3rd, or 15th, 1964 The launch was of an Atlas missile. It was an Atlas-F as I recall strongly, but it may possibly have been an Atlas.D. The flight was in support of the Nike-Zeus objectives. Nike Zeus was one of the United States' projects to develop an anti-missile missile. This particular mission was part of a test of an enemy radar-defeating system. The whole program in hindsight seems very primitive, possibly futile and even a bit silly. Nearly a quarter of a century ago in 1964 it was deadly serious business.

At the Big Sur tracking site we were ready to go as the countdown from Vandenberg progressed loud and clear on our radio. At the call of "ignition... liftoff" all cameras rolled and scanned to the southeast for something to photograph. "There it is!", I shouted out as the Atlas leaped through the snow-white coastal fog blanket and both tracking mounts homed-in on the majestic "bird" in flight. The big Atlas could not have been more clean, clear and majestic We were "Go" for the operation.

The magnification of the B.U. was truly impressive. The exhaust nozzles and lower third of the Atlas missile literally filled the frame at this distance of over 100 nautical miles. With one tracking mount operator on azimuth and one on elevation working completely manually, it was not easy to keep the image centered in the early stages of flight. As the nosecone package approached T + 400 seconds, sufficient angle of view had been established that we were literally locked down with the whole inflight package centered in the frame. No one on the site was watching the screen by this point. Our mission to provide the engineers with a side look at three stages of powered flight had been accomplished and we were a very happy bunch, congratulating each other and letting the film run out in the 35mm motion picture camera focused on the Kinescope.

I took fhe cans of exposed film and headed down the coast to Vandenberg and our laboratory. Processing of the film would occur that night and the results would be ready for viewing the next day.

### Men in Grey

I was back at my desk enjoying the feeling of accomplishment from the Big Stir expedition when I was called by Major Mansmann, who asked me to come right away to his office at the Headquarters building. When I arrived, I found a movie projector



set up in the office and a group of people waiting. Among these I recall two men in plain grey suits who spoke little and watched me intently as the lights were dimmed and the film played on a bright screen. (Mansmann has since stated that there were actually three men present.)

It was a surprise and a delight for me to be seeing the kinescope recording from Big Sur after all the months of planning and weeks of work. I was quite amazed and very pleased with the quality, especially at the distance involved as we could make out quite plainly the separated nosecone, the radar experiment and the dummy warhead all sailing along beautifully about 60 miles straight up from planet Earth and some 300 to 500 nautical miles down range. As we neared the end of the camera run, Mansmann said, "Watch carefully now, Lieutenant ant Jacobs."

At that point the most remarkable vision of my life came on the screen. Another object flew into the frame from left to right. It approached the warhead package and maneuvered around it. That is, this ... "thing"...flew a relative polar orbit around our warhead package which was itself heading toward the South Pacific at some 18 thousand miles an hour!

As the new object circumnavigated our hardware, it emitted four distinct bright flashes of light at approximately the 4 cardinal compass points of its orbit. These flashes were so intense that each "strike" caused the I.O. tube to "boom" or form a halo around the spot. Following this remarkable aerial display the object departed the frame in the same direction from which it had come. The shape of the object was that of a classic "flying saucer." In the middle of the top half of the object was a dome. From that dome, or just beneath it, seemed to issue a beam of light or which caused the flashes described.

Subsequently the warhead malfunctioned and tumbled out of suborbit hundreds of miles short of its target. This ... unidentified flying ... "thing" had apparently "shot down" an American dummy atomic warhead!

The lights came on and Major Mansmann said, "Lieutenant Jacobs, were you or any of your people fooling around up there at Big Sur?"

"No sir," I answered honestly. I was shaking with excitement.

"Then tell me ... what the Hell was that?"

I looked Major Mansmann straight in the eye. "It looks to me like we got a UFO," I said.

There was a stifling silence among the men in grey, civilian suits who continued to stare at me. Major Mansmann gave them what I can only describe as a "let me handle this" look.

#### Cover-Up

"Well," he smiled cordially, "let's just say it never happened. You are to say nothing about this footage to anyone. As far as you and I are concerned, this never took place, you understand?"

I looked at the men in the grey suits. They were not smiling. I felt hot and anxious. I was sweating badly. I think I just sat for a minute looking blankly at Major Mansmann. I had just seen the most fantastic event of my life. It etched a path in my memory as deep as the one put there almost a year earlier when President John F. Kennedy had been shot to death in Dallas. I wanted more than anything to see it again, to study it under a magnifier, to analyze the pictures frame by frame.

Major Mansmann did smile, nicely. "I don't need to remind you of the seriousness of a security breach, do I Lieutenant?", he asked.

"No, sir," I replied.

"Good," he said motioning for me to stand.

I stood.

He walked me to the door, speaking confidentially. "What you just saw did not take place," he repeated. "It never happened."

I looked at him once more. Something flickered way back deep in his eyes as he again looked at the men in grey then back to me.

"But ... if at some time in the future," Florenz Mansmann said finally, "you are pressed by someone about this and you can't get out of answering, just tell them ... tell them it was flashes from laser tracking, O.K.?"

And with that, I was ushered out the door and into over a decade of silence on the subject. Never mind that in 1964 we did not have laser tracking, nor did we or any other power on Earth have spacecraft capable of flying circles around a suborbital capsule. I tried to sublimate the whole incident out of loyalty and respect for Florenz Mansmann whom I liked a great deal. While I did not talk about the event with anyone. I did begin a period of intense research into the UFO phenomena.

My research interest in the field continues to the present. Of particular fascination is the relationship of the press to the UFO. This great Liberal bastion of free enquiry, this body of muckrakers which prides itself so highly on prodding and upsetting political figures, has played very prettily into the hands of those same government minions who wish to obfuscate the whole field of discovery, discussion and debate about the most perplexing and possibly most important scientific conundrum in the history of our species. While chasing after Pulitzer Prizes for such relatively petty mischief as political dirty tricks at Watergate, or poor old Gary Hart and his happy harlots or the hapless Dan Quayle and his colorless, but merely mediocre background, The Press has persistently missed one of the really imperative stories of our time. . Goes Public

I told my small portion of it first, tentatively, on a late night talk show which I hosted in Eureka, California in 1973 on station KFML-FM. The response I got to my revelation was almost as astonishing as had been the event itself. My program director, Richard Van Pelt, came forth to tell his own tale of a CE3K which happened to him while he was an Air Force Security NCO in Iceland 20 years earlier. A university physics professor at California State University, Humboldt who had worked on the H-bomb project came forth to tell about his firm belief in the extraterrestrial nature of UFOs. Since then I have met a number of other people whom I respect, whom I know not to be "fringies" or cranks or crackpots, but who share common experiences with UFO sightings and encounters.

And, finally, in 1982, I decided that my story needed to be aired to a broader audience. Eighteen years had gone by. I could not get it out of my mind after all that time. Then, first in the trade journals, later in the popular press, there were hints of a new weapon system in the offing. It was some kind of satellite-smasher we were told. Soon we would hear President Reagan himself disrobe the rumors and give us Star Wars (SDI). There were the rumors of aircraft being built which were invisible to radar (some said to the human eye, as well!) "Stealth," they were called. It is significant to recall that until very recently, the Air Force denied that they existed, too! There were persistent stories of something called Project Snowbird where American pilots were being shown how to operate captured (or donated) alien space craft. Something about the Big Sur film seemed to be part of the overall pattern. I held back writing my story because of the Security angle until the truth occurred to me. There was no "security breach" in this story. The damn thing had never been "Classified SECRET" or anything else. I had been told simply that it "NEVER HAPPENED"! Therefore, I was free to tell the story to whomever I pleased since it was about a non event officially.

I wrote my article. I shopped it around. In the end The National Enquirer published it. And as now retired Major Florenz J. Mansmann put it, "Jacobs opened Pandora's Box."

I was contacted by a variety of investigators, buffs, cranks, proponents and detractors alike. James Oberg, a frequent "mouthpiece" for certain NASA projects and self-styled UFO Debunker wrote to disparage my story and to ask provocatively, "Since you obviously feel free to discuss top secret UFO data, what would you be willing to say about other top secret aspects

of the Atlas warhead which you alluded to briefly ...?" I told Mr. Oberg where to put his misplaced cynicism.

Mansmann, now a Ph.D. research consultant at Stanford and a farmer near Fresno, California was besieged with requests for information, and for his version of what happened. My respect and admiration for him was vindicated as he categorically verified my account.

## Conclusions

Academicians first gather data, then postulate conclusions based on what they find. From what I have gathered first hand, (primary evidence), pieced together from Mansmann, from a fine researcher named Lee M. Graham, from contemplation, discussion and debate of the material, as well as from the Air Force position on this and other related matters, I have come to the following conclusions:

(1) What we photographed that September day in 1964 was a solid, three-dimensional, intelligently controlled flying device.

(2) It emitted a beam of energy, possibly a plasma beam, at our dummy warhead and caused a malfunction.

(3) This "craft" was not anything of which our science and technology in 1964 was capable. The most probable explanation of the device, therefore, is that it was of extraterrestrial origin.

(4) The flashing strikes of light we recorded on film were not from laser tracking devices. Such devices did not exist then aside from small scale, laboratory models.

(5) Most probably the B.U. Tele scope was brought out to California specifically to photograph this event which had been prearranged. That is, we had been setup to record an event which someone in our Government knew was going to happen in advance.

(6) What we photographed that day was the first terrestrial demonstration of what has come to be called S.D.I. or "Star Wars." The demonstration was put on for our benefit for some reason by extraterrestrials. It is this aspect of the event, not merely the recording of another "flying Saucer" which caused such consternation both on the part of Major Mansmann when he told me "it never happened" and on behalf of the government in its two and one half decade coverup of the event and the record we made of it.

It is this defense-oriented aspect of the case which has caused investigators to run into stone walls in trying to track down my story. The Air Force has alternately denied that I was ever an officer, that I was ever stationed at Vandenberg, that I was OIC of Photo-optical Instrumentation in the 1369th Photographic Squadron, that there was a tracking site at or near Big Sur, California, that an Atlas-F, or for that matter, any other missile was launched on or about the date or dates I reported.

## Documentation

We have been able to verify through FOIA requests and my military records everything except the specific launch and the fact of its having been filmed. We have been told first that there were no launches, then that there were launches but no malfunctions. Herewith, for the first time I present the documentation for a mission malfunction in an official unclassified Air Force document which has finally surfaced in my collection of aging papers and books.

It was prepared by Kingston A George, dated 13 Oct. 1964 and entitled,

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS  
STAFF STUDY  
PRELIMINARY REPORT ON  
IMAGE ORTHICON PHOTOGRAPHY  
FROM BIG SUR

In this document, "King" George gives us a quick sketch of the

whole Big Sur project, tells us that "Over the period of 30 days, from 31 August to 30 September, during which the Boston University telescope was ready to film launches, eleven flights were made from Vandenberg," that "a final report will be forthcoming in a few weeks with a complete description of the system and the operations over the past several weeks," that "a documentary film of about 30 minutes length containing several minutes of selected film clips will be assembled" and that one powered flight anomaly was observed (*italics mine*), and the coverage of the flights has produced enough data to show that Big Sur photography could be an important adjunct to other instrumentation."

It is not clear whether or not Kingston George was privy to the screenings of the Big Sur film which recorded the UFO. My suspicion is that he was one of those to whom Mansmann has admitted showing the film. His document, however, states clearly that a missile malfunctioned during the B.U. test period, now putting the final lie to the Air Force denials.

That is my story. It is from my own experiences, recollections, records, and hands. You are free to interpret it as you like. As a footnote I need to comment, I suppose, on the coverup. I do not believe that anyone is going to succeed in getting the film on an F.O.I.A. request. I have been asked to make such a request myself and refuse to do so. Eric Mishara, Lee Graham, T. Scott Crain, Jr. and others have done so and have run into the wall of futility. I don't believe that anyone can succeed in getting the film because the fact of its existence will have been completely expunged from the records by now.

Investigators who encounter negative replies from the Air Force, from representatives who are at Vandenberg now are not necessarily being deceived deliberately. Nearly 25 years have passed and no one presently at the base has any personal recollection of the event, much less any official record of it. Consider the very limited number of people who saw the film in the first place and you will comprehend how simple it was to make it disappear.

Finally, if the government did officially "classify" the film either back then or subsequently, then perhaps there were/are compelling reasons for it to have done so. As the B-2 "Stealth" Bomber has now been unveiled publicly at last, we can contemplate the rationale for having kept it "classified" for so long. At some point, when no harm can come from the information, perhaps the film for which I was responsible that long ago September day in the cool, clear mountains of Big Sur will be made public, along with the possibly awe some technological power which the images recorded on it represented.

One significant fact remains. The experimental tracking site which I installed near Anderson Peak became a permanent location for missile tracking on the Western Test Range. Moved nearer the peak geographically and magnitudes better technically, it is there today. You see footage from it everytime a Space Shuttle reenters for a landing at Edwards Air Force Base. What else it records or has recorded and its ultimate purpose for being there is a matter for history, hopefully, to reveal.

Bob Jacobs,  
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## Re: Did Roswell Produce A Transistron Or A

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 01:07:41 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 04:32:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Did Roswell Produce A Transistron Or A

>From: John Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 09:20:14 EST  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Did Roswell Produce A Transistron Or A Transistor?

>Another paradox in the life of the PnP transistor.

>Just to pre-warn you, very soon there will be a new book out  
>that will give due credit to two German physicists (Matzare &  
>Welker), strange as it may seem, who independently discovered  
>the transistor only two months after the Bell Laboratory group  
>did (Bardeen, Brattain & Shockley). And the Bell story from 1947  
>to 1956 was and is still in disarray.

>Now the odd thing - it was Westinghouse laboratory in Paris, who  
>got the solution to the same experiment? The book will not give  
>you any links to the Roswell case so don't ask, but it will show  
>that the original idea was in "transit". The German group got  
>their working model up and going in 1952 (Intermetall) a year  
>before Bell Laboratory did, and that's right - they called the  
>system a "transistron"!

This was a point I made in a previous email. Boiling away all of the drivel, you have a core claim that Army FTD seeded Roswell technology into the private sector between 60-63 or thereabouts. However the true development of technology and technological innovations show that much, if not all was around long before Corso and FTD.

For example:

The integrated circuit was invented by a man named Jack Kilby in 1958 long before the Army FTD allegedly seeded any technology to the private sector.

Laser technology was another technology that was not seeded by the Army into the private sector. The theory that first proposed the process was first postulated by Albert Einstein in 1917. The first microwave laser was demoed in 1954, the first optical laser was invented in 1957-58 under U.S. Patent #2,929,922. In 1960 Theodore Maiman constructed the first optical laser.

Various Night Vision schemes have been around since the late 1800s and through WW-2 where the first infrared was developed in 1943 and used in WW-2 and later Korea. In 1953 Robert Wiseman and Oscar Cleaver set up a night vision lab and project at Fort Belvoir where they developed Gen 0 night vision then later on in the 50s they developed Gen 1. In 1958 they used fibre optics as part of the process. Again no Army FTD.

The invention of the transistor (which had been under development for years previously, happened between November 17 and Dec 23, 1947 and was created/invented by Walter Brattain, John Bardeen. As you pointed out it was also independently invented several months later as well. Same year as Roswell but no Corso and no Army FTD.

The point being other than "Corso said" nobody has been able to

find a shred of supporting evidence that any technology along the lines of "Corso said" was seeded into the private sector by Army FTD during the time in question. We don't even have a shred of evidence that Army FTD ever seeded/gave/provided any technology or technological innovations into the private sector during the times in question.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: CFI, Podesta/Mattoon & Kecksburg - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 06:23:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 08:31:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: CFI, Podesta/Mattoon & Kecksburg - Kaeser

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 16:25:19 -0500  
>Subject: Re: CFI, Podesta/Mattoon & Kecksburg

[most recent post deleted, since you can read the original]

John

As I've said in a private message, I believe you've made a mistake in your approach here, and yes, we can agree to disagree on this.

The SciFi Channel's involvement came about at a time when the groups that form the UFO Coalition were beginning to reach a critical point in keeping some of their operations going. While some of the immediate problems were solved through donations from individuals, the SciFi Channel represents a hope for an on-going funding source for specific projects that might help to re-invigorate the field. We've seen a number of rich individuals with personal agendas come and go, but the SciFi Channel has so far kept to their word and sought help and advice from us, rather than come in with their own major proposals to save the field.

I have no illusions that they will evolve from an entertainment organization into a research organization, but it is fairly common for large businesses to pick a charity and funnel resources in that direction. This, so far, has been the case with the SciFi Channel and the UFO Coalition. The CFI endeavor was a first step, and I think everyone has to stop thinking of that as the end goal in all of this.

But while they had come into this field with the understanding that they would be highly criticized by those who are skeptical, they now find themselves under fire from those they had thought would be friends.

I find it odd that you've sought to have others approach the Sci-Fi channel with ideas, and then ask that they report back to you as to their response. What kind of reaction do you expect? If they receive a simple form response thanking them for the suggestion, would that mean that the SciFi Channel really isn't listening and deserves further criticism? You've focused this discussion on a single facet of a multi-faceted effort, picking a weak link that you (and they) know can't be defended in the framework you've presented. Indeed, this discussion has been crafted in a way that would make CISCOP proud, giving the appearance of an open mind while affording no way for an opinion other than your own to prevail.

Don't get me wrong. I understand the concerns that have been expressed here, and the UFO Coalition isn't going to sell out. But so far, The SciFi Channel's interest has proven to be genuine and it would be better to work with them rather than have them go elsewhere for advice.

FYI, representatives of the SciFi Channel and Podesta-Mattoon are on this List (and several others), so you can direct



questions to them if you wish. They may chose to not respond,  
but you can rest assured that they feel the tone of this  
discussion.

Steve

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## Re: UFOs In The Bible - Stevenson

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Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 13:39:12 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 13:00:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs In The Bible - Stevenson

>From: Chris Aubeck <[caubeck@yahoo.com](mailto:caubeck@yahoo.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 21:41:13 +0000 (GMT)  
>Subject: Re: UFOs In The Bible

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 19:29:50 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: UFOs In The Bible [was: Postmodernism - >Hansen]

>>>From: George Hansen <[gphansen2001@yahoo.com](mailto:gphansen2001@yahoo.com)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2003 11:18:11 -0800 (PST)  
>>>Subject: Re: Postmodernism

<snip>

>>>Dabrowski asserts--

>>>"If we're still arguing about UFOs after another 1000 years,  
>>>then OK. But 50 years is not a long time in human history."

>>>In actuality, UFOs have been recognized, discussed, and debated  
>>>for thousands of years. Just look at the UFO accounts in the  
>>>Bible. ...

>>George,

>>I don't see where it's debated anywhere in the Bible. It was  
>>just accepted that Yahweh would sometimes ride around in his sky  
>>chariot. Ezekiel may have tried to interpret what he saw, but  
>>where was the debate?

>>Jim Deardorff

>Hello Jim, George,

>I think it would be more correct to state that while UFOs were  
>not "debated" in the Bible, theologians have spent 2000 years  
>discussing the significance of the phenomena described there.

>However, I would take issue with the assertion that UFOs have  
>been "recognized" for thousands of years. How do you "recognize"  
>a UFO? They certainly had not been lumped together or classified  
>as such till quite recently.

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Hello George, Jim, Chris and all

Been holding off on reply to your posts until the penny dropped.  
Unfortunately it hasn't so here we are.

If you believe the Bible to be a true account then you must  
concur the following;

As God is not on Earth but 'In the Heavens' then he must be an

E.T. (ExtraTerrestrial - not on Earth) If you believe the Biblical account of God causing Mary's pregnancy then Jesus is/was a human/E.T. (God) hybrid which involved the manipulation of Mary's psycology to except it beforehand.

On this reasoning you must realise that God (an E.T.) gets here by means of some transport and on the same reasoning E.T. has been arround for at least a couple of thousand years.

For anyone to denie the existance of E.T. and UFO's is to denie any belief in the Bible.

Sorry if this post offends anyone but I felt compelled to take the time out to post it.

May I also add that the preceeding does not affect my personal belief in God and neither should it anyone else's and that if Jesus rose to Heaven then he too is now an E.T.

To say that UFO's are not discussed in the Bible is absurd to a high degree.

Kind regards

Colin

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## Another Idea Re. CFI & Kecksburg

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 09:32:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 13:13:33 -0500  
Subject: Another Idea Re. CFI & Kecksburg

Hi -

How about suggesting to CFI that instead of putting all their FOIA eggs in one basket, they approach GAO with the proverbial "short list" of say, three cases, one of which would be Kecksburg so CFI can save face.

The actual decision would be made by the GAO.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

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Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 14:34:34 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 13:16:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 23:28:11 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S-

>>From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2003 21:37:37 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

<snip>

>>Hi Larry and all

>>What has been seen may actually be Rods

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

>>after a quick read of it

>Hello Colin:

>I may have been to harsh about 'Thumper' Subsequent posts seem  
>to indicate a certain sincerity.

>Rods? That sounds like something sandwiched between Mel's Hole  
>and the latest from Richard Hoagland on the Coast-to-Coast late  
>night radio show.

>If Robert (aka Thumper) ever becomes a radio guest, lets hope he  
>talks better than he writes.

>Best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

>PS: Did we forget about Mel's Hole, the bottomless pit in  
>Washington State? After secret government agencies took it over,  
>Mel went out and found another one. Even Art Bell sounded a bit  
>doubtful about that.

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Hello again Larry and all

Wouldn't a bottomless hole reach right through the Earth to the  
other side? Someone ought to investigate it as it could be a  
faster route for transport. Or is the other bottomless hole Mel  
found on the other side of Earth thus proving his point? My  
spell checker doesn't work at all either so part of my Windows  
is in Mel's hole too. Maybe the secret government agencies  
needed to fit it with a window, or multiple parts of them in  
order to make a whole one. :-)

Sorry to say, but Rods are real as we see them here in the UK  
and video them too. They are also associated with Polterguist  
and hauntings we believe. Many theories and observations will  
prove or disprove although from my observations its somewhere  
near the truth.

Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

Believe it or not, I have a video of a Rod (approx. 6 inch)  
passing straight through a Female's head

Kind regards,

Colin

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## Re: Exeter NH's 'UFO Kid' Dead At 55 - Cohen

From: Jerry Cohen <[rjcohen@optonline.net](mailto:rjcohen@optonline.net)>  
Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 09:42:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 13:22:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Exeter NH's 'UFO Kid' Dead At 55 - Cohen

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
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>Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2003 20:20:04 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Exeter NH's 'UFO Kid' Dead At 55

>>Exeter UFO kid dead at 55

>>Source: The Portsmouth Herald, New Hampshire

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/news/03022003/news/15408.htm>

>>By Colleen Lent [news@seacoastonline.com](mailto:news@seacoastonline.com)

>>The death of longtime Seacoast resident Norman Muscarello,  
>>55, this past week undoubtedly rekindled discussions of his  
>>UFO sighting on Sept. 3, 1965, which made national  
>>headlines.

>>One can almost hear excerpts of conversations around the  
>>dinner table or coffee shop counter.

>>"Isn't he the kid who was chased by the space ship down by  
>>Dining's Farm?" or "There was a book about him by some  
>>reporter" or "Muscarello is the 'Close Encounters' guy."

>>The account of Norman's teen-age real-life experience was  
>>akin to a scene from a Steven Spielberg or George Lucas  
>>film. It soon became fodder for several articles by John G.  
>>Fuller, appearing in Reader's Digest, Look and True, before it  
>>was developed into the book "Incident at Exeter" by the same  
>>author.

>Interesting that the newspaper story is labelled "UFO Kid...."  
>and places the sighting in the context of his whole life but  
>does not address the key UFO question: did he see a real  
>UFO, have a delusion of make it all up? Reference to two  
>policemen who also saw it is made, but not discussed. If I  
>recall correctly, this is the case that really got Klass started.  
>When Klass found out that there was a power line in the  
>vicinity he began to wonder about the possibility of large  
>plasmas being created by the corona from a power line.

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Hello Bruce and gentlefolk,

Bruce, I am so sorry I missed this when you first posted it.  
Probably missed an opportunity to be timely with this but, with  
everything going on with the world situation the way it is, I've  
been writing different kinds of posts to other groups. Since I'm  
only ten days off, I'll answer this anyway.

This was a doozie of a case. The object Muscarello and the two  
policemen claim to have seen in 1965 was very similar to the  
object I reported in my own 1967 sighting. My sighting became a  
stimulus for some research I performed re: Exeter.

You can find . . . .

Dr. Hynek's analysis of Exeter as published in the Hynek

UFO Report at:

[http://www.cohenufo.org/Hynek/hynk\\_exeter1.htm](http://www.cohenufo.org/Hynek/hynk_exeter1.htm)

Larry Robinson proposed solution for it at:

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins/howiextr.htm>

My thorough rebuttal of Robinson's theory, with excerpts from the original John Fuller book which details the myriad flaws in both Robinson's analysis and investigative techniques at:

<http://www.cohenufo.org/rob.rebut.html>

You can also find the results of Loy Lawhon's investigation and comments regarding the proposed ball lightning or corona discharge explanation at:

<http://ufos.miningco.com/library/weekly/aa090997b.htm>

When I submitted this case to Paul Devereux asking him to explain how his "earth lights" theory or Persinger's "helmet induced hallucinations via electromagnetic stimulation to the brain" could solve Exeter, he refused to look at the case saying he wasn't paid to read it.

For those not familiar with who they are, click below.

<http://www.cohenufo.org/gna.html#tstels>

A number of exchanges Paul and I had can be found on that page including the first one where I brought up Exeter:

<http://www.cohenufo.org/EL%20Discussions/cohdevdiscns/a1ELTST.htm>

His refusal to read it can be found in his PS at the end of his March 19, 1997 letter:

<http://www.cohenufo.org/EL%20Discussions/cohdevdiscns/a3ELTST.htm>

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Oh, I almost forgot. Here are two mails from February 1997 from a lady who saw my previous posts re Exeter back then and took the time to write me. This is the first time I have ever posted them:

E-Mail #1:

"I was really surprised to see your E-mail posting on Francisco Lopez's UFO list about this incident. David Hunt, one of the police officers you quoted, is my sister's father in law now. I recently spent some time with the Hunt family in New Hampshire and read the book and talked to Janice, David's wife. They were married at the time of the incident.

"David doesn't talk about it, but Janice maintains his belief in what he saw. I just thought you might be interested to know that 30 years later he is still convinced of the truth of his statements."

JC: I asked the lady some questions and was hoping to be able to talk to David Hunt personally. However,

E-Mail #2:

"Jerry, I actually was trying to say Janice and David were \*currently\* married at the time of the incident. So what she says, having been married to him at the time is very relevant. :)

I'd show David your letter, but like I said, he doesn't talk about it. Because of the book various graduate students and ufologists contact him every now and then. He also made it into the time life book, which you have probably seen. But he won't talk about it. Janice sends copies of news clippings to the students, but David won't grant interviews.

He's led a normal life, he remained in the police force for



years and has retired. I think he had to move on with his life, since he could never prove anything. I'll see what I can find out about the other police officer."

JC: She didn't answer anything I wrote past that point so I continued with my posts and worked at building my web site, which I hoped might eventually one day might become a valuable resource to people researching some of this old material.

Respectfully,

Jerry Cohen

<http://www.cohenufo.org/>

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Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 16:14:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: CFI, Podesta/Mattoon & Kecksburg - Velez

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 06:23:24 -0500  
>Subject: Re: CFI, Podesta/Mattoon & Kecksburg

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>>Subject: Re: CFI, Podesta/Mattoon & Kecksburg

Hi Steve,

You wrote:

>[most recent post deleted, since you can read the original]

You should have left it in, it would save me a lot of rewriting. In what you have chosen to delete, I clearly state the questions and points that are being raised.

None of which have yet to be addressed by anyone at CFI or Podesta/Mattoon. In this e-mail you don't respond to, or address, the questions that have been raised either.

So far, all I'm hearing from anyone connected to CFI is; (essentially) that I should a. back off, b. I don't know what I'm talking about and c. that I should keep my mouth shut because I'm screwing up a 'good thing.'

Kinda like what sibling kittens do when fighting over possession of a teat.

Thus far, there have been no direct responses forthcoming to any of the questions or points raised. What I am getting is unsolicited advice that amounts to 'orders' to shut up and butt out.

Don Berliner had the minerals to send me an e-mail privately advising me to do all of the aforementioned, a., b., and c. He tells me to conduct my conversation with Leslie and the others 'privately' and out of the public arena. What is it that needs to be kept so hush-hush?

There is something inherently wrong with asking someone to cease exercising their freedom of speech in public. It's presumptuous, to say the least. Who does Don imagine himself to be that he can do that? As far as I know, we all put our knickers on one leg at a time. I have never presumed to tell him what to do or say, in public or how he should do it.

Balls!

Don Berliner also (defensively) accused me of "attacking" CFI and Podesta/Mattoon. Which is simply not true at all. In point of fact, I've been very careful and every bit the gentleman about how I have couched/framed all of my questions and points.

All I know is; nobody seems to be answering them/responding to them.

Everybody I've heard from so far is behaving more than a little paranoid and defensive though. That much is coming through loud and clear.

I have a 'new' question:

Why is everybody feeling so threatened and behaving so defensively instead of being more open, cooperative and forthcoming? I'm not the one setting the 'tone' of the discussion here Steve. All I did was ask a few pertinent and legitimate questions. The 'responses' so far is what is beginning to define the 'tone' of the discussion.

And... no one has yet addressed any of my questions.

>As I've said in a private message, I believe you've made a  
>mistake in your approach here, and yes, we can agree to disagree  
>on this.

Fine by me Steve. I think our past friendship and mutual respect can weather a little disagreement/head-butting from time to time. I think it's healthy and keeps everybody honest and at their 'on their toes' best. ;)

>The SciFi Channel's involvement came about at a time when the  
>groups that form the UFO Coalition were beginning to reach a  
>critical point in keeping some of their operations going. While  
>some of the immediate problems were solved through donations  
>from individuals, the SciFi Channel represents a hope for an on-  
>going funding source for specific projects that might help to  
>re-invigorate the field. We've seen a number of rich individuals  
>with personal agendas come and go, but the SciFi Channel has so  
>far kept to their word and sought help and advice from us,  
>rather than come in with their own major proposals to save the  
>field.

Because you conveniently edit out my questions and points it allows you to evade responding to them and forces me to repeat myself and to respond to things I never said.

I'm not going to do it.

If you or anybody else cannot respond to my questions directly, I'm not obligated to re-state them ad nauseum. Either read the original post or include it in your responses. That way all I have to do is quote myself. Not rewrite the whole thing.

Above, you are responding to something that hasn't been questioned or even mentioned.

I am not "attacking" CFI or Podesta/Mattoon. Contrary to your and Don Berliner's interpretation. Therefore you don't have a need to 'defend' them publicly.

I have not questioned their value to ufology. Yet that is the point your comment above is addressing. Again, you don't have to justify it because nobody has called it into question.

What I wish 'someone' would do is to simply respond to the points and questions I did raise. Why is that so difficult? If you can take the time to provide all of this 'unrelated to the discussion' information, you can also use the time to respond to the questions I have raised. What's up?

>I have no illusions that they will evolve from an entertainment  
>organization into a research organization, but it is fairly  
>common for large businesses to pick a charity and funnel  
>resources in that direction. This, so far, has been the case  
>with the SciFi Channel and the UFO Coalition. The CFI endeavor  
>was a first step, and I think everyone has to stop thinking of  
>that as the end goal in all of this.

Nobody here is thinking 'that way.'

What everybody should be concerned about is 'how' the valuable resources that CFI is putting up are being used.

The other issue I raised has to do with the fact that instead of trying to include as many experts in the field as possible in regard to the case selection process, they have chosen to work

in what is essentially a private vacuum with just a few people, while all the important decisions are being made by folks who have no expertise whatsoever in the subject at hand.

That's all valid stuff/questions Steve. Nobody is addressing any of them.

Then there's the choice of the Kecksburg case. Talk about a potential waste of rare and valuable time and resources. Why doesn't anybody address that, or even seem to care about it?

>But while they had come into this field with the understanding  
>that they would be highly criticized by those who are skeptical,  
>they now find themselves under fire from those they had thought  
>would be friends.

"Under fire?" There you go again.

For the last time:

Nobody is "attacking" anybody! Why the hell do they feel as if they are "under fire?" What's up with all this defensiveness and paranoia?

Steve, in the real world...

You actually have to 'make' friends before you can count on them, or their support. So far, CFI and Podesta/Mattoon have made some major plans and decisions behind closed doors. Plans and decisions that affect everybody in ufology, especially the researchers. And they are carrying out those plans and making those decisions with only a 'few' being privy to them. And 'few' UFO researchers having any input.

What they have done is; after the fact, they announce those plans and decisions to us and we're just supposed to fall into line support it blindly and not question any of it.

It's like finding out you're pregnant and then trying to fall in love.

Things/people don't work that way. If they naively thought that they could simply impose anything they want on the public, (such as their choice of the Kecksburg case) without consulting any of the experts that we all respect and admire, then I guess they were wrong to assume that mass, public support would just be there, waiting for them, on a silver platter.

You have to give some to get some.

Another question:

Are FUFOR and a couple of others worried that their monopoly on CFI will be usurped by an 'outsider'? Are they afraid that another kitty may compete for their little private teat? It is starting to come off that way. The defensiveness exhibited thus far and the paranoia indicate that somebody is worried about something.

The only ones who stand to 'make out' in any way from an 'exclusive' relationship to CFI is FUFOR. I'm beginning to think that Don's objections and worries about my 'rocking the boat' will somehow threaten his current 'exclusive' relationship and influence with CFI.

How's that for 'telling it like it is.'

All this dancing and side-stepping of the issues only makes sense when viewed in that light. The defensiveness, the paranoia, all make sense. Of course they want me to keep my mouth shut and not 'rock their boat' they're looking out for their own beef-steak. Screw input from anybody else.

>I find it odd that you've sought to have others approach the  
>Sci-Fi channel with ideas, and then ask that they report back to  
>you as to their response. What kind of reaction do you expect?

According to some of the research people I have talking to, CFI didn't even acknowledge receipt of case suggestions and research material that was submitted by several individuals.

Probably short-stopped somewhere along the way by Berliner. CFI not only didn't consider the cases that were submitted, they didn't dignify the effort of the research people with a response. Not even a 'we are in receipt of your package.'

That's what I meant when I said that I'd be curious to see how they respond to Eleanor's suggestions. So far, they've ignored just about everybody else.

Still find my my comment to Eleanor "odd"?

>If they receive a simple form response thanking them for the  
>suggestion, would that mean that the SciFi Channel really isn't  
>listening and deserves further criticism? You've focused this  
>discussion on a single facet of a multi-faceted effort, picking  
>a weak link that you (and they) know can't be defended in the  
>framework you've presented.

Gee, is that your way of saying that I've asked some pointed and pertinent questions? That I have managed to hit the nail squarely on the head?

If so, thank you. Yes, out of respect for Errol's work, and the people who read this List, I go out of my way not to post unless I have something pertinent or important to say.

BTW, the way to strengthen something is by identifying the 'weak links' and replacing them with stronger ones. I'm hoping to strengthen CFI's chances for success.

Also...

I didn't intentionally "pick" anything Steve. That's just your "we're under attack" paranoia/mentality at work again. You insist on making my questions sound like a planned, and 'conspiratorial' attack on CFI. Get a grip man. All I've done is to ask some pertinent questions and point out some blatant weaknesses.

>Indeed, this discussion has been  
>crafted in a way that would make CISCOP proud, giving the  
>appearance of an open mind while affording no way for an opinion  
>other than your own to prevail.

"Crafted?"

"Affording no way for any other opinion other than my own to prevail?"

Wow! The depth of the defensiveness and paranoia that you express in these unfounded statements is truly astounding.

It's not a "plot" Steve. Nor is it an exercise in 'ego gratification'. Read what I've written man. Respond to that. Stop trying to paint it all as some kind of intentional sabotage or attack.

>Don't get me wrong. I understand the concerns that have been  
>expressed here, and the UFO Coalition isn't going to sell out.  
>But so far, The SciFi Channel's interest has proven to be  
>genuine and it would be better to work with them rather than  
>have them go elsewhere for advice.

Ahhh, there we have it!

The 'fear' and the 'paranoia' is that; CFI and Podesta/Mattoon may go somewhere else. As in CFI's money finding it's way into someone 'other' than Don Berliner's grip and FUFOR's coffers!

Mystery solved. Now I know why you are all so defensive and covetous of your exclusive relationship to CFI. Why you feel 'threatened.' Why so many others have been ignored and locked out of any dealings with them.

You have just answered all my questions in one fell swoop.

All I can say is:

Money is the root of all evil in the world. This is all just a case of the rest of ufology being held at bay while the 'big cat' eats first. How mundane. How human.

You all ought to feel deeply ashamed at perpetrating such a public disservice. Excluding all others... damn! You ought to be tarred and feathered.

I wonder if the people at CFI know?

>FYI, representatives of the SciFi Channel and Podesta-Mattoon  
>are on this List (and several others), so you can direct  
>questions to them if you wish. They may chose to not respond,  
>but you can rest assured that they feel the tone of this  
>discussion.

It is you and Don Berliner who have "set the tone" of this discussion. All I did was ask a few questions.

You are the guys who are bouncing-off-the-walls because of it.

If you don't think that readers of this List can't understand what is being implied here by both you and Berliner, you've sadly under-estimated their intelligence. And exposed your true agenda in your scramble to do 'damage control'.

Case closed. You won't hear another word out of me. I got my 'answers.' They're not the ones I came for, but they are answers nonetheless. Thank you.

Regards,

John Velez  
Astounded, but not surprised, in New York

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You guys have come along like the cavalry in white hats and offered us all an opportunity to pursue disclosure on one or more UFO cases with government officials. It takes money and resources to launch such a program and it is going to take enthusiastic public support to make it succeed. It's going to take the input of as many experts as you can muster. Even if it takes longer to accomplish.

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I am communicating with several well known UFO research people who collectively claim to have had case submissions ignored along with complaining that they have been allowed no input whatsoever in the proposed program of information disclosure.

Information that is vitally important to us all.

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Does that sound 'kosher' to you? Especially in the light of the complaints by independent UFO researchers that they are being systematically ignored and defacto excluded from participation.

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In sincere hopes of your eventual success,

John Velez

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>>>Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2003 14:11:33 -0800  
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>>>That makes at least 3 important websites the fellow wrote to. I  
>>>think that's a lot of successful work for somebody who cannot  
>>>spell, nor parse a sentence, nor distinguish between the subject  
>>>line and the body of an email.

>>>Why do I smell a rat?

>>>The seemingly deliberately rough-hewn message I got gave no  
>>>details at all about dates, time, place, etc. .. not even the  
>>>name of the documentary.

>>>Could this be a test? .. Things like that are sometimes  
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>>Best wishes

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This WWII footage 'thumper' was viewing would have originally  
been 16mm B/W film footage. Because of this, and taking into

account the age of the footage before conversion to video, the "UFO's" 'thumper' was seeing would most probably be the stains, film 'glitches' and streaks we often see on old 16 and 35mm film stock.

These are characteristic film marks and scratches associated with aging film stock. The footage would also be copies of copies of copies (or 3rd or 4th generation copies) To the untrained inexperienced eye some of these film defects may appear to be fast flying UFO's as the film stain or defect quickly appears to flash across the screen within only a few frames.

Similar defect effects are seen on video tape when a speck of dust is picked up between the tape and recording head during record.

However these types of defects are all horizontal streaks due to the video tape movement direction. Yet they can sometimes give the visual impression that a "UFO" may be quickly streaking across the screen from left to right.

And as far as Rods are concerned, there is no such thing.

All so called Rods I have seen presented as evidence, including my own experiments (extensive at that) I can confidently conclude them to be "Motion Blur of fast flying insects". (Even at 1/10,000th shutter speed) End of story.

And a recent post.....

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Colin, have a closer look at this footage and you will see that a fast moving insect flies "behind" her head.

If the "Rod" is 6 inches long, than why do you need to slow down the footage frame-by-frame to see it? Because it is "Motion Blur" of a smaller object (insect)

Barry Taylor

Personal UFO Web Site  
<http://theozfactor.cjb.net>

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<http://home.manyrivers.aunz.com/stingray/>

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Hi John,

A little bit of clarification is called for here. A few colleagues and I put together down and dirty proposals for research in areas which mainly involve UFO history. There were also some very compelling cases and issues concerning National Security. The 1975 Overflights are cases in point. There are others. Also, the 1975 incidents appear not just confined to the "Northern Tier" as some describe it. Reports came from other nuclear facilities. I wouldn't want to get hemmed in here just doing the "Overflight" as they may have indeed been a massive intrusion exercise to determine what corrective measures were called for in similar real world situations.

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## Re: Did Roswell Produce A Transistron Or A

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 01:07:41 EST  
>Subject: Re: Did Roswell Produce A Transistron Or A Transistor?

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>>Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 09:20:14 EST  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Subject: Did Roswell Produce A Transistron Or A Transistor?

>>Another paradox in the life of the PnP transistor.

>>Just to pre-warn you, very soon there will be a new book out  
>>that will give due credit to two German physicists (Matarae &  
>>Welker), strange as it may seem, who independently discovered  
>>the transistor only two months after the Bell Laboratory group  
>>did (Bardeen, Brattain & Shockley). And the Bell story from 1947  
>>to 1956 was and is still in disarray.

>>Now the odd thing - it was Westinghouse laboratory in Paris, who  
>>got the solution to the same experiment? The book will not give  
>>you any links to the Roswell case so don't ask, but it will show  
>>that the original idea was in "transit". The German group got  
>>their working model up and going in 1952 (Intermetall) a year  
>>before Bell Laboratory did, and that's right - they called the  
>>system a "transistron"!

>This was a point I made in a previous email. Boiling away all of  
>the drival, you have a core claim that Army FTD seeded Roswell  
>technology into the private sector between 60-63 or thereabouts.  
>However the true development of technology and technological  
>innovations show that much, if not all was around long before  
>Corso and FTD.

Robert,

Seeding isn't the best way to describe the process between the  
FTD and the business community. As Corso explained it,  
fertilizing existing fields and crops, or "greasing the skids"  
would more aptly apply.

>For example:

>The integrated circuit was invented by a man named Jack Kilby in  
>1958 long before the Army FTD allegedly seeded any technology to  
>the private sector.

If you'd read 'The Day After Roswell', you'd see that this  
statement is silly and uninformed. Corso never said he had  
anything to do with introducing the integrated circuit. They did  
try to help it along but Corso explains that the circuit was in  
existence when they came on the scene.

>Laser technology was another technology that was not seeded by  
>the Army into the private sector. The theory that first propped  
>the process was first postulated by Albert Eienstein in 1917.  
>The first microwave laser was demoeed in 1954, the first optical  
>laser was invented in 1957-58 under U.S. Patent #2,929,922. In



>1960 Theodore Maimam constructed the first optical laser.

>Various Night Vision schemes have been around since the late  
>1800s and through WW-2 where the first infrared was developed in  
>1943 and used in WW-2 and later Korea. In 1953 Robert Wiseman  
>and Oscar Cleaver set up a night vision lab and project at Fort  
>Belvoir where they developed Gen 0 night vision then later on in  
>the 50s they developed Gen 1. In 1958 they used fibre optics as  
>part of the process. Again no Army FTD.

Your huge disadvantage in this argument is that you haven't read the book you're discussing. Here's the way Corso & FTD operated, in a nutshell: Corso divided the various pieces of debris into separate areas of technology by doing his own research and asking the advice of experts. He wrote a report that analyzed and summarized this information and broke it down into categories, which he and the General then prioritized. Exemplar debris fragments were taken directly to businesses that were working on specific technologies, and asked if the businesses could benefit from the sample and would they like a guaranteed contract to work on the technology, usually on a time and expense basis. That's how it worked. I'm quite sure most businesses accepted their offer.

>The invention of the transistor (which had been under  
>development for years previously, happened between November 17  
>and Dec 23, 1947 and was created/invented by Walter Brattain,  
>John Bardeen. As you pointed out it was also independently  
>invented several months later as well. Same year as Roswell but  
>no Corso and no Army FTD.

Corso never made the claim that he seeded the transistor. I'd encourage you to read the book. The chapter on the transistor is mostly historical information and background. It's interesting and informative. But it's not about Corso or FTD introducing the transistor.

>The point being other than "Corso said" nobody has been able to  
>find a shred of supporting evidence that any technology along  
>the lines of "Corso said" was seeded into the private sector by  
>Army FTD during the time in question. We don't even have a shred  
>of evidence that Army FTD ever seeded/gave/provided any  
>technology or technological innovations into the private sector  
>during the times in question.

The reason that no one has found anything is that few are looking. Folks like yourself, who haven't read a word of the book, go around hill and dale preaching anti-Corso gospel, and unfortunately you're believed.

Ed

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>are all (CFI, Podesta/Mattoon) completely innocent in all of  
>this. The 'problem' I speak of is one of 'equal access.'

>Apparently 'somebody' has been ignoring the voluntary input of  
>quite a few well known and respected UFO researchers. It begins  
>to look like the problem is with the coalition's exclusive  
>arrangement/relationship with CFI, Podesta/ Mastodon and not  
>with CFI, Podesta/Mattoon itself.

>You guys have come along like the cavalry in white hats and  
>offered us all an opportunity to pursue disclosure on one or  
>more UFO cases with government officials. It takes money and  
>resources to launch such a program and it is going to take  
>enthusiastic public support to make it succeed. It's going to  
>take the input of as many experts as you can muster. Even if it  
>takes longer to accomplish.

>Better to do it right than do it twice.

>I am communicating with several well known UFO research people  
>who collectively claim to have had case submissions ignored  
>along with complaining that they have been allowed no input  
>whatsoever in the proposed program of information disclosure.

>Information that is vitally important to us all.

>The problem in gaining 'equal access' to your ears appears to be  
>in clearing the hurdle of getting past the coalition. Something  
>I did quite by accident here, by asking a few simple but  
>pertinent questions 'in public'.

>That apparently scared the poco-poco out of Don Berliner who  
>immediately sent me an e-mail counseling me to keep my mouth  
>shut. "Don't discuss this in public", he asked.

>Steve Kaeser has clearly stated that the only real concern the  
>coalition has is based on their fear that you will go to  
>'someone else' for advice.

>Does that sound 'kosher' to you? Especially in the light of the  
>complaints by independent UFO researchers that they are being  
>systematically ignored and de facto excluded from participation.

>Maybe you shouldn't rely so heavily on the coalition to perform  
>'screening' for you. Maybe the solution to all of this is as  
>simple as assigning someone who is completely independent and  
>free of any organizational commitments or ties to handle the  
>input from contributing "independent" urologists. Such a person  
>can oversee a large panel of experts and coordinate the

>information flow from them to you and back again. Dick Hall  
>would be \_perfect.\_

>The point is, it appears to be a problem of concentrating too  
>much power into the hands of 'few' who also have strongly vested  
>interests in maintaining an 'exclusive' relationship with you.

>If you want to enjoy the kind of public support that is needed  
>to make this effort a success, you need to include more  
>experienced urologists in the process. And, you need to  
>decentralize control of who or what gets to be considered.

>Doesn't it sound much more democratic and 'American' to allow  
>equal access to \_all\_? It does to me. It's the kind of effort  
>that many of us could really get behind and support with  
>enthusiasm.

>Think about it.

>In sincere hopes of your eventual success,

Hi John,

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Yeah, but those Minuteman missiles were neutralized in their  
silo's Jan. That one national security component, in conjunction  
with the presence of the UFOs which were hovering at the gates  
of these bases, lifts this set of cases head and shoulders above  
many others.

Cases such as the ones we are discussing are what got my dander  
up over the selection of Kecksburg. Kecksburg for Keerists sake,  
to the exclusion of so many other great cases. It just boggled  
my mind.

In the end, the air force may trot out a pile of Russian missile  
junk (not unlike what they did with those balloon fragments in  
the Roswell case,) and claim that that is what was recovered in  
the woods outside of Kecksburg in 1965. If CFI fails with  
Kecksburg it could give ufology a black eye that could take a  
decade to recover from. That is my 'fear'. Failure with  
Kecksburg could dig the hole we're already in, deeper. I wish  
these guys were going in with more than just Kecksburg.

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Hey man, that should be left up to a panel of your peers to decide. That's what I've been bitching about. Everything is being decided behind closed doors, with only a few 'team players' privy to the goings on. It's all very incestuous.

Berliner and Kaeser are more concerned that CFI will actually consult with someone else than they are about insuring the participation of their own peers. Judging by the folks I have spoken to (several of which you know) nobody else can get close to CFI. 'Some folks' want to suckle at that teat all by their lonesome.

How do you like those garbanzos?

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>supplemented by further current efforts. The goal would be to  
>compile all this material together into some kind of coherent  
>story.

That would take time. These folks are charging through like an elephant in a glass factory. No time to think, no time to seek consensus, Kecksburg is the one, like it or not.

The whole thing sux moose pepperoni. In only three days I have gone from 'hopeful' to completely bummed at recent responses/revelations/developments. Who'da thunk it? Certainly not I.

>The GAO would probably be interested in cases which have a  
>national security angle. I don't expect them to take up UFO  
>cases per se.

The Northern Tier missile base cases would fill the bill nicely. But again, that should be determined by a panel of the best minds we can assemble. It appears that it ain't gonna happen this time buckaroo.

We'll wait for the next opportunity to roll by. Maybe 'one day' we'll get to do this the right way. Without all the smoke-filled, back-room intrigue. Man, can you believe some of the responses I have gotten to a few simple questions? Whoa Nelly! Amazing! Stomp-down, hard-core loco.

Ufology is a crazy, pocket draining, and sometimes scary business.

Regards,

John Velez, concerned citizen

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>Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 06:36:26 +0100  
>Subject: Vandenberg AFV Case

<snip>

>Conclusions  
>Academicians first gather data, then postulate conclusions based  
>on what they find. From what I have gathered first hand,  
>(primary evidence), pieced together from Mansmann, from a fine  
>researcher named Lee M. Graham), from contemplation, discussion  
>and debate of the material, as well as from the Air Force  
>position on this and other related matters, I have come to the  
>following conclusions:

>(1) What we photographed that September day in 1964 was a solid,  
>three-dimensional, intelligently controlled flying device.

>(2) It emitted a beam of energy, possibly a plasma beam, at our  
>dummy warhead and caused a malfunction.

How does he know it was possibly a "plasma" beam? Why not laser?  
Why not something else? Leap of faith /speculation.

>(3) This "craft" was not anything of which our science and  
>technology in 1964 was capable. The most probable explanation of  
>the device, therefore, is that it was of extraterrestrial  
>origin.

Unless he was privy to all the secret projects of that time,  
around the world, there is no way this individual can rule out  
man-made technologies nor does he have enough information to  
declare the device of "probable" extraterrestrial origin.

>(4) The flashing strikes of light we recorded on film were not  
>from laser tracking devices. Such devices did not exist then  
>aside from small scale, laboratory models.

Again, how does he know it was not from some form of laser  
tracking devices? Just because he was not aware of such man-made  
devices doesn't necessarily mean it was extraterrestrial.

>(5) Most probably the B.U. Tele scope was brought out to  
>California specifically to photograph this event which had been  
>prearranged. That is, we had been setup to record an event which  
>someone in our Government knew was going to happen in advance.

If someone in the government knew it was going to happen in  
advance, why would they allow various military personnel to view  
an incident if they would want it kept secret? Wouldn't they  
employ some of their own staff who had higher security clearance  
than the average Joe who might not keep it secret?

And why did they call him in to view the footage? If he didn't  
know the UFO was there, why give him a private screening so he  
would be sure to see the UFO and cause even further security  
concerns? Is it possible they wanted him to see and perceive a  
UFO? Why did this individual go public with his story? Is this

information or disinformation?

Are we being led toward the truth or away from it?

I have learned to analyze stories, reports, claims, etc. in a similar way I was taught to analyze behavior. Sometimes when you look beyond the surface, you begin to see aspects that don't always correlate with what's being said. Doesn't mean it's a lie but it doesn't mean it's the truth either.

I highly recommend several grains of salt with this story.

Thank you, Josh.

A. Hebert

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>>Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 23:28:11 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S-

<snip>

>>>Hi Larry and all

>>>What has been seen may actually be Rods

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

>>>after a quick read of it

<snip>

>>Rods? That sounds like something sandwiched between Mel's Hole  
>>and the latest from Richard Hoagland on the Coast-to-Coast late  
>>night radio show. [snip]

>>Best wishes

>>- Larry Hatch

>>PS: Did we forget about Mel's Hole, the bottomless pit in  
>>Washington State? After secret government agencies took it over,  
>>Mel went out and found another one. Even Art Bell sounded a bit  
>>doubtful about that.

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>Hello again Larry and all

>Wouldn't a bottomless hole reach right through the Earth to the  
>other side?

<snip>

Actually, no. A hole to the center would be enough. -LH

>Sorry to say, but Rods are real as we see them here in the UK  
>and video them too. They are also associated with Polterguist  
>and hauntings we believe. Many theories and observations will  
>prove or disprove although from my observations its somewhere  
>near the truth.

>Believe it or not, I have a video of a Rod (approx. 6 inch)  
>passing straight through a Female's head

>Kind regards,

>Colin

Hello Colin:

Video images of rods are quite real. As for their physical existence as some truly anomalous objects (not flying bugs for example) I would agree their credibility is comparable to that of poltergeists and hauntings.

Best wishes

- Larry

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>>about an X rated video?

>Colin, have a closer look at this footage and you will see that  
>a fast moving insect flies "behind" her head.

>If the "Rod" is 6 inches long, than why do you need to slow down  
>the footage frame-by-frame to see it? Because it is "Motion  
>Blur" of a smaller object (insect)

Hello Josh and Barry

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Also agree that footage of rods should be XXX rated as they can sometimes seem horrific in their action and flight.

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## Rods [was: Watching World War 2 Documentrie...]

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Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2003 05:25:33 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2003 12:45:25 -0500  
Subject: Rods [was: Watching World War 2 Documentrie...]

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>Date: Sat, 15 Mar 2003 16:24:01 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

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>>>Date: Sat, 15 Mar 2003 01:01:12 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>>>><very big snip>

>>>>Hello again Larry and all  
>>>><commercial break>

>>>>Believe it or not, I have a video of a Rod (approx. 6 inch)  
>>>>passing straight through a Female's head

>>>>I wonder if I read you wrong but in the above are you talking  
>>>>about an X rated video?

>>>>Colin, have a closer look at this footage and you will see that  
>>>>a fast moving insect flies "behind" her head.

>>>>If the "Rod" is 6 inches long, than why do you need to slow down  
>>>>the footage frame-by-frame to see it? Because it is "Motion  
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>sometimes seem horrific in their action and flight.

Hello Colin,

Can you please describe and explain exactly how Rods "are under

investigation as are the shriveled bodies of them killed by sulphur powder"? What are the shriveled bodies?

Thanks ,

Josh

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## The WHY? Files - Additions/Updates 03-16-03

From: **Geoff Richardson** <[geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk](mailto:geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2003 15:33:58 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2003 12:51:51 -0500  
Subject: The WHY? Files - Additions/Updates 03-16-03

A number of video files have been added to The WHY? Files, see:

Black Triangles, Area 51, Bob Lazar, NASA Astronauts and  
UFOs, The Un-secret NASA Videos, The Moon Files etc...  
Contemporary Radio Bulletin (Audio) - see "Roswell".

<http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

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## Potential US Navy UFO Whistle-Blowers?

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Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2003 22:34:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2003 12:56:58 -0500  
Subject: Potential US Navy UFO Whistle-Blowers?

[LWB Note: Here's the draft text of an advertisement I plan to place in one or more weekly newspapers serving the interest of U.S. Navy personnel]

Let the UFOinfo Flow!

If you've read retired Army Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso's memoirs "The Day After Roswell" (about his role in the U. S. military's exploitation of certain artifacts from the 1947 crash-landed UFO retrieved near Roswell, N.M.), you know that the U.S. Navy also received a share of those artifacts.

And if you happen to be the Navy equivalent of Corso the Cosmic Whistleblower, you now have a chance to follow in his footsteps via a project aimed at picking up where he left off. To wit: a group of researchers/writers are offering you the chance to expand the Corso precedent - by working with us to produce your very own UFO-back-engineering memoirs.

We want to help you share your untold account with a public eager to hear it -- before the undertaker lands at your doorstep.

For more information, please contact Larry W. Bryant, as follows: . . . .

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## UFO Romania

From: **Valentin Manoliu** <[ozn@dr.com](mailto:ozn@dr.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2003 13:35:26 -0500  
Subject: UFO Romania

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The Nuclear Fusion  
The Great Unification  
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The Negative Mass

Best regards,

Valentin Manoliu

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## 'Beyond' Merchandise

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Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2003 11:46:43 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2003 13:37:31 -0500  
Subject: 'Beyond' Merchandise

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## Thank You!

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2003 07:49:02 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2003 13:39:16 -0500  
Subject: Thank You!

To Listarians Who Have Family or Relatives in the Military:

I and my family send our sincerest thank you for your and their dedication to keeping this nation safe and giving the people of Iraq a new beginning out from under tyranny. Our prayers are with all the brave men and women who uphold the highest principles of honor, justice and freedom.

God Bless. Be Safe and Remember, WE CARE!

Lock and Load, "Let's Roll!"

Wendy Connors (former military) & Joe Stone

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## UFO Wave & Humanoid Sightings Hit Northern Chile

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 13:43:26 -0500  
Subject: UFO Wave & Humanoid Sightings Hit Northern Chile

UFO Wave and Humanoid Sightings Hit Northern Chile

From Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo  
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3-16-03

Northern Chile has begun witnessing a new wave of UFO sightings in recent days. There have been reports of people seeing strange flying objects on a daily basis within the past two weeks. Last Sunday, February 23rd of 2003, many people on the streets of Calama saw a bright object flying across the city. Another similar object appeared during the following morning. Many skeptics believed these were weather balloons; however, some of these objects were very bright and appeared to suddenly change speed and direction. There have been daily reports of these objects almost everywhere in the city of Calama.

The first flying object was seen in different parts of the city, as well as San Pedro of Atacama, near Route CH-25. Many residents saw the bright object near the airport, flying so fast that it disappeared. Nevertheless, the object seemed to reappear again several times, and in different locations. Many eyewitnesses even had time to go get their binoculars to get a better look at it. Those with binoculars reported that the object was circular, bright, and it appeared to change colors from yellow to red.

A local television news channel began broadcasting live images of the object at approximately 3:30 PM. The live video coverage ended at 5:30 PM. According to the news reporters and cameramen, the object changed its flight course several times; in fact, by the end of the live broadcast, it had already flown from north to south and east to west covering the majority of the city area. The Office of Civil Protection issued a statement with regards to this strange event. They announced that due to the lack of information, they were not sure what the object was.

A young boy said he saw a similar object on February the 11th, at approximately 4:00 PM. He described the UFO as looking like an eye. The boy claims that he saw the bright object as he was standing outside of his house. According to him, the sighting lasted about three minutes. During an interview with Calama UFO Center, the boy indicated that the object flew at a slow speed from south to north. The object later disappeared into what he described as an S-shaped cloud or contrail.

On Sunday, February the 23rd, at 6:55 AM, while waiting at a bus stop, two labor contractors saw yet another similar object. One of the gentlemen by the name of Omar Acevedo, was interviewed by Calama UFO Center. He described the object as flying very slow. It was seen at about 10 kilometers from the hills in the west side of Calama. According to Mr. Acevedo, it was a yellow sphere, which moved from south to north, in an area where no commercial airplanes fly. He is absolutely sure that it was not an airplane. During that time, the sun was not out yet. Therefore the object was emitting its own light; it was not the reflection of the sun. It was no weather balloon either, he said; the

object appeared to be traveling against the direction of the wind.

On Monday, February 24 of 2003, at approximately 09:35 PM, another object was seen flying in a rectilinear pattern, moving from northwest to southeast. It flew slightly faster than a commercial airliner. The object was spherical in shape and bright yellow. It did not appear to emit flashes or any other light patterns. This particular object was also seen very far from any commercial aircraft routes. Another similar object was seen near the Calama Hills by a warehouse employee by the name Enrique Cortez. However, this particularly object seem to change colors from red to yellow, approximately every 10 seconds.

Roberto Troncoso Rodriguez, a 20-year-old asphalt-processing plant worker in Calama, reported seeing another bright object in the south side of the city. He was among 10 other eyewitnesses at the asphalt plant that reported seeing the same object on February the 22nd, at approximately 3 in the afternoon. Roberto said that the silver-colored object appeared to be spinning on its own axis. The object stayed spinning in the same location for a few minutes without traveling in any direction.

Roberto is a civil engineer assistant and he s very knowledgeable when it comes to calculating distances, particularly because his road construction team delivers and applies asphalt to highways on a daily basis it is part of his job to calculate distances and pavement estimates. According to him, the object was at an altitude of about 1500 meters. He also mentioned that the object emitted a strong light that at times, it was so bright that prevented the object from being seen. During other instances, the object would disappear for a few seconds. Rodriguez also mentioned that the object would sometimes change its shape from spherical to oval. Then, it would suddenly disappear. I don t know what particular kind of weather balloon can do these things, he said.

#### REPORTS OF HUMANOID CREATURES AND OTHER BIZARRE PHENOMENA

In the days before, and during the recent UFO sightings in the region, there have been other phenomena reported by the local news media. Last Sunday, a woman from a nearby village said during a radio interview, that she saw another round object flying at very low altitude about 4 feet from the ground. According to her, the object came very close to her and tried to take her away by using some kind of force to pull her towards it. She said that she managed to avoid being taken by holding on to a small tree until the object finally gave up and left.

On Sunday, February the 23rd, brothers Francisco and Jos=E9 Carrizo, reported seeing a humanoid creature as they were arriving home. According to them, the creature was dark and it looked more like a humanoid shadow, rather than just a humanoid being. It was on top of the roof. It made a loud noise when it jumped to the lower roof, said Francisco. Our mother was very frightened because she had been listening to it running around the roof for a few minutes before we arrived. Jos=E9 mentioned that they live in a location where animal mutilations have occurred before.

Previously and in the same area, a coal miner by the name of Luis Sepulveda saw another strange creature. On November 28 of last year, at approximately 3:30 AM, Mr. Sepulveda and his co-workers were preparing their tools and mining equipment before going to a mining facility known as La Banda, located at about 40 meters from the Loa River.

Since there were no bathrooms available because we hadn't set up our camp site yet, I had to go to the woods to urinate behind the trees. I walked about 15 meters into the woods. The area was not completely dark; there seemed to be a little bit of moonlight. Suddenly, at about 3 meters away from me, out of the corner of my eye, I saw what appeared to be a small tree moving from side to side, as if the wind was hitting it. But then, I realized that there was no wind at all; therefore that tree shouldn't have been moving. I decided to turn around to take a better look at it, but what I saw was so eerie and bizarre that I think I will never forget it. It was no tree at all. It was a dark hairy creature mimicking a tree, with its arms wide open and moving its upper body from side to side just like trees do, said Sepulveda.

There had been dozens of different types of strange creatures reported in the area, but never before we had received reports of creatures mimicking trees. The hairy humanoid creature that Mr. Sepulveda saw appeared to be disguising itself as a tree when it noticed his presence in the area. It appeared to be camouflaging itself like some reptiles and insects do to avoid being found by predators. Despite the fact that Sepulveda realized, after taking a better look, that it had no leaves or branches, the creature continued to mimic a tree. It was well-hidden and located among the bushes, so without looking at it directly, it would have appeared to be just like any other tree to the ordinary eye.

#### STRANGE AIRCRAFT

Since previous months, during many animal mutilation cases, there have been many strange-looking aircraft in the area. Some of these aircraft fit the typical manmade visual characteristics, just like any other ordinary airplane or helicopter. However, there are others that are not so ordinary. Sometimes, there might be unmarked black helicopters or airplanes in the area. Additionally, there have been many eyewitnesses that report seeing black flying triangles that hardly look manmade at all. On Wednesday, the 26th of February, our associate Jaime Ferrer, videotaped a strange looking aircraft. Jaime believes that the flying craft was manmade because of its speed, and because it emitted a sound similar to a jet engine; however, the engine seemed to be very quiet at least half as noisy as an average jet engine.

The object originally appeared to be a solid white light, but six times bigger than the brightest star. As it was flying by, the light soon split into two lights. Then, ten seconds later, it divided itself into three lights, and so on until there were 5 white lights and a red light. The aircraft flew into the mountains outside the city, where no aircraft dare go due to the dangers of terrain.

The bizarre UFO and strange aircraft activity continues on a daily basis in Northern Chile. There are many reports still being filed of people seeing strange flying objects, and in some cases, sightings of strange-looking helicopters present in the same area where the UFOs appear. Due to the incredible increase of reports, the Calama UFO Center has maintained a daily sky vigil, with camcorders and digital cameras ready to respond to the continuing wave of strange sightings. On Friday, February the 28th, at approximately 12:15 PM, Jaime Ferrer videotaped an unmarked helicopter flying around the entire city for several hours. Although it was no black helicopter, it did appear to have different colors than the ones that usually fly in the area, which most of the times belong to the local mining companies. The helicopter cabin appeared to be bright silver-colored and its tail was black. Nevertheless, it flew and sounded just like any other helicopter. However, what was unusual about it was the time of the day it was flying, and how it appeared to be looking for something all over the city and its outskirts.

#### MORE UFOs AND STRANGE ACTIVITY AT THE AIRPORT

On March the 5th, 2003, several people reported seeing another UFO near the local airport in Calama, Chile. The object appeared in broad daylight, yet it was bright enough to be quite noticeable by a great number of people in different parts of the city. The first report came from people standing at a bus stop next to the Ekono Supermarket, in the northeast area of Calama. Each eyewitness mentioned that the object appeared to be a white, about the same size as what the planet Venus looks like in the sky, but several times brighter.

According to eyewitnesses, the bright object appeared and then it would disappear in a synchronized manner every 5 to 10 seconds, apparently without moving in any direction. The UFO sighting lasted about 3 minutes.

Another eyewitness, a taxi driver by the name of Carlos reported seeing the same object from the opposite side of the city the Southwest of Calama, in a neighborhood called Caspana. These sightings have been happening so often and for the most part, in the same area, which causes many people to joke around and call

that area ovniuerto, meaning UFO Airport or landing base.

During the recent UFO wave that has been taking place since mid February in Calama, there have been additional sightings of strange looking humanoid creatures, appearing mostly at night. A group of catholic school students, most of them about 15 years of age, reported seeing a strange being near their house. The strange noises on the rooftops and in their backyards at night reminded them of a previous sighting two years ago, when they saw a strange figure standing about 1.2 meters tall. The being appeared to move around not by walking, but by making small leaps.

Aside from the UFO wave still in effect, the airport authorities have decided to close down the airport for approximately the entire month of June. Officials have issued a press release stating that the airport will be remodeled and the runway will be expanded in order to receive international flights and accomodate bigger types of aircraft, including from private organizations.

Reports gathered by Jaime Ferrer

Translation by Mario Andrade

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## Abductions/Mack In Psychology Today

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 13:49:02 -0500  
Subject: Abductions/Mack In Psychology Today

Dear List:

I just saw latest edition (April, 2003) of Psychology Today Magazine with a feature article on John Mack's work & the abduction phenomena. I haven't had a chance to read article, yet - but at first blush, it would seem to worthwhile examining.

Peter Resta

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 12

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 13:51:13 -0500  
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Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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Volume 8, Number 12  
March 19, 2003  
Editor: Joseph Trainor

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

XENDRA APPEARS AGAIN,  
THIS TIME IN BRAZIL

The Xendra (pronounced Shenn-drah--J.T.), a luminous blue arch reputed to be an extraterrestrial interdimensional gateway, has appeared again, this time in northern Brazil.

According to Brazilian ufologist Eustaquio Andrea Patounas, the weird glowing arch appeared on eight consecutive evenings over the grounds of the Maceio Mar Hotel in Maceio, the seaport capital of the state of Alagoas. The Xendra appeared just hours after a UFO was seen flying over the city. (See UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 11 for March 12, 2003, "UFO flap sweeps Brazil," page 5.)

"For the last eight days (Sunday, March 2, 2003 to Monday, March 10, 2003) a strange blue portal has appeared," Patounas reported, "It was also seen by fishermen just offshore, who radioed questions about the phenomenon to the maritime authorities. It was an interdimensional portal that energized and appeared to move and hover over the sea just offshore. This is the first time such a thing has been seen in Alagoas (state)."

Another witness living in the bairro Ponte Verde in Maceio's east end reported that he first noticed "a strange bright glow" over the lengthy beach to the west of his neighborhood and then "saw the blue arch."

The Xendra was seen for the first time nearly a year ago in Los Cipreses National Park, near Rancagua in Chile. A Chilean UFO group, holding a weekend seminar in the park, saw the luminous blue arch materialize over their campsite. Twenty-four of the participants claimed to have entered the portal where they encountered bald-headed aliens wearing long robes. (See UFO Roundup, Volume 7, Number 16 for April 16, 2002, "The Xendra mystery," page 1.)

So far the Xendra phenomenon has only been reported in South America.

Maceio is on Brazil's South Atlantic shore, located about 1,050 kilometers (630 miles) northeast of Rio de Janeiro. (Muito obrigado a Eustaquio Andrea Patounas e otros por eso caso.)

SMALL ALIEN SIGHTED NEAR  
SCHOOL IN CALAMA, CHILE

A small alien was sighted near a Roman Catholic high school in the barrio Caspana (neighborhood) of Calama, a small city in Chile north of Antofagasta.

According to Chilean ufologist Jaime Ferrer, "In late February, a group of Catholic high school students, most of them 15 years of age, reported seeing a strange being near their campus. They heard strange noises on the rooftops of other houses in the neighborhood. They saw a strange figure standing 1.2 meters (3 feet, 9 inches) tall. The being appeared to move around not by walking but by making small leaps."

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"The first report came from people standing at a bus stop next to the Ekono Supermarket, in the northeastern section of Calama. Each eyewitness noticed that the object appeared to be white and was about the same size as Venus but several times brighter. According to eyewitnesses, the bright object appeared, and then it would disappear in a synchronized manner every 5 to 10 seconds, apparently without moving in any direction. The UFO sighting lasted about three minutes."

"A taxi driver named Carlos reported seeing the same object from the opposite side of the city, in barrio Caspana," on the southwest side of Calama. These sightings have been happening so often and, for the most part, in the same area, which has caused many people to jokingly call the area Ovnipuerto. (Spanish for UFO Port--J.T.)" (Muchas gracias a Jaime Ferrer y Mario Andrade del Centro UFO de Calama, y tambien a Dr. Virgilio Sanchez Ocejo de Miami UFO Center para esos informes.)

#### LUMINOUS DISC SIGHTED IN EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

On Saturday, March 15, 2003, at 1:45 a.m., the eyewitness, Camasse, was outdoors in her hometown of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (population 43,123) when she "saw a white glowing disk flying around by the full moon. It flew at a downward angle and stopped. Went upward and stopped. Then it went from left to right. It also went in and out of the clouds. I watched it for five minutes."

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. is on Interstate Highway I-81 approximately 112 miles (179 kilometers) north of Philadelphia. (Email Form Report)

#### LUMINOUS UFOs SEEN AGAIN IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

On Monday, March 3, 2003, at 7:55 p.m., two men from Houston, British Columbia, Canada (population 3,934) "were travelling by truck along Provincial Highway 16 just east of Houston. Just before they got to Perow, B.C., there was a huge farmer's field which runs for a long way, with a buffer of trees (shelterbelt in the USA--J.T.) between the field and the highway. The passenger 'first noticed a large object parallelling them along the highway.' The driver looked at the speedometer and said he was doing 50 kilometers per hour (30 miles per hour). The distance between the witnesses and the object would have been approximately 300 to 400 feet (90 to 120 meters)."

Both the driver and his passenger "described the object as looking like an Airstream trailer and the size was close to a Greyhound bus. The object stayed straight across from the truck as they drove along. It paced the vehicle. The passenger rolled down the window to see if he was able to hear any sound coming from the object. But none was heard."

"After approximately 750 meters, the craft turned slowly from the highway, wobbled slightly, sped up, wobbled once again and then shot off out of sight very quickly."

On Friday, March 7, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., the female witness reported, "Me and my daughter were ready to leave in the truck when we both looked up and saw this bright

white light shoot over towards Mount Hays," near Prince Rupert, B.C. (population 16,714). "Travelling southeast for two to three seconds, it just blinked out when it was over Mount Hays. It was the biggest light that we have ever seen."

"My daughter told me that she had seen the same thing two weeks ago while with her friend Patricia at 4:30 a.m., but that object wasn't as bright as this one was." (Many thanks to Canadian ufologist Brian Vike for these reports.)

#### ASTRONOMER LEADS FIGHT AGAINST MOON HOAX CONSPIRACY THEORISTS

"Phil Plait, 38-year-old astronomer and skeptic, was on the California State University, Northridge campus Friday," March 14, 2003, "punching holes in the tenacious myth that American astronauts never landed on the moon."

"Given the crowd, Plait didn't have much persuading to do. His talk was sponsored by the university's Department of Physics and Astronomy, and the room was full of people who know one end of a telescope from another. But many Americans cling to the view that the landings were staged--6 percent of those surveyed in a 1999 Gallup poll had their doubts, uncertainty fed by a steady stream of television shows, books and videotapes that claim that NASA was part of a vast government conspiracy."

"But when Plait asked his 75 listeners if any believed the moon landings were a hoax, only one young man raised his hand."

"Wearing sneakers and a blue NASA cap, the astronomer ticked off the arguments presented in a 2001 FOX TV show, Conspiracy Theory: Did We Land on the Moon? seen by more than 6 million viewers. He systematically refuted each claim."

"On the staff at Sonoma State University in northern California, Plait is part of a program that develops educational activities based on NASA science and technology. He debunks on his own time, as part of an informal community of scientists who thinks it's important to counter the pseudoscientific notions that seem to flourish in the United States." (Editor's Comment: You mean, like the belief that a long-dead Galilean carpenter can be somebody's personal savior?)

"Sometimes, he confessed, taking on the conspiracy theorists seems like a lot of effort that could be better spent, say, doing astronomy. Plait paraphrases the famous observation: 'Never wrestle with a pig. You'll just get dirty, and the pig enjoys it.' But, he said, he believes it's important to give people 'the tools they need to think critically about these arguments and realize they are wrong.'"

"Look at the American flag supposedly being planted on the moon, the moon hoaxers say. If the astronauts were really on the moon, which has no atmosphere, why is the flag waving?"

"Plait explains that the astronauts caused the flag to move as they drilled the flagpole into the surface of the moon; inertia creates the apparent waving motion." (Editor's Comment: Which leaves the intriguing question of why the wave motion stopped after several minutes, especially when no counter-force was applied by the astronauts to halt the inertia of the original motion.)

"Twenty-year-old student Joseph Farar was the one person who confessed to believing that the moon landing was a hoax. Afterward, he explained that he had a friend who knew somebody who claimed to work for the movie company that was hired by NASA to fake the landing. The conspiracy theorists point to the lack of stars in the photos as evidence that an event was staged. The studio employee in Farar's friend's story said the moviemaker forgot to put in the stars."

"Farar said Plait hadn't changed his mind, but he said he was going to look deeper into the evidence. And he said he thought there were others in the audience who believed it was a hoax but didn't want to admit it." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for March 16, 2003,

"Astronomer debunks moon landing conspiracy theory," page 14A.)

READER FEEDBACK:

SCOTTISH MALL SIGHTING A HOAX

Noel Wallace of Scotland's East Kilbride UFO Club writes, "This is just to let you know that the East Kilbride UFO Club has investigated the alleged sighting at the Kingsgate Retail Park and have come to the conclusion that it was a hoax." (See UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 9 for February 26, 2003, "Large silver UFO hovers over Scottish mall," page 5.)

"We have been unable to contact any further witnesses, nor have we been able to contact the owners of the cars in the alleged traffic accident. The police don't have records of one, either."

"The supposed witness never even got in touch with us. Not even through his friend who originally reported the sighting and spoke to us. Therefore, we can only assume that she was the victim of a prank by him."

From the UFO Files...

2003: THE ALIENS AND THE  
SHUTTLE COLUMBIA

By Der Voron

"The crash of the space shuttle Columbia occurred on February 1, 2003. Soon, many versions were offered to explain it. Here we would like to propose an explanation for this crash. Let us analyze all the facts."

"(1) The breakup occurred at a very great height, over 40 miles. This excludes any possibility for the supposed Earth-based attackers to shoot it with existing land-to-air missiles (like the Patriot or S-200/S-300/S-400--D.V.), as none of these would be able to reach the height of even close to 40 miles. Others may entertain the possibility of an attack, with the use of special missiles or laser guns, launched by a Russian satellite, or other space device, or Russian high-altitude strategic bomber (Tupolev TU-95 or TU-160--D.V.) that somehow could approach or cross the U.S. border. Those who believe that this is the truth may use, as a kind of 'supportive information,' the following fact: just about 20 minutes after the crash, RosAviaKosmos, the Russian space agency, believed that it might have been caused by a technical defect."

"(2) Some sources, including RosAviaKosmos, claim that a little fragment of a shuttle's protective surface layer that had fallen off the shuttle at the start on January 16, 2003, caused the formation of further splits, which then resulted in an explosion. Other sources, however, claim that during the time Columbia was in orbit, NASA specialists analyzed the problem and came to the conclusion that it couldn't influence the flight. This sounds a bit odd, since unprotected areas can very easily catch on fire because of air friction."

"So, actually, there may be two explanations for Columbia's crash."

"(I) Hot air friction sparked a fire in the damaged (unprotected--D.V.) area while Columbia was descending at a speed of about 3.8 miles per second. The fire burnt through the unprotected area and then reached the internal areas of the shuttle, its engines and fuel tanks."

"The problem with this scenario is that it could easily have occurred during the shuttle's takeoff, when its speed and air friction were approximately the same as when landing, and when the shuttle had much more fuel than during landing."

"(II) It was shot down by extraterrestrials. Maybe they didn't use any weapons to crash it, but simply approached in their craft, causing Columbia's electronics and engines to fail because of the effect of the alien starcraft's electromagnetic field. It also may be that an alien craft had approached the Columbia without any

malicious intent, but that its electromagnetic field effects on Columbia's electronics and engines was unforeseen by the aliens."

"This, however, doesn't explain why the shuttle exploded in the air, instead of merely plummeting to Earth. Thus, the more likely scenario is that the Columbia was show down by the alien craft."

"If so, the question arises--what did the aliens wish to show mankind by their actions? Possibly that chemical-based engines (which are used even by such advanced craft as space shuttles--D.V.) have about reached their peak effectiveness and reliability--and it is time to develop and actively use more reliable engines."

"Today's weapons and missiles, which are much less effective than ray and/or laser weapons, have approximately the same condition."

(Editor's Note: Der Voron is the author of the book Unidentified Flying Objects: Starcraft, PublishAmerica Books, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, copyright 2002. For readers wishing to order this book at a local bookstore, the ISBN number is 1-59129-738-9.)

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

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## Historical Artwork & UFOs Site

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Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2003 13:33:24 -0500  
Subject: Historical Artwork & UFOs Site

Dear All,

Following the success of my site set up December 2000, I have now had my site revamped and is now at:

<http://www.ufoartwork.com>

Details of my long awaited book The Alien Chronicles are on there...

Thanks

Matthew Hurley

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## Secrecy News - 03/18/03

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SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2003, Issue No. 23  
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NRO WANTS TO "KNOW EVERYTHING"

"Our goal is transparency," said Peter B. Teets, director of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), which develops, launches and operates the nation's spy satellites.

"We want the ability to see everything and know everything, while simultaneously denying our adversaries both the ability to do the same, and the knowledge that such capabilities are being used against them."

These are busy days for U.S. military space programs. "We have 12 national security space launches scheduled for 2003, compared to only one conducted in 2002," said Mr. Teets at a March 12 hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

With increasing bandwidth and decreasing classification restrictions, "We have made great progress over the decades in expanding the range of those exploiting these space capabilities from a small set of strategic users to multiple government agencies and virtually the entire warfighting force," Teets said. "But we need to do more."

Mr. Teets, who is also an Under Secretary of the Air Force, provided a rare public description of Air Force "offensive counterspace" (OCS) programs for disabling other countries' satellites.

"We currently have two OCS projects underway. The first is the Counter Communication System (CCS), a capability intended to disrupt satellite-based communications used by an enemy for military C3, and scheduled for first delivery in FY04. The second is the Counter Surveillance Reconnaissance System (CSRS), intended to impair an enemy's ability to obtain targeting, battle damage assessment, and information by denying their use of satellite imagery with reversible, non-damaging effects. CSRS is currently in the initial design phase, with operational units scheduled by FY07," Mr. Teets testified.

See the prepared testimony of Peter B. Teets from the March 12 Senate Armed Services Committee hearing here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_hr/031203teets.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_hr/031203teets.html)

Other testimony from that hearing on national security space programs may be found here:



[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_hr/index.html#space](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_hr/index.html#space)

"We are so dominant in space that I pity a country that would come up against us," said Air Force director of space operations Major General Judd Blaisdell at a March 12 Air Force press briefing on military space. See:

[http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2003/t03122003\\_t0312spa.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2003/t03122003_t0312spa.html)

#### FOIA IMPLEMENTATION IS IN DISARRAY

The federal government's infrastructure for processing Freedom of Information Act requests is in "extreme disarray," according to a study conducted by the National Security Archive.

"Agency contact information on the web was often inaccurate; response times largely failed to meet the statutory standard; only a few agencies performed thorough searches including e-mail and meeting notes; and the lack of central accountability at the agencies resulted in lost requests and inability to track progress," the Archive found.

Among other things, the report provides some empirical data on the impact of the October 2001 Ashcroft memorandum on FOIA policy, finding that most agencies did not alter their FOIA procedures in response.

See the March 14 National Security Archive assessment here:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB84/press.htm>

#### HOMEFRONT CONFIDENTIAL

A new study from the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press examines "how the war on terrorism affects access to information and the public's right to know."

Beginning with a comprehensive chronology of official actions to curtail public access to government information since September 11, the study discusses a spectrum of issues affecting freedom of the press and public access.

See the March 2003 report entitled "Homefront Confidential" here:

<http://www.rcfp.org/homefrontconfidential/>

#### IN CONGRESS

The "Freedom to Read Protection Act" (HR 1157) would amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to exempt libraries and bookstores from any requirement to comply with foreign intelligence investigations. The new bill would "protect libraries, bookstores and their patrons from unjustified government surveillance into what books Americans are reading and buying, and what websites they may be visiting when using a library computer," said Rep. Bernie Sanders, the bill's principal sponsor. See:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/hr1157.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/hr1157.html)

The "Military Tribunals Act of 2003" would replace the Bush Administration's military commissions, that were established unilaterally by executive order, with statutorily-based military tribunals. The bill (HR 1290), introduced March 13 and sponsored by Reps. Adam Schiff, Barney Frank and others, would "preserve the basic rights of habeus corpus, appeal, and due process," Rep. Schiff said. See:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/hr1290.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/hr1290.html)

#### IN THE NEWS

The state of government secrecy policy was critically surveyed at a March 14 conference sponsored by the Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center on the occasion of National Freedom of

Information Day. See "Press Not Spotlighting Government Secrecy 'Cloak'" by Harry F. Rosenthal, March 17:

<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/news.aspx?id=6504>

The awkward attempts to integrate intelligence, domestic surveillance and homeland security functions are reviewed in "Intelligence reorganization spotlights fabled FBI-CIA rift" by Drew Clark, National Journal Technology Daily, March 17:

<http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0303/031703cdaml.htm>

The shocking claim that the 1953 Supreme Court ruling which established the "state secrets" privilege was based on false government affidavits is updated in the newsletter Inside the Air Force, which notes that the privilege was recently invoked to block a whistleblower lawsuit alleging fraud in the missile defense program. See "Supreme Court Filing Claims Air Force, Government Fraud in 1953" by Hampton Stephens, Inside the Air Force, March 14, reposted with permission here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2003/03/iaf031403.html>

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>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
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>I and my family send our sincerest thank you for your and their  
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Of course we all support our troops and wish them well. That is not the same thing as supporting the policy, or the civilian leadership (practically none of which, by the way, has ever served in uniform, thus the phrase "chickenhawk"), that put them in harm's way for reasons even it cannot articulate with any coherence or consistency.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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Dear Wendy & Joe,

Although it might cost me acquaintances here... let one Canadian, at least, echo those sentiments. May the freedom we take for granted here be spread around the world. Unfortunately, the short sighted and timid we've elected leaders in this country seem to have forgotten the one indisputable lesson of history.

To live in freedom, you must be will to die for freedom.

Ex-Canadian soldier

Michael J. Woods

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Hi Jerry,

I agree that Listers shouldn't make a thread out of this. But, I appreciate your position and certainly agree we can disagree. It's what makes this nation so darn great and hard for other nations to understand.

You are probably right in your perceptions. However, I'm a realist and believe that the fanatics of the world have pretty much come to power because many nations do not care for their people and tribal mentality doesn't work like it did a thousand years ago, nor do nations built under the dogma of religious fervor free people from tyranny. This isn't about oil or even weapons of mass destruction. It's a clash between civilizations and the necessity for change in the human condition. It's part of life itself, inevitable and a condition of our species methodology to survive through change.

Wendy Connors

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### New Bentwaters Documentary

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Subject: New Bentwaters Documentary

On Saturday March 15, BBC 3 (a UK digital TV channel) screened a new documentary on the Bentwaters case. The programme had been made by Mentorn, an independent production company, and was entitled "Britain's Closest Encounter".

The programme fell, broadly speaking, into three parts. Firstly, Charles Halt and Jim Penniston gave an overview of the two main incidents, and their involvement in them. Secondly, ufologists Brenda Butler, Dot Street and Jenny Randles talked about the early days of the investigation into this case. Finally, a broad range of ufologists, scientists and experts gave their differing views on what had happened.

The Ministry of Defence did not put up an official spokesperson, but I made some general comments (in a private capacity) about how and why the British Government investigates UFO sightings. Former Chief of the Defence Staff Lord Hill-Norton made it clear that he believes the events were of defence significance.

The lighthouse hypothesis was the main theory put forward by sceptics, but Charles Halt was familiar with the lighthouse, and stated that it was visible at the same time as the UFO.

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The programme will be repeated on BBC 3 this Saturday evening as part of a UFO theme night. It may be shown on BBC 2 at a later date, though no firm arrangements have been made. US viewers may get a chance to see it, perhaps on the Sci-Fi Channel, but again, no firm arrangements have yet been made.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## War & UFOs

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 22:45:22 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 22:37:11 -0500  
Subject: War & UFOs

Putting aside for the moment our disagreements about whether or not the U.S. invasion of Iraq makes us the saviors of the world or something considerably less, it is important to note that UFOs have been sighted at or near the scene of combat in every war of modern times. This is a moderately well established historical fact.

Taken in conjunction with Don Johnson's prediction of a major UFO sighting wave this month in specific parts of the world (we now have about two weeks to go), it will be important to gather worldwide information carefully and to filter out weak, trivial "noise" reports. We cannot count on major news media, already thoroughly distracted by the war and notably skeptical about UFOs, to properly inform us (unless UFOs fly right over their heads as they hunker in their "embedded" foxholes and perhaps not even then), so our own private network can play an important role.

\_Please\_, spare us funny-looking lights at night reports, vague second-hand rumors, and the like. But be sure to tell us about credible reports from credible people in your respective countries that are describing things that clearly differentiate themselves from IFOs by their performance characteristics and by such features as EM effects, light beams, pulsating body lights, brilliant illumination of the terrain, and the like. Assume that each report has a mundane or prosaic explanation unless its content strongly suggests otherwise.

Use some critical judgment, investigate carefully, sift and sort, don't try to report everything that people claim to have seen (which only confuses the issues), and we might actually get somewhere if, indeed, Don Johnson proves to be right.

- Dick

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## UN Petition Update

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 17:46:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 22:38:40 -0500  
Subject: UN Petition Update

Hi All,

The UN Petition signature count stands at 2671 after one year on-line. I think I'd feel prouder of the number if it was exclusively an "American" effort, but it's not. For a campaign that is supposed to be 'International,' twenty-six hundred signatures, after a full year of soliciting support for the effort, just isn't very impressive.

Therefore... I am going to extend the time frame for gathering signatures another year. I am hoping that we can do 'better' if we just give it some more time. It also happens to be a 'bad time' to submit such a petition given the current world political climate.

We need help getting the number of signatures up. Banners on websites with active links to the petition, word of mouth, any and all forms of 'spreading the word' are needed to make the petition an attention grabber when it is finally submitted.

Again, please... help to spread the word in any way you can. This isn't the kind of thing that anyone can pull off alone. But together, we can make miracles happen.

Sign the International Petition for UFO information disclosure. Tell everyone you know about it. If you maintain a UFO related website, post a banner with an active link to the petition in a prominent place on your webpages. Get involved. Participate. Make your voices heard.

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

Regards to all,

John Velez

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## Re: Rods - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 15:47:20 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 22:41:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Rods - McCoy

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2003 05:25:33 +0100  
>Subject: Rods [was: Watching World War 2 Documentrie...]

>>From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 15 Mar 2003 16:24:01 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

<snip>

>Hello Colin,

>Can you please describe and explain exactly how Rods "are under  
>investigation as are the shriveled bodies of them killed by  
>sulphur powder"? What are the shriveled bodies?

Hello All,

Ah, the shriveled bodies of Sulphur-killed grasshoppers?  
beetles, Canaries?

let's see the corpse of a rod! Well thrown pepperoni sticks  
don't count. (I haven't had lunch yet.)

GT McCoy

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## Re: Thank You! - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood@aol.com](mailto:Kimballwood@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 20:28:51 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 22:44:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Thank You! - Kimball

>From: Mike Woods <[mike.woods@rogers.com](mailto:mike.woods@rogers.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 15:26:26 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Thank You!

>>Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2003 07:49:02 -0700  
>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>To: UFO Updates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Thank You!

<snip>

>Dear Wendy & Joe,

>Although it might cost me acquaintances here... let one  
>Canadian, at least, echo those sentiments. May the freedom we  
>take for granted here be spread around the world. Unfortunately,  
>the short sighted and timid we've elected leaders in this  
>country seem to have forgotten the one indisputable lesson of  
>history.

>To live in freedom, you must be will to die for freedom.

>Ex-Canadian soldier

>Michael J. Woods

Wendy, Joe:

Here's another Canadian wishing our allies and good friends to  
the South all the best in the days, weeks and months to come. I  
believe history will prove the US, UK and others right in their  
determination to disarm Saddam Hussein.

It is a shame - and a considerable foreign policy mistake - that  
our government has chosen to sit this one out.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball

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## Aztec UFO Symposium 2003

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 19:21:38 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 22:46:53 -0500  
Subject: Aztec UFO Symposium 2003

Greetings to the Listarians:

March 21-23 is the annual UFO Symposium at Aztec, NM. That's this weekend folks!

This year's guest speakers include: Nick Redfern, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Stanton Friedman, Rob Swiatek, Karl Pflock, Richard Dolan, Ted Lohman, Peter Gersten and yours truly (last minute fill-in for Jim Moseley and because I'm a cheap UFO tramp that can be had for measley saucer droppings...and it helps I only live a couple of hours away). <G>).

It will be a good time to break away from the war correspondents screeching on the Cable News channels and do something really nice for yourself. Join all of us for a rip-roaring good weekend!

Ya all come and have a good time!

Remember... it will probably be the only time you'll get the chance to meet the First Lady of Ufology (OK, Wicked Witch of Ufology for you riff-raff), because I don't do these shindigs very often. I prefer the smooth sounds of EBK's 'Strange Days... Indeed', where I can sit in my Doctor Denton's, swill down the booze and talk to the radio listeners who haven't a clue that I'm talking to them via speaker phone with my hair in curlers and my feet in ratty bunny slippers. <G>

So, I mean it! Get your buns down to Aztec, NM this weekend and join the party! I'm gonna have a huge surprise, so you don't want to miss it!

Wendy Connors

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## Re: New Bentwaters Documentary - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 02:55:20 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 02:57:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Bentwaters Documentary - McGonagle

>From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 21:42:32 -0000  
>Subject: New Bentwaters Documentary

Thanks, Nick. Appended to this post is a copy of a message on the same topic which may be of interest to you and other List members which I posted to the ufologyinuk mail List.

<snip>

>The Ministry of Defence did not put up an official  
>spokesperson, but I made some general comments (in a private  
>capacity) about how and why the British Government investigates  
>UFO sightings. Former Chief of the Defence Staff Lord Hill-  
>Norton made it clear that he believes the events were of  
>defence significance.

I find it quite disturbing that a former Chief of the Defence Staff is suggesting that information relating to the defence of the realm (which was after all his ultimate responsibility when he held that appointment) was denied to him by his juniors. If true, it raises grave doubts about the security of the nation. If false, it raises doubts about his suitability for that role and the selection process which placed him in that position and consequently raises further doubts (for different reasons) about the security of the nation.

>The lighthouse hypothesis was the main theory put forward by  
>sceptics, but Charles Halt was familiar with the lighthouse, and  
>stated that it was visible at the same time as the UFO.

You will see from my post below that I agree with you in this regard.

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>sceptics, have been negative. Programme consultant Georgina  
>Bruni has been criticised by people who were expecting more new  
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>the ufologists, and initial indications were encouraging.  
>Ultimately, however, budgetary and time constraints precluded  
>the participation of most of these people. But this was  
>Mentorn's decision, not Georgina's.

One wonders that if Mentorn had not paid for Georgina's services (which it would seem they didn't really use), there may have been more budget and time available to improve the content of the programme?

<snip>

You will see from my comments in the appended post that I

remarked that you made no mention of the radiation readings at Rendlesham. Was this due to editorial omission, or have you changed your view on the importance of the radiation readings?

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From: <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
To: <[ufologyinuk@smartgroups.com](mailto:ufologyinuk@smartgroups.com)>  
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2003 1:36 AM  
Subject: [ufologyinuk] RE: Rendlesham programme, tonight 22:30  
BBC3

I saw it, unfortunately I had a mishap with the recording arrangements, but I will get another chance next weekend.

I thought it was OK, but I was not impressed with the impression it tried to give that the case is finally and conclusively resolved by the lighthouse theory.

It was good to see the faces of some UK ufologists on there, including Dot Street, Brenda Butler, Jenny Randles, Harry Harris, Dave Clarke, and other people connected with the case including Charles Halt, Jim Penniston, Vince Thurkettle, Hill-Norton, and Nick Pope (although I was already familiar with some of these from UFO seminars and other programmes). Surprisingly, Nick didn't mention the radiation levels on which he and Georgina base great importance?

I am suspicious that the lighthouse shots were taken from locations other than Rendlesham, the day and night shots looked far more prominent than I recall them being during my visits to the site.

I thought Brenda came out less zany than she has done on other programmes, and her dog was conspicuous by it's absence (abducted?). I also noticed that Georgina Bruni was credited as a consultant, in spite of the impression that Dave Clarke got from the production company that they rejected her suggestions in this regard due to exhorbitant fees?

Joe

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## Re: Thank You! - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 02:00:36 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 03:10:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Thank You! - Gates

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 12:58:17 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Thank You!

>>Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2003 07:49:02 -0700  
>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>To: UFO Updates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Thank You!

>Hi, Wendy,

>>To Listarians Who Have Family or Relatives in the Military:

>>I and my family send our sincerest thank you for your and their  
>>dedication to keeping this nation safe and giving the people of  
>>Iraq a new beginning out from under tyranny. Our prayers are  
>>with all the brave men and women who uphold the highest  
>>principles of honor, justice and freedom.

>>God Bless. Be Safe and Remember, WE CARE!

>>Lock and Load, "Let's Roll!"

>>Wendy Connors (former military) & Joe Stone

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>Hi, Wendy,

>I don't want to encourage the List to get off track for more  
>than a moment here. But since Errol has posted your message,  
>perhaps he will indulge one from an American, one of a great  
>many (I have no trouble finding them even in the little  
>Midwestern town where I reside), who has a different point of  
>view - namely that our un-elected President's rush to war will  
>soon prove a catastrophe of historic proportions, as virtually  
>every informed observer here and around the world has warned.

Hi Jerry, listers,

I have a prediction that when the war starts UFO material will become limited for awhile as people watch their TV's and media coverage. Let me make a few comments.

The phrase "un-elected President," which gets bantered around alot, is an interesting one especially considering historical possibilitys. Such as when previous presidents have won the popular vote, but failed to win the electoral vote, or Presidents who have won the electoral vote and failed to when the popular vote. The bottom line is the US system worked. You had a legal dispute between two partys. The only place to work those out properly is in court. Both partys went to court, one lost, the other won, which is the case with every legal dispute...one loser and one winner. Fortunatly we have a Supreme Court that is the bottom line decision maker whether the dispute is with the legislative branch, executive branch, or a matter of law.

Let's contrast Jerry's point of view on the war verses what we

see in the popular media. Jerry stated that "prove a catastrophe of historic proportions..." I believe this is a legit concern. For example, should Saddam get a CBW tipped Scud off and into Israel, Israel has already stated that 'a city will disappear' which translated probably means a nuclear tipped Jericho. Note Saddam will be using weapons he claims not to have and Israel will be using a weapon they have never formerly admitted to owning but they have. The possibility exists that US troops will swarm through Iraq only to become bogged down in house-to-house city fighting in and around Bagdad. The possibility also exists that the war in Iraq could be over in 4 days. The possibility also exists that while the US is engaged in Iraq, North Korea could come over the border and China hits Taiwan. The possibility exists that Iraq spys and terrorists will set up CBW devices in the US, or small nukes. The possibility exists that.. We can only hope that these possibilities have been thought of and plans put into place to derail the potential. Again legit concerns about something that none of us have control over, or can do anything about, other then sit back and watch it unfold on CNN.

Compare the legit concerns about the possibilities for the war to those like the Hollywood types and the various peace protestors who are drivialing on and on about how they are against the war, hate GW, blah blah blah. To which should be asked "Where were you when.." Bill Clinton went to war in Kosovo/Yugoslavia (remember Mike Farrell who doesn't like this war, thought it was all right that the US acted unilaterally in that war) without approval of the so called "International community" Bill Clinton ordered the strike on a pill factory in Africa, however there was no evidence that any Chemical/biological weapons were made there. Bill also ordered hundreds of cruise missiles launched on Iraq to punish them over the very compliance issue we are going to war with today. One of the Hollywood stars said something to the effect of war was "hip" when Clinton was pulling the trigger. Which exposes the double speak these people indulge in. When "our" President pulls the trigger then its OK and valid. But when your guy does it, its wrong and immoral.

Saddam is not as high a threat (of course US forces could find massive amounts of evidence to disprove this) to the national security of the US as North Korea is. North Korea has nuclear weapons, has a missile that can deliver them to the west coast of the states and according to NK spokespeople if you add a third stage to said missile all of the US is in range. I would call that a clear, and immediate threat to the national security of the US, not to mention all of the smaller nations around NK. Not to mention Iran which now has a Uranium enrichment plant going.

>Of course we all support our troops and wish them well. That is  
>not the same thing as supporting the policy, or the civilian  
>leadership (practically none of which, by the way, has ever  
>served in uniform, thus the phrase "chickenhawk"), that put them  
>in harm's way for reasons even it cannot articulate with any  
>coherence or consistency.

Agreed. We are fortunate to live in a country that has civilian leadership and civilian control of the military.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Thank You! - Kardol

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Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 15:44:50 +0800 (WST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 03:14:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Thank You! - Kardol

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 13:42:29 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Thank You!

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 12:58:17 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Thank You! - Clark

>>>Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2003 07:49:02 -0700  
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>>>To: UFO Updates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Subject: Thank You!

<snip>

>Hi Jerry,

>I agree that Listers shouldn't make a thread out of this. But, I  
>appreciate your position and certainly agree we can disagree.  
>It's what makes this nation so darn great and hard for other  
>nations to understand.

>You are probably right in your perceptions. However, I'm a  
>realist and believe that the fanatics of the world have pretty  
>much come to power because many nations do not care for their  
>people and tribal mentality doesn't work like it did a thousand  
>years ago, nor do nations built under the dogma of religious  
>fervor free people from tyranny. This isn't about oil or even  
>weapons of mass destruction. It's a clash between civilizations  
>and the necessity for change in the human condition. It's part  
>of life itself, inevitable and a condition of our species  
>methodolgy to survive through change.

I, as a family member of 1 of the 2000+ troops we have sent from  
Australia in support of the impending war, would like to second  
the "thank you" and send my own too.

The fact that the US, Britain, Australia, Spain, Portugal and  
the other countries care about the Iraqi people enough to risk  
the lives of their own sons and daughters is an astonishing  
testimony to the effectiveness of living in a free, democratic  
state. I thank God everyday some people in this world are still  
willing to stand up to these monsters, for what is right.

God bless every one of them

Sharon K

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## Re: Thank You! - Ledger

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>From: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers 06 - :>  
>Sent: Monday, March 17, 2003 1:39 PM  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Thank You!

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>>To Listarians Who Have Family or Relatives in the Military:

>>I and my family send our sincerest thank you for your and their  
>>dedication to keeping this nation safe and giving the people of  
>>Iraq a new beginning out from under tyranny. Our prayers are  
>>with all the brave men and women who uphold the highest  
>>principles of honor, justice and freedom.

>>God Bless. Be Safe and Remember, WE CARE!

>>Lock and Load, "Let's Roll!"

>Although it might cost me acquaintances here... let one Canadian,  
>at least, echo those sentiments. May the freedom we take for  
>granted here be spread around the world. Unfortunately, the short  
>sighted and timid we've elected leaders in this country seem to  
>have forgotten the one indisputable lesson of history.

>To live in freedom, you must be will to die for freedom.

>Ex-Canadian soldier  
>Michael J. Woods

Hi Mike,

It won't cost you mine.

Freedom is taken for granted here, in Canada. And there are  
damn few who know the lessons learned from the circumstances  
leading up to WW II. Hitler was a joke, then one to be pandered  
to and ignored. Then ignored at all costs - and there was a  
tremendous, dishonorable cost - until Hitler made the world pay  
attention.

Dithering, pandering a timidity and turning away of the faces of  
many nations cost the world 20 million people and the near  
destruction of Europe.

How do we know that it will not happen here?

This situation can and will get worse in the Middle East if  
Hussein is left to his own devices. The distances are shorter  
and the delivery systems better. Death for hundreds of thousands



Re: Thank You! - Ledger

can come in a suitcase or a bottle the size of a soda pop. When the world can take him no longer, when it's either damn near too late - or too late, that's when many will die trying to do what should have been done earlier. It's that simple.

We are not talking about freedom now but freedom ten years from now. We should be there. It's a disgrace in my estimation that we are not.

Don Ledger

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## 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien Heritage

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'Prophet' opens theme park for our alien heritage

Robin McKie, science editor  
Sunday March 16, 2003  
The Observer

He has written books that have sold more than 56 million copies, served three years in jail for tax evasion, and spent the past 30 years trying to convince the world that most of our famous ancient structures were built by creatures from another world.

But now Erich von Daniken, author of Chariot of the Gods and more than two dozen 'true-life' accounts of alien visitation, is set to join the ranks of the world's media elite: he is about to open his own theme park.

In a few weeks, on a massive site outside Interlaken in Switzerland, Von Daniken's Mystery Park - containing recreations of major 'extra-terrestrial works' that include Stonehenge, the Pyramids of Egypt, the Mayan temples, and others - will open to visitors at a cost of =A322 a head.

Backed by major companies such as Swatch and Coca-Cola, the park and its domes, temples and pyramids - set bizarrely in the midst of plush Alpine scenery - is intended to attract more than half a million tourists a year. 'We will show the greatest mysteries in the world, but we will give no answers,' says Von Daniken.

Given that most scientists and archaeologists believe they have provided perfectly adequate answers about the human origins of these great works, such emphasis on mystifying them is likely to go down badly in academic circles, particularly those starved of the kind of cash that has been lavished on the park by backers including Sony, TV companies and local brewers. Daniken will not say how much the Mystery Park will cost to complete.

One typical prehistoric wonder to get the Von Daniken treatment is the Nasca Lines, made up of giant figures and symbols etched between 200BC and AD600 in the Nasca desert in Peru. They look like odd furrows scraped in the soil when viewed from the ground. Seen from the air, they turn into as a wonderful assembly of monkeys, spiders, whales and rectangles. Archaeologists interpret these as symbolic offerings to local gods.

But Von Daniken sees them differently. He claims the Nasca Lines are the remains of an ancient spaceport, turned into a temple after the aliens departed. And soon visitors to his park will be able to share the supposedly extra-terrestrial experiences of the Nasca people. Other attractions will include a giant Imax screen, 3-D films, and 360-degree 'all-round' cinemas - all geared to show our history is not human but created for us by beneficent aliens, who bred with our apemen ancestors to produce modern men and women.

Britain's own Stonehenge is thus reproduced as the suggested handiwork of generous extraterrestrials.

Scientists have heaped contempt on the Swiss author and repudiated virtually every claim he has made. Historian Brian Fagan described Von Daniken's book Arrival of the Gods as 'a grotesque parody' of scientific inquiry devoid of intellectual credibility or literary merit. 'This is not science; Erich von Daniken has raised his astronaut theories to the status of a cult, with himself as the Great Prophet.'

It remains to be seen how many will flock to the prophet's theme park.

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Researchers Aztec UFO crash is something to look at

By Debra Mayeux/Staff writer

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AZTEC Eyewitnesses have never been located. The incident is shrouded in mystery.

Whether a UFO crashed in 1948 near Aztec has received a good deal of interest from both believers and skeptics. Those wanting to discuss the possibility of the event will converge on the small northern New Mexico town for a three-day symposium March 21-23 at the Aztec Civic Center, 101 S. Park Ave.

The symposium, which began six years ago, has grown significantly over the years, so has the list of speakers.

This year there will be a number of noted ufologists, journalists and historians who have studied the UFO phenomenon with the goal of proving or disproving the idea of extraterrestrials visiting our planet.

Rob Swiatek, of the Fund for UFO Research, cannot prove there are extraterrestrial spacecraft, yet he does believe there is something there for scientists to study.

"Something strange has been going on for the last 50 years," Swiatek said in a telephone interview Friday. "It's an enduring mystery. We haven't been able to make the case for the scientific community, but there is a core of evidence there that can not be explained away as mundane."

Journalist Nick Redfern agreed.

He has been studying strange sightings and occurrences in both the United Kingdom and the United States since the late-1990s.

"My goal has been to chase down the paper trail," Redfern said.

He has worked to declassify FBI files and government papers in an effort to discover the facts behind the UFO folklore.

"There was an attempt to discredit people in the media looking into this," he said, adding he takes an unbiased approach to the topic. "I'm putting the information out there that I have obtained with the hopes others will come forward to speak about it peeling away the layers of the onion to get the story."

In his first three books, published by Simon and Schuster, Redfern has been attempting to find out the history behind the crashes and promote what has been hidden from the public.

"I'm interested in mysteries and conspiracies in general," Redfern said.

He has spent his time documenting government documents on all types of cases in order to determine their credibility. Swiatek

does the same thing.

"I have a whole bunch of the (Project) Blue Book microfilm," he said adding he has spent countless hours studying this topic.

He became interested in UFOs in the late-1960s, when reports on the subject could be found on the front page of major newspapers across the country.

"I was completely intrigued by what I read," Swiatek said. "I haven't lost my fascination after all of these years."

The UFO researcher believes wholeheartedly in the Farmington Armada flyover of 1950.

"That seemingly did occur and is a fascinating case," he said. "The few people who looked at it seemed to have pretty good documentation that it did happen."

Swiatek is not as convinced about Aztec.

"There may not have been a crash in Aztec, but certainly Farmington has a role to play in the greater UFO phenomenon," Swiatek said.

The concern over the Aztec crash is not so much a denial of the event on the researcher's part. He just hasn't seen many documented reports or interviews with eyewitnesses regarding the alleged crash.

As far as Aztec is concerned, Redfern has not made up his mind.

"The FBI has quite an extensive file on the case," he said.

The file consists of documents on the men, who first broke the story of a crashed disc in Hart Canyon Silas Newton and Leo GeBauer. The investigation into these two was not because of their UFO crash story, but because they were known con men.

"The file on GeBauer is 400 pages long," Redfern said. "Only 200 pages have been declassified."

The author believes the problem with Aztec is not "that there aren't files on it. It is a lot of the it can be tracked back to Newton and GeBauer," Redfern said.

"Inadvertently, because of who they were destroyed the credibility of the case," he said.

Despite the fact that the story was made public by these two con men, the Aztec story is continuing to grow and receive interest.

Even Redfern believes there could be something to it. Exactly what happened there remains the mystery.

"Some accounts could have been spread to discredit actual cases," Redfern said. "Someone in the Pentagon may have spread rumors."

Why, one might ask. Redfern has an interesting answer. It may have been "psychological warfare," which would have made the Russians believe the U.S. had its hands on advanced extraterrestrial technology.

Historian Rich Dolan believes that is exactly what could have happened. In fact, his theory is the UFOs may have been unmanned spacecraft captained by artificial intelligence.

"Where they are from, and who they are I don't have the answers," Dolan said. "I have come to the conclusion this isn't our technology."

Dolan became interested in UFOs 10 years ago.

"I didn't have anything to do that day," he said in a Friday telephone interview.

Being a historian, he questioned why there were no references to UFOs in the history books.

"I wondered why it was absent from Truman's memoirs," he said.

"I began a personal project and hunted down information on it (using the Freedom of Information Act.)

Dolan became an author, writing a 500-page book, "UFOs and the National Security State." He is currently working on another book.

He will speak in Aztec on his theory concerning artificial intelligence and UFOs from 9-10:30 a.m. March 23.

Redfern will speak on a comparison of UFO incidents in England with the Aztec crash at from 8-9:30 a.m. March 22.

Swiatek will speak on the mystery of the UFO phenomenon from 3-4:30 p.m. March 22.

Tickets to the symposium are \$50 for both days or \$35 for Saturday and \$20 for Sunday.

Information: The symposium hotline, (505) 334-9890 or 1-877-823-5810.

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Professor Questions Study, Then Others Question Her

By Susan Kelleher  
Seattle Times staff reporter

Elizabeth Loftus was suspicious.

Having spent years at the University of Washington twisting people's memories and making them "remember" things that had never happened to them, Loftus was sure that the doctor lecturing nationwide about a traumatic memory recovered by one of his clients was doing some truth twisting of his own.

The University of Cincinnati child psychiatrist, had videotaped his interviews with a girl, first when she was 6 and then when she was 17. Together, the tapes presented a compelling case for the controversial theory that the mind can bury painful memories, then recover them.

But Loftus didn't buy it. She set out to investigate the research. By the time she finished, she had cast a shadow not only on the psychiatrist, but on the integrity of case studies that have shaped the field of psychology for more than a century.

Darkened too, however, was Loftus' relationship with her own university. Colleagues there questioned the methods she had used in her challenge, and recommended she take an ethics class.

Ultimately, Loftus — the queen of the UW Psychology Department, who last year ranked 58th in a list of the 100 most eminent psychologists of the 20th century — left Seattle in anger to take a post at the University of California, Irvine.

Until now, the controversy surrounding Loftus' departure has been confined mainly to university offices and boardrooms. It is a story not just of one professor's battle against another, but of the treacherous academic territory Loftus tread in challenging someone else's work.

'Diva of Disclosure'

Exploring dangerous ground is nothing new for Elizabeth Loftus.

For more than a decade, she has challenged prevailing views of memory, demonstrating that eyewitness testimony can be unreliable. In experiments, she showed that through suggestion and reinforcement, people can be made to believe they had experienced something that had never actually happened.

Her work helped change methods used by police, social workers and therapists, especially around allegations of abuse.

In 2001, the American Psychological Society gave her its most prestigious award, calling her research "ingenious," and noting

that "the quality of basic-memory research and the fairness of the criminal-justice system have advanced substantially" because of her science. A 1996 article in Psychology Today magazine dubbed her "The Diva of Disclosure."

But Loftus' work also created enemies, people who put her in the same league as the accused killers, rapists and child molesters on whose behalf she has testified in court. The Psychology Today article quotes a letter from an incest survivor: "Please consider your work to be on the same level as those who deny the existence of the extermination camps during WWII."

Few hate Loftus more than those involved in the spate of lawsuits and criminal trials that began in the 1980s, when it seemed as if childhood sexual abuse and satanic-ritual abuse were becoming nationwide epidemics.

Parents and child-care providers were hauled into court for sexual abuse, even murder, on the basis of memories recalled decades after the alleged events. The cases grabbed headlines until a 1992 presentation by Loftus cast doubt on some claims.

"While certainly there have been enormous tragedies due to real crimes against women and children," Loftus wrote, "there have also been equally enormous tragedies of false accusations. Families have been destroyed, miscarriages of justice have occurred, and more than a few innocent people have been sent to prison."

The topic of so-called "repressed memory" remains charged with emotion and controversy, mostly because it is impossible to absolutely prove or disprove scientifically.

Researchers can't ethically torture a group of people and then check back with them 20 years later to see if any of them forget and then remember the abuse. The most they can do is evaluate instances in which such remembering has reportedly occurred. Those instances are written up as case studies and presented in professional journals.

Loftus was reading such a journal, Child Maltreatment, in May 1997 when she came across the case of reported abuse that roused her suspicions. In psychology circles, the case is widely known as "Corwin's Jane Doe."

Lack of memory

In the article, Dr. David Corwin, a well-regarded child psychiatrist who now teaches at the University of Utah and heads the Child Protection Team at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, described this situation:

A young girl was caught in a child-custody dispute between divorcing parents. Corwin was called in to assess abuse allegations made by 6-year-old "Jane." In his third videotaped interview with Jane, she folded her tiny fingers into a three-fingered Brownie salute and swore she was being truthful when she accused her mother of abusing her in the bathtub and of burning her feet on the stove.

After reviewing reports from police, doctors and social workers who already had examined and talked to Jane, Corwin concluded it was likely that Jane's mother had sexually abused the girl. A judge awarded custody to her father and stepmother, terminating the mother's visitation rights.

Jane's father divorced about three years later, and within seven years became incapacitated by a health problem. Jane was living in foster care when he died.

Before the father's death, Corwin called him to see if it was still OK to show the videotape of his interview with Jane for educational purposes. When the father became ill, Corwin called Jane herself to get permission. She asked him if she could see the taped interview from when she was 6.

Jane was 17 when she saw the tape. She told Corwin she remembered accusing her mother of abuse but didn't remember if the abuse actually occurred. As she pondered her lack of memory, she suddenly recalled her mother abusing her once in the bathtub. Corwin was taping Jane at the time, and he asked for



and received her permission to show that tape, too, for educational purposes.

When Corwin showed the videotapes at professional conferences, clinicians who routinely dwell in the wreckage of other people's traumas dabbed at their eyes.

But Loftus \_ clearly predisposed to doubt recovered memories \_ pounced on this one. She was struck by what she saw as a dearth of evidence cited by Corwin to support his finding that Jane had been abused as a child.

She spoke with a colleague, Melvin Guyer at the University of Michigan, and together they decided to do their own investigation.

"I think people have to be very suspicious of case histories, and be aware that this is half of the story and one person's opinion," Loftus said. "The problem is, as with many aspects of life, the vivid case histories that have a story and a face are always more persuasive than cold, hard statistics."

#### Omissions

From the start, the methods used by Loftus and Guyer in re-examining the case were unorthodox.

Instead of going to Corwin for more information or permission to talk with Jane, Loftus and Guyer picked up on clues \_ her real first name, locations, the year of her parents' divorce and her father's death \_ and figured out Jane's full name and whereabouts.

With the help of a private investigator, they dug up divorce records and interviewed three women who knew Jane: her birth mother, foster mother and stepmother.

The results of their investigation appeared in the *Skeptical Inquirer*, a mass-circulation magazine devoted to scrutinizing what it calls "pseudoscience." Their article alleged that Corwin had omitted important facts about Jane's family and her case history.

Among the omissions:

=F2 Failing to note that a county child-protective agency had investigated the allegations when they were first made and had recommended that no action be taken.

=F2 Not mentioning that a clinical psychologist had reviewed the case and had concluded that, while abuse may have occurred, the nature and source of any abuse was unknown and that Jane may have just been repeating suggestions from her father.

=F2 Ignoring the contentiousness of the custody battle, which lasted five years. In a taped interview with Loftus, Jane's stepmother said she had worked hard to "get" Jane for her then-husband, and noted that they finally succeeded with the "sexual angle."

The information revealed by Loftus and Guyer didn't disprove the claim of abuse. But it raised doubts about both the original claim and the memory Jane said she later recalled.

The significance of that doubt extended beyond Jane's case: Corwin's finding already was being cited in other court cases as evidence in support of recovered memory.

In a recent interview, Corwin conceded he had selectively edited facts in presenting Jane Doe's case and said it was appropriate to do so. A case study need not be an exhaustive recitation of every fact but rather should include information that supports the author's conclusions, he said.

Besides, he said, "We don't know with absolute certainty what happened (to Jane), and we don't assert that we did."

Corwin said professional ethics prevented him from providing further information about Jane's case, even if it meant not being able to defend himself against Loftus and Guyer's criticisms.

## Gray zone

Loftus expected laurels for shining light on this case. Instead, she found the light shined into her own eyes, as Jane herself complained to the administration of the UW that Loftus had violated her privacy.

Once university officials began their 21-month investigation of Loftus' "case study of a case study," they discovered how difficult it is to regulate research that falls outside traditional boundaries, as Loftus' did.

"We're in the grayest of the gray zones I've ever been in my entire life," said David Hodge, dean of UW's College of Arts and Sciences.

University rules for research involving human subjects were written mainly for medical experimentation. But, as Hodge and others found, they are much more tricky to apply outside that area, especially if someone is challenging a case study.

Faculty members conducting research are required to submit proposals to an institutional review board, or IRB. The IRB sets rules to protect research subjects from harm and to ensure they're fully informed before they agree to participate.

Loftus had submitted a proposal to the UW's IRB early on, but then had ignored the board's follow-up questions after her partner, Guyer, received the go-ahead from the University of Michigan's IRB.

Had Loftus gone through the UW board, it's unlikely she would have been allowed to challenge Corwin's work the way she did, according to John Slattery, who was director of the UW's Office of Scholarly Integrity at the time.

Slattery said Loftus would have had to seek the university's permission before contacting people for interviews. She would likely have been required to give the IRB a list of questions she planned to ask and a form explaining the potential risks of being interviewed.

She probably would have been required to contact Corwin for permission to review records and to interview Jane.

Such rules make challenging a psychological case study much harder than presenting one.

Psychological case studies are, by design, shrouded in secrecy. Although studies are reviewed by experts before publication, those experts do not know subjects' names and rarely see documentation.

Still, Loftus feels justified in deliberately penetrating Corwin's efforts to hide Jane's identity. Secrecy rules adopted to protect the privacy of patients or research subjects should not be used to obscure the truth, she said.

Loftus was already well into her investigation when she took a colleague's advice and spoke with Corwin about contacting Jane. He told her he would be happy to connect the two, but then told her Jane wanted to communicate through him. Loftus eventually exchanged an e-mail with Jane to put her in touch with her mother, but she said they never discussed the abuse claims or Corwin's article.

Calling Loftus' methods unethical, Corwin said, "I have no reason to hide anything. She could have asked me, and I would have gone through the steps that would have left Jane Doe feeling less violated."

Jane told UW officials that she objected to Loftus tracking down her mother and stepmother for interviews.

Loftus admits to befriending Jane's biological mother, and confesses that she was motivated in large part by a desire to unite mother and daughter. In an e-mail to Loftus, Jane's mother wrote: "You have helped me heal when I thought it was not possible. I value your caring friendship. I am truly thankful that you are in my life."

Loftus' ongoing friendship with Jane's mother complicated the UW investigation, which was conducted by an ad-hoc committee consisting of three faculty members.

The committee ultimately cleared Loftus of wrongdoing but required her to get permission from the IRB before contacting Jane's mother again. The panel also wanted Loftus to take an ethics class.

Angry, hurt and humiliated by the investigation, Loftus accepted an offer from the University of California, Irvine, which offered her more research money and a "distinguished professor" title. She began teaching there in September.

"I cried for a week before I made the decision and a week after," Loftus said. "I felt so betrayed by my university."

The University of Michigan gave no such scrutiny to Guyer, Loftus' partner in the research.

Meanwhile, Loftus has received letters of support from prominent psychologists and researchers from around the country, including Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, applauding her efforts to make case studies more transparent and expressing anger at how the UW treated her.

Hodge, the UW dean, said the university is looking at a different system for evaluating the kinds of challenges that Loftus' investigation represented.

"We always want to allow challenges to other people's research. It's really about at what point does a relationship become a scientific relationship? That's where it becomes difficult," he said. "It's not clear where the line is between professional scientific research and non-scientific research."

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Exploring space, protecting water  
Mercury astronaut describes drive to protect all water forms

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Do not weep for the Columbia astronauts, but thank them.

That was the message Mercury 7 astronaut Scott Carpenter, the second American to orbit the earth, gave to the people who attended Monday night's Groundwater Festival banquet in Grand Island.

Carpenter told the crowd at the Interstate 80 Holiday Inn that he has been asked to talk about the Columbia space shuttle disaster during his nationwide book tour for "Spacious Skies: The Uncommon Journey of a Mercury Astronaut."

Carpenter said that he responds as one who has flown in space himself.

"Space flight is not without risk," Carpenter said. "Anyone who contemplates flying into space becomes aware of their own frailty, the risk of flight and the presence of human fallibility."

Carpenter said that he and all astronauts, weighed the benefits of space flight against the risk. They decided that the benefits outweighed the risk.

"Don't weep for those who died," he said. "Thank them, but don't stop the progress. Many, many youngsters coming up would jump at the chance to take that risk."

"We will figure out what happened, fix it and get back into space exploration," he said. "We will build a better machine than the space shuttle."

Carpenter said that one day man will fly to Mars. He said the trip to Mars is inevitable.

Turning to a lighter subject, Carpenter noted that one of the most frequent questions he gets as a former astronaut is about UFOs.

He said people believe anybody who has flown in space "knows more than anybody else (about UFOs). They don't."

"UFOs exist," said Carpenter, apparently referring to objects that have appeared in the sky and which cannot be identified.

"Flying saucers do not," Carpenter quickly added. He said there is simply no hard evidence that flying saucers exist and he noted, "I like hard evidence."

Carpenter cautioned that his skepticism about flying saucers "does not mean there is no intelligent life elsewhere."

If people believe in the power of numbers and odds, then look at the cosmos, they will reach the conclusion "we cannot be alone," Carpenter said.

Carpenter then quoted Albert Einstein to bolster his belief that life must exist elsewhere: "If you believe we are all alone in this vast cosmos, it's a terrible waste of space."

Carpenter also talked about his career as an aquanaut who once worked on SEALAB II program. He described that work at the very beginning of his presentation and then returned at the very end.

"We tend to take for granted what we already have," said Carpenter, noting fresh water is a precious resource.

He said both gold and silver are highly valued, but if the earth runs out of those commodities, that is O.K. If the earth runs out of water, that is a disaster.

"Kids need to learn that," Carpenter said.

He said the ocean's value should be appreciated just as fresh water and groundwater is appreciated. Despite that fact, the ocean is being degraded. However, Carpenter warned that "life on this planet cannot continue without a healthy ocean."

Through his work with SEALAB and with famed ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau, he discovered that much of the same technology used to send man into space is also used to send man far below the ocean's surface.

He said those experiences helped him to see opportunities for technology transfers.

Carpenter, though, couldn't resist concluding his talk by telling a story in which a technology transfer did not work.

He said scientists with both NASA and the SEALAB programs were interested in developing an "electronic shark chaser." NASA wanted to keep sharks away from the space capsules that returned to earth by splashing down into the ocean during the early days of space travel. SEALAB also had an obvious interest in technology that kept sharks at a distance.

An instrument 15 inches long and eight inches in diameter was developed that sent out electronic pulses when a switch was flipped on. The pulses were supposed to scare sharks away, so device was sent out for independent testing.

Carpenter laughed at the words used to describe the device's effectiveness in test results: "It is mildly repellent to sharks in both the 'on' and 'off' position."

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## ET Hunters Take Closer Look

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ET hunters take closer look  
By Dr David Whitehouse  
BBC News Online science editor

Mankind could be on the verge of finding intelligent life in space

The scientists behind the world's biggest distributed computing project are about to take a closer look at the most promising radio signals so far collected in the search for alien beings.

For four years, millions of people around the world have been running a special screensaver program on their desktops, sifting data for unique patterns that might represent an intelligent transmission.

Now, the most interesting radio sources picked out by the Seti@home project are to be re-observed using the giant Arecibo telescope in Puerto Rico.

Researchers have about 150 radio sources they want to examine in the next three days.

Curious remain

Since it started in 1999, Seti@home (Seti stands for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) has become a massive hit with computer users.

Several million volunteers from more than 200 countries have downloaded the screensaver program that uses idle time on a PC to analyse data obtained by radio telescopes that scan the skies for unusual signals, possibly from intelligent lifeforms.

In so doing, Seti@home has become the largest computation ever done on this planet, having accumulated more than a million years of computing time.

Now, in a phase known as the "Stellar Countdown", the project will use the Arecibo radio telescope to re-observe the most interesting radio sources thrown up by the screensaver search.

David Anderson, Seti@Home's Project Director, said: "After the re-observations of our Stellar Countdown help us eliminate candidates that are random noise or terrestrial radio interference, we will be very curious to see what candidates remain."

Serendipity data

The Seti@home software downloads data from the Search for Extraterrestrial Radio Emissions at the Nearby Developed Intelligent Populations (Serendip) project at the University of California at Berkeley, US.

The odds that it has succeeded in identifying a real alien transmission are very long.

Since 1960, there have been over 50 searches for intelligent signals from space, initially at radio wavelengths but latterly looking for laser pulses. Neither has produced definite detections.

Even optimistic scientists put the chance that Seti@home will find an extraterrestrial signal at less than 1%.

On-the-spot analysis of data during the Arecibo observing run will allow the astronomers to re-target any especially promising signals.

A more detailed assessment of the Stellar Countdown results will be conducted offline after the Seti@home team returns to the University of California at Berkeley.

Best bets

Dan Werthimer, chief scientist of Seti@home, will lead the team conducting re-observations at Arecibo.

The researchers will observe the sky eight hours each day, staggering the time of day for each session to cover as much sky as possible.

The list of the most promising signal candidates far exceeded 150, but the project was allotted only 24 hours from March 18 to 20 to use Arecibo, making it impossible to examine all of the leads at this time.

The candidate radio sources were chosen on the basis of several criteria:

\* number of times the radio source was detected \* how closely different observations resemble each other \* strength of radio source \* proximity to known stars \* type of star \* the presence of known planets

Dan Werthimer said: "I believe that we will likely discover extraterrestrial civilizations in the next 100 years. Even if we don't find a signal from ET this time, I'm optimistic in the long run, since our search capabilities are doubling every year."

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## Britain's Closest Encounter

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On the nights of 27 and 28 December 1980, Britain's most famous UFO incident took place. A number of US Airforce personnel based at RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk claimed to have seen 'strange lights' in the adjacent Rendlesham forest, and later, to have come across an unidentifiable craft in the woods.

Britain's Closest Encounter examines the incident and talks to the main players involved, including key air force personnel Charles Halt and James Penniston, local witnesses and UFO believers and sceptics.

It includes newly analysed audio tapes recorded by the USAF during the sightings and recreates what happened that night in an attempt to solve the mystery of what has become known as the UK's 'Roswell'.

The documentary also examines the role of the Ministry of Defence in investigating alleged UFO sightings, revealing its response to 'the Rendlesham Incident' and talking to Nick Pope, who once manned what is colloquially known as 'the UFO desk' at the MoD in the early 1990s.

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UFO SIGHTINGS CONTINUE BEFORE THE STORM

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. US likely to launch invasion of Iraq. This report includes SETI says 150 possible ET signals from intelligent civilizations, FBI flying fleet of aircraft against terrorism, Maine - a large turquoise colored sphere, Connecticut - flying triangle, Florida - strange large flying triangle, West Virginia - orange compact disc shaped UFO, Ohio - bright lights in triangular pattern 'hang' in sky, Missouri - object hovering over a field, Louisiana - transparent flying triangles, Arizona - black object sitting on the road, California - greenish glowing disk, Washington - possible abductions, Canada lights, Costa Rica lights on a saucer, and Argentina, Brazil, Chili wave of sightings, There is strong Sunspot activity and solar flares that is likely to cause heavy winds and satellite interruptions on Earth.

US WILL LIKELY LAUNCH INVASION OF IRAQ THIS WEEK

The second crusades will likely launch later this week unless Saddam Hussein agrees to step down. President Bush is privy to very damaging information that Iraq is actively attempting to build nuclear weapons, and already has biological and chemical weapons and intends to use them. Further, many successful terrorist actions, often not admitted to by the US have been successfully conducted by terrorists backed by Saddam Hussein. In her excellent book, "The War Against America," Laurie Mylroie focuses primarily on the first World Trade Center bombing and makes the case that the one nation with the means and the motivation to support the bombing was Iraq. The most likely interpretation," she notes, "is that the Islamic Change Movement was a name given by Iraqi intelligence to threaten or claim credit for bombings." Several Iraqi explosive experts were also known to be present at the Oklahoma City bombing. Law enforcement authorities also announced that ringleader Mohammed Atta of the attacks and pilot aboard the American Airlines flight that first struck the World Trade Center, met secretly twice last year with Iraqi intelligence agent Ahmed Samir Ahani. It is likely Iraq is involved with the suicide strikes and could have provided Anthrax to the terrorists. Atta lived near the Florida site where deadly airborne exposures of the anthrax bacteria killed one man and infected another.

Investigators Jack Cashill and James Sanders new book "First Strike," due out from Thomas Nelson Publishers claims the downing of TWA Flight 800, in 1996 was caused by a terrorist group called the "Islamic Change Movement." This is the same "group" that had taken also responsibility for the Riyadh bombing in 1995 that killed five Americans and two Indian nationals, and the Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia on June 25, 1996, that killed 19 American servicemen. Early on July 17,

1996, the day TWA Flight 800 was destroyed, this same group issued a communique that, according to Yossef Bodansky, "laid the foundation for the downing of TWA 800." As director of the Congressional Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, Bodansky reported that on July 18, the Islamic Change Movement released a communique through well-established Islamist terrorist channels in Beirut. It read in part, "We carried out our promise with the plane attack of yesterday." Dozens of witnesses saw a missile launch downing TWA 800. Several other unexplained accidents have reports of unidentified flying objects just prior to their crash.

President George Bush is well aware of these attacks, and knows that Saddam Hussein is the key leader sponsoring terrorism and it is only a matter of time before the terrorists are provided with weapons of mass destruction to carry out more devastating attacks. The removal of Saddam Hussein from power will not stop all terrorists attacks, but will give a clear warning to anyone who wishes to sponsor terrorism. For the sake of the hundreds of thousands of our soldiers and Iraqi civilians I pray that President George Bush is making the right decision and the war will be over quickly. Its time to roll and for Saddam to leave Iraq.

#### POSSIBLE ET SIGNALS FROM 150 INTELLIGENT CIVILIZATIONS

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Using 4 million computers worldwide, SETI scientists based at the University of California, Berkeley said, "they have identified about 150 sources of possible signals from intelligent civilizations." The California researchers plan to head to Puerto Rico this month to use one of the world's most powerful telescopes to more closely investigate the signals that might be from extra terrestrials, a university spokeswoman said. "They are homing in on interesting signals," said Sarah Yang, a spokeswoman where the SETI@home research project is based. "They have not said they found anything." The project links volunteer computer users into the researchers' efforts to search for strong or unusual signals from space that one day may lead to the proof that there really may be something else out there. The leading candidate signals compiled over more than three years of work are the ones that were particularly strong or have been observed in the same spot more than once, researchers said. While scientists involved in the project are cautious about their chances of actually discovering a signal from an intelligent being in outer space this time, they believe they are on the right track for the future. "I believe that we will likely discover extraterrestrial civilizations in the next hundred years," Dan Werthimer, chief scientist of SETI@home said in a statement. "Even if we don't find a signal from ET this time, I'm optimistic, since our search capabilities are doubling every year."

#### FBI FLEET OF PLANES TRACK SUSPECTED TERRORISTS

THE FBI has a fleet of more than eighty aircraft and helicopters flying above US cities to track suspected terrorists. Most are equipped with night surveillance and eves-dropping equipment. Some hovering over residential areas could be mistaken for UFOs and will likely start spotting some UFOs themselves. President Bush's push for homeland security also includes use of ultrahigh altitude platforms to include solar-powered airships. From sky-high positions, these giant airships would support radar sweeps of US coastline, as well as serve communications and sensor-snooping services. Several firms are supplying the mega-airships, including Lockheed Martin who operates a lighter-than-air surveillance platform division in Akron, Ohio. Un-piloted airships would operate above the jet stream and above severe weather in a geostationary position to serve as a telecommunications relay, a weather observer, or a peacekeeper from its over-the-horizon perch. Boeing is also producing UAV aircraft that will be flying the skies of Oklahoma.

#### CALL TO HONOR SPACE ALIENS

Dan Foley, a Republican from Roswell, New Mexico, the area where some say aliens landed, proposed an "Extraterrestrial Culture Day" every second Thursday in February. Mr. Foley asked for the bill "in recognition of the many visitations, sightings, unexplained mysteries and technological advances, of alien beings" in New Mexico. The legislation aims to "enhance relationships among all the citizens of the cosmos, known and

unknown," he added. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/americas/2841455.stm>

#### ABDUCTEES SUFFER DISTURBING EXPERIENCES

DENVER -- Jonathan Amos BBC News Online science staff writes, "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 traumatized 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. If you genuinely believe you've been traumatized and recall these memories, you'll show the same psycho-physiologic emotional reactions as people who really have been traumatized." 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." It was typical of the stories they all had to relate. 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." 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." Thanks to BBC News, 11 March 2003 - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

Editor's Note: How can multiple abductees located hundreds of mile apart have the same traumatic memories for the same night? There is more a great deal more evidence for abductions than these experts choose to examine!

#### MAINE - A LARGE TURQUOISE COLORED SPHERE

WINDHAM -- The witness was outside at work with others at 5 PM on March 8, 2003, when a coworker called for them to look up in the sky. The witness states, "We saw a turquoise colored sphere moving slowly across the dark sky. It appeared larger than a normal aircraft and the light was much bluer than a typical plane. It moved slowly and seemed to turn gray right before it disappeared." Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### CONNECTICUT FLYING TRIANGLE OR DIAMOND

MOOSUP -- It was 4:10 AM, and the witnesses were driving north on Route 395, on March 3, 2003, when they saw a square or triangular shape object. If you place your forefingers and thumbs together -- you will see a shape like this <>. There were lights at each "point" and a band of light blue lights that connected the four. Bright white and blue lights were moving around the craft. The sky was full of stars but in the center of the craft was blackness. I yelled at my husband to stop and go back, but he wouldn't because we would be late for work. He later admitted to being afraid. It was just hovering above Route 14 making no sound. It was 300 feet away and was 50 feet on all four sides or around 200 total feet, or the size of a foot ball

field. Thanks to: Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### FLORIDA STRANGE LARGE FLYING TRIANGLE

MILTON -- It was about 10:30 PM, on March 10, 2003, the witness was taking out the trash when he had a strange feeling just before seeing a large dark triangle shaped object that was at least 80 feet long. It was about 50 feet wide at it widest point, with a large bluish light on the bottom of each tip of the triangle. The witness states, "I could actually see that the bottom of this thing was not smooth, but had form and small dips and valleys in it like something machine/manmade." I heard a faint hum and was in shock because it appeared to be only about 200 feet high with a blurry haze around it. I looked down to clear my eyes and looked back up and it was much smaller. I looked down again to clear my eyes from the light and looked back up and it was gone. It was like a dream, but I don't think I was dreaming, but I felt impending doom. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### WEST VIRGINIA -ORANGE COMPACT DISC SHAPED UFO

NEW MARTINSVILLE -- Five men were standing outside at 8 PM, on March 8, 2003, and noticed an orange compact disc shaped object moving very quickly through the air. It had a slight zigzag to it's movement but there was no exhaust trail. There were no blinking lights to indicate an air plane, plus it moved in a way too erratic for any aircraft. The center was not as lit as the outside edges were. All of us saw the shape. At one point, we moved because it was starting to go behind some trees. Three of us went one way, two of us went another. From about a hundred feet apart, all of us saw it until it disappeared into the horizon. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### OHIO - BRIGHT LIGHTS IN 'V' PATTERN HANG IN SKY'

CUYAHOGA FALLS -- The witness was taking his dog out at 10:15 PM, when he saw lights in a "V" formation moving quickly and silently on March 3, 2003. He states, "I saw a 'V' shaped formation of 12 to 15 lights traveling very quickly northwest. They were traveling, silently, and in a few seconds were out of sight. The individual lights though staying in formation seemed to flit around. It made me think of a group of clear spheres flying in formation with a single firefly darting around in each one, if you can imagine that.

COLUMBUS -- An ATP-rated Learjet captain was flying as copilot in a Cessna Citation II, on March 7, 2003, at 0515 GMT when he saw three bright lights in a triangular pattern hanging in the sky to the north near Cassiopeia, at an estimated altitude of 45-49000 feet. The witness was flying at 39,000 feet and asked his partner if he was watching? He said yes. The lights were all of a greater relative magnitude than Sirius -- perhaps equaling or greater than Venus in brightness. After about 5 to 10 seconds, the lights began to move eastward, accelerating rapidly and fading from view simultaneously (may have been receding?). No aircraft in my experience has ever accelerated so quickly. We believe it was one object -- though no details could be made out between the lights. It might have been three separate objects but they would have had to have been maintaining a precise formation during acceleration. Both pilots have been flying aircraft for over 15 years, and neither had ever seen anything like this.

CZALESKI -- I just chanced to look at a particular part of the sky at 7:45 PM, on March 10, 2003, just in time to catch a look at this object. It was perfectly round orange sphere and unusually large for a meteor I thought. It had no tail whatsoever and was orange in color with dark spots in it. It fell slower than a meteor would and I stood waiting for a boom, but heard no sound. He states, "That's my story, and I'm stickin' to it." Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### MISSOURI - OBJECT HOVERS OVER A FIELD

ASHLAND -- While driving to Columbia MO. at around 10 PM on March 8, we spotted a bright star in the sky just above the tree lines about seven miles away from it. The object did not appear to move and as we got closer it had several white lights. When we came right up parallel to it, the object seemed to be hovering over a field with a protruding spot light. As we passed

the object, we turned to view it from our back window. A bright red light flashed on the top of the object and one on the bottom. Then, after a minute or so, the lights began to flash all around the bottom of the craft, which made it appear to be spinning. We continued to watch when all the sudden the craft quickly crossed the highway and caught up with us instantly. It flew close but after a couple minutes the craft disappeared behind the trees. NUFORC

## LOUISIANA - TRANSPARENT FLYING TRIANGLES

WESTLAKE -- While on the job on March 4, 2003, two workers observed three craft flying over at a very high rate of speed. We both witnessed the three craft as these objects flew toward the Northeast. The witness states, "What really shocked the both of us was that they were transparent!" I could see the clouds right inside of the craft. Thanks to Peter Davenport

## ARIZONA - BLACK OBJECT SITTING ON THE ROAD

CHINO VALLEY -- On March 5, 2003, A black object was sitting on the dirt road (or hovering just above it) at the top of the hill in front of two observers at 9 PM, who stated, "It was at least as big as a school bus but didn't seem to be made of anything solid." It was like a black and gray cloud that moved like an octopus. It came around to the side of our car and passed over the hood and windshield no more than 10 feet off the ground. It made no sound at all. It followed us for about half a mile and we were spotlighted in a bright, white light that must have been above us. Then it was gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

## CALIFORNIA - GREENISH GLOWING DISK FLIES OVER

LOS ALTOS -- Sighting occurred at 1:45 AM, on March 10, 2003, when the witness looked out the bedroom window, there appeared this strange craft. The observer states, "I swear it had the appearance of NCG-1701 'Star Trek' and it suddenly 'poof' -- there it was where there had just been empty night sky." The ship's forward area (the round construction) was glowing a fuzzy lime green, while the rest of the ship was dark -- without lights on the periphery. I would estimate that the size of this thing was very large, in that if I held my hand at arm's length, the object would almost have filled in the space of 4 fingers (thumb tucked). Unfortunately, the sighting lasted for less than 5 seconds because it just as suddenly disappeared -- 'poof'-- again. Thanks to Peter Davenport

## WASHINGTON - UNEXPLAINED TIME LOSS ON THE ROAD

WENATCHEE -- The witness was taking out the garbage on March 3, 2003, when he saw a bright light in the western sky at 10:40 PM. The light was too bright and within a matter of seconds the object almost seemed to zero in on me dodging left and right in an unfamiliar pattern at various speeds. I called to my girlfriend to come and see it. As she came to the door we both saw a large circular structure or sphere with bright white lights on the left and right sides, a red at the bottom and a sort of blue or green at the top. The craft traveled about five miles away to 50 feet above my head in probably 20 seconds. I am a retired software consultant. I have been very skeptical/analytical about supposed "sightings" for the great part of my adult life. But what I saw tonight will change my reality forever. My girlfriend is a college student/waitress. She witnessed the event with me and concurred with my description.

SEATTLE -- It was around 6 PM, on February 12, when my 14 year old daughter asked me what that burning orange light was? My 11 year old son and I saw a moving glowing orange, or burning round object moving at a steady rate of speed and altitude at just above tree level. My son grabbed his binoculars and said it looked like a spinning top with an antenna on the top of it.

SEATTLE -- A crime investigation specialist was on his way to a crime scene outside of Seattle on February 13, 2003, at 2:30 AM. He had to be at the crime scene by 3:00 AM so he rushed a little. The witness states, "It was beginning to rain, and my car started making these weird noises the radio turned on automatically and started tuning to numerous stations, the lights inside and outside the car were flashing, when I looked up and saw this huge triangle shaped thing above the car." In a

few seconds a blue, blinding lights distracted me. Suddenly, it all stopped and my car was parked on the side of the road with everything switched off, and I looked at my watch and it read 03:03 AM. I then realized I lost 33 minutes. I turned on my car and drove to work with a lot of confusion on my mind.

LAKEWOOD -- A man called to report that his watch, which normally is quite accurate, was off by approximately one hour, and that he discovered three peculiar marks on his neck at 7 AM, on February 14, 2002, that were "like moles." He stated that he had photographed the marks, and would provide copies of the photos. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### CANADA - BRIGHT LIGHT

PRINCE RUPERT, BC -- Brian Vike reports on Friday, March 7, 2003, at 7:30 PM, a father and daughter were outside when they saw this bright white light shoot over towards Mount Hays. Traveling southeast for two to three seconds, it just blinks out when it was over Mount Hays, it was the brightest white light that we have ever seen. My daughter told me that she had seen almost the same thing just two weeks ago while with her friend Patricia at 4:30 AM, the object they saw wasn't as bright as this one, but also blinked out over Mount Hays.

HBCC UFO Note: This sighting "might" be easily explained as a meteor, but after receiving so many reports for Northern British Columbia, I am not putting this down to a meteor just yet. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director of the Houston, British Columbia, Canada UFO Research organization, [hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net), <http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo/home.html>

#### COSTA RICA - LIGHTS ON SAUCER DANCING IN THE SKY

MONTEVERDE -- On February 28, 2003, it all started at 1 AM, with five dogs barking wildly, and then they all ran away. "We looked to see what was up, and saw a single blue white light, that had red, orange and green lights spinning around the top." A steady bright white light was at the base. The light was dancing in the sky, making deep drops, and steep climbs, other times staying motionless. When it appeared the light turned to the other side, we could see the outline shape of a saucer. At times the object appeared to send rays of reddish light downward to earth. The light at time seemed bright and focused in our direction, at other times dim and focused away. It was mostly in the southwest sky toward Puntarenas and then south over Panama. Once the light disappeared, the dogs all quieted down.

#### UFO FLAP SWEEPS BRAZIL

BRASILIA -- The Distrito Federal which is home to the capital is now in the midst of a UFO flap. The first sighting in the D.F. took place on February 4, 2003, "when a UFO hovered 100 feet away from a witness." Four days later, "a silver UFO was hovering in the air" in a rural district of the Distrito Federal "just a few meters off the ground." On March 1, 2003, at 10:15 p.m., Aurezio Galo, 33, who lives in Gama Leste, fetched his binoculars to observe a round object with red, orange and white colors around it that pulsed and rotated. On March 8, 2003, "a UFO was sighted in Maceio," a large port city at around 6:30 PM, crossing over the city, with a luminous aura that pulsed at regular intervals. Inside the aura was a misty blue and yellow object. The UFO moved in a zigzagging trajectory for one minute." Thanks to Thiago Luiz Tichetti e Paulo Silva Countinho

#### CHILE - NEW WAVE OF UFO SIGHTINGS

CALAMA -- On Sunday, March 2, 2003, many people in Northern Chile saw a bright object fly across the city and a similar object appeared the following morning, This object was very bright and appeared to suddenly change speed and direction. Calama was the site of hundreds of UFO sightings in 2001 and 2002. Many eyewitnesses had time to get their binoculars to get a better look at it." "A local television channel began broadcasting live images of the object at 3:30 p.m." for two hours on Sunday, February 23. Catholic high school students reported seeing a strange alien being near their campus. Various other sightings of alien beings have been reported to the Centro UFO de Calama. Thanks to Jaime Ferrer y Mario Andrade and Dr. Virgilio Sanchez Ocejudo UFO Roundup Vol. 8, # 11 3/13/03, Joe Trainor editor



## FARMERS REPORT NEW CATTLE MUTILATIONS IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES -- On February 25 and 26, 2003, four luminous UFOs hovered repeatedly over the capital of Argentina. Ufologist Ricardo E. D'Angelo reported. "The UFOs appeared at 8:52 PM, and then departed to the southeast, over the Rio de la Plata. The maneuvers UFOs lasted all night." "I saw intense flashes--pulses of blue light--from my apartment balcony, both nights. On March 6, 2003, at 7:35 p.m., a UFO was seen in Rufino.

FORMOSA -- Francisco FAZIO reports, "We have received many reports of cases of cattle mutilations throughout the state of Formosa, in Northern Argentina." Officials do not allow publication of these stories, and we only have unofficial reports from farmers, witnesses and agricultural producers. The authorities quickly dispatch the police, photograph the animals and send info directly to SENASA Formosa and the evidence to INTA, (National Institute for Agricultural Technology) in Buenos Aires. Similar mutilations are being reported in Paraguay

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Editor's Note: I have not seen the videos and suggest you contact Mr. Baiz directly.

## SEVERE ALLERGY FORECAST IN WAKE OF SNOW

The rapidly increasing numbers of people suffering from allergies is now up to roughly 55 million people according to the Courier Post. Allergy sufferers will be hard hit because of the moisture accumulated by heavy snows and rains that has nurtured mold and will fuel pollen production as the temperatures rise. Weekly, I also get letters from people who claim to be suffering from what they call Chemtrail illness generated by jet engine and auto emissions. Here are a few keys that you If you suffer from allergies or pollution keep your windows closed in your home and cars. Limit outdoor activity on windy days with high pollen counts and heavy contrails. Shower and wash your hair before you go to sleep. Limit smoking and if you have a pet wipe down its fur to remove the pollen when it comes in. Don't mow lawns that stir up molds and pollen.

We can't stop the cars and aircraft from flying and the pollution in the air, but it does seem to be effecting millions. My son, daughter and wife were having serious allergy, and pollution associated illnesses. I asked a Medical Doctor friend who was visiting us, what he would recommend for pollen and toxins in the air. He told me he treats 62 different ailments with amazing success such as allergies, sinus, asthma, smokers cough, and various breathing problems. He uses antioxidant vitamins C, E, Beta-carotene, Coenzyme Q10 plus Isotonix OPC-3 for treatment that was tested in Pasteur Institute with no side effects and food safe. He considers Isotonix OPC-3 the most powerful antioxidant, free radical scavenger known to man, and one of the greatest discoveries in history. He has excellent results with Fibromyalgia and a long list of problems associated with a weak immune system. If you smoke or live in an area with

heavy pollen and engine exhaust pollution, you can heal many problems with Isotonix OPC-3, that is made from nature's natural products, so you don't need a prescription. When my family started taking OPC-3 within days the sneezing, running nose and congestion was gone. My family saved about a \$100 a month on antihistamines and various drugs just by taking the pleasant tasting natural grape product. More important my family felt better, were able to produce more at work and got a substantial pay raise. They overcame itching eyes and ears, sneezing, running nose and headaches. Get fast non-drowsy relief for allergy problems, feel better and younger because it improves the skin, feel and look healthier and younger. There were amazing side effects, because OPC-3 enhanced cell vitality, improved vision and reduces stress, I was so impressed by the results for about a dollar a day, that I'm offering it to anyone who has similar problems. Just use Visa or MasterCard at: Isotonix OPC-3

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## Re: Rods - Stevenson

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Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 17:26:46 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 15:03:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Rods - Stevenson

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>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 15:47:20 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Rods

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2003 05:25:33 +0100  
>Subject: Rods [was: Watching World War 2 Documentrie...]

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 15 Mar 2003 16:24:01 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

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>>>Date: Sat, 15 Mar 2003 10:18:05 +1100  
>>>Subject: Watching World War 2 Documentrie We Seen Ufo,S

>>>><very big snip>

>>>>Hello again Larry and all  
>>>><commercial break>

>>>>Believe it or not, I have a video of a Rod (approx. 6 inch)  
>>>>passing straight through a Female's head

>>>>I wonder if I read you wrong but in the above are you talking  
>>>>about an X rated video?

>>>Colin, have a closer look at this footage and you will see that  
>>>a fast moving insect flies "behind" her head.

>>>If the "Rod" is 6 inches long, than why do you need to slow down  
>>>the footage frame-by-frame to see it? Because it is "Motion  
>>>Blur" of a smaller object (insect)

>>Mearly mentioned rods to maybe be an explanation for the UFO  
>>seen in the documentary. If rods are actually insects then maybe  
>>the UFO on the documentary also shows insects. If rods exist or  
>>not, as I say in my post, is still being investigated and may or  
>>may not be true. Never seen an insect fly at a persons head, go  
>>arround the head faster than approach then continue its course  
>>having picked up the hair dye (red) of the person?

>>Mind you having seen rods hanging from a ceiling of a derelict  
>>property, dropping and flying arround at tremendous speed and  
>>also seeing them hanging from a cave ceiling may be a  
>>hallucination? As are the photographs and video footage taken?

>>Misconception of that seen and filmed may apply but as l said in  
>>my post they are under investigation as are the shrivelled dead  
>>bodies of them killed by sulphur powder. So I agree that rods do  
>>not exist and are a camera artifact or they are insects - sorry,  
>>no.

>>Also agree that footage of rods should be XXX rated as they can  
>>sometimes seem horrific in their action and flight.

>Can you please describe and explain exactly how Rods "are under  
>investigation as are the shriveled bodies of them killed by  
>sulphur powder"? What are the shriveled bodies?

>Thanks,

>Josh

>Hello All,

>Ah, the shriveled bodies of Sulphur-killed grasshoppers?  
>beetles, Canaries?

>let's see the corpse of a rod! Well thrown pepperoni sticks  
>don't count. (I haven't had lunch yet.)

>GT McCoy

Hello again Josh, GT and all

Rods are under investigation by me and others due to their possible connection to ET craft and as yet we have no conclusive proof other than the shrivelled body of one which analysis showed to be a ( tongue in cheek ) anthracitic lifeform of sorts. As the rod became a glutinous mass similar to slimemolds, but larger, it is difficult to fully realise a proper analysis in detail as the sulphur powder which killed it was also present and interacted. We also have tentative ( still not definite ) of Rods courtship in the sky and their association with electro energy area's ( near high tension electric supply pylons ) and also sightings in cluster areas in known areas of hauntings and old roads with satanic, or reference to, like Hoads Road etc. There may also be a loose connection to un dipped sheep ( wool of ) but evidence in that area is very scant at present but being looked into closely. Some large tenuous cobwebs are thought also to be Rods which died naturally and fell to the ground. The connection between satanic or hauntings and sulphur is obvious as something similar is apparently smelled in these areas therefore leading to interest in Rods of which little data is definite.

As full investigations, theories and definite facts are as yet not 'firmed up' these proofs will be published some time in the future.

Kind Wishes,

Colin

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## Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 20:10:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien

>Source: The Observer - UK

><http://www.observer.co.uk/international/story/0,6903,915242,00.html>

>'Prophet' opens theme park for our alien heritage

>Robin McKie, science editor  
>Sunday March 16, 2003  
>The Observer

>He has written books that have sold more than 56 million copies,  
>served three years in jail for tax evasion, and spent the past  
>30 years trying to convince the world that most of our famous  
>ancient structures were built by creatures from another world.

>But now Erich von Daniken, author of Chariot of the Gods and  
>more than two dozen 'true-life' accounts of alien visitation, is  
>set to join the ranks of the world's media elite: he is about to  
>open his own theme park.

<snip>

Oyoyoy,

This post is informative but disgusting. As if Eric von D had not done a great disservice by putting out his slop through books, talks, and TV. Now we have this crackpot theme park coming to life.

I wonder if it will have a Billy Meier area with a robot of him and Semjase who will be "prophesizing"? Will there be a Raelian cloned mutual masturbation religious area? I would not be surprised if there is an area where E Von D claims that the aliens had originally designed the World Trade Center.

Well, at least people can make a short hop from there to the new Dracula theme park that is being built in Romania. There is a rumor that no one with blood containing infectious organisms will be admitted.

Shalom,

Josh

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## Daniken & His Ancient Astronaut Theories

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 20:12:15 -0500  
Subject: Daniken & His Ancient Astronaut Theories

Hi EBK and Listers

I do realise that this may be a mild attempt at teaching grandma to suck eggs, but I have written a small article on Von Daniken and his theories, which may be read at:

[www.hufosl.karoo.net/was\\_et.htm](http://www.hufosl.karoo.net/was_et.htm)

Please do enjoy.

Best regards

Chris Evers

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## Re: New Bentwaters Documentary - Pope

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 20:14:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Bentwaters Documentary - Pope

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>Subject: Re: New Bentwaters Documentary

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 21:42:32 -0000  
>>Subject: New Bentwaters Documentary

<snip>

>>The comments I have seen so far, both from believers and  
>>sceptics, have been negative. Programme consultant Georgina  
>>Bruni has been criticised by people who were expecting more new  
>>data, but I do not believe this is fair comment. In researching  
>>her book on the case, "You Can't Tell The People", Georgina  
>>built up a rapport with many of the witnesses, several of whom  
>>she now counts as friends. More importantly from a research  
>>point of view, she secured testimony from several new witnesses,  
>>together with new documents and photographs from the Ministry of  
>>Defence and the USAF. It was Georgina's hope that the programme  
>>would focus more on the witnesses (especially the new ones) than  
>>the ufologists, and initial indications were encouraging.  
>>Ultimately, however, budgetary and time constraints precluded  
>>the participation of most of these people. But this was  
>>Mentorn's decision, not Georgina's.

>One wonders that if Mentorn had not paid for Georgina's services  
>(which it would seem they didn't really use), there may have  
>been more budget and time available to improve the content of  
>the programme?

Had Mentorn not engaged Georgina Bruni as programme consultant,  
I suspect they would have struggled to make the programme at  
all, especially as there was an unusually short time between the  
date on which the programme was commissioned formally by the  
BBC, and the date on which it had to be delivered. Georgina  
Bruni provided extensive advice and material to Mentorn, very  
quickly. So far as I am aware, her contribution included the  
following: an overview of the case itself, including a  
chronology and a 'who's who' of witnesses; liaison with various  
USAF witnesses (some of whom had not been interviewed before)  
securing their agreement to appear on the programme; details of  
ufologists and experts who might be used; details of the various  
theories surrounding the case; the witness statements from  
Burroughs, Penniston, Cabansag, Buran and Chandler; the USAF  
photographs of the landing site; a good copy of Halt's tape (she  
obtained the original cassette made from Halt's microcassette  
from Sam Morgan); and copies of the key documents from the MOD's  
file, with advice on MOD acronyms, procedures etc. I believe it  
was time and budgetary constraints that meant the documentary  
featured more UK-based ufologists than US-based witnesses,  
meaning that the programme focused more on the investigation  
than the incidents. But this was Mentorn's decision, and though  
neither believers nor sceptics seem to have got the programme  
they wanted, none of this was Georgina's fault.

<snip>

>You will see from my comments in the appended post that I  
>remarked that you made no mention of the radiation readings at  
>Rendlesham. Was this due to editorial omission, or have you  
>changed your view on the importance of the radiation readings?

I have not altered my belief that the radiation readings taken are extremely important. There are, as you will be aware, debates over whether the readings were recorded accurately, and over the suitability of the equipment used to take the readings. But any investigation of this aspect of the case must start with the data actually provided, and not subjective analyses of these data. Bear in mind also that the initial advice we received from specialists in the Defence Intelligence Staff was that Halt's reading of 0.1 milliroentgens "seems significantly higher than the average background of about 0.015 mr". This assessment is recorded in a document dated 23 February 1981, which is on the MOD website, and is the eighth document in the link below:

[http://www.mod.uk/linked\\_files/publications/foi/ufo/ufofilepart1.pdf](http://www.mod.uk/linked_files/publications/foi/ufo/ufofilepart1.pdf)

Later on in the MOD file is a note (dated 15 April 1994) of a conversation that I had with Giles Cowling from the Defence Radiological Protection Service, following my re-opening of the MOD's investigation into this incident. His view on Halt's data was that the peak reading was ten times background levels.

Halt's original readings and the two official MOD analyses of these readings are still vitally important. That said, the case does not stand or fall on the radiation data alone. The radiation readings must be considered alongside the witness testimonies, the radar data, and other aspects of this intriguing case.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 21:42:32 -0000  
>Subject: New Bentwaters Documentary

Pilgrims,

Nick's post on the recently aired Rendlesham documentary has raised many questions.

>On Saturday March 15, BBC 3 (a UK digital TV channel) screened a  
>new documentary on the Bentwaters case. The programme had been  
>made by Mentorn, an independent production company, and was  
>entitled "Britain's Closest Encounter".

>The Ministry of Defence did not put up an official spokesperson,  
>but I made some general comments (in a private capacity) about  
>how and why the British Government investigates UFO sightings.  
>Former Chief of the Defence Staff Lord Hill-Norton made it clear  
>that he believes the events were of defence significance.

Nick may not have appeared in officially but consider this quote Nick gave:

"Historically the MOD has certainly not covered up but has certainly down-played the subject (UFOs)... and given the excitability of certain people within the UFO lobby I think that's quite understandable."

Which 'excitable' people would they be then?

In the context of the Rendlesham case these must surely include his colleague Georgina Bruni, who is 'friends' with key witnesses. Georgina has made the most alarming claims about what took place at Rendlesham, yet has failed to back these up with any credible evidence. Excitable indeed.

And when it comes to the 'UFO lobby', surely isn't Nick himself at the heart of it? Nick, after all lectures, writes and makes part of his living advertising his unsubstantiated belief that extraterrestrials are visiting earth.

Surely this is part of the 'UFO lobby'? And let's not forget Nick's claim in the pre-publication manuscript of 'Open Skies', that he was 'abducted' whilst in America. That's about as much part of the 'UFO lobby' as you can get. (Incidentally, for those who don't believe this the ms. was seen by two well known ufologists on this list and has been discussed in print.).

>The lighthouse hypothesis was the main theory put forward by  
>sceptics, but Charles Halt was familiar with the lighthouse, and  
>stated that it was visible at the same time as the UFO.

I think we're back in Radical Misperception territory here. Witnesses - even 'credible' military ones- are often mistaken about what they have seen.

>The comments I have seen so far, both from believers and

>sceptics, have been negative.

Then you clearly haven't seen all the discussions. I think you'll find that my colleague Dave Clarke, who was featured heavily, was very pleased. Those who are not 'happy' tend to be from the extreme end of the belief spectrum, ie they are ET believers or debunkers. The documentary was rather more focussed on the effects the Rendlesham case has had on people's lives, together with comment from those qualified.

>Programme consultant Georgina  
>Bruni has been criticised by people who were expecting more new  
>data, but I do not believe this is fair comment.

Yet if Georgina was 'consultant' in anything other than lip service (and please note she doesn't appear in the documentary!) she must have suggested and ok'd the content to some degree. You can't have it both ways!

>In researching  
>her book on the case, "You Can't Tell The People", Georgina  
>built up a rapport with many of the witnesses, several of whom  
>she now counts as friends.

This is most entertaining. Surely if you are investigating the objective facts of a particular UFO cases becoming 'friends' with the witness/es is a dangerous and stupid thing to do. Becoming friendly immediately affects an investigator's ability to be an objective researcher. It's a sad but true fact that when investigators seek to become 'friends' with witnesses it is in the hope that they may be given access to information others aren't privy to. The acquisition of information in this way is automatically suspect.

The Mentorn documentary was an excellent overview of an interesting case. That neither the consultants, experts and witnesses could not make it sound more 'real' than a multiple Blair Witch Project experience speaks volumes for the available 'evidence'. If those who believe the documentary was 'negative' are unhappy about it they should have either refused to take part or to have given the documentary makers some evidence which proved some event of relevance took place there.

Blaming the documentary makers after the event is rather disingenuous.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Secrecy News -- 03/20/03

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## WAR AND CENSORSHIP

Information policy, including both secrecy and strategic disclosure, is one of the weapons of war, used to coerce, threaten or seduce the enemy, to protect sensitive operations, and to mobilize and sustain public support.

However, the efficiency of this form of "information warfare" is undermined by the growing multiplicity of competing information channels, including internet-based news media.

In a blunt effort to cope with this new reality, Israel's military censor yesterday contacted several Israeli websites to "remind" them -- to uncertain effect -- that they are required to comply with the same censorship rules as are print and broadcast media.

"Censors will be working 24 hours a day" to review submissions, Brig. Gen. Rachel Dolev wrote. "Given the circumstances [of the war on Iraq], I know I can count on your full cooperation, as required."

The Israeli Chief Censor's March 19 memos were posted on the web by Israeli attorney Boaz Guttman. Translations and a link to the originals may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2003/03/is031903.html>

The United States Government does not normally practice censorship in the narrow sense of restricting or altering news reports. But it generates classified "secrets" at a faster pace than any other country and imposes a variety of controls on unclassified information as well.

A compendium of "Department of Defense Webmasters Policies And Guidelines," including discussions of what information may and may not be published online, may be found here:

<http://www.defenselink.mil/webmasters/>

## NSA SEEKS FOIA EXEMPTION FOR OPERATIONAL FILES

The National Security Agency is asking Congress to grant an exemption from the Freedom of Information Act for NSA "operational files," enabling the Agency to categorically reject

FOIA requests for such files.

The proposed exemption was included in a package of legislative proposals submitted for consideration in the FY 2004 Defense Authorization Act.

"Currently, when NSA receives a FOIA request for records that document the means by which foreign intelligence or counterintelligence is collected through technical means, the Agency almost invariably withholds them on the bases that they are classified and pertain to core Agency activities," according to the DoD request. "Yet, processing these requests may require Agency personnel to be diverted from key mission areas, such as fighting the war on terrorism."

Similar exemptions have been granted to the CIA (in 1984), the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (1999), and the National Reconnaissance Office (2002). Remarkably, a proposal to exempt operational files of the Defense Intelligence Agency from FOIA was rejected in 2000 after public controversy erupted.

The NSA FOIA exemption proposal was first reported by Anne Plummer in Inside the Pentagon on March 20.

The text of the Defense Department's justification for the proposal may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2003/03/nsaopfiles.html>

#### SCIENCE AND SECURITY

The ongoing debate over whether and how to regulate potentially dangerous scientific research is yielding a consensus of opinion that rejects externally-imposed controls and depends strongly on self-regulation by scientists themselves.

"Traditional 'command and control' governance mechanisms will not work," wrote Gigi Kwik in the latest issue of Biodefense Quarterly. "Traditional approaches are neither effective nor efficient when applied to complex, diffuse, and rapidly evolving entities like... bioscience."

"Over time, we must build a network of checks and balances: regulations, incentives, cultural expectations and practices that encourage and enable progress in scientific understanding ... while simultaneously assuring responsible stewardship of bioscience so that it is not used for malevolent purposes," she said.

Dr. Kwik proposed a set of principles to inform and guide future debate on the subject. See her "Biosecurity: Science in the Balance" in Biodefense Quarterly, the newsletter of the Johns Hopkins Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies, Winter 2003:

[http://www.hopkins-biodefense.org/pages/news/pdf/quarter4\\_3.pdf](http://www.hopkins-biodefense.org/pages/news/pdf/quarter4_3.pdf)

#### NEW ACQUISITIONS

"The Judge Advocate's Handbook For Litigating National Security Cases: Prosecuting, Defending and Adjudicating National Security Cases," Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, 2002:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/jaghandbook.pdf>

"Iraq: Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Capable Missiles and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)" by Andrew Feickert, Congressional Research Service, updated March 3, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RS21376.pdf>

"Foreign Students in the United States: Policies and Legislation" by Ruth Ellen Wasem, Congressional Research Service, updated January 24, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL31146.pdf>

#### FACING THE TRUTHS OF HISTORY

A new book by ultra-orthodox Rabbi Nathan Kamenetsky, entitled "The Making of a Godol [Great Man]" has been banned by other ultra-orthodox rabbis, who have burned copies of the book and defamed its author for his respectful but unvarnished description of leading figures in the early 20th century orthodox Jewish world. See this account in the March 14 Forward:

<http://www.forward.com/issues/2003/03.03.14/arts1.html>

This is more than just a tiresome sectarian squabble. It is part of a fascinating confrontation with history that has wracked orthodox Jewry in recent years, raising profound questions about "the uses and disadvantages of history for life."

In ultra-orthodox circles, history is not a matter of books and conferences. It is an existential challenge that can keep you up at night, and drive you to extremes. The unfolding conflict has divided the community between those who insist that history must be contained within the boundaries of hagiography so as to edify its readers and those, like R. Kamenetsky, who contend that "truth is the seal of God."

Central features of the dispute were sensitively described by Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter in "Facing the Truths of History," Torah U-Madda Journal, published by Yeshiva University, Volume 8, 1998-1999, pp. 200-276.

Orthodox Jewish historiography can be a hoot. Analysis of one early twentieth century orthodox "history" volume revealed that its author had lifted the fictional plot and characters of an 1898 short story by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, entitled "The Jew's Breastplate," and incorporated them in his purportedly non-fictional text. An astonishing account of this imaginative excursion is presented in "The Adventure of the Maharal of Prague in London" by Prof. Shnayer Z. Leiman, Tradition, published by the Rabbinical Council of America, vol. 36, no. 1, spring 2002, pp. 26-58.

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## Interior's Ig Becomes Part Of Problem

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2003 13:05:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2003 15:41:07 -0500  
Subject: Interior's Ig Becomes Part Of Problem

Interior's IG Becomes Part of the Problem

"When it comes to citizens' information-access, federal agencies have no authority -- moral or legal -- to indulge in gamesmanship." -- Larry W. Bryant (March 20, 2003)

[LWB Note: When I snail-mailed a hard copy of my e-formatted letter of March 7, 2003, to the general counsel of the U. S. Department of the Interior in Washington, the unopened envelope boomeranged to my home address several days later. Someone totally had blacked out the addressee's title (General Counsel) and replaced it with the rubber-stamped words "Return to Sender - Not at this Address."

The letter (which now occupies a new envelope en route to the DOI secretary via certified mail) seeks the overruling of DOI official William W. Wolf's rejection of my appeal of the unwarranted (and covert) partial denial of my Roswell-related FOIA request processed a few months ago by the FOIA managers at the Bureau of Land Management.

Whoever in the DOI general counsel's office chose to sidetrack my March 7 request for reinstatement of my appeal has at the same time ignored the legal requirement contained in the last paragraph of that letter, to wit: "(2) Process this numbered subparagraph as a new, supplementary FOIA request - viz., for a copy of the entire contents to date of the BLM-maintained case file on my original request and subsequent appeal. Armed with that information, I can proceed with presenting my case fully to appropriate congressional bodies: that your department's FOIA-request processing system has at least one serious, unacceptable flaw that can be resolved, in part, by congressional intervention."

Likewise, the following response from the DOI inspector general (to whom I'd CC-ed a copy of my March 7 letter) indicates that no-one in that office really has bothered to comprehend either (a) the BLM impropriety cited by my March 7 letter or (b) the legal requirement to comply with the letter's subparagraph No. (2).

Do you get the feeling, now, that these DOI gatekeepers of public-information access are "protesting too much" about the (in)adequacy of their "well-established administrative procedures"? Beyond that gamesmanship, what about the inspector general's dereliction of his statutory duty to investigate (and help remedy) ANY form of official impropriety (including an agency's wanton failure to comply with "well-established" LAW)?]

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TO: Larry W. Bryant

FROM: Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Interior

DATE: March 13, 2003

Dear Mr. Bryant:

This is in response to your memorandum dated March 8, 2003 concerning your "rejected FOIA appeal."

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests are processed according to well-established administrative procedures. The Departmental FOIA Appeals Officer indicated to you that your appeal was untimely and referred your February 10, 2003, letter with attachments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) FOIA Officer to be treated as a new FOIA request and to consider the issues you raised in your appeal.

The Office of Inspector General does not have jurisdiction over the administrative FOIA procedures. The FOIA Officer for BLM should advise you of your administrative rights in any response they provide. The Office of Inspector General cannot serve as a substitute for these well-established administrative procedures.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Evans  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

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## Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2003 12:53:49 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 07:26:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien

>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 20:06:44 +0100  
>Subject: Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien Heritage

>...  
>This post is informative but disgusting. As if Eric von D had  
>not done a great disservice by putting out his slop through  
>books, talks, and TV. Now we have this crackpot theme park  
>coming to life.

>I wonder if it will have a Billy Meier area with a robot of him  
>and Semjase who will be "prophesizing"? Will there be a Raelian  
>cloned mutual masturbation religious area? I would not be  
>surprised if there is an area where E Von D claims that the  
>aliens had originally designed the World Trade Center.

Josh,

You need to do some homework before including Billy Meier in this group. Or, at the least, don't just accept the stuff that Kal Korff put out, and others have unthinkingly gone along with, as having any veracity. If you understand anything about photography, or the value of witnesses' support, you can learn of the many reasons why the Meier case can be no hoax, by viewing my website at:

<http://www.tjresearch.info/ufology.htm> with its links;

The wedding-cake UFO photos are now included here.

And for the many witnesses' statements of support, see:

<http://www.tjresearch.info/witness.htm>  
<http://www.tjresearch.info/witnessa.htm>

Jim Deardorff

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## A Question About Columbia's 'Mystery Object'

From: **Chaz Stuart** <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2003 22:09:38 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 07:28:47 -0500  
Subject: A Question About Columbia's 'Mystery Object'

Hello Everyone,

Something has puzzled me for a couple of weeks now. Perhaps someone out there can give me an answer since it must be obvious (to everyone except me) because no one else has asked the question.

NASA announced some time ago that a small (1-3') object was detected by radar moving along with the shuttle the second day in orbit. It gradually moved away from the Columbia at about 15 mph and then, two days later, "nosedived" into the atmosphere ([www.space.com](http://www.space.com)) and burned up. It is assumed by most that the object was in fact a piece of the shuttle that had broken away due to damage encountered during the launch or because of a collision with space junk or even a meteor. A waste water dump was also posited as a possibility.

My question is the following: Why would the object enter the Earth's atmosphere so quickly when it had the same velocity and orbit as the shuttle? As I understand it, the shuttles use their thrusters and retros merely to maneuver into different positions and not to stay in orbit. In fact, on at least one occasion, I recall a shuttle crew releasing a satellite from the cargo bay. I don't think it's orbit decayed two days later!

Perhaps someone can give me a simple answer to this simple question?

--Chaz

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## Re: New Bentwaters Documentary - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 05:36:04 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 07:31:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Bentwaters Documentary - Stevenson

>From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 21:43:18 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Bentwaters Documentary

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 02:55:20 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: New Bentwaters Documentary

>>>From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 21:42:32 -0000  
>>>Subject: New Bentwaters Documentary

><snip>

>>You will see from my comments in the appended post that I  
>>remarked that you made no mention of the radiation readings at  
>>Rendlesham. Was this due to editorial omission, or have you  
>>changed your view on the importance of the radiation readings?

>I have not altered my belief that the radiation readings taken  
>are extremely important. There are, as you will be aware,  
>debates over whether the readings were recorded accurately, and  
>over the suitability of the equipment used to take the readings.  
>But any investigation of this aspect of the case must start with  
>the data actually provided, and not subjective analyses of these  
>data. Bear in mind also that the initial advice we received from  
>specialists in the Defence Intelligence Staff was that Halt's  
>reading of 0.1 milliroentgens "seems significantly higher than  
>the average background of about 0.015 mr". This assessment is  
>recorded in a document dated 23 February 1981, which is on the  
>MOD website, and is the eighth document in the link below:

>[http://www.mod.uk/linked\\_files/publications/foi/ufo/ufofilepart1.pdf](http://www.mod.uk/linked_files/publications/foi/ufo/ufofilepart1.pdf)

>Later on in the MOD file is a note (dated 15 April 1994) of a  
>conversation that I had with Giles Cowling from the Defence  
>Radiological Protection Service, following my re-opening of the  
>MOD's investigation into this incident. His view on Halt's data  
>was that the peak reading was ten times background levels.

>Halt's original readings and the two official MOD analyses of  
>these readings are still vitally important. That said, the case  
>does not stand or fall on the radiation data alone. The  
>radiation readings must be considered alongside the witness  
>testimonies, the radar data, and other aspects of this  
>intriguing case.

Hello Nick and all

The most objectional thing about this programme on BBC3 is that  
it replaced the final episode of 'Taken' which I was looking  
forward to watching which was usually after the preceding  
episode on BBC2.

Yes. I was angry indeed at the choice of the BBC programmers and

even angrier that the programme was somewhat (an understatement) deficient in all respects.

My temper also rose at seeing footage of the base bearing in mind our present War stance and possibility of the base being a terrorist target.

The BBC ought to know better than continue upsetting Sci Fi fans as they do and did.

Don't think that my TV license will be renewed when due.

Kind wishes

Colin

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## Re: UN Petition Update - Stevenson

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Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 06:07:11 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 07:36:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: UN Petition Update - Stevenson

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 17:46:24 -0500  
>Subject: UN Petition Update

>The UN Petition signature count stands at 2671 after one year  
>on-line. I think I'd feel prouder of the number if it was  
>exclusively an "American" effort, but it's not. For a campaign  
>that is supposed to be 'International,' twenty-six hundred  
>signatures, after a full year of soliciting support for the  
>effort, just isn't very impressive.

>Therefore... I am going to extend the time frame for gathering  
>signatures another year. I am hoping that we can do 'better' if  
>we just give it some more time. It also happens to be a 'bad  
>time' to submit such a petition given the current world  
>political climate.

>We need help getting the number of signatures up. Banners on  
>websites with active links to the petition, word of mouth, any  
>and all forms of 'spreading the word' are needed to make the  
>petition an attention grabber when it is finally submitted.

>Again, please... help to spread the word in any way you can.  
>This isn't the kind of thing that anyone can pull off alone. But  
>together, we can make miracles happen.

>Sign the International Petition for UFO information disclosure.  
>Tell everyone you know about it. If you maintain a UFO related  
>website, post a banner with an active link to the petition in a  
>prominent place on your webpages. Get involved. Participate.  
>Make your voices heard.

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

Hi John and all UFO webmasters

If all webmasters could link direct to your banner and use it  
simply on our websites then things would be much easier and you  
might get more folk giving links to you, thus more folk signing  
the petition.

The amount of work a webmaster does is increased by a lack of  
direct link banner thus we have to graphic our own for you which  
is unacceptable.

can you open the .jpg link

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition/images/petpghdr.jpg>

so we can use it please and present your banner on our websites  
easily

Regards

Colin

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## "Aztec UFO Crash A Scam"

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<http://www.daily-times.com/Stories/0,1413,129%257E6572%257E1254056,00.html>

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Opponents: UFO crash a 'scam'  
By Debra Mayeux/The Daily Times

AZTEC A hoax, a scam developed by two con men. That is what most in the scientific community think about an alleged UFO crash in Hart Canyon north of Aztec.

A discussion on this crash and others will be the topic of the annual UFO Symposium March 21-23 at the Aztec Civic Center.

The UFO containing two or more alien bodies, burnt beyond recognition, crashed in the canyon northeast of Aztec in March 1948. The story is it was struck by radar from one of the military's top secret installations in the southwest mountains. The microwave beam forced the spacecraft out of the sky and caused it to impact the earth.

Some believe the story saying the crash was successfully covered up by the government. Others mainly scientists say the story was an elaborate tale created by two con men, Silas Newton and Edward GeBauer. The men lacked credibility and wanted to sell a doodle bug machine with extraterrestrial technology to the oil companies in the region.

This is the story former CIA operative Karl Pflock tells when asked about Aztec.

"I have been fortunate enough to take a look at a hand-written journal some 20 pages written by Silas Newton. In it he says the entire thing was a hoax to get their doodle bug (project) off the ground," Pflock said.

Also in the diary was a section, where Newton claimed to have been approached by government agents, who asked him to continue to spread the myth as real because it was his "patriotic duty to help keep the smoke screen up of a real recovery of a saucer," Pflock said.

Pflock contributes his lack of belief in the Aztec story to the Newton journal and to the fact that there were no newspaper accounts of the actual crash. There is also a "complete absence of physical evidence. There is nothing about anything of a crash in Aztec," he said.

Pflock thinks the story may have been dreamed up after a real fireball was spotted on Oct. 30, 1947, in the Four Corners area. It actually crashed somewhere on the Navajo Reservation.

"GeBauer was out in the Aztec area during that time," Pflock said.

Pflock will speak from 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday. His topic is titled "Attacked by a flying saucer," and it is the story of an alleged UFO sighting in Florida.

The saucer was seen by a scout master on the night of Aug. 15,

1952. "He went out in the woods and saw a hovering saucer," Pflock said adding the man was shot with a plasma ray.

"This has long been considered a hoax, but I don't think it is," he said. "There's some very interesting physical evidence which could not have been fake."

He will make a comparison as to how this sighting is similar to Aztec.

"This is a case that like Aztec has long been considered a hoax," he said.

Regardless of his reservations about Aztec, Pflock has continued to look at the incident with an open mind. He has done some of his own research which has not been conclusive.

The researcher has even gone so far as to dig up old newspaper articles relating to the alleged crash. One was found in the Oct. 26, 1974, edition of the Tucson Arizona Daily Star, which reported the saucer crash as being phony.

"Dwight Patton of the Aztec Independent Review said he interviewed people and came up totally dry on the (saucer crash). However, Martin Pacheco of Blanco remembered the meteor of 1947," Pflock said.

"There s nothing in the formerly classified records. It would be wonderful if there were something we could lay our hands on, but as far as I'm concerned there's nothing but a lot of fun," he said.

The fun was in regards to the annual symposium. This will be Pflock's second year as a guest speaker, and he credits organizers for developing a solid agenda of informative and fun activities.

"I was impressed with the quality of the speakers. They have made a genuine effort to get a wide variety of people with different points of view," Pflock said. "Roswell is more like a street carnival."

Pflock will also be available for a question and answer session during the symposium's meet and greet social event at 6 p.m. Friday. Tickets for the event at \$18 for one or \$30 for two.

Tickets for the symposium are \$50 for both Saturday and Sunday or \$35 for Saturday and \$20 for Sunday.

Information: Aztec Symposium hotline, (505) 334-9890.

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<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,542-615596,00.html>

March 19, 2003

Milky Way Calling

Are aliens trying to tell us something by radio?

The search for the yeti has taken adventurers high into the Himalayas in pursuit of giant footprints in the snow; Seti \_ the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence \_ is looking for radio footprints in the cosmos, and has taken scientists through realms billions of times more remote, alien and mysterious than anything known to earthlings. And yet, amid the cacophony of space sounds that have bombarded the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico (five billion signals over the past four years), there are, intriguingly, 150 that defy rational explanation. Are they indeed cris de coeur from the distant heavens, a desperate and random attempt to pierce through infinity and end our planetary isolation? Or are they merely junk radio, the escaping megahertz from a Martian CB trucker tired of listening to the interplanetary edition of The Archers?

Whoever first cracks the code of the little green men should not keep it secret. Seti guidelines insist that he or she immediately telegram (if this Victorian mode of communication can be revived) the International Astronomical Union and the United Nations, which has drawn up a protocol on how nations should respond to alien conduct (though Jacques Chirac threatens a veto, regardless of the form of life). It insists that the globe's radios maintain immediate silence on the relevant waveband \_ which would make any hoax worthwhile if it led to the muting of our more mindless DJs.

Reaching out to our intergalactic cousins began years ago, with the dispatch of space vehicles emblazoned with earthly graffiti \_ an anatomically correct depiction of man and woman, in case original sin was also universal sin. There were a few simple equations for those gastropods from Jupiter who were good at algebra, and a "we are here" map of the solar system so that aliens would know where to rendezvous on the agreed date. But searching the skies for a response takes a lot more effort and computing time. Seti, however, has so captured our imagination that thousands have been enlisted in the quest, and have heroically made available their spare computing capacity, in the downtime between the evening search for internet exotica and the next morning's e-mails. Already an astonishing 1.3 million years of computing time have been put to the search, which seems a lot but may be a mere blink of an amoeba's carbon eyelid on a stellar desert in the Milky Way.

Trekking the stars has become a global obsession, and with luck astronomers will one day hack into an alien computer intelligence that is Windows-compatible. But it could take aeons. Surely the quickest way would be for ET to ring home, and for us to trace the call.

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## 'UFOs Are Saddam's Secret!'

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Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 08:17:08 -0500  
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<http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/0,2106,2346716a4560,00.html>

UFOs Are Saddam's Secret - UFO Watchers Claim  
21 March 2003  
By Martin Davey

President Bush decided to attack Iraq because he was scared Saddam Hussein would use technology from a crashed alien spaceship, UFO watchers claim.

But the dictator doesn't want "Dubya" getting his hands on the space-age technology, says a professed Kiwi UFO expert.

He and his fellow space-case managers say a UFO crashed in Iraq in 1998.

Top American secret agents have been worried since then that Iraqi president Saddam would break it down to find out how to build his own spaceship and weapons, they claim.

Wellington UFO believer Bre said President Bush wouldn't be told about the spacecraft.

"Normally the president of the USA doesn't have a security clearance high enough to be in the know about all the Black Operations projects.

"You have to have MK Ultra clearance, before you are given access to such things as reverse engineering alien technology," Bre said.

George Dubya's father George Bush senior - who was president during the last Gulf war in 1991 - was a former head of the CIA.

Apparently he told his son.

And somehow Bre - who doesn't have a last name - has found out about the UFO conspiracy.

"Bush senior was privy to info that he wouldn't normally have access to," Bre told Truth.

The Americans should be careful in case Saddam already had alien weapons technology, Bre said.

"I imagine Saddam would delight in knocking the USA's airforce out of his skies," he said.

He forwarded Truth an email from an American UFO watcher.

She claimed President Clinton almost attacked Iraq in 1998 after Saddam threw out United Nations weapons inspectors.

But Clinton decided against it at the last minute.

He was scared Saddam already had alien technology, she claimed.

[UFO UpDates thanks [www.http://anomalist.com](http://anomalist.com) for the lead]

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## Identify UFO Hoaxes - From Real Alien Spacecraft!

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Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 08:23:29 -0500  
Subject: Identify UFO Hoaxes - From Real Alien Spacecraft!

<http://www.weeklyuniverse.com/2003/voron-2.htm>

How You Can Identify UFO Hoaxes - From Real Alien Spacecraft!  
by Thomas M. Sipos  
L.A. bureau chief  
January 1, 2003

[WeeklyUniverse.com] Real true-life alien spacecraft affect their surrounding environment - something UFO hoaxers have difficulty replicating. That's one of the amazing telltale signs used by ufologists to verify authentic UFO phenomena photos - and one of the "insider professional secrets" revealed by internationally celebrated ufologist Der Voron, author of Unidentified Flying Objects: Starcraft, as explained to the Weekly Universe in an astounding and exclusive interview.

Talking exclusively to the Weekly Universe, Voron explains: "The functioning of starcraft ionic-microwave engines (aka antigravitation or electromagnetic engines) is accompanied by electromagnetic field phenomena, i.e. plasma, which can cause air mass movements."

For instance, Voron says that the UFO photo to the left "seems to be real" because it captures the "fire ring" of a plasma drive.

But the plasma created by ionic-microwave engines and energy generators can also appear as "fog clots," says Voron.

As an example, he offers the startling photo to the right, which he claims is "another seemingly real UFO photograph."

When analyzing UFO photos, Voron seeks "movement of air masses around the UFO" - a telltale sign that the photo is no hoax!

When real true-life starships descend, says Voron, "ionic-microwave streams interact with the environment. Here [photo, left] we can see plants to stoop because of such interaction."  
Thus, a real starcraft!

Even more shockingly, starship electromagnetic fields can impact our environment in still other ways - some of them potentially deadly!

UFO sightings have been accompanied by dangerous engine failures in planes, boats, cars - as well as failures in other mechanical, electronics, communication devices.

Voron offers the following documented true-life examples of potentially deadly starcraft sightings:

\* January 7, 1948. Captain Thomas Mantell, while chasing a UFO near Fort Knox, Kentucky in his F-51 Mustang - crashed!

\* July 24, 1948. An Eastern Airlines DC-3, flown by Captain Clarence S. Chiles over Montgomery, Alabama - almost collided into a UFO!

\* November 23, 1953. Lt. Felix Moncla, piloting an F-89C

Interceptor, was chasing a UFO over Lake Superior - and disappeared! No trace of the F-89C - or of Felix Moncla - was ever found!

\* October 21, 1978. Civilian pilot Frederick Valentich, while flying a single engine Cessna over the Bass Straits between Australia and King Island, radioed to ground control in Melbourne, to report he was being followed by a UFO! Those radio conversations were the last words of Valentich - both pilot and Cessna vanished!

Voron is quick to add that not all starcraft encounters turn deadly - but as all true-life starcraft impact the environment in some way, the editorial board of Weekly Universe warns its huge family of readers:

Keep watching the skies - but use caution!

Der Voron may be contacted at: [der-voron@linkeseite.zzn.com](mailto:der-voron@linkeseite.zzn.com)  
His website is: <http://starcraft-version1.tripod.com>

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## Brazil's EBE-ET Address Change

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <[thiagolt@opengate.com.br](mailto:thiagolt@opengate.com.br)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 10:18:02 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 08:35:27 -0500  
Subject: Brazil's EBE-ET Address Change

Hello List,

Please, update the EBE-ET address:

SHCGN 706, Bloco N casa 30.  
ASA NORTE  
Brasilia/DF  
Brazil  
ZIP Code: 70740714

tel (+55) 61 272-2703

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti  
Vice-presidente da EBE-ET/RAB  
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## Re: New Bentwaters Documentary - Pope

From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 13:31:57 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 08:50:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Bentwaters Documentary - Pope

>From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 05:36:04 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Bentwaters Documentary

>Hello Nick and all

>The most objectional thing about this programme on BBC3 is that  
>it replaced the final episode of 'Taken' which I was looking  
>forward to watching which was usually after the preceding  
>episode on BBC2.

<snip>

Colin and List,

I don't think Mentorn can be blamed for this, because the BBC had always planned that the final episode of 'Taken' would be simulcast (i.e. simultaneously broadcast) on BBC 2 and BBC 3, on Saturday 22 March. This is quite a common practice.

As you may know, BBC 3's first theme night is due to take place on Saturday evening. This starts at 8pm with a repeat showing of the Mentorn documentary on the Bentwaters incident. The final episode of 'Taken' will be shown at 9pm. At 10.25pm a programme called 'Pure Taken' will be shown. This is a live show which will feature interviews with cast members, together with emails, texts and calls from fans. I'll be one of three studio guests discussing the show. At 11.25pm there will be a repeat showing of the episode of 'Louis Theroux's Weird Weekends' that deals with US Ufology. Finally, at 12.15am a documentary entitled 'Inside Taken' will be shown.

And don't forget that the feature-length finale of The X-Files will be shown on BBC 2 on Sunday March 23, from 10.45pm to 12.10am. Enjoy!

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Re: UN Petition Update - Hayes

From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 08:47:09 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 09:47:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: UN Petition Update - Hayes

>From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 06:07:11 -0000  
>Subject: Re: UN Petition Update

<snip>

>Hi John and all UFO webmasters

>If all webmasters could link direct to your banner and  
>use it simply on our websites then things would be much  
>easier and you might get more folk giving links to you,  
>thus more folk signing the petition.

>The amount of work a webmaster does is increased by a  
>lack of direct link banner thus we have to graphic our  
>own for you which is unacceptable.

>can you open the .jpg link

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/petition/images/petpghdr.jpg>

>so we can use it please and present your banner on our  
>websites easily

Hi Colin and all Webmasters,

If John was to do that he could end up with a bandwidth problem if too many people link to the graphic, I've had this problem in the past.

Personally I do not think it takes much time to save a copy of the graphic and put a link on the site, as John probably knows I've had 3 links up since just after the petition was announced.

Should say that if this sounds like criticism it's not, just my personal thoughts.....

Best wishes,

John Hayes

<http://www.ufoinfo.com>

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## Re: UFO UpDate: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 12 -

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 12:06:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 14:12:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 12 -

>From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 14:43:16 +0000  
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 12

>Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

><[Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com)>

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>UFO ROUNDUP  
>Volume 8, Number 12  
>March 19, 2003  
>Editor: Joseph Trainor

<snip>

>ASTRONOMER LEADS FIGHT  
>AGAINST MOON HOAX  
>CONSPIRACY THEORISTS

>"Phil Plait, 38-year-old astronomer and skeptic, was  
>on the California State University, Northridge campus  
>Friday," March 14, 2003, "punching holes in the tenacious  
>myth that American astronauts never landed on the moon."  
"Given the crowd, Plait didn't have much persuading

<snip>

>"Look at the American flag supposedly being planted  
>on the moon, the moon hoaxers say. If the astronauts were  
>really on the moon, which has no atmosphere, why is the  
>flag waving?"  
>"Plait explains that the astronauts caused the flag  
>to move as they drilled the flagpole into the surface of  
>the moon; inertia creates the apparent waving motion."  
>(Editor's Comment: Which leaves the intriguing question of  
>why the wave motion stopped after several minutes,  
>especially when no counter-force was applied by the  
>astronauts to halt the inertia of the original motion.)

One may logically assume that the motion of the flag stopped because of friction within the flag material itself. Flag "waving" requires repeated bending of the fibers that make up the flag. It takes force to bend a material. The work done on bending is converted by internal friction (friction within the fiber material) to heat. Thus the mechanical energy of the motion of the fiber (flag waving) is dissipated by the friction and the flag stops waving.

<snip>

>From the UFO Files...

>2003: THE ALIENS AND THE  
>SHUTTLE COLUMBIA

>By Der Voron

>"The crash of the space shuttle Columbia occurred on  
>February 1, 2003. Soon, many versions were offered to  
>explain it. Here we would like to propose an explanation  
>for this crash. Let us analyze all the facts."

<snip>

>"So, actually, there may be two explanations for  
>Columbia's crash."  
>"(I) Hot air friction sparked a fire in the damaged  
>(unprotected--D.V.) area while Columbia was descending at  
>a speed of about 3.8 miles per second. The fire burnt  
>through the unprotected area and then reached the internal  
>areas of the shuttle, its engines and fuel tanks."  
  
>"The problem with this scenario is that it could  
>easily have occurred during the shuttle's takeoff, when  
>its speed and air friction were approximately the same as  
>when landing, and when the shuttle had much more fuel than  
>during landing."

No.

It is true that the shuttle reached a very high speed as it  
approached orbit, but while it was in the sensible (lower)  
atmosphere where burnup could take place it was still  
accelerating and it was not traveling at orbital speed. By the  
time it achieved full speed it was well out of the atmosphere.

>"(II) It was shot down by extraterrestrials. Maybe  
>they didn't use any weapons to crash it, but simply  
>approached in their craft, causing Columbia's electronics  
>and engines to fail because of the effect of the alien  
>starcraft's electromagnetic field. It also may be that an  
>alien craft had approached the Columbia without any  
>malicious intent, but that its electromagnetic field  
>effects on Columbia's electronics and engines was  
>unforeseen by the aliens."

>"This, however, doesn't explain why the shuttle  
>exploded in the air, instead of merely plummeting to  
>Earth."

If the electronic controls were shut down the shuttle would not  
be able to maintain the correct "attack angle" as it entered the  
atmosphere. This angle is designed to let the special heat  
tiles take the "beating" of the atmosphere. Under these  
conditions of no control even an undamaged shuttle would  
start to wobble and eventually turn broadside into the  
atmosphere, then break apart and burn up.

>Thus, the more likely scenario is that the  
>Columbia was show down by the alien craft."

>"If so, the question arises--what did the aliens wish  
>to show mankind by their actions? Possibly that chemical-  
>based engines (which are used even by such advanced craft  
>as space shuttles--D.V.) have about reached their peak  
>effectiveness and reliability--and it is time to develop  
>and actively use more reliable engines."

>"Today's weapons and missiles, which are much less  
>effective than ray and/or laser weapons, have  
>approximately the same condition."

The logic, if any, in this escapes me.

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## FOIA Request To Industrial College Armed Forces

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Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 02:59:47 -0500  
Subject: FOIA Request To Industrial College Armed Forces

To: [mashburnNH@ndu.edu](mailto:mashburnNH@ndu.edu)

TO: Maj. Gen. Harold Mashburn, Jr., USMC  
Commandant, Industrial College of the Armed Forces  
National Defense University  
Fort Lesley J. McNair  
Washington, DC 20319

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

DATE: March 21, 2003

Referring to the below-quoted item from the March 14, 2003, Washington Post's column "In the Loop," I hereby submit this letter as a formal, written freedom-of-information request that you send me a copy of all ICAF/NDU-generated and all ICAF/NDU-received records pertaining to the subject matter of the item in question -- said records to include the following:

Intradepartmental/agency and interdepartmental/agency correspondence (including all e-mail messages from/to ICAF-NDU faculty/administration); congressional-inquiry tasking documents; minutes of (and notes taken from) all related meetings of the Deans Council and the University Council; memoranda of telephone conversations; faxed documents; document-transmittal slips; memoranda for record; interview transcripts; curriculum-development plans; faculty-development proposals; briefing-paper "talking points" and charts; legal opinions; policy statements; personnel-counseling reports; administrative notices; and responses to news-media inquiries/contacts.

Since I make this request (1) on behalf of the public's interest in knowing how your agency responds to and abides by concerns about "academic freedom" and First Amendment-protected expression of dissent among your studentry, faculty, and administration; and (2) as a First Amendment scholar focusing on public employees' free-speech issues and protections, I ask that you waive all records-search fees incident to your fulfilling it.

Here's the text of the "In the Loop" item:

"Academic Freedom Is, Uh, Academic

"Meanwhile, that blast of the Mother of All Bombs in Florida on Tuesday wasn't the only big military explosion this week. Another came when an e-mail from Maj. Gen. Harold Mashburn Jr., commandant of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, hit the computers of staff and faculty at the National Defense University at Fort McNair.

"Seems the academic affairs unit, headed by school vice president James Keagle, was putting together its agenda for the weekly deans meeting. Item 8 was to be 'academic freedom discussed in the context of how to raise sensitive issues and/or manage the discussion of same,' Keagle's e-mail said. NDU's

students and faculty are a mix of military and civilians from the intelligence and diplomatic communities.

"'Jim,' Mashburn replied, 'as far as I know, no one in the Executive Branch may make negative remarks about the Commander in Chief or his decisions -- public remarks, does not mean the academic environment of the seminars/committees. I think all here are paid by that branch. Academic freedom does not apply. Enough said.'

"Some recipients went ballistic. Mashburn clarified yesterday in an interview that at the closed-door, 'non-attributed' seminars, free-wheeling discussion, even of the negative variety, was fine, but not in public. 'We can't have dual standards of academic freedom,' he said, one for civilians and one for the military.

"This is a military base, he said, and the military standard is Article 88 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which he read to us: 'Contempt toward officials. Any commissioned officer who uses contemptuous words against the president, the vice president, Congress, the secretary of defense, the secretary of a military department, the secretary of transportation, or the governor or legislature of any state, territory, commonwealth, or possession in which he is on duty or present shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.'

"So that's the standard to be followed. Bad-mouth Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld or Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta or the D.C. Council or even much-maligned California Gov. Gray Davis (D) and it could be a long time in the brig."

Please note, General, that I'm snail-mailing to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

LARRY W. BRYANT

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## Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien

From: **Josh Goldstein** <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 00:45:25 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 03:06:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2003 12:53:49 -0800  
>Subject: Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien Heritage

>>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
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>>Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 20:06:44 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien Heritage

>>...

>>This post is informative but disgusting. As if Eric von D had  
>>not done a great disservice by putting out his slop through  
>>books, talks, and TV. Now we have this crackpot theme park  
>>coming to life.

>>I wonder if it will have a Billy Meier area with a robot of him  
>>and Semjase who will be "prophesizing"? Will there be a Raelian  
>>cloned mutual masturbation religious area? I would not be  
>>surprised if there is an area where E Von D claims that the  
>>aliens had originally designed the World Trade Center.

>You need to do some homework before including Billy Meier in  
>this group. Or, at the least, don't just accept the stuff that  
>Kal Korff put out, and others have unthinkingly gone along with,  
>as having any veracity. If you understand anything about  
>photography, or the value of witnesses' support, you can learn  
>of the many reasons why the Meier case can be no hoax, by  
>viewing my website at:

><http://www.tjresearch.info/ufology.htm> with its links;

>The wedding-cake UFO photos are now included here.

>And for the many witnesses' statements of support, see:

><http://www.tjresearch.info/witness.htm>  
><http://www.tjresearch.info/witnessa.htm>

Hi Jim,

I was just being humorous in my own smarmy way. I hope still  
have a sense of humor. I guess it would be better for each  
person I mentioned to have his own theme park in whatever ways  
are chosen.

I must admit I have not looked at your website for a while. I  
don't have the time right now. Plus, the religious parts are not  
of great interest to me since I don't believe in any religions  
or gospels.

As for being influenced by Kal Korff, I had gained my sense of  
this case long before he came along. I remember when it first  
became known in California, I remember Wendelle Stevens' early  
stuff came out about Billy. I bought the first pressing of the  
Contact book. I thought the photos and stories quite  
interesting, but I always asked:

"I wonder if this is real".

In the early 1980s I hired Will Mangin, a video editor, to work on a music video. He told me that not long before then he had worked on editing the original Contact video. If I remember correctly that was done at Sky Crosby's ranch. Will was a friend of Wendelle Stevens and I don't remember if Jim Dilettoso was involved.

Later on I went to a few Billy Meier group meetings in California, went to UFO meetings, conferences and conventions where I used to see Guido Moosebugger speak. I probably even met you and heard you speak about the case. I used to see Michael Hesseman and listen to him speak about the case. A German woman I am friends with used to be Michael Hesseman's girlfriend here in Deutschland. I have not seen him for five years or so. Otherwise I've followed this case through the UFO community for many years.

Jim, I have my own feelings about this case over many years but I don't want to get into this now. I don't want that Pandora's box to open up here again. We've discussed this case intensively on this List. People can check the archives if they so desire. This case has been one of the biggest rows in the UFO world for a very long time. It probably has been a row of more print and duration than even Gulf Breeze or Rendlesham.

Happy trails,

Josh

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Subject: Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2003 12:53:49 -0800  
>Subject: Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien Heritage

>>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 20:06:44 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien Heritage

>>This post is informative but disgusting. As if Eric von D had  
>>not done a great disservice by putting out his slop through  
>>books, talks, and TV. Now we have this crackpot theme park  
>>coming to life.

>>I wonder if it will have a Billy Meier area with a robot of him  
>>and Semjase who will be "prophesizing"? Will there be a Raelian  
>>cloned mutual masturbation religious area? I would not be  
>>surprised if there is an area where E Von D claims that the  
>>aliens had originally designed the World Trade Center.

>You need to do some homework before including Billy Meier in  
>this group. Or, at the least, don't just accept the stuff that  
>Kal Korff put out, and others have unthinkingly gone along with,  
>as having any veracity. If you understand anything about  
>photography, or the value of witnesses' support, you can learn  
>of the many reasons why the Meier case can be no hoax, by  
>viewing my website at:

><http://www.tjresearch.info/ufology.htm> with its links;

>The wedding-cake UFO photos are now included here.

>And for the many witnesses' statements of support, see:

><http://www.tjresearch.info/witness.htm>  
><http://www.tjresearch.info/witnessa.htm>

Hello, all Josh, Jim.

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108 ft, 6in length. Note the clarity of the Moble Homes, Firefighters,  
Trees, smoke and the Aircraft. Note how everthing is in perspective.

Just asking,

GT McCoy

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## UFO Site Infects Computer?

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@LARRYHATCH.NET](mailto:larry@LARRYHATCH.NET)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 04:18:39 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 07:42:34 -0500  
Subject: UFO Site Infects Computer?

UFO site infects computer: sucks in 50 spams per day

Hello all:

I don't know if this is a moron or a put-on.

I got the email below about 36 hours ago. I responded, but nothing new has come in yet.

Did anybody else get a message like this? "JimJan" apparently wrote in because of my website.

I never heard of a UFO site infecting a computer before, much less one that attracts SPAM at such a rate.

Best wishes

- Larry

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>Subj: Serious.....it's to 'over seas'  
>Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2003 14:16:57 -0800  
>From: "JimJan" [address deleted -LH]  
>To: <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>

>Mr Hatch:

>My name is Jim Beirl and I do hope you can help me out of  
>this problem. Somehow ---- by someone ---- this "UFO"  
>Site was downloaded on to this computer. I can not find out  
>HOW the mail can be terminated. We get some 50 letters per day.  
>We are on our way to Japan and 3 weeks of letters is just way  
>beyond our means of deletion. ANY HELP?  
>Thank you Mr. Hatch.

>jim beirl [address deleted again -LH]

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## Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 10:50:25 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 15:29:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>& beamship' photos, why are the subject's perspective, ah,  
>questionable?

Hello GT,

Some of the perspectives can become 'questionable' if one's mind is already programmed with the would-be debunker's thought 'Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up.' But consider that first photo showing one of the wedding-cake UFOs up close, at

<http://www.tjresearch.info/Wedcake.htm>

which is also shown in the FIGU website of Switzerland, and in Vol. 2 of Lee & Brit Elders' pictorial book. It's perspective there hasn't been discussed on this list previously.

In that photo the UFO occupies some 60% of the width of the frame. The features on its front-facing side are obviously way out of focus, while its rear edge is in very good focus - just as good as that of the van in the near background. Depth-of-field considerations then require the craft to have been large. The reasons, and arithmetic, as to why a small model wouldn't work in this case are given in the above website file. (A camera that's focussed on a model some 7 ft away will not yield good focus to an object (van) some 75 ft away.) By 1981 Meier had replaced his camera of 1975-76, whose focus adjustment and view finder were broken, with a Ricoh Singlex TLS camera in operable condition.

The photos of the beamship posing on all sides of the tree that later vanished have been discussed on this list before. At:

<http://www.tjresearch.info/moretrees.htm>

the claims of Korff are all refuted, and reasons why the tree was no model or 'baby' tree are given. Here the would-be debunker ignores the proper perspectives of the photo and assumes that no alien/ET would ever utilize its advanced knowledge and technology to cause a mature tree to disappear, or would be wise enough to implement a strategy involving plausible deniability. He also ignores the report from witnesses who saw the tree afterwards in a dying condition before it vanished.

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>108 ft, 6in length. Note the clarity of the Mobile Homes, Firefighters,  
>Trees, smoke and the Aircraft. Note how everthing is in perspective.

Just as in any photo. If you find anything wrong with the  
'perspective' in any of Meier's photos, it ought to be OK to  
mention it and discuss it on this list.

In your photo of the aircraft and its effluent, you might wish  
to check out its depth of field (in which objects are all in  
'reasonably' good focus) and notice if any object lies too close  
to the camera to be within that region of good focus.

Jim Deardorff

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## Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien

From: Tom Bowden <[tomrbowden@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrbowden@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 11:30:36 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 15:31:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2003 20:47:10 -0800  
>Subject: Re: 'Prophet' Opens Theme Park For Our Alien Heritage

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>in perspective.

GT,

I am responding only about the photographic question. You cannot draw valid conclusions by comparing this photo with the Billy Meier photos unless you also compare the data about the camera, the exposure settings, the lens, the film, and the available light. Such information is essential in analyzing photographs of UFOs, whether to validate them or prove them to be a hoax.

The photo you offered shows a scene in broad daylight with people and buildings in the middle/foreground, all in focus and not blurred by motion, while in the background the aircraft and the falling load of borate are also shown in focus and not noticeably blurred by motion. This indicates a fast shutter speed and a good depth of field, which with most near-normal focal-length lenses, indicates an aperture of f8 or smaller. F-stops of higher number are smaller apertures. If taken with film, a film speed of ASA 400 or faster would have been needed for this photo.

If this was taken with a digital camera, then the technology is quite different, and the stop-action capabilities and depth-of-field possibilities are not limited by film sensitivity. In fact, I strongly suspect that the aircraft photo was taken with a digital camera because of the quality of the computerized image.

Billy Meier's photos were all taken with relatively unsophisticated equipment. Digital cameras did not exist back then. I would guess his film speed was in the 80 to 100 ASA range. With lower film speeds, it is harder to get both great depth of field and a stop-action shutter speed. If you want



photographic data about the Meier photos, someone has probably written a study about them.

The answer to your question is that you are trying to mix apples and oranges, therefore your conclusion that the subject's perspective is questionable is not supported by comparison to the aircraft photo. I have looked at these Meier photos, and I completely disagree with your conclusion about the perspective. There may be some arguments against the validity of the photos, but you have not found the right argument in this case.

Happy hunting!

Tom Bowden

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## Re: UFOs In Ancient Art - Cuoghi

From: Diego Cuoghi <[diegocuoghi@spamcop.net](mailto:diegocuoghi@spamcop.net)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 21:06:10 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 15:33:38 -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.

Hello Amy,

After a month (with a little help from my friends) I composed  
the first page in English of my work about "ART & UFO":

[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte\\_UFO\\_eng.htm](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO_eng.htm)

It's still under construction because I need to control the  
translation and find some original quotations (ie. Kenneth  
Clark's sentence). If you find errors (I'm sure it's full...)  
please let me know.

Diego Cuoghi

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<http://www.diegocuoghi.com>

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## A FOIA Response From The FBI

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 17:14:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 17:56:23 -0500  
Subject: A FOIA Response From The FBI

An Uncharacteristically Timely FOIA Response From The FBI

By a form letter dated March 18, 2003, FOIA officer David M. Hardy at FBI headquarters in Washington informs me:

"This is in response to your [March 5, 2003] Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request noted above [No. 0974433-000 -- for access to all FBI-generated/received records pertaining to the Kecksburg, Pa., UFO Incident of Dec. 9, 1965].

Based on the information furnished, a search of the automated indices to our central records system files at FBI Headquarters located no records responsive to your FOIPA request to indicate you and/or the subject(s) of your request have ever been of investigatory interest to the FBI."

The form letter encloses a one-page "FBI File Fact Sheet," the last paragraph of which advises: "If you believe that files exist in one of the FBI field offices, it is incumbent upon you to direct a request to the appropriate office."

This means, of CAUS, that I'm dusting off my March 5 request and sending it to the field office that (presumably) serves the area of Westmoreland County - the Pittsburgh Field Office. Stay tuned.

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## Re: UFO Site Infects Computer? - Hayes

From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2003 10:21:49 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2003 12:49:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Site Infects Computer? - Hayes

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@LARRYHATCH.NET](mailto:larry@LARRYHATCH.NET)>  
>To: Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Hi Larry,

I got a similar one yesterday:

FROM: JJBEIRL  
TO : WEBMASTER  
SUBJECT: LEAVING FOR THE FRONTS.  
DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2003

DEAR SIR: please help me find the way to  
"unsolicite" my address .....  
will be gone for some time and  
don't need this many messages.

THANK YOU.....jjb

A few weeks ago I kept getting messages from a New Zealand  
address asking to be unsubscribed from UFO Roundup and all the  
other hundreds of messages I was sending him every day. The  
person was not on the mailing list and I do not send out any  
other mail of that sort. Writing to the person produced no  
reply.

Every week I got a similar message and my attempts at getting a  
copy of a message with full headers met with no reply. The  
messages only stopped when I stopped replying.

Best wishes,

John Hayes

[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)

UFOINFO:- <http://www.ufoinfo.com>

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## 'The Complete Guide To Mysterious Beings'

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2003 17:53:17 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2003 12:52:02 -0500  
Subject: 'The Complete Guide To Mysterious Beings'

'The Complete Guide to Mysterious Beings' by John Keel  
review by  
Mac Tonnies

'The Complete Guide To Mysterious Beings' is a rambling but extremely entertaining guide to extraordinary phenomena and bizarre entities as viewed by one of the most original and controversial researchers in the field. Keel sets out to separate the wheat from the chaff, revealing genuine cryptozoological and paranormal mysteries and relating some great hoaxes along the way. 'The Complete Guide' is a formidable stew of weirdness: sea serpents; unidentified hairy bipeds; the 'Mothman' made famous in 'The Mothman Prophecies'; menacing roadside figures; diminutive flying saucer pilots, and blood-sucking phantoms.

Keel is convinced that UFOs and monster sightings are two sides of the same paranormal token. According to Keel, an other-dimensional intelligence is adeptly manipulating and exploiting human belief systems to unknown (but potentially insidious) ends. The 'monster mania' that often accompanies highly publicized sightings of 'Bigfoot'-like creatures, posits Keel, might be deliberate attempts to attract attention away from deeper mysteries. Keel scoffs at 'mainstream' ufology, with its quaint 'nuts and bolts' view of unexplained phenomena; he's convinced we're dealing with something vastly stranger. And whether you agree with his thesis or not, you can't help coming away from 'The Complete Guide to Mysterious Beings' without viewing 'Fortean' anomalies in an unsettling new light. Also recommended: 'Passport to Magonia' by Jacques Vallee and 'Uninvited Visitors' by Ivan Sanderson.

UFO books galore:

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

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## Blow the Whistle on "Hostile Aerial Craft"

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2003 01:26:20 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2003 13:29:57 -0500  
Subject: Blow the Whistle on "Hostile Aerial Craft"

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[LWB Note: Here's the text of a notice I plan to place in one or more commercially published military newspapers serving personnel in the national capital region:]

Blow the Whistle on "Hostile Aerial Craft"

A brand-new UFO-coverup whistleblower has stepped forward to relay his account of having witnessed some "smoking gun" telexes during his security-guard duty in 1975 at the U. S. embassy in Canberra, Australia.

Emanating from the Tidbinbilla tracking range, these electronic messages reported hostile interference from UFOs with some of our supersecret military satellites.

The reports characterized the interlopers as "hostile aerial craft".

If you (or someone you know) have confirmatory evidence of those reports, please contact Larry W. Bryant at..... Be assured that at least one Congressional Committee would be interested in evaluating and correlating any evidence you choose to share with us.

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## Re: New Bentwaters Documentary - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2003 04:38:44 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2003 12:54:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Bentwaters Documentary - McGonagle

>From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 21:43:18 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New Bentwaters Documentary

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2003 02:55:20 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: New Bentwaters Documentary

<snip>

>Had Mentorn not engaged Georgina Bruni as programme consultant,  
>I suspect they would have struggled to make the programme at  
>all, especially as there was an unusually short time between the  
>date on which the programme was commissioned formally by the  
>BBC, and the date on which it had to be delivered. Georgina  
>Bruni provided extensive advice and material to Mentorn, very  
>quickly. So far as I am aware, her contribution included the  
>following: an overview of the case itself, including a  
>chronology and a 'who's who' of witnesses; liaison with various  
>USAF witnesses (some of whom had not been interviewed before)  
>securing their agreement to appear on the programme; details of  
>ufologists and experts who might be used; details of the various  
>theories surrounding the case; the witness statements from  
>Burrroughs, Penniston, Cabansag, Buran and Chandler; the USAF  
>photographs of the landing site; a good copy of Halt's tape (she  
>obtained the original cassette made from Halt's microcassette  
>from Sam Morgan); and copies of the key documents from the MOD's  
>file, with advice on MOD acronyms, procedures etc. I believe it  
>was time and budgetary constraints that meant the documentary  
>featured more UK-based ufologists than US-based witnesses,  
>meaning that the programme focused more on the investigation  
>than the incidents. But this was Mentorn's decision, and though  
>neither believers nor sceptics seem to have got the programme  
>they wanted, none of this was Georgina's fault.

Thanks for the clarification, Nick. Your original post gave me an incorrect impression, which the above has now corrected.

<snip>

>I have not altered my belief that the radiation readings taken  
>are extremely important. There are, as you will be aware,  
>debates over whether the readings were recorded accurately, and  
>over the suitability of the equipment used to take the readings.  
>But any investigation of this aspect of the case must start with  
>the data actually provided, and not subjective analyses of these  
>data. Bear in mind also that the initial advice we received from  
>specialists in the Defence Intelligence Staff was that Halt's  
>reading of 0.1 milliroentgens "seems significantly higher than  
>the average background of about 0.015 mr". This assessment is  
>recorded in a document dated 23 February 1981, which is on the  
>MOD website, and is the eighth document in the link below:

>[http://www.mod.uk/linked\\_files/publications/foi/ufo/ufofilepart1.pdf](http://www.mod.uk/linked_files/publications/foi/ufo/ufofilepart1.pdf)

>Later on in the MOD file is a note (dated 15 April 1994) of a  
>conversation that I had with Giles Cowling from the Defence



>Radiological Protection Service, following my re-opening of the  
>MOD's investigation into this incident. His view on Halt's data  
>was that the peak reading was ten times background levels.

>Halt's original readings and the two official MOD analyses of  
>these readings are still vitally important. That said, the case  
>does not stand or fall on the radiation data alone. The  
>radiation readings must be considered alongside the witness  
>testimonies, the radar data, and other aspects of this  
>intriguing case.

I don't know if you are aware, but I looked into this aspect in  
some detail, and came to the conclusion that the readings taken  
at the time are relatively meaningless. The rationale for this  
conclusion is largely explained at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/oct/m10-006.shtml>

and

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/oct/m12-010.shtml>

It may be worth reading some of the responses to these posts as  
well.

One point which bothers me is that the advice given to the MOD  
by Giles Cowling didn't seem to include the factors which I  
discussed in the two posts referred to above. I am not a nuclear  
physicist, but I would have expected a radiological expert to  
have pointed out what I consider to be highly pertinent factors  
relating to the readings and how they were taken. This does not  
inspire confidence in the quality of advice given by MOD  
scientific consultants.

Cheers, Joe

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## Chile: UFO over Providencia

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SOURCE: Terra.cl  
DATE: March 22, 2003

ALLEGED UFOs REPORTED OVER PROVIDENCIA

\*\*\*The phenomenon remained over the skies over the corner of 11 de septiembre and Marchant Pereira streets for several minutes and vanished as suddenly as it appeared\*\*\*

SANTIAGO, March 21.- Several unidentified flying objects were reported at noon by dozens of persons in the commune of Providencia, Santiago.

A group of lights hovered directly over the city, above the intersection of 11 de septiembre and Marchant Pereira.

Various witnesses to the phenomenon made it known to [Terra.cl's UFO channel]. According to them, the sighting involved a large circular object of intense brilliance which was accompanied by other, lesser objects. Some witnesses claim having seen up to seven such objects around it.

UFO researchers received many phone calls shortly after the event was recorded. Up to now, the authorities of the General Office of Civil Aeronautics have not produced any explanations for this event.

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## 2003 Aztec UFO Symposium Report

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
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Subject: 2003 Aztec UFO Symposium Report

Good Morning Listerians and all the Saucers Circling... Here's the News!

Nick Redfern's head is as cute and smooth as the photos show... Karl Pflock wears a CIA hat...

Dr. Bruce Maccabee entertains a roudy group of Ufologists by playing the piano...

Stanton Friedman seen actually frowning...

Rob Swiatek brings class to Ufology...

Rich Dolan doesn't whisper in hushed tones...

John Greenewald is no longer a teenager...

Jim Moseley was Shocking lacking in appearance...

Ted Loman lost his parrot...

Peter Gersten and Wendy Connors met face to face...

Dateline: Aztec, NM

The 6th annual UFO Symposium (sorry New Ager's... this is a real symposium dealing with Real Ufology) was held in beautiful Aztec, NM last weekend and was a bustling beehive of all the good things in Ufology.

Friends of the Aztec Public Library hosts the annual symposium and these people pull out all the stops. Tucked away in this beautiful northern New Mexico community are the friendliest people on earth who surround the participants and attendees at the symposium with New Mexico hospitality and are on track bringing back the best of Ufology as it was in the beginning and what it is intended to be today.

Sorry, no chemtrail prattle, talk of Heinz 57 varieties of aliens, no sissyfied holistic mushroom induced incantations bringing peace and harmony...no wild-eyed conspiracy garbage or \$400 per person flashlight parties to signal down the Mothership of Adamski. What is really found at the Aztec UFO Symposium is the best researchers presenting the past, present and future of Ufology. It's the true Mecca for people who still know what Ufology is, what it was and what it's supposed to be.

Haven't been there? Pity. You're really missing something truly special! A small town with a big heart, lots of REAL food that sticks to your bones and makes you beg for more and a community oozing with charm and friendliness...truly very special because you can't possibly get lost in the all the hub-bub going and you can walk everywhere in town you want to go without wearing yourself out. A marvelous community with great history and so much to offer you can't see it all if you stayed for a month! If you don't come next year you're either not serious about Ufology, an idiot or brain dead!

The First Lady of Ufology...yours truly, met Nick Redfern and got to rub his head for luck. We both had time to smooze about Ufology and compare research notes. Nick's a fine gentleman, but was that a slight Texas twang I heard beginning to enter that wonderful British accent while we were gaffing milkshakes and rootbeer? Careful, Nick! Btw Nick I forgot to tell you...sack the slick black pants when your in New Mexico...we wear denim here. <G>

That cuddly teddy bear of Ufology, Stanton Friedman, was there and continued with his tradition of wowing the crowds. He's truly the golden voice of Ufology and the slayer of CSICOPians. BUT! The most important news is that he introduced a new lecture on MJ-12 and we sat spellbound and at rapt attention. Good work, Stan! Also, Stan and I had time to chin one on one during the symposium and he actually frowned once when we were discussing some serious issues...so contrary to rampant rumors, Stan's smile is not Botoxed!

Rob Swiatek from FUFOR brought to the audience a wonderful presentation of cases from the history of Ufology in the best tradition of FUFOR (Fund for UFO Research) and the old NICAP. Rob and I are friends, having first met each other at the Grand Master of Ufology's house, Richard Hall, several years ago. It was really good to see him and that boyish grin that makes you comfortable and at ease. Like Richard, Rob is a true gentleman. He liked walking in the bright sunshine of New Mexico and really enjoyed himself. He had no problems getting rid of the tie...New Mexican's don't wear Eastern Dude ties. <G>

Note to Richard Hall if you're reading this...Dick, Rob's bearing a gift from me. He met the St. Bernard. Enjoy!

John Greenwald...I remember when he was a teeny bopper with big dreams. Well, he's all grown up now and has entered solidly into the field of Ufology. He's got a new book and CD Rom out (thanks for the copies, John!) and introduced the audience to some really new documentation that will please the old guard in Ufology. He's busier than a beaver on speed and has so many new irons in the fire that it's hard to keep up with him. Ah, the energy of youth! For you young ladies in the field of Ufology be sure to attend his lectures... he's really cute and handsome! <G>

Karl Pflock, co-author of "Shockingly Close to the Truth..." and fellow New Mexican, was there sporting his infamous CIA hat casting a shadow over the proverbial beard. Yes, we met in secret session and exchanged important data. Karl's presentation was on the Desverger's case (Florida Scout Master's Case) and it was great! History was made because Karl and I actually agreed on something! Unfortunately there were no UFO reporters there to document this historical occasion for posterity...shameful! <G> If you're reading this Karl don't break the camera before the crew comes over to my house after they have finished with your B. S. <LoL>

How wonderful to finally get to hang around with ol' Doc Maccabee. He has a wonderful warm smile and a constant twinkle in his eye. Boy, is he really a laid back fellow. Twice I had to check to see if there was a pulse... but seriously, this guy can really tickle the piano keys and in the evenings, away from the crowds, he entertained us with his music while we sipped bourbon and munched on pretzels, Goldfish crackers and mixed nuts. Speaking of that twinkle in his eye, he gave a dynamite presentation on Project Twinkle and had people looking up thinking the green fireballs were zipping across the ceiling! Don't worry Bruce, I won't tell the UFO Update readers I saw you wearing a big Dr. Suess-style hat with alien antenna coming out of the top or you signing your book with a huge alien-headed pen. <VBG>

Richard Dolan was there and I think brought the government spooks with him inadvertently. I noticed a few M.I.B. types flitting around the audience at times. Rich gave a great presentation on his developing dissertation between the aspect of Ufology and secrecy within the government. A fascinating piece of work he is hard at work on and getting to talk with him it is evident that his work is constantly in flux and evolving. His book is in it's second edition and he's gone back and changed some of his initial positions, etc. as he has gained knowledge and momentum in his research. Keep an eye on Rich and his work...really important stuff he's doing for the field of

Ufology!

Ted Loman was one of the Masters of Ceremonies at the event. Unfortunately he was not wearing his signature eye patch. An unfortunate accident has impaired the vision in his other eye, but he is taking it very well and it sure isn't stopping him while he's waiting for the necessary procedures to fix the problem. He's as gregarious as always and continues to keep you off guard by not knowing what's coming next. Thanks Ted for the most enjoyable meetings and coffee klotch'ins. He introduced his new film to the Aztec crowd and it was a very special event and a great deal of fun!

Peter Gersten. What can I say? We met face to face. We did not have the big gun fight on the main street of Aztec. There were no sparks. What we did do was have fun over several meals and gave each other big hugs. He's a sweetie and this old biddy is losing her edge. <G> Thank you Peter for the wonderful introduction and the friendship!

Jim Moseley didn't make it this year, but sent word he'll be there next. We really and truly missed you Jim... but we still wonder what your major malfunction is about not getting a computer and onto the internet. Shocking close to the truth that you're beginning to get stogie! Get with the program fella...Dang! You're taking the Guttenberg thing a little too seriously for cry'n out loud! Just to let you know, I did my best to fill in for you, but it was not easy by any stretch of the imagination. During it all, I tried to give the crowd the feminine version of the Moseley mystique and Ufological gadabout. I told the audience that you'd be there next year to bring them "Shockingly Close to the Truth..." and I'd be right behind you to give them the truth. <Hee Hee!>

Thanks Suzanne and Mr. X for a wonderful symposium! I'm already biting the bit for next year to get here!

Wendy Connors

First Lady of Ufology reporting

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## Re: UFO Site Infects Computer? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2003 11:51:08 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2003 15:10:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Site Infects Computer? - Hatch

>From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2003 10:21:49 +0000  
>Subject: Re: UFO Site Infects Computer?

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@LARRYHATCH.NET](mailto:larry@LARRYHATCH.NET)>  
>>To: Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2003 04:18:39 -0800  
>>Subject: UFO Site Infects Computer?

>>Did anybody else get a message like this? "JimJan"  
>>apparently wrote in because of my website.

><snip>

>Hi Larry,

>I got a similar one yesterday:

>FROM: JJBEIRL  
>TO : WEBMASTER  
>SUBJECT: LEAVING FOR THE FRONTS.  
>DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2003

>DEAR SIR: please help me find the way to  
>"unsolicite" my address .....  
>will be gone for some time and  
>don't need this many messages.

>THANK YOU.....jjb

>A few weeks ago I kept getting messages from a New Zealand  
>address asking to be unsubscribed from UFO Roundup and all the  
>other hundreds of messages I was sending him every day. The  
>person was not on the mailing list and I do not send out any  
>other mail of that sort. Writing to the person produced no  
>reply.

>Every week I got a similar message and my attempts at getting a  
>copy of a message with full headers met with no reply. The  
>messages only stopped when I stopped replying.

Hi John:

Yes, "JimJan" aka Jim Beirl is the same guy. His email provider is imbris.net which is out of Idaho however.

He finally responded with more shrieks for help; changed his story (he is leaving for England now instead of Japan!)... and still no copy of the offensive messages he complains of.

He is either totally clueless or else just putting everybody on. Its hard to believe anyone is this dense. Here is full copy of the latest, please forgive the spacing and shouting. I am not about to retype it:

- - -

FROM : JJBeirl [xxxx@imbris.net](mailto:xxxx@imbris.net)

THANKS MR HATCH.....FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE REPLY.  
SOME HOW I SEARCHED OUT A RESEARCH GROUP ON UFO's  
AT: <http://clavius.as.arizona.edu/vo/index.html>  
IN A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS.....I HAVE HAD TO DELETE  
OVER 433 E MAIL LETTERS. AT MY AGE I AM GOING TO  
INCREASE MY HEART MEDICINE IF THIS MANY LETTERS CROWD  
MY IPS.

I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO UNSUBSCRIBE TO THEM, AND I AM  
NOT GETTING ANY HELP FROM MY PROVIDER.  
CAN YOU HELP ME? I HAVE AN OLD COMPUTER AND IT  
TAKES "HOURS" TO BRING UP A WEB SEARCH SITE.....  
INCLUDING JEEVES.

THANK YOU FOR ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE ME.  
PS: WE ARE LEAVING FOR ENGLAND IN TWO WEEKS.....  
I HOPE.

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The Clavius site has nothing to do with UFOs, email Lists,  
discussion groups or Spam. It is a Vatican site related to  
astronomy - of all things.

I answered the word salad above demanding copy of the offensive  
messages jbeirl refers to. No response yet.

Its like a message in a bottle, with no return address.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Whether It's A Landing Site Or Not...

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Source: The Farmington Daily Times - New Mexico

<http://www.daily-times.com/Stories/0,1413,129%257E6572%257E1265820,00.html>

Monday, March 24, 2003

Whether it's a landing site or not it offers a nice hike and beautiful view

By Carol Cohea  
The Daily Times

AZTEC -- Whether you're a believer, a skeptic or undecided, Sunday's warm spring sunshine made for a beautiful day for a drive, hike and tour of the purported landing site of a spacecraft.

The tour was in conjunction with the three-day sixth annual Aztec UFO Symposium at the Aztec Civic Center.

This is only the second year for tours to the site. Three tours to Hart Canyon were scheduled Saturday and three on Sunday. Approximately 70 individuals took tours to the site, located about 12 1/2 miles north of downtown Aztec and 7 1/2 miles east of U.S. 550.

The view was spectacular from the pinon-juniper scattered hillsides and sandstone outcroppings. Shiprock could be seen in the distance, or Space-Shiprock as one observer called it.

The crash or soft landing, as described by Scott Ramsey, the guide for this particular tour, allegedly took place March 25, 1948. This Tuesday will mark the 55th anniversary of the alleged event.

Standing on the outcropping, Ramsey explained that old timers in the area saw it coming in from the southwest, going in a northeasterly direction when it landed on the mesa top overlooking Hart Canyon.

"The stories say the craft was virtually intact," he said.

However, according to a sign on a metal post 40 feet from the mesa edge, the alleged landing resulted in the deaths of the 16 on board. Remains of the craft and the charred bodies were supposedly taken to Los Alamos for research.

According to stories, the recovery of the craft was done by the U.S. government and military as one of the most secretive recoveries of spacecraft with origins unknown since the similar recovery in Roswell, eight months earlier.

The site doesn't look much different than the other sandstone outcroppings along the canyon edge, though this particular area, about 30 feet by 100 feet, was seemingly swept clear of tree stumps and twisted limbs.

From the supposed site of the crash, the spacecraft was



purportedly disassembled and dragged up an incline about 200 yards to the site of a nine-inch thick concrete slab.

The theory is that the slab was poured by the military to support one of the legs of a crane used to carry out the spacecraft. With its thickness and rebar reinforcement it was designed to hold a tremendous weight.

To the untrained eye it appears to be a well cap. Souvenir hunters have hacked away at it and a core sample has been taken for further testing, Ramsey said.

A cleared roadway leading east from the slab to the vehicle parking area is purported to be one cut by the military to get into the crash site and to remove the craft.

Earlier, Ramsey showed observers what was thought to have been a landing site. To the untrained eye it appeared to be concave water catchment outlined by river rocks. In the center of the depression a small juniper grows.

"We're not sure what this is, but nothing grows here," Ramsey said.

Although Ramsey said nothing was growing in the depression, a small tree appeared to be sprouting from the center. But Ramsey said, "No weeds grow out there and the soil is a different color."

Miguel Martinez of Cortez was in the area and decided he might as well come check out the landing site.

"The tour is pretty interesting. I'm into UFOs and aliens. It's cool to check it out," he said.

An Aztec couple said they've driven by the area and when they heard about tours, they decided to come. The husband declined to be identified.

"I just don't know," he said of the site. "I came to see what they had to say. A lot of people sure believe in it."

Jim Berwanger, of Los Angeles, said he was trying to put some humor and a dose of skepticism into the tour.

"I have an open mind. But I'm against bad science. I like real empirical science. I say Prove it.' At this point, this is theory and theories must be believed. You have to have faith. And then it's like a religion," he said.

"It's fun to look at, but it doesn't prove anything was here. A good dose of skepticism keeps people on their toes," he said of the crash site.

The area is currently a Bureau of Land Management recreation area, open to mountain bikers, hikers and horseback riders. It's also the longtime home of animals, including a mountain lion, according to Ramsey.

Maps are available from BLM as well as at the Aztec Library.

Ramsey said one group he brought out was only mildly interested in the alleged landing site and more interested in hiking.

What would Ramsey like to see the area become?

"I'd like to see the area and the story researched more. But I'd like to see it left as it is. If it can be proven, this is an important part of New Mexico history," he said.

"I'm thinking theme park," Berwanger said.

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## Andropov Of KGB Had Interest In UFOs

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KGB Chief Ordered 4M Soldiers To Keep Watching The Skies  
For UFOs

Nick Paton Walsh in Moscow  
Sunday March 23, 2003  
The Observer

Yuri Andropov, the former Soviet leader and long-time head of the KGB, had an acute personal interest in UFOs and ordered a 13-year programme that required every soldier in the military to monitor sightings over Russian territory, according to new revelations.

Andropov shunned the splendour enjoyed by many Soviet leaders to live in a sparse flat throughout his 15 years as KGB chief and one year as Secretary-General of the Communist Party.

Igor Sinitsin, who worked as an aide to Andropov in the Politburo for six years and has just written his memoirs, told The Observer that in 1977 he discovered that Andropov kept a file on the phenomena in his desk.

At the time there had been fevered speculation in the Soviet Union about a large unidentified object in the skies over Petrozavosk on 20 September, 1977. Sinitsin, now 70, said that one of his responsibilities was to monitor the foreign press and he brought Andropov a Stern magazine piece about UFOs.

'I dictated a summary of the piece to my secretary and was sure to express some doubts, because you know how sceptical the mood was in Soviet times to such stories. I worried he would be concerned about my mental health, but I dared to hand the summary to him.'

Sinitsin was shocked by the staid KGB chief's reaction. Andropov handed him the text of an official report he had ordered from the counter-espionage directorate. 'It described a UFO appearance in Astrakhan that an officer had seen while fishing.'

Through Andropov's personal interest, in 1978 two committees were established to investigate UFOs, one military and one civilian. Andropov ordered four million Soviet soldiers to file detailed reports of incidents.

Platov said the programme led to hundreds of thousands of sightings being recorded in the 13 years before it was abandoned with the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1990.

Most cases had a 'rational explanation and were mainly linked to technical issues like missile launches'.

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## Selling Space-Alien Fiction As Truth

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coll=bal%2Dsociety%2Dutility](http://www.sunspot.net/features/booksmags/bal-bk.alien23mar23,0,832647.story?coll=bal%2Dsociety%2Dutility)

Selling Space-Alien Fiction As Truth

Publishers, not to mention authors, who peddle lies for profit  
deserve to be punished.

By Steve Weinberg  
Special To The Sun  
Originally published March 23, 2003

Authors and their publishers who push books labeled "nonfiction" about UFOs carrying aliens to earth - where the aliens then sometimes implant foreign objects under the earthlings' skin and engage in a form of sexual intercourse - ought to be publicly scolded. Instead, academics who should know better, book reviewers, retail booksellers and readers themselves allow the misleading "nonfiction" labeling to go unpunished. As a result, those publishers who know they are selling lies for profit (or else are employing editors deluded to the point of being psychologically unbalanced) remain in business with no apparent adverse consequences.

Two of the best-known alien abduction authors write for publishers who devote much of their nonfiction lists to responsibly researched and argued volumes - St. Martin's Press and Crown/Random House. Dozens of additional author-publisher combinations are also complicit.

Amid all the trash are a few volumes about UFOs, alien abductions and related phenomena that actually say the emperors have no clothes. In a stack of books accumulating at The Sun over the past few years - books that form the basis of this essay - only one stands out like a diamond in a feedlot overrun with manure. More about this diamond later.

Probably the most visible offender among mainstream book publishers is St. Martin's Press, which profited from Whitley Strieber's Confirmation: The Hard Evidence of Aliens Among Us? (1998, 324 pages, \$6.99).

At the time of its publication, I started to read Strieber's book with an open mind. The term "hard evidence" attracted me, and gave me hope that finally an author who said he had experienced an encounter with aliens would finally deliver proof that a skeptic (but not a cynic) like myself could accept.

Strieber failed the hard evidence test miserably. The eyewitness accounts, from himself and others, can easily be explained away based on theories far more likely than alien travel to Earth. As for the tangible objects found in the homes or on the persons of the inexplicably chosen earthlings: Those objects - some shown in photographs - obviously came from somewhere, but Strieber presents no evidence to make me conclude that aliens were the source.

It is one thing to state that other planets, other solar systems, might support what we on Earth call "human life." I have no trouble accepting that possibility. It would be hubris to think otherwise. It is quite another matter to state that those theorized human life forms have conquered unimaginable time, space, navigation and materials-science obstacles to arrive on and depart from Earth at will.

Confirmation is Strieber's 10th solo book (he has also collaborated with James Kunetka), six of them clearly labeled fiction. He and his publisher appear to have trouble finding the normally clear line between fiction and nonfiction.

St. Martin's is not merely a neutral purveyor of a controversial book, able to defend itself on noble First Amendment or other free-speech grounds. The hype written within the St. Martin's workplace for the cover of Confirmation is anything but neutral.

It says "Warning: After You Read This Book, You WILL Believe in Alien Life ... bestselling author and UFOlogist Whitley Strieber boldly explores the vast territory of alien encounters, uncovering the most conclusive evidence of all, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE that aliens may really be here. Marvel as Whitley Strieber tells his own compelling story - and those of countless others - while you discover shocking new close encounters, many involving groups of people; thousands of sightings worldwide, many captured on video; shocking evidence of five mysterious implants surgically removed from human bodies; and much, much more! The most compelling question in the universe has remained unanswered for centuries. Now, finally, there is CONFIRMATION."

Other than Strieber and St. Martin's, the most infuriating author-publisher combination among the books sampled is John E. Mack and Crown. The book is Passport to the Cosmos: Human Transformation and Alien Encounters (1999, 306 pages, \$24).

Mack and Crown exploit his advanced degree (an M.D. with a specialty in psychiatry) by noting it in huge letters on the dust jacket. His faculty position at Harvard University Medical School is mentioned, unsurprisingly. One of his major credits is stated in a potentially misleading manner on the cover: "Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author of the Best-Selling Abduction." The book Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens, which set the stage for Passport to the Cosmos, is indeed by Mack. But it has nothing to do with his Pulitzer Prize.

He won that in 1977 for a biography of T. E. Lawrence, also known as Lawrence of Arabia. The Lawrence biography is in no way connected to Mack's later fascination with alien encounters. Mack undoubtedly believes he is offering credible evidence in Passport to the Cosmos. To me, his book reads like more science fiction parading as nonfiction. Mack and I certainly have different ideas of what constitutes proof.

Mack feeds off Strieber. In fact, Mack opens Chapter 1 with an extended quotation from an interview he conducted with Strieber: "The power of the encounters [with aliens] comes from acknowledging your helplessness and keeping the whole matter in question, because the deeper the question goes, the more you attempt to come to some kind of resolution. If you keep asking [the alien beings] questions, they keep reforming the thing in such a way that the questions get more provocative but can't quite be answered. ... If you start saying 'Well, they are aliens and they're from this planet,' you're lost. ... I've often been in situations where the question has been impossible to live with. You can't not answer it, and you can't answer it either. And there you have it. You sit in a situation where you can't bear to be - and you grow."

The opening of any book, and certainly a book like Mack's that calls for suspension of disbelief, ought to be both compelling and clear. For the life of me, I have no idea what Strieber is saying in that passage, nor do I understand why Mack uses it so prominently.

Perhaps Mack should have opened with material he relegates to page 252, in which those who say they have encountered aliens discuss the sexual aspects. Here is Mack, conveying Strieber's thoughts: "The sexual part of my relationship [with the beings] has been very complex and very rich and very difficult at times

because I'm a married man. ...The physical dynamic is different in the sense that the sensation of intercourse moves through your whole body, and you become totally devoted to it for longer than I do in normal intercourse."

Mack relates that Streiber and his wife, Ann, have reached an accord concerning the other sexual relationship. But Mack does not say specifically what Ann thinks about Streiber having seen "a hybrid child in the [space] ship whose appearance makes him think that it might be the offspring of his union with the alien mate."

As with the hypesters at St. Martin's Press, the publicists pushing Mack's book for Crown betray not a word of doubt. Mack "asserts that the alien abduction phenomenon ushers in a new era in human consciousness, a time in which we must be willing to embrace the idea that alien visitation is occurring on some level. ... Dr. Mack transforms the ethereal ruminations common in works involving alien abduction into a compelling treatise of global importance."

One writer who provides an intellectual antidote to the "nonfiction" of Streiber, Mack and other authors is Joel Achenbach, a Washington Post reporter when Simon & Schuster published his book *Captured by Aliens: The Search for Life and Truth in a Very Large Universe* in 1999.

Achenbach gives spokesmen like Streiber and Mack their say. But instead of taking them at face value, he places their beliefs into a variety of contexts, such as the phenomenon of wishful thinking, the quest for spiritual meaning in a semi-secular age, and hard-fact advances in knowledge by astronomers and astronauts, among others.

May a million Achenbach-like books bloom. And may publishers start labeling the works of Streiber, Mack and others of their ilk more appropriately. "Science fiction" might do for starters.

Steve Weinberg, an author in Columbia, Mo., has written six books that he swears are nonfiction, including his 1992 book about the craft of biography, *Telling the Untold Story*. He spends his life seeking the truth as an investigative journalist.

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## CCCRN News: Crop Circle Report Archives Changes

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Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2003 15:55:42 -0500  
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CCCRN NEWS  
E-News from the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

March 24, 2003

<http://www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada>

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### Crop Circle Report Archives Changes

The web site report archives have been updated again and reorganized (a spring cleaning!), with standard crop circle reports (circular or other geometric patterns in cereal crops or other vegetation) in the main archives (1920s - 2002) and other possibly related phenomena reports now listed in separate archives, for ice circles (frozen ponds, lakes, etc.), forest rings (specifically the huge forest floor ring depressions as previously documented by The Geological Survey of Canada), other miscellaneous circles (ground/soil, gravel, underwater seabeds, etc.) and randomly downed areas (cereal crops or other vegetation).

The main crop circle archives now contain 227 reports (1920s - 2002) and the possibly related phenomena archives 26 reports (1950s - 2002).

The main crop circle archives page also now has numerical statistics listings of numbers of reports, by both year and province/territory and also numbers of reports of possibly related phenomena, listed by type of phenomenon.

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Contents:

- February Sightings In Italy
- A Fallen Object In Molise?
- On The Cover Of Focus Magazine

#### FEBRUARY SIGHTINGS IN ITALY

The number of sightings of UFO phenomena occurring in Italy during the month of February, and collected through this past 8 March by the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU) Internet working group on case histories, amounted to 42.

In fact, the month registered a 40% increase in the number of reports gathered, in comparison with the same month for the previous year, also as the result of two small flaps which took place on the 24th in the province of Varese and on the 28th in Emilia, respectively. The two flaps also condition various aggregate data, in particular distribution by region for these first two months of 2003.

Meanwhile, the total for this initial two-month period has turned out to be greater than the same period for last year, as well as than the preceding two years.

In the meantime, the collection and cataloguing of sightings continues also for 2001 (the already-staggering total of the wave now having surpassed 848 cases) and for 2002 (745 cases), such that a hypothesis may be offered that the annual mean number of Italian reports regularly and steadily exceeds the 700-mark.

The complete lists of cases, along with the update of tables for the last three years, the statistical breakdown and graphs, are available on the CISU Website.

[Communications by Giorgio Abraini]

#### A FALLEN OBJECT IN MOLISE?

According to a report by the prefecture of Isernia, numerous observations during the late evening of Saturday, 15 March, were received by the Isernia Police Department's provincial command switchboard in regards to an unidentified flying object which had fallen in a wooded area near the town of Venafro, setting off a fire which was rapidly brought under control by fire crews.

No object was found in the area, and snowfalls over the ensuing days impeded further investigations thereafter. Initially, the

authorities were worried about a public furor, denying that the fire had been caused by a meteorite or a piece of space wreckage, and suggesting instead that the incident had to do with a lightning strike.

As a rebuttal to such statements, motorists have meanwhile come forth with testimony whereby they claim to have distinctly observed a long, fiery trail of an orange color, passing overhead from a southerly direction and then falling into the woods of Monte Corno where, immediately following the impact, the witnesses saw flames break out.

[ANSA, Il Giornale del Molise, La Stampa and other dailies, 17 and 18 March; collaboration by Renzo Cabassi, Roberto Labanti and Gildo Persone']

#### ON THE COVER OF FOCUS MAGAZINE

On Italian newsstands now is the April issue of the popular science monthly "Focus", the cover and main article of which are dedicated to UFOs and the search for extraterrestrial life.

As has occurred previously, documentation on the UFO section was the result of collaboration with the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU), which furnished case histories, document archives and technical assistance.

Following publication, a debate was held last Friday on the journal's Website, featuring the participation of Paolo Toselli as a UFO expert.

[Collaboration by Paolo Toselli]

Collaborators on this edition were:  
Giorgio Abraini, Renzo Cabassi, Roberto Labanti,  
Gildo Persone' and Paolo Toselli.

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there is a feature photo of an aurora taken from the ISS in January. In the lower portion of the photo is a huge circular cloud ring. Does anybody have insights as to what this cloud ring might be caused from?

Dave

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### UFO 'Clone' Baby: First Pictures

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Source: The Evening Standard - London

[http://www.femail.co.uk/pages/standard/article.html?in\\_article\\_id=3D173535&in\\_page\\_id=3D2](http://www.femail.co.uk/pages/standard/article.html?in_article_id=3D173535&in_page_id=3D2)

UFO 'Clone' Baby: First Pictures  
by Richard Allen,  
Evening Standard  
25th March 2003

This is the first picture of one of the babies alleged to have been cloned by a UFO cult.

Clonaid, which is linked to the Raelian sect and claims to have cloned five babies, said the photograph on its website was that of the third baby, a boy, born in Japan in January.

The baby is shown in a hospital incubator in a nappy with what appears to be a bandage over its eyes. Clonaid president, Dr Brigitte Boisselier, claimed in December that the world's first cloned baby, Eve, was born to American parents on Boxing Day. A second cloned baby girl was said to have been born to a Dutch lesbian on 3 January.

Dr Boisselier later claimed a fourth cloned baby was born to Saudi Arabian parents on 27 January, and a fifth on 4 February. All five babies are "in excellent health=EE, according to Clonaid's website.

The website says: "The next implantations have now started and will proceed for a few months. Twenty couples are involved in this second generation.

"The five happy couples of the first generation are now building an association in defence of their rights once they decide to go public.

"Clonaid wishes to thank the thousands of individuals who volunteered to help and hopes they will continue to voice their opinion in support of reproductive human cloning."

The company, the scientific wing of the Raelian movement that believes extra-terrestrials created mankind, said the parents of the baby born in Japan would soon prove that it had the same DNA as its dead, older sibling.

Previously Clonaid has failed to live up to such pledges to give evidence of its cloning claims.

The group initially promised to conduct independent DNA tests to prove that baby Eve was a clone, but no evidence has been produced. The photograph's presentation is the latest episode in what many scientists say is a hoax to publicise the Raelians.

In January Dr Michael Guillen, who had been appointed by Clonaid to oversee DNA testing, resigned after revealing that the cult had consistently held up the process. A Miami lawyer applied to

the Florida authorities to become Eve's legal guardian, saying that a cloned child could face serious health problems. Dr Boisselier told a Florida court that the baby was in Israel but she did not know where.

She said the parents had cut off all contact with the cult. The case was thrown out after a judge ruled that the baby - if it existed - would be outside his jurisdiction.

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Source: Ananova

[http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm\\_764488.html](http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_764488.html)

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Experts say a reported UFO sighting in Norway was probably an electrocuted cat.

People in Lardal reported seeing a fire ball explode in the night sky and fall slowly down to earth.

But investigators think they've solved the mystery after the charred body of a cat was found at the foot of an electrical mast.

They believe the unlucky cat climbed up the mast and touched a live wire, reports Aftenposten.

Lars Helge Sogn says what people saw was the cat exploding and falling off the mast.

Story filed: 15:58 Tuesday 25th March 2003

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The American Embassy Headquarters  
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TO(2): Freedom of Information Manager  
U. S. Department of State -- SA-2  
Office of IRM Programs and Services (A/RPS)  
Washington, DC 20522-6001

TO(3): Freedom of Information Manager  
U. S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency  
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FROM: Larry W. Bryant  
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DATE: March 25, 2003

Certain "insider" information recently imparted to UFO researchers reveals that, back in 1975, a series of telexes and related message "flashes" arrived at the U. S. Embassy - Canberra via U. S. military channels. These electronic communications transmitted reports of hostile interference from UFOs with some of the DARPA-originated/managed space satellites. Rather than being dubbed "UFO's" by the reports, the interlopers were labeled "hostile aerial craft."

Accordingly, I hereby submit this e-formatted letter as a formal, written freedom-of-information request directed to the multiple addressees listed above. As such, it is being snail-mailed as a signed printout to the two U.S.-based addressees.

Please send me a copy of all your agency-generated and agency-received records pertaining to the above-cited electronic communications, as well as a copy of all your records pertaining to all such hostile interference occurring against these satellites since 1975 -- said records to include the following:

The embassy-received telexes/TWX's/"flashes" themselves; intelligence analyses; transcripts of all U.S.-intercepted communications from the "hostile aerial craft (HAC)"; recorded tracking data pertaining to the interference; presidential intelligence briefings; photographic evidence of the interference; personnel-interview reports; minutes of meetings; memoranda for record; serious-incident logs; military-alert notices; transcripts of U.S.-USSR telephonic "hotline" conversations to and from the White House; intra-agency and inter-agency executive correspondence; daily-activity reports; satellite-damage assessments; the standing operating procedure for processing/evaluating/disseminating the HAC-interference reports; and briefings prepared for delivery to members/committees of the Congress.

Since I make this request on behalf of the public interest in knowing how your agencies record, respond to, and assess such cases of space-satellite interference from HAC activity, and as a member of the UFO-awareness press (specifically as a columnist for <http://www.ufocity.com> ), I ask that you waive all records-search fees incident to your fulfilling it.

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That "circular cloud" is actually a partially snow-covered  
impact structure, Manicougan (Sp?), possibly.

Ray Stanford

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Subject: Re: Unusual Circular Cloud In Space Station Photo

Sorry, I misspelled the name of the Manicouagan Crater which is, in fact, what is shown in the photo with the green aurora. Have a look at:

<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap001213.html>

No, it is not a circular cloud, but a crater with the edge lake ice-covered.

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>charred body of a cat was found at the foot of an electrical  
>mast.

>They believe the unlucky cat climbed up the mast and touched a  
>live wire, reports Aftenposten.

>Lars Helge Sogn says what people saw was the cat exploding and  
>falling off the mast.

Shocking UFO report. But it sounds like an 'IFO'... Identified  
Flambeed Object! {: -O

John Velez

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## Re: Unusual Circular Cloud In Space Station Photo

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 00:18:00 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 07:22:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Unusual Circular Cloud In Space Station Photo

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2003 17:23:15 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Unusual Circular Cloud In Space Station Photo

>>From: David Thomson <[dave@volantis.org](mailto:dave@volantis.org)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2003 09:02:58 -0600  
>>Subject: Unusual Circular Cloud In Space Station Photo

>>At

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

>>there is a feature photo of an aurora taken from the ISS in  
>>January. In the lower portion of the photo is a huge circular  
>>cloud ring. Does anybody have insights as to what this cloud  
>>ring might be caused from?

>That "circular cloud" is actually a partially snow-covered  
>impact structure, Manicougan (Sp?), possibly.

Hi Ray, David,

Seems about right considering the AB is over Northern Canada.  
It's actually an ice ring crater rather than the usual deep  
crater with a ridge.

Go to the following URL for a peek. Scroll way down for a  
picture. You will see what I mean.

Don Ledger

[http://www.morien-institute.org.uk/impact\\_craters.html](http://www.morien-institute.org.uk/impact_craters.html)

The Manicougan crater in Quebec, Canada, is believed to have  
been caused by an impact around 200 to 300 million years ago.  
There is a recent Landsat image available showing all of the  
rivers and streams that flow into it.

At roughly 60 miles across, the Manicougan crater ranks as joint  
5th largest crater in the world, along with the Popigai crater  
in Russia, which is about the same size. Another good image of  
the Manicougan crater taken from space is to be found on the  
website of the University of Colorado.

It has been thought previously that the impact which caused this  
crater was responsible for the Triassic-Jurassic extinction  
event, but scientists have pointed out that, at approx 214  
million years old, this impact occurred well before what has  
become known as 'the TJ event'.

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## Re: UFO 'Clone' Baby: First Pictures - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2003 21:41:16 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 07:25:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO 'Clone' Baby: First Pictures - McCoy

>From: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers - >  
>Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2003 1:59 PM  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFO 'Clone' Baby: First Pictures

Hello, all.

I tuly hate this, mainly due to the results of the cloning of the baby - just like the now deceased Dolly the sheep. Born at middle age, and soon to die. ("Blade Runner" anyone?)

Of course, if it is true.

GT McCoy

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## Re: UFO Could Have Been Electrocuted Cat - Young

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 01:19:40 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 07:34:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Could Have Been Electrocuted Cat - Young

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2003 17:01:37 -0500  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFO Could Have Been Electrocuted Cat

>UFO Could Have Been Electrocuted Cat

>Experts say a reported UFO sighting in Norway was probably an  
>electrocuted cat.

With a flashy fuss of flaming fervor, a frisky feline is furiously flung fifty feet forward in a frightful fit of fabulous ferocity, its fiery fur flaming in a frazzled fulmination as it frantically falls from the firmament in a fantastic fashion, fearfully fizzling into a field like a freakish flare with a fatal ferocity, the fiendish fiasco seeming to be a figment of facetious folly.

The phenomenon fazes the fraught forefathers with great force and frenzy, its fanciful yet foul fortune gains fame afar and its fate fed to folklore of the fringe as we bid farewell to the fraught feline with a fast funeral.

As you can see, I've got too much time on my hands.

-- KY

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## Re: Unusual Circular Cloud In Space Station Photo

From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 07:23:37 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 07:38:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Unusual Circular Cloud In Space Station Photo

>From: David Thomson <[dave@volantis.org](mailto:dave@volantis.org)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2003 09:02:58 -0600  
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>there is a feature photo of an aurora taken from the ISS in  
>January. In the lower portion of the photo is a huge  
>circular cloud ring. Does anybody have insights as to what  
>this cloud ring might be caused from?

Hello Dave,

I was looking at that image yesterday on the Science @ NASA site  
(click on Space Station Astrophotography link from the page you  
gave) and the caption for that image states:

"Auroras over Canada with the Manicouagan impact crater in the  
foreground. Clouds and Earth's surface are illuminated by  
moonlight. 'Here in the same picture we have two interesting  
space phenomena: asteroid impact damage on the surface of Earth  
and auroras,' notes Pettit."

Best wishes,

John Hayes

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## CI: Unofficial Mission Patch

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2003 17:37:58 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 07:45:38 -0500  
Subject: CI: Unofficial Mission Patch

Cydonian Imperative  
3-26-03

Unofficial Mission Patch Captures Drama of Manned Mars  
Mission  
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 37)

Digital artist kenn brown, a frequent contributor to "Wired" magazine, has crafted a photorealistic mission patch to be worn by hypothetical astronauts in 2012. The spacecraft depicted in the patch appears to be nuclear-powered, possibly a variation of the "Orion" pulsed nuclear blast propulsion concept.

[image]

Image courtesy kenn brown.

I like this patch's sense of palpable verisimilitude.  
It's time for the real thing.

-end-

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## Gulf Breeze Pictures

From: **Ben Holland** <removed>  
Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 19:59:51 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 08:02:38 -0500  
Subject: Gulf Breeze Pictures

I thought you might like to read both of these.

<http://benholland.8k.com>

<http://benholland.8k.com/COMMENTARY%20ON%20BARBARA%20BECKER%27S%201990%20PAPER%20ENTITLED.htm>

I hope these documents will shed some light on how all or most the photographs that appear in Ed Walter's Gulf Breeze Sightings book can be repeated by anyone without the knowledge of double exposure or tampering with the original negative.

All the best,

Ben Holland

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## Re: Historical Artwork & UFOs Site - Cuoghi

From: Diego Cuoghi <[diegocuoghi@spamcop.net](mailto:diegocuoghi@spamcop.net)>  
Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 14:43:15 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 09:42:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Historical Artwork & UFOs Site - Cuoghi

>Following the success of my site set up December 2000, I have  
>now had my site revamped and is now at:

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

Hello, I recently updated my web pages about the discussion  
"Art and UFOs? No thanks, only art..."

Parts 1 and 5 are in English:

[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte\\_UFO\\_eng.htm](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO_eng.htm)

In particular in Part 5 I talk about "Madonna and Child with  
infant Saint John", the so called "Madonna with UFO":

[http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte\\_UFO\\_5\\_eng.htm](http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO_5_eng.htm)

Diego Cuoghi

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<http://www.diegocuoghi.com>

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## Filer's Files #13 -- 2003

From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 08:45:21 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 09:50:17 -0500  
Subject: Filer's Files #13 -- 2003

FILER'S FILES #13 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.  
George A. Filer, Director Mutual UFO Network Eastern  
March 28, 2003, [Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com) Webmaster: Chuck  
Warren -- My website: [www.Georgefiler.com](http://www.Georgefiler.com)  
Sponsored by: [www.filer.unfranchise.com](http://www.filer.unfranchise.com)

### WORLDWIDE UFO SIGHTINGS CONTINUE

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. Sun may be causing global warming. This report includes worldwide sightings: Massachusetts cigar hovers overhead, Connecticut- rectangular with tripod like legs, New York - two flying triangles spotted over reservoir, Pennsylvania - oval shaped object with rotating multiple colors, Florida - small black object slowly moves in various directions, Ohio - sphere appeared and moved very fast, Wisconsin flying triangle, Illinois -- flying triangle oval bright white oval-shaped flying object, Missouri - UFO photographed with Polaroid, California - greenish glowing disk, Washington - strange noises, Canada - snow machines stop by V shaped craft, South Africa - daylight disk light hovering at great altitude There is strong Sunspot activity and solar flares that is likely to cause heavy winds and satellite interruptions on Earth. Australia - moving bright light changes direction suddenly. New Zealand - a disc was to be seen at sunset.

### CNN NEWS IS REPORTING IRAQI UPRISING

BASRA -- On Friday, March 21, 2003, the air war began with coalition forces launching attacks on Iraq. On Tuesday, March 25, CNN reports civilians in the city of Basra are attempting a popular uprising against Iraqi soldiers. British forces have surrounded the city and are firing on Iraqi military positions during a major sandstorm. Allegedly Iraqi soldiers are firing mortars against Iraqi civilians conducting the uprising. There is a report of food and water shortages in Basra, the second largest city in Iraq. It is hoped a similar popular uprising will occur throughout the country to bring the war to a quick conclusion and minimum casualties. Military personnel have been ordered into battle and the events of the past few days bring to light the courage, bravery and sacrifice of our forces, to protect us all from tragedy, and to free millions of innocent people from tyranny. In less than a week coalition forces have crossed the border and moved almost 200 miles to positions 50 miles from Bagdad. I thank them for their commitment and strength and pray for resolve and perseverance that our victory will make the entire world a better and safer place.

### SUN CAUSING GLOBAL WARMING

In what could be the simplest explanation for one component of global warming, a new study shows the Sun's radiation has increased by .05 percent per decade since the late 1970s. The increase would only be significant to Earth's climate if it has been going on for a century or more, said study leader Richard Willson, a Columbia University researcher also affiliated with NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies. The Sun's increasing output has only been monitored with precision since satellite technology allowed necessary observations. Willson is

not sure if the trend extends further back in time, but other studies suggest it does. "This trend is important because, if sustained over many decades, it could cause significant climate change," Willson said. In a NASA-funded study recently published in Geophysical Research Letters, Willson and his colleagues speculate on the possible history of the trend based on data collected in the pre-satellite era. That does not mean industrial pollution has not been a significant factor, Willson cautioned. "Solar activity has apparently been going upward for a century or more. Thanks to SPACE.com

MASSACHUSETTS -- CIGAR HOVERS

CHELMSFORD -- On March 14 , 2003, the witness was looking in the sky and saw an unusual object. You can see it at a 4 o'clock direction from the moon now at 6:10 PM! It looks like a bright cigar that does not move. It is staying in the same position but the witness was able to get a picture. Thanks to Peter Davenport

CONNECTICUT -- RECTANGULAR WITH TRIPOD LIKE LEGS

LITCHFIELD -- The witness observed from his car a large rectangular object with three rows of lights flying closer and closer towards his house. He states, "The craft had three tripod like legs that were also illuminating a white light that proceeded closer and closer to our house." It then made a quick turn to the right, and looped around to the left. It then hovered above a pine tree top for few a seconds and then just disappeared. There was no sound of any kind. It was mind blowing. Witness describes self as having a job, which involves considerable responsibility. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

NEW YORK -- TWO FLYING TRIANGLES

BOICEVILLE --Last Friday night, March 21, 2003, my mate returned a bit unnerved from her drive passing along a road with a clear view of the Ashokan Reservoir in Olive, NY. She reports that she observed two black flying wedges (triangular) with unusual light configurations. What particularly struck was the silence of their flight and even more so the seemingly impossible SLOWNESS of the craft. This was between 8:30 and 9 PM. It is likely others also saw the craft. Since this is a distant source of New York City water, the primary road across the reservoir was closed to traffic at the start of the Iraqi invasion. I don't subscribe to the "aliens" scenario but I hope this was somehow helpful. Thanks to GA

PENNSYLVANIA -- OVAL WITH ROTATING MULTIPLE COLORS

HOLLIDAYSBURG -- At 11:30 PM, the witness reports seeing a hovering object in the West on March 14, 2003. The object was first seen by the witness' brother, who phoned and then came over three minutes later. The witness, her brother and her husband saw a bright light. The object was oval shaped with beautiful bright rotating lights of purple, red, yellow, orange, green, and blue. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I got so excited I had an asthma attack. I couldn't stay outside. My brother stated, "It broke off into three small orbs but the original remained and they all hovered around and became one again." The color of the small ones was orange. My brother shined a high powered light at the object and flashed five flashes three times. The fourth time he flashed six times, and the lights of the UFO flashed off and on. It was almost as though they were signaling back and then it zoomed away. And then four planes were flying in the area. Well, now I believe in UFOs because I saw one. (NUFORC Note: We suspect the witnesses may have been looking at the star, Sirius, which is very colorful. It would be in the southwestern, and western, at the time indicated. PD)

FLORIDA -- SMALL BLACK OBJECT SLOWLY MOVES

MIAMI BEACH -- On Friday morning, March 14 , 2003, at 6:45 AM, two friends and myself were watching the sunrise on the beach. It was a nice clear morning, but off the coast to the east there was a giant thunder cloud looming. There was a spectacular lightning show going on inside the clouds. We watched for a few moments when I noticed a small black dot that seemed to hover just outside of the storm. There were no visible lights coming from the craft. I expected to see

flashers if it was a plane or helicopter but there was nothing. The black dot was slowly moving south with the dark gray cloud as a backdrop. The black dot did not seem to be going away or coming toward us for it stayed constant. Venus was very bright and just to the right of the clouds in the clear sky and served as a good reference point for the objects direction of flight.

The object moved south until it appeared directly below Venus, where the object slowly changed direction and went straight up toward Venus. Then it turned north in a perfect line with Venus and hovered above the clouds, like it was observing the storm.

The object moved very slowly, so we watched for 15-20 minutes as the black dot moved from the backdrop of the cloud to the backdrop of the sunny sky. If it was a plane it would have disappeared out of sight or flown over our heads, and I couldn't imagine a helicopter being much different except for its hovering ability. This object did not get smaller or larger, but it was definitely a long distance away. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

OHIO -- SPHERE APPEARED AND MOVED VERY FAST

PIQUA -- A sphere shaped UFO was seen at the Upper Valley JVS in Piqua, Ohio at about 2:30 PM, on March 15, 2003. The craft was spherical and very shiny flying at an elevation of about 2000 feet. It hovered in one spot for about four minutes and then shot off eastbound suddenly. Minutes later it returned at a lower altitude moving slowly in circles. Visual contact was lost when I had to enter a building. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

WISCONSIN -- FLYING TRIANGLE

MADISON -- Joel N. was visiting a friend who was using his 16X70 binoculars for stargazing and was checking out Jupiter at 10:30 PM. I was talking about how I could see Saturn earlier in the evening when I suddenly saw six dim reddish lights in a "V" formation moving slowly from the south. Three on one side and three on the other. I said to my friend "What the hell is that?" He started to say "That's an airplane." when he realized there was absolutely no sound, the lights were not flashing and it was way too close and large to be an airplane. At arm's length it was just smaller than my hand. It disappeared suddenly. He must have gotten a slightly better look at it than I did. He said it never changed pace or direction. At first we both decided that it must have been a flock of birds reflecting red light from the city. We agreed that the speed and formation of the dim reddish lights were perfect the whole time and most likely rectangular shaped. I found an article about the possibility of a secret Military "Stealth Blimp" that could match the description. I looked at a drawing taken from Popular Mechanics Magazine of what this secret aircraft could look like and it's amazingly close to what we saw. There is a military airbase nearby, so perhaps it is a secret aircraft. Thanks to UFO Wisconsin <http://www.ufowisconsin.com/>

ILLINOIS -- FLYING TRIANGLE AND OVAL OVAL-SHAPED UFO

WINFIELD -- Last night at 8 PM, while pulling his car into the parking lot of the Behavioral Health Services Building on March 14, 2003, the witness noticed three flashing entities coming down in front of his car. He noticed more dropping out of the sky until there were several. They were mostly red, flashing white lights, that had no visible wings. They did not make a sound, and some had blue and aqua lights. The witness states, "Some were triangular, some cigar-shaped, and some like a small box with four perpendicular lights." I brought several people out of the building, and we all watched this phenomenon by 11:30 PM. Also, during the time I was watching, a bona-fide helicopter with multicolored lights flew over. A few, but not all of these objects, left a contrail. I have spent seven years in the air force, and I know what aircraft look and sound like.

These were not conventional aircraft. I called 911, and a Winfield police officer responded and watched them with me replying that he could not shoot them down, and that this was beyond local jurisdiction. The lighted objects also spat out balls every once in a while that also flew.

LINDENHURST -- The witness who describes himself as having considerable technical training and experience reports he observed a bright white oval-shaped object in the night sky on March 11, 2003. I noticed it in the corner of my eye,



and when I looked up it flew out of sight at 9:30 PM. It was flying in a NW to SE direction. It was unlike an airplane that gradually dims from view, and it just disappeared into thin air.

NUFORC

MISSOURI -- UFO PHOTOGRAPHED WITH POLAROID

ST. LOUIS ZOO -- I was at the zoo on March 8, 2003, at 1 PM, about 50 feet away from the entrance holding a Polaroid instant camera towards the sky. My uncle hit the button that takes the picture and when the picture came out and developed, we noticed the UFO. There was no noise, lights or anything unusual going on that day in the sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

WASHINGTON INVESTIGATION OF JUDGES PHOTOS

SPOKANE -- Judge Ed has taken a series of spectacular UFO photos. Kathlene A writes, "I tend to be a skeptic. I have talked with him on the phone and he seems down to earth. I am not sure why a judge would open himself up to public scrutiny knowing it could affect his career, if he did not believe there was something there. "So I guess he does feel he has something very important." He also told me he has been fascinated and has studied aircraft for many years. Spokane is part of the 'old' continent and contains a lot of uranium and radon gas. Its ironic that about a year ago Lujan Wong, a scientist from a university in New York, experimented with going faster than the speed of light using a derivative of radon gas. Could there be a connection? We keep planning on meeting with the Judge in person and I will make a trip soon. Another point. I have talked to some people up in the Deer Park area about things that have been seen over the years. One farmer saw a definite UFO when he was younger. His Dad and sister were pursued by one in 1965 down a dark country road in an isolated area called Blind Valley. My friend had a "light" explode in the middle of the night. It was one of those globes you touch and it puts out streams where you touch. The people here are up early in the morning and early to bed farming. But the skies are clear as the altitude around the valley is about 2500 feet. In March 2001, I was in a car with two others when we were following a red light silently traveling west and over the mountains. We could not see the object but it was no more than 200 feet. Then a very large black shadow went right over the car in the opposite direction. I mean bigger than any barn owl. It was very bizarre. I also have a report about two witnesses who saw a Huge golden orb coming down toward a local mountain and back up again. Thanks to Kathleen A

EDMONDS -- A pilot reports that he was returning from the beach with his Golden Retriever when he saw two bright landing lights coming towards him at 7:30 PM, on March 16, 2003. The craft was flying northwest at a very low level only 200 to 300 feet above ground level (AGL). They were about one mile away traveling just above the tree level about 20 MPH. I saw three bright lights and they were on the bottom corners of a black triangle (about 100-150' to each side). I was standing in the middle of a park, with the craft heading straight for me. At that moment, I decided that I would not want to become an abductee statistic and said out loud "I'm not ready for this!", so I quickly made my way to the closest trees for some cover. I looked back and it was gone. It was as close as 250 yards and traveling at about 20 MPH with no sound. This happened about 5 miles south of Paine Field - my home airport, with-in their Class D airspace.

I have contacted Paine Field Airport Management and they are researching their radar tapes and talking to the tower personnel for that time period.

SPOKANE -- Mary reports, "At about 1 AM, there was an unusual amount of activity on the west end of CDA Lake on March 10, 2003." I heard a deep low motor noise coming, almost like something being dragged, but not screeching. As it grew louder, and I felt my house humming with vibration, I found myself with a smile on my face and a feeling of comfort, as I said to myself, "Oh, it's just them." I am not sure if I saw the yellow lights thru my windows or I felt a yellow warmth. When I feel I am being watched I am not afraid, and feel as though I am protected. Monday night I felt as if I received a soothing message to not be afraid of the impending war. I have seen the light balls on occasion, but mostly during the day. Thanks to Mary

CANADA -- SNOW MACHINES STOPPED BY 'V' SHAPED CRAFT

THUNDERBAY, ONTARIO -- I did not see this event but eye witness accounts say that their snow machines stopped running when they spotted this craft on March 11, 2003, at 3 PM. Other people were saying that it was an orange fireball or comet that crashed in the area known as Shabaqua Corners that is known for strange events such as six or seven airplane crashes in the last ten years. The witness states, I personally saw a craft which was on the west side of Thunderbay, just above the airport. It did not seem to move and hovered in one area. It was 'V' shaped, red in color and it seemed to cloak itself, yet I could still see the outline. It seemed to blend in with the clouds, but yet I could still make out the 'V' shape. This went on for half an hour until it seemed to cloak for the last time and I could not make it out anymore. That was last year with my guitar player after our band's gig at 3 AM. Directly in front of us was a huge orange ball that was the size of my fist at arm's length.

The best way I can describe this incident is, to say that if I put my thumb up in the air behind the wheel of my car it would be the size of the moon. I stopped at the 7-11 to buy something to eat, and asked the worker to come outside and look at this thing to make sure I wasn't seeing things. He as well as my guitar player, saw this huge thing. NUFORC

UFO SIGHTINGS IN MEXICO

CHIHUAHUA -- Roland Michel Tremblay writes, "Three times already UFOs came out of El Cerro del Pueblo Mountain near Chihuahua and the famous Zone of Silence." The last sighting happened very recently and was witnessed by most of the small village Villa Lopez. The mountain is one of the most important deposits of barite, a barium bearing mineral that exhibits more gravity than any other mineral with no metallic constituent elements with the exception of uraninite. After some research we have discovered that most UFO activities take place where barite/barium deposits exist. The UFOs appear to get out from the top of the mountain as if they travel through a wormhole or an inter-dimensional window. The barium could be what gives them the necessary energy to accomplish this, as if the barite deposit was utilized as a huge superconductor to channel gravitational / electromagnetic forces from the core of the earth. More and more witnesses are coming forward and now there are reports of travel in time to the year 1645 and some sort of alien underground installations under the mountain El

Cerro del Pueblo. Many sightings and other paranormal phenomena have been reported, and it has been happening for more than 50 years. You can read all my correspondence with the main witness Mr. Gonzalez Ponce at <http://www.crownedanarchist.com/elcerrodelpueblo.htm>.

We are also looking for experienced investigators willing to go there by their own means to see what they could find. If you can talk about this case around you it would also be helpful as we need to reach people who witnessed similar events. Please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks to Roland Michel Tremblay in London, [rm@crownedanarchist.com](mailto:rm@crownedanarchist.com)

VENEZUELA -- UFO LIGHT FORMATION VIDEO TAPED

CARACAS -- The witness spotted what he thought was some kind of aircraft on March 13, 2003, but it was bright like a big star or planet that disappeared in a blink at 1:25 PM. The witness states, "I was watching the sky, which was clear, when suddenly an extremely bright object appeared and moved very slowly." I went to get my handy cam and taped it for two to three minutes, but when I looked again to the sky it was gone. My mother and sister were witnesses

CHILI -- UFOs REPORTED OVER SOUTH

PROVIDENCIA -- Several unidentified flying objects were reported at noon by dozens of persons in the commune of Providencia, Santiago. On March 20, 2003, the phenomenon remained over Marchant Pereira Street for several minutes that vanished as suddenly as it appeared. A group of lights hovered directly over the city. Various witnesses to the phenomenon made it known to Terra.cl's UFO channel. According to the witnesses, the sighting involved a large circular object of intense

brilliance which was accompanied by other, lesser objects. Some witnesses claim having seen up to seven such objects around it.

UFO researchers received many phone calls shortly after the event was recorded. Up to now, the authorities of the General Office of Civil Aeronautics have not produced any explanations for this event. Thanks to Scott Corrales Translation (C) 2003, and PlanetaUFO

#### ENGLAND -- TEARDROP AND RED LIGHT

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK -- As my friend, and I were navigating some sharp bends in the road on March 9, 2003, at 9:15 PM, we saw a large bright red light about 100 feet in the air. It was traveling slowly across the sky about a mile away, stopped, and then seemed to dive to the earth changing its shape to a cylindrical form. It was about 30 feet long and 15 feet wide.

The light seemed to quiver but kept its shape and disappeared when it reached the ground. The light was a very rich red set against the dark night and was clearly visible. As we traveled two miles further along the road, my friend saw a rod shaped light of white/electric blue fly across the field to our left and hover on the road about 18 inches above the ground. This object was about 20 inches long. It appeared to be extremely vibrant and clearly seen. It was motionless on the road when I (the driver) saw it, and we seemed to drive straight through it.

My friend saw the inside of the car momentarily light up as we did so. This sparked off a great deal of thought and discussion between us. We saw no further events the rest of the journey, and we were none the worse for our experience.

SEA FRONT-- The witness was walking along the sea coast on March 11, 2003, at around quarter past eleven and he noticed it was a particularly clear night so he sat down and watched the stars.

The witness says, "About 11:23 PM, I noticed a silver object with a blurry outline come towards the shore slightly above the sea and stopped about 100 feet in front of me!" It was making a deep buzzing sound, and beamed a light on me for about 10 seconds. I was paralyzed with fear so did not move. Then the light went out and the spacecraft returned back across the sea.

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#### SOUTH AFRICA - DAYLIGHT DISK LIGHT AT GREAT ALTITUDE

PIETERMARITZBURG -- Highmoor Dam is situated at East Longitude 29=B034' and South Latitude 29=B025'. While watching two eagles soaring overhead on March 13, 2003, at 9 AM, my wife noticed a silver object shining in the sky directly overhead. She pointed it out to me and asked what I thought it was. At first I thought it was sunlight reflecting off a geostationary satellite, although I had never seen this type of phenomena before. The altitude of the shining disc was estimated to be that of a satellite which is normally seen in the night sky. We both viewed the stationery object for a few minutes before sighting it through a pair of binoculars and it seemed to be reflected light perhaps closer due to the magnification. After about 15 minutes with absolutely no movement of the object I decided to capture it on video with a telephoto lens. It was at this moment when I needed the camera that the battery went flat, hence no video. It would not have been of much use anyway as all it would have shown was a dab of silver light against a blue background. We both continued to look directly above. I was using the binoculars and could see it clearly and started moving in a westerly direction picking up speed as it went. I did not take my eyes off the accelerating light, but said just follow the binoculars. The object moved through a 90=B0 arc in approximately 15 seconds where I lost sight of it behind some bushes. I estimated its speed to be at least ten times faster than the satellites I have seen. I observed it to accelerate to a speed of some 270 000 km/p/h. I have always thought there might be ET's out there and if you cannot give some form of sane explanation to this one, then I am convinced I saw a UFO. Thanks to Peter Davenport

#### PAKISTAN -- TRIANGLE WITH WHITE LIGHTS

FAISALABAD -- On March 15, 2003, at 1:35 PM, It was triangle shape with white lights at each corner of it and a large red one in the middle. I can't explain it because my English is not so good. We had a party at home and had many people on the roof talking to each other. The time was between 1 or 2 hours after midnight. Suddenly my cousin Maria shouted. She was the first

witness who saw it.

#### AUSTRALIA -- MOVING BRIGHT LIGHT CHANGES DIRECTION

BROKEN HILL -- On March 12, 2003, the witness had a sighting at 8:20 PM, of a straight moving light in the southwest, that suddenly changed direction to the east in a heart beat, almost an instant turn. It then traveled straight for another one to two minutes and changed from being as bright as a flashlight to almost black. It almost vanished, but continued straight as I lost sight of it in the direction it was going before it vanished was towards Sydney. It was viewed by two other people at the same time, since I got the neighbors out of there house for it. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### NEW ZEALAND - A DISC WAS TO BE SEEN AT SUNSET

I had taken several shots with my Digital Camera, on March 10, 2003, at 6 PM, on Sunset, and only noticed during the editing, that something was amiss with one of the images. All the others were perfect, except this one, where a disc is visible. Nothing has been enhanced in anyway. The "disc" is mid/left hand of the border and, can be seen with the naked eye.

#### SCIENTISTS HINT AT EXTRA DIMENSIONS

CHICAGO -- The concept of extra dimensions, dismissed as nonsense even by one of its earliest proponents nearly nine decades ago, may soon help solve seemingly unrelated problems in particle physics, cosmology and gravitational physics, according to a panel of experts who spoke at the recent American Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting in Denver. "It doesn't happen often that you get a confluence of ideas and experiments that come together and it's something that obviously would change your whole way of looking at the universe," said one Joseph Lykken, Professor in Physics at the University of Chicago. Even though scientists lack direct evidence of extra dimensions, "we have a number of hints from experiments and theoretical ideas that make us think they're probably out there. That's why we're so excited about looking for them," Lykken said. On the theoretical side, string theory, developed over the past two decades, requires that space-time has extra dimensions if it is to include gravity. "It's just built into the way that string theory works," Lykken said. But extra dimensions may ultimately help explain these data complications. "That standard model itself may be our biggest hint that there's this world of extra dimensions," he said. New experiments at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory are producing data that just don't fit the standard model, said Maria Spiropulu an Enrico Fermi Fellow at the University of Chicago. "We have things in the data that leave our mouths hanging," she said. Whether extra dimensions or some other phenomenon emerges to clarify these murky data, scientists seem certain that they stand only a few years away from a scientific revolution.

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Its all here for your convenience at discount prices. Shop at the Mall Without Walls with 100 stores. 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 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.

#### SCIENTIFIC STUDIES HELP YOU STAY YOUNG AND HEALTHY

Almost every week, I get letters from people who claim to be suffering from what they call allergies or chemtrail illness generated by mold, pollution, jet engine and auto emissions.

Breathing in pollution of any kind causes free radicals to form in your body that attack the healthy molecules setting off a destructive chain reaction. If not stopped the free radicals wreak havoc on our cells and our bodies causing many types of illnesses. To stop this chain reaction you need antioxidant nutrients such as Vitamins C, E, Beta-carotene and CoQ-10 and Isotonix OPC-3. Isotonix OPC-3 scientific studies have validated that these are the most powerful antioxidant free radical scavengers know to man, and one of the greatest discoveries in history. You can purchase Isotonix OPC-3 at the Health and Nutrition Store for about a dollar a day. You can lose weight Ephedra Free at: [lose weight](#) For the latest in anti-aging technology and HGH enhancement, and to learn more about the new science of anti-aging, and how to stop the clock for a younger, sexier, happier you, go to: [Anti-aging](#), and for antioxidants use: [Isotonix OPC-3](#)

#### NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

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

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## Re: Unusual Circular Cloud In Space Station Photo

From: David Thomson <[dave@volantis.org](mailto:dave@volantis.org)>  
Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 08:15:42 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 09:53:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Unusual Circular Cloud In Space Station Photo

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>Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 00:18:00 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Unusual Circular Cloud In Space Station Photo

>Hi Ray, David,

>Seems about right considering the AB is over Northern Canada.  
>It's actually an ice ring crater rather than the usual deep  
>crater with a ridge.

>It has been thought previously that the impact which caused this  
>crater was responsible for the Triassic-Jurassic extinction  
>event, but scientists have pointed out that, at approx 214  
>million years old, this impact occurred well before what has  
>become known as 'the TJ event'.

Hi Don, Ray, John and others who responded,

Thanks for pointing out this was a crater. It has proved enlightening with regard to its structure and timing. It is interesting that this meteor crater is a candidate for marking the boundary between the Paleozoic and Mesozoic.

I saw, after the fact, that this crater was described on the NASA web site.

Dave

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## Re: UFO Could Have Been Electrocuted Cat - Ledger

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>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
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>Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2003 01:19:40 -0800  
>Subject: Re: UFO Could Have Been Electrocuted Cat

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>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>>Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2003 17:01:37 -0500  
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFO Could Have Been Electrocuted Cat

>>UFO Could Have Been Electrocuted Cat

>>Experts say a reported UFO sighting in Norway was probably an  
>>electrocuted cat.

>With a flashy fuss of flaming fervor, a frisky feline is  
>furiously flung fifty feet forward in a frightful fit of  
>fabulous ferocity, its fiery fur flaming in a frazzled  
>fulmination as it frantically falls from the firmament in a  
>fantastic fashion, fearfully fizzling into a field like a  
>freakish flare with a fatal ferocity, the fiendish fiasco  
>seeming to be a figment of facetious folly.

>The phenomenon fazes the fraught forefathers with great force  
>and frenzy, its fanciful yet foul fortune gains fame afar and  
>its fate fed to folklore of the fringe as we bid farewell to the  
>fraught feline with a fast funeral.

>As you can see, I've got too much time on my hands.

> -- KY

Hi Kenny,

It's obvious you are fond of the "F" word.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Gulf Breeze Pictures

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Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Mar 2003 07:13:29 -0500  
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>Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 19:59:51 +0100  
>Subject: Gulf Breeze Pictures

>I thought you might like to read both of these.

><http://benholland.8k.com>

<http://benholland.8k.com/COMMENTARY%20ON%20BARBARA%20BECKER%27S%201990%20PAPER%20ENTITLED.htm>

>I hope these documents will shed some light on how all or most  
>the photographs that appear in Ed Walter's Gulf Breeze Sightings  
>book can be repeated by anyone without the knowledge of double  
>exposure or tampering with the original negative.

Ben-

Proving that the photos could have been faked doesn't prove that they were, and I had no doubt that they could have been faked from the beginning.

But I'll admit that I was a bit concerned when a number of pop-up ads appeared when I visited your web site. A scan of my system then showed that a number of "Tracking" cookies had been uploaded to my computer, which had been cleaned of spyware earlier today.

Steve

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## A NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER

President Bush signed a new executive order on national security classification policy that will defer the April 17, 2003 deadline for automatic declassification of millions of 25 year old documents until December 31, 2006, while making a number of other adjustments to the current classification regime.

Most remarkable, from Secrecy News' point of view, is what the new order did not do: It did not alter the basic structures of declassification that were introduced by the Clinton Administration and that have yielded around a billion pages of declassified historical documents in the past seven years.

As previously noted, the order does include several changes tending in the direction of greater secrecy. These include a presumption of classification for foreign government information; expanded authority to reclassify declassified information; new authority for the CIA to reject declassification rulings from an interagency panel; and elimination of the instruction to classifiers not to classify if there is significant doubt about the need to do so.

As deplorable as these steps are, however, they seem unlikely to have a major impact on disclosure policy. Foreign government information was already rendered statutorily exempt from the Freedom of Information Act in the 2001 Defense Authorization Act, so classifying it is gilding the lily. Reclassification of declassified information still requires a written finding from an agency head, and so is unlikely to be carelessly or frequently invoked. As for the interagency panel, in almost every one of the cases where it has voted to declassify CIA documents, the CIA representative to the panel concurred in declassification. And the former injunction not to classify in event of significant doubt was a rhetorical flourish that never had operational meaning.

A deeper problem with the order is that it is predicated on a hierarchical information model that no longer corresponds to the way information is used inside and outside of government. In practice, most useful information does not flow top-down in a pyramid shape, but every which way in a network. Imposing the traditional classification structure on a webbed information environment is a recipe for dysfunction.

A copy of the new order, signed on March 25, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/bush/eoamend.html>

The transcript of a White House background briefing on the new order is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2003/03/wh032503.html>

See also "Release of Documents is Delayed" by Dana Milbank and Mike Allen, Washington Post, March 26:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A29446-2003Mar25.html>

and "Bush Orders a 3-Year Delay in Opening Secret Documents" by Elisabeth Bumiller, New York Times, March 26:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/03/26/politics/26SECR.html>

#### ISCAP REPORTS ON DECLASSIFICATION

The Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP), which is one of the Clinton-era innovations that has now been endorsed by the Bush Administration, reports that it has chalked up another year of eliminating unnecessary classifications that would otherwise have gone unchecked.

The ISCAP is an executive branch body composed of representatives of Justice, State, CIA, DoD and the National Archives and supported by the Information Security Oversight Office. One of its principal functions is to consider appeals from the public of declassification requests that have been denied by one of the ISCAP member agencies.

Remarkably, the Panel has overturned original agency classification decisions, and declassified the requested documents partially or completely, in 76% of the cases it has considered. (This compares with a declassification figure close to zero in similar challenges that are litigated in federal court under the Freedom of Information Act.)

The ISCAP has a limited capacity -- it considered just over 100 contested documents in 2002 -- and it is not entirely exempt from the mindless impulse to classify that leads to bad decisions, but it is nevertheless an impressive bureaucratic solution to an enduring bureaucratic problem.

The ISCAP's report on its activities in 2002 may be found here, courtesy of the Information Security Oversight Office:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/advisory/iscap/iscap02.html>

#### CHASING THE IRAQI NUCLEAR HOAX

One of many troubling features of the war in Iraq is the fact that some of the evidence proffered by the United States government to justify the war has proved to be fabricated and false.

Documents purporting to show that Iraq sought to purchase uranium from Niger are now known to be forgeries, raising questions about the good faith of the Bush Administration, which cited the claim in the State of the Union address, the competence of U.S. intelligence agencies and, not least, the identity and motives of the forgers.

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) recently sent an eight page letter to White House in an attempt to probe the meaning of this episode.

"It has become incontrovertibly clear that a key piece of evidence you and other Administration officials have cited regarding Iraq's efforts to obtain nuclear weapons is a hoax," wrote Rep. Waxman. "This is a breach of the highest order, and the American people are entitled to know how it happened."

See Rep. Waxman's March 17 letter here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/03/waxman.pdf>

Jack Shafer wrote a series of items on media coverage and non-

coverage of the matter in Slate. See his "Follow That Story: The Nuclear Whodunit":

<http://slate.msn.com/id/2080583>

Seymour Hersh did his thing in the New Yorker this week. See "Who Lied to Whom?" here:

[http://newyorker.com/fact/content/?030331fa\\_fact1](http://newyorker.com/fact/content/?030331fa_fact1)

#### NORTH KOREA AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

"If the United States discards its hostile policy against the DPRK [North Korea] and discontinues making nuclear threats, we will be ready to prove, through a separate verification between the DPRK and the United States, that we will not make nuclear weapons."

That's what North Korea said in a lengthy statement explaining its decision to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty.

The statement, which is coherent and rational and generally free of cartoonish vitriol, suggests that it might be possible to find a diplomatic solution to the problems posed by the North Korean nuclear program.

See the January 21 statement, newly translated by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, here:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/dprk/nuke/dprk012203.html>

For related background, see "North Korea's Nuclear Weapons Program" by Larry A. Niksch, Congressional Research Service, updated March 17:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/crs/IB91141.pdf>

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MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS SEEN  
IN SADDAM'S AREA 51

On Wednesday, March 19, 2003, the war in Iraq opened with two stunning Allied air strikes, one on a hideaway in southern Baghdad used by Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, the other on the northern city of Mosul.

However, eight hours before the cruise missiles hit Mosul, strange lights were reported in the As-Zab as-Shagir (Arabic for Little Zab--J.T.) river valley, located about 72 kilometers (45 miles) west of Kirkuk and 88 kilometers (55 miles) south of Irbil.

Kurdish militia known as Peshmirga (Kurdish for Those who are ready to die--J.T.), who were on patrol in the mountains east of the Little Zab valley, spotted unusual flashing lights over the region. "At nightfall (6:30 p.m. Irbil time) the Kurdish fighters at the Dolabakra checkpoint looked down toward the lights of Kirkuk, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) away."

Some Kurds said the lights might be UFOs. Others insisted that "a lightning storm on the (western) horizon" had "illuminated the sky. Was it the start of bombing? No one was certain."

"An Iraqi anti-aircraft battery--perhaps six miles (10 kilometers) away--opened fire."  
(Editor's Comment: At a high-flying Allied spy plane?)

The Little Zab River valley has been the subject of much speculation since a retired U.S. military man spoke on The Art Bell Show last December (2002) and claimed that a saucer had crash-landed in Iraq either during the first Gulf War in 1991 or Operation Desert Fox in 1998. Persistent rumors in Irbil province claimed that Saddam Hussein had granted the aliens sanctuary in Iraq. The aliens were said to be staying at an underground base at Zarzi in the upper valley or at the millenia-old citadel at Qalaat-e-Julundi, located on a lofty, easily-defended promontory on a bend in the Little Zab River. (See UFO Roundup, volume 7, number 51 for December 17, 2002, "Saddam's Area 51?" page 2.)

"Then at about 9 p.m., a series of Iraqi flares was fired. Red tracer bullets" lit up the sky east of Dolabakra. "Rain returned. All was calm again."

"At a Peshmirga militia base three miles (5 kilometers) toward Irbil, the local (Kurdish) commander, Yusaf Hassam Kader, held a midnight meeting with top aides." The militiamen wondered aloud if the U.S. Air

Force had raided Zarzi, but nobody really knew what was going on or who the Iraqis had been shooting at.

"We will wait for the Americans," Kader said.

"About four hours later (4:30 a.m., Thursday, March 20, 2003)--shortly before dawn--Kurdish radio reported air strikes in Mosul, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) northwest of Irbil."

According to UFO Roundup's Middle East correspondents, Al-Shabab Television in Iraq (which, by the way, is owned by Saddam's son, Uday--J.T.) covered the bombing raids in the north, which, they claimed, were carried out by USAF B-52 bombers. However, neither Zarzi nor Qalaat-e-Julundi was specifically mentioned in the broadcast.

Saddam has a heavy concentration of military forces in Irbil province, including the Iraqi Army's 5th Corps headquarters, 7th Infantry Division, the al-Abed Infantry Division, 1st Mechanized Infantry Division and 5th Mechanized Infantry Division.

(See the St. Paul, Minn. Pioneer Press for March 22, 2003, "Kurds ready to fight Saddam," page 15A; the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for March 21, 2003, "The war begins: On the move," page 5A, and "Northern front left to Kurdish units," page 2S. Many thanks also to Ayesha al-Khatabi and Mohammed Hajj al-Amdar.)

(Editor's Comment: While scanning newspaper reports, your editor came across two items of interest: (1) A photo of B-52s taking off from RAF-Fairford in UK for the long flight to the Middle East, which was apparently taken early on Wednesday. And (2) a passing mention in USA Today to something called Operation Bug Splat, which the article described as some kind of "special software for selecting targets." I wonder...is that "Bug" as in "Bug-Eyed Monster (BEM)," which is 1950s USA slang for extraterrestrials or space aliens? Was Operation Bug Splat a kind of "piggyback mission," in which a wing of B-52s left early to bomb Zarzi?)

#### THE SADDAM MYSTERY

"President Bush had just three minutes left to decide whether to approve Wednesday's mission to take out Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein before the window of opportunity slammed shut."

"'Let's go,' Bush said, and the war that the world had been anticipating and dreading for months was underway. In football terms, it was an audible --a last-minute change of plans forced by changing circumstances."

"Military planners had told the president they needed a decision by 7:15 p.m." Washington D.C. time "or they would miss the chance at their target."

"And it was 7:12."

"Intelligence officials had long been frustrated in their attempts to track Saddam's erratic movements."

"Then, on Wednesday," March 19, 2003, "according to senior government officials, Iraqi informants produced a lead. The Iraqi leader, and possibly his two sons (Uday and Qusay--J.T.), were said to be in a private house built over an underground bunker in southern Baghdad."

"What happened next, one senior administration official said Thursday," march 20, 2003, "'has created one of the great mysteries of the the first day of the war--did we hit anyone, and if so, who did we get?'"

"On Thursday night, officials were still holding out hope that one of the 2,000-pound bombs and nearly 40 Tomahawk cruise missiles, each carrying 1,000 pounds of explosive, may have killed Saddam or his sons."

"'The preponderance of the evidence is he was there when the building blew up,' said one senior U.S. official with access to sensitive intelligence. The official added that Saddam's sons may also have been at the compound."

"'He didn't get out beforehand,' another senior official said of the Iraqi president."

"Another administration official said 'there is evidence that he (Saddam) was at least injured' because of indications that medical attention was urgently summoned on his behalf."

"The mystery deepened as intelligence agencies monitoring Iraqi communications detected a significant drop in intercepted communications among Iraq's top

leaders. Some officials speculated that Iraq's leadership had gone underground; others believed that, as one official put it, 'their phones melted.'

Compounding the mystery was the fact that Saddam Hussein was not seen by the Iraqi public for nearly 20 hours after the initial Allied airstrike.

"While U.S. intelligence monitored Iraqi government communications and movements Thursday to pick up signs of Saddam's fate, the administration's attention was focused on the (first) television appearance by Saddam in which he stated Thursday's date and made reference to the "dawn" and an attack by the United States."

"Experts at the Pentagon, the CIA, the State Department and other U.S. agencies scrambled to analyze the mustachioed man's earlobes, his thick glasses, his voice and speech patterns, the folds of his military uniform, the way he sat, even his badly dyed hair."

On Friday, March 21, 2003, following the Iraqi leader's second photographed public appearance, the CIA announced that it was indeed Saddam in the first videotape, which was aired on Al-Jazeera and other cable TV news outlets.

But others aren't so sure.

Also on Friday, Saddam's former mistress of 15 years told a French TV crew that the man in the first videotape "is an actor made up to look like Saddam."

"My Iraqi friends tell me that opinion is deeply divided," UFO Roundup correspondent Ayesha al-Khatabi said, "Many people do not think it was Saddam on the video, and they wonder where he was all day Thursday. The black glasses he wore were very distracting and prevented the viewer from seeing his eyes. My aunt saw the video on TV in Amman (Jordan). She said it was an actor named Jafaar al-Mahmoudi whom she says was on a romantic drama (soap opera--J.T.) twenty years ago."

"Contact with Iraq is sporadic with (because of) the war," she added, "I can almost tell when the coalition is bombing because if I am talking to friends in Baghdad, my cell phone begins to shriek. Is this the HAARP project I read about?"

(Editor's Comment: It's possible, Ayesha, but I think it's just the NSA jamming those particular frequencies.)

Mohammed Hajj al-Amdar reported that Iraqis are marvelling at their leader's "miraculous escape" from the targeted Tomahawk missile.

(Editor's Comment: Love him or hate him, Saddam Hussein has pulled off the most spectacular dodge since July 20, 1944, when Adolf Hitler escaped the time bomb that was planted in his Wolfsschanze bunker by Col. Klaus Schenk von Stauffenberg.)

"Saddam was at the safe house with several senior officers and a squad of Anim al-Khass (Saddam's "Secret Service" or bodyguards--J.T.) They are all from Tikrit and are related to him by blood or marriage. Someone in a black beret was taken out on a stretcher after the building collapsed. I heard it was one of Saddam's doubles. He has 18 such doubles, who take his place at public events, as he is so fearful of assassination."

"In Baghdad they speak of doubles. In Irbil, they talk of clones! They say the Zarzi aliens are making more at their underground base."

"There are even rumors that the aliens saved Saddam. While the American cruise missile was enroute to Baghdad, so the story goes, the aliens appeared in the meeting room and warned Saddam of the danger. Then the aliens shined a strange light at the wall. A circle of light was created, brilliant white with golden streaks rotating from top to bottom anticlockwise (counter-clockwise in the USA--J.T.). Saddam stepped into the light and vanished. Then Uday, then Qusay, three Anim al-Khass men and finally the little aliens. Then the light itself disappeared. The missile hit the house before the others could flee."

"If this market tale is true, then it might explain why nothing was heard of Saddam for nearly a day. Saddam, his sons and the aliens could have emerged from the teleportation circle in Zarzi. From there, it is half a day's drive west over rugged mountain roads before you even reach the highway, and from there it is another 80 kilometers (50 miles) south until you reach Tikrit, the nearest place with a television studio. Saddam was unable to issue a TV broadcast on Thursday. This is why the

Saddam double in Baghdad put on those ridiculous glasses and made that speech. The Friday (videotaped) broadcast shows the Saddam everyone knows." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for Friday, March 21, 2003, "Saddam's fate a 'mystery,' page 3S. Many thanks to Ayesha al-Khatabi and Mohammed Hajj al-Amdar for the commentary.)

YELLOW-ORANGE UFO SEEN  
IN MEXICO'S VERACRUZ STATE

On Saturday, March 8, 2003, at 6:30 p.m., "a yellow-orange UFO was sighted by Cynthia Saavedra and other witnesses in the city of Xalapa, in (Mexico's) state of Veracruz. Srta. Saavedra reported that the UFO 'was brilliant and luminous, with an equally luminous jet emerging from the tail.'"

"Srta. Saavedra and the witnesses had the object in view for 10 minutes before it disappeared from their sight. A short while later, it was followed by 'a second object of similar characteristics' which was 'accompanied by a small brilliant orange sphere.' Up to 15 people in Xalapa witnessed the unusual phenomenon."

Xalapa is 37 miles (59 kilometers) northwest of the seaport city of Veracruz. (See NotioVNI for March 16, 2003. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz para eso informe.)

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

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Rutherglen UFO Mystery

In true X-Files fashion it's a case that Mulder and Scully would love to get their teeth into.

And it has prompted a witness appeal by the Glasgow UFO Research Organisation (GUFORO).

They want to know - "Have you seen strange objects in the Rutherglen sky?"

Their UFO experts are following up a reported sighting of a "classic flying saucer-shaped" object in the sky on June 14 last year.

A 74-year-old Burnside woman and her friend reported seeing a large burning object in the clear summer skyline, just before 6pm that Friday.

UFO researchers have not been able to provide a rational explanation for the incident, and are appealing for anyone who saw something to come forward.

In a written statement to GUFORO, the Burnside pensioner said: "I was driving in my car when I first saw the object I am going to try to describe to you.

"My friend was talking to me when I interrupted her, and asked her to look up at the sky and tell me what she saw.

"The object we saw was very high in the sky and looked like one massive ball of fire hurtling towards Earth.

"As it came down it appeared to change shape from a ball to what now looked like a large plane on fire, coming down nose first."

The fiery object appeared to have smoke billowing from it, and the friends watched as it continued to come down.

It now appeared to be the shape of an upside down T, and it seemed to elongate as it fell, starting to resemble a burning jumbo jet."

The witness continued: "It had now three plumes of smoke coming from it.

"The object had come down so far my friend and I thought it might crash."

But the biggest mystery was about to happen.

"My friend and I watched in total disbelief as the object vanished, leaving my friend and I saying 'Where did it go?',"



she continued.

"This all happened on a clear cloudless afternoon at about 5.55pm.

"The object did not go behind buildings or trees, it was still too high in the sky for that.

"It had just disappeared in the blink of an eye."

GUFORO have ruled out astronomical explanations for the sighting, including a meteor that was passing Earth at the time. They have also contacted various authorities, such as local police and Glasgow Airport's air traffic control, but still cannot explain the sighting.

GUFORO researcher Jim Robertson said: "We are looking for witnesses who come forward.

"We will treat all calls as confidential.

"What is unusual in this case is the age of the witness, and the shape of the object, coupled with the fact it seemed to be on fire."

Anyone with information on this or any other sighting can contact the GUFORO 24-hour hotline on 07763 323743.

The GUFORO was formed in 2000, to conduct and promote research into UFOs and related phenomena.

For more information, visit their website at:

[www.geocities.com/guforo2000](http://www.geocities.com/guforo2000)

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How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions?

By Seth Shostak  
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27 March 2003

Editor's Note: This is Part 3 of a 3-part series on artificiality.

Sorting deliberate signals from a gush of cosmic static requires discernment. It's somewhat akin to beachcombing: finding the occasional bauble on a shoreline littered with dead seaweed, desiccated crustaceans, and other unappealing, sea-borne dross.

Radio SETI experiments do this by hunting for narrow-band signals, in which much of the transmitter power has been crammed into a bit of spectrum that's 1 Hz or less in width. Such signals are not only very easily noticed, they are also markedly different from the wide-band splatter of quasars, pulsars, and other cosmic broadcasters. Narrow-band signals are, in other words, "artificial." (Official disclaimer: it's possible that there exists some still-undiscovered, natural astrophysical phenomenon that could produce narrow-band signals. While finding such a phenomenon might not chill the spine to quite the same low temperature as finding E.T., it would still be tremendously interesting, and probably worth tenure at your local institution of higher learning.)

Optical SETI experiments use a different criterion for artificiality: they search for short, intense photon bursts. If you turn a moderate-size telescope in the direction of a star many dozen light-years distant, and then measure how much light arrives in a very short interval - say, a billionth of a second - you will typically count no more than one photon. But if it transpires that you measure a few dozen photons piling into your scope in that brief time slice, you will certainly have found something highly artificial: presumably a laser pulse shot your way by extraterrestrials with a yen for contact.

So the SETI criterion for artificiality is this: Narrow-band signals in the radio, and brief photon bursts in the optical.

Fine. Such signals would tell us that the aliens are out there. But what about the message?

As we've remarked in the previous articles in this series, a narrow-band radio signal is like a single note on a flute: obvious, but not interesting. Well, suppose you decide to switch such a radio tone rapidly on and off, to encode some sort of pithy messages. This will spread the transmitter power over a wider piece of the dial (think of the "music" made by your computer modem), and the resulting signal at any specific frequency will be weaker, and therefore far more difficult to

detect. Indeed, many transmissions that we produce on Earth (including the cell phone calls that both keep you in touch and may be cooking your brain) are deliberately engineered to be wide-band, to maximize security and minimize interference. Such signals are hard to find unless you are privy to the encoding scheme or work for the phone company.

So how do we reconcile easily found, narrow-band signals with E.T.'s presumed interest in conveying information? After all, there seems little point in constructing a transmitter with interstellar reach if it does no more than send a dull, empty signal.

One possibility is that E.T.'s wide-band, information-rich message will lie in the same part of the band as the narrow-band "beacon," forming a type of composite broadcast that's similar to our own television signals. In this case, having found the beacon, we can hope to corral the wide-band message by simply erecting a larger antenna that will make it detectable. Note that this antenna might be thousands of times the size of the one that bags the initial discovery, and consequently many, many years may elapse between finding an alien signal and getting the message (let alone understanding it). This is just one more case in which Hollywood's view of SETI diverges from scientific reality.

Another possibility is that the beacon may have some slow code that "points" to the message by indicating where it is on the dial. In this case, the narrow-band signal is an electromagnetic buoy that would tell us where to dive deeper to find the real treasure.

What about snagging the message from an optical signal? Since this approach looks for short flashes of light, you might think that we could get E.T.'s bountiful bit-stream right away: all we would need to do is write the incoming pulses to a hard disk, and then examine them at leisure to search for patterns that would contain the profound insights of distant beings.

Can we do that? The experiment being run jointly by the Lick Observatory (University of California, Santa Cruz) and the SETI Institute, which uses a telescope with a 1 meter diameter mirror, is looking for short (one billionth of a second) bursts of light coming from the directions of nearby stars. But the equipment can only record information about incoming pulses at a rate of ten times a second. If E.T. sends his encyclopedia our way at a speed of tens of millions of bits per second -

something that could be easily done on a beam of light - then the Lick system will be too slow to sort it all out. It would be akin to flipping through "Moby Dick" at fifty pages a second: you would know there are words flying by, but the subtleties of Melville's prose might elude you.

"It's true we wouldn't get all the bits," notes Rem Stone, a research astronomer at the Lick Observatory. "We can't record that fast. But we would know that something is going on right away." Put differently, the researchers would note that words are flying by. And then? "We could speed up our sampling by a factor of ten or a hundred essentially overnight. In a few weeks, we could do even better by cobbling together new hardware."

There's no doubt that, whether that first discovered signal is a radio tone or a light burst, there would be tremendous incentive to move beyond the detection and find whatever message accompanies it. For light flashes pinging our planet, that might not take very long. Indeed, as Rem Stone says with a smile in his voice, "you can bet that we would do that real fast."

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Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

UFOs AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY STATE:  
THE LAST 30 YEARS -  
PRESENTED BY RICHARD DOLAN

Saturday, April 5, 2003

The Intruders Foundation is honored to welcome noted UFO author, researcher and historian, Richard Dolan, who will offer a preview of his next book, which addresses UFO phenomena and cover-ups over the past thirty years.

His presentation will include accounts of military encounters with UFOs from the mid-1970s onward, including the serious over-flights of Air Force bases in 1975, cases from the late 1970s, 1980s, and in particular the wave of triangle sightings over Belgium, Britain, the U.S., and elsewhere.

Dolan will also discuss developments in military aircraft, seeking to answer the question of how much of the modern UFO phenomenon can be attributed to classified terrestrial technology. Finally, he will discuss secrecy developments in contemporary society, describing the difficulties and opportunities involved in obtaining true UFO disclosure.

Additional commentary will be provided by Budd Hopkins, and as always, the Intruders Foundation welcomes interaction from the audience.

### REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

The seminar will be held on April 5th at the meeting rooms of A.R.E., on the 10th Floor of 150 W. 28th Street, New York, NY.

The price of the seminar is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members of IF, seniors, and students. Reservations must be made by telephone at 212-645-5278, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Payments must be made in advance to secure the reservation. Make checks payable to the Intruders Foundation, P.O. Box 30233, New York, NY 10011. Only 50 reservations will be accepted.

On-street parking is generally available in the neighborhood.

The seminar will begin at 7:30 PM and end at 10:30 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM. There will be a half-hour intermission, during which light complimentary refreshments will be served.

A book table will offer books, videotapes, and other material for sale to those interested. For additional information, call IF at 212-645-5278.

Hope to see you there!

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## Re: UFO Could Have Been Electrocuted Cat - Gates

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>UFO Could Have Been Electrocuted Cat

>Experts say a reported UFO sighting in Norway was probably an  
>electrocuted cat.

>People in Lardal reported seeing a fire ball explode in the  
>night sky and fall slowly down to earth.

Great Balls of Fire, a shocking, just shocking UFO report.

Lets see, how would the song go:

You raise my fur and shock my brain  
Getting to the tranformer drives a cat insane  
I touched the wire, what a shock  
Goodness, gracious, Great Balls of Fire

Better yet "A whole lot of shocking going on..."

>But investigators think they've solved the mystery after the  
>charred body of a cat was found at the foot of an electrical  
>mast.

Poor cat, went out in a flame of glory that made the media.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Gulf Breeze Pictures - Maccabee

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>I thought you might like to read both of these.

><http://benholland.8k.com>

><http://benholland.8k.com/COMMENTARY%20ON%20BARBARA%20BECKER%27S%201990%20PAPER%20ENTITLED.htm>

>I hope these documents will shed some light on how all or most  
>the photographs that appear in Ed Walter's Gulf Breeze Sightings  
>book can be repeated by anyone without the knowledge of double  
>exposure or tampering with the original negative.

In the article referred to above Mr. Holland has suggested that the "glass reflection method" (GRM) was never considered as a possible explanation for the Gulf Breeze photos of Ed Walters. Holland states, "Okay, first of all no one has mentioned the following procedure in anything related to the Gulf Breeze photographs. If you have seen this method mentioned elsewhere please point it out to me but at the moment it appears that I am the first to bring it up."

In an earlier correspondence several weeks ago with Mr. Holland I pointed out that I had discussed this at the 1988 MUFON symposium along with other potential methods for hoaxing. Moreover, I pointed out to him that a reporter and professional photographer at the TV station Pensacola had, in fact, used the GRM to create photos that are similar to some of Ed's first photos.

Ed loaned his camera to the reporter so that they could do the experiments with the actual camera that took the UFO photos. (Rather gutsy thing for a hoaxer to do, by the way... to let a TV reporter "discover" how the photos were faked!) The reporter and photographer discovered that the method was cumbersome to say the least and that there was bleed-through of the sky image into the UFO model image. The results of their experiments were shown on TV in June of 1988. Hence Mr. Holland was not the first to think of the GRM.

The GRM requires that the photo of the background scene be taken with the camera looking through a piece of flat, clear glass. The orientation of the glass is adjusted so that the reflection (in the glass) of a small lighted model at some short distance (say, 10 feet) from the glass, and usually nearly behind the photographer (but could be to one side), is lined up with a chosen location in the background scene. Thus to the photographer, and to the photo itself, it appears that a "UFO" is in the scene. A dark mask can be placed on the side of the glass that is closest to the background scene (the side away from the camera) to block light from the background where the model reflection appears. If this is not done the image of the reflection will have background scene light added to it. That is, without the mask background light will "bleed through" the



desired reflection of the model. This is called the masked glass reflection method.

(MGRM) As Mr. Holland has pointed out the "nice" thing about the GRM is that the picture is WSYWIG (what you see is what you get.). The not-so-nice thing about the GRM is that you need an illuminated model and you need a sizeable piece of glass and supports for the glass and model at location of the background scene.

Mr. Holland has claimed that "every single picture of the UFO published in Ed's first book can be replicated to look EXACTLY (his emphasis) the same using the method outlined" (i.e., the GRM or MGRM). Whereas this may be technically true, it does not mean that Ed used this method to take any of his pictures. In particular, there were pictures in the presence of others who would have immediately realized what was happening. He couldn't have fooled members of his family who were present for several of his photo sessions. But more importantly, in three sightings discussed in paper presented by Holland, there were non-family witnesses who certainly wouldn't have been fooled. The first of these was the sighting when Duane Cook, the editor of the Sentinel, was present. If the photo obtained during this sighting had been created by GRM, then Cook certainly would have seen the model and the glass outside the truck (and could hardly have missed Ed setting up the model and the glass). In fact, the whole event was videotaped by Duane with no stopping of the video, so Ed's ruse would have been obvious from the video.

The second photo event that couldn't have been created at the scene and at the time of the alleged sighting by the GRM is the March 17 stereo photo event. In this case numerous other witnesses were in the vicinity at the time of the photos (they saw the flash go off) and they immediately rushed to the area where Ed was. They certainly would have noticed a lighted model beside or behind the camera and a large piece of glass in front of the camera.

The third multiple witness event which Holland suggested could be a GRM is the January 8, 1990 sighting which included two photos by Ed and two by other (non-family) witnesses. There is no way Ed could have created a GRM hoax without the several other witnesses just "happening to notice" that he had a big piece of glass suspended above the camera (all witnesses agreed that the UFO was overhead and the camera was pointing upward) while there was a small illuminated model below the camera near the ground.

In the case of the stereo photos by the Nimslo stereo camera the parallax showed a distance of at least 40 ft and the image size corresponded to a 2.5 ft object at that distance. There was no background visible, so there was no point in using the GRM. If a fake, it was faked with a 2.5 ft model.

In the case of the May 1 stereo photos taken with the "SRS" camera, which had a two foot spacing between the lenses, the problem for the GRM is not the creation of an image. The problem for the GRM to explain (which is the same as the problem for the simple double exposure - SDE - method) is to take two side-by-side (stereo) pictures that show the correct parallax to yield the 2.5 ft size of the Nimslo type image that appears in those photos, even though the parallax puts the object 130 some feet away (over the water of the Santa Rosa Sound). In other words, although it would be possible to create the images using the GRM, it would require calculations beyond Ed's ability in order to determine where to place the images on the film to get the correct amount of image shift between pictures (the images are not at exactly the same locations in the left and right photos, hence parallax).

Near the beginning of his article Mr. Holland has the following statement: "I would like to point out that Dr. Bruce Maccabee has mentioned time and time again that he believes that the photographs may have been faked...." (but not by the SDE method). Evidently Mr. Holland has misinterpreted what I have said. I have, "time and time again" said that the pictures probably could have been faked using one or more of several methods (such as the SDE, the GRM or the full sized model method). However, I have not said that I believe they "may have been faked." In fact, after due consideration of all the factors involved in these sightings I have said "time and again"

that I believe the photos were NOT faked. In other words, from the technical point of view they probably could have been faked, given enough time, knowledge, technical ability, equipment, desire and money. This is not, however, to say that they were faked.

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## To Mars By A-Bomb

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To Mars By A-Bomb

Wednesday 26 March 2003 9pm-10pm; rpt 1.10am-2.10am;  
Thursday 27 March 7pm-8pm; 10.30pm-11.30pm;  
Saturday 29 March 8pm-9pm

The extraordinary yet true account of a secret US government-backed attempt to build a spaceship the size of an ocean liner and send it to Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, propelled by thousands of miniature nuclear bombs.

Beginning in 1958 Project Orion ran until 1965, employing some of the best scientists in the world, including the brilliant British mathematician and physicist Freeman Dyson. "Freeman Dyson is one of the few authentic geniuses I've ever met", says Arthur C. Clarke. "Orion isn't crazy. It would work. The question isn't whether we could do it, but whether we should do it".

The film uncovers a contemporary angle to Project Orion. Arthur C. Clarke states that today's generation are once again serious about going to Mars and that NASA has once more become interested in similar nuclear technology as used by Project Orion in the early 60s.

The film has exclusive interviews with Ted Taylor, who ran The Project Orion and who is also the most legendary nuclear weapon designer of all time; and Freeman Dyson who is one of the greatest theoretical physicists and mathematicians that has lived this century.

Clarke talks about how he originally wrote the screenplay for Space Odyssey 2001 and he describes how he referenced The Project Orion and its use of nuclear explosives within the plot of the screenplay. However by the time it came to filming, the nuclear references were dropped as Stanley Kubrick had become very anti-nuclear bombs and his special effects team were unable to come up with an idea as to how to visualise the actual impact of the technology.

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## Control of Iraq's 'ET Heritage'

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Extracts from:

The Secret Race To Control Iraq's  
Extraterrestrial Heritage  
Published March 27, 2003  
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The possibility that ET technology lay hidden in Iraq, which had a level of sophistication far advanced to whatever had been reverse engineered by recovered ET craft since 1947, would have made gaining unfettered access to Iraq a crucial policy goal for US based clandestine organizations. This would have been accentuated if it was confirmed that the home world of the Anunnaki would be soon be returning to the Earth's vicinity of the solar system. The existence and location of these ancient ET sites, which in most likelihood had been discovered by the Iraqis in the 1980s as a result of their extensive underground construction projects, was also possibly known by those states who had long provided technical assistance to Iraq: Russia, France and Germany. US based clandestine organizations were therefore at a relative disadvantage to their European partners/rivals in gaining access to this ET technology.

The election of the second Bush administration meant that the agenda of clandestine US organizations for gaining access to Iraq's ET heritage could resume. Many former officials from the first Bush and earlier Republican administrations supporting regime change in Iraq were appointed in the new administration. As a result of their association with the Department of Defense, many if not all of these would have been familiar with clandestine activities to reverse engineer ET technology and the true reason motivating regime change in Iraq

On March 5 an unusual amount of seismic activity had begun occurring around the planet. (31) While much speculation surrounded the cause and seriousness of these seismic anomalies, it is worth exploring whether the anomalies were caused by advanced weapons technology that was either being tested or extensively used around the planet. The existence of advanced weaponry that could produce seismic activity, volcanoes and severe weather conditions was publically acknowledged by a speech given by former Secretary of Defense, William Cohen, in 1997, where at a conference discussing the threat posed by global terrorism he said: "Others [terrorists] are engaging even in an eco-type of terrorism whereby they can alter the climate, set off earthquakes, volcanoes remotely through the use of electromagnetic waves..."

In the context of heightened tension and uncertainty following the US led invasion of Iraq, the following policy recommendations can be made to help navigate through the dangerous times ahead.

- Full public disclosure of the ET presence in human affairs and the historical role played by different ET's in their

interaction with humanity.

- Full disclosure of all astronomical data that can confirm whether a tenth planet to the solar system exists that has an orbit of approximately 3,600 years.
- Full public disclosure of reverse engineered or ET based technology currently possessed by clandestine organizations is immediately required.
- An UN mandate for administrating a postwar Iraq in order to ensure cooperation and consensus among major powers over how Iraq's ET heritage is used is benefit all humanity.
- Appointed officials in clandestine organizations need to be fully accountable for their actions and policy to their respective national legislatures and/or executive branches of government.
- Executive and/or Congressional oversight of US based clandestine organizations is required to ensure these organizations operate within guidelines that are consistent with the constitutional procedures and societal values.

In the present political climate where the Bush administration appears intent on a unilateral foreign policy supported by a small number of loyal allies, there is likelihood of increased global conflict given the threat posed by US clandestine organizations gaining a strategic advantage over their European/Russian rivals. If predictions that the home world of the advanced race of ETs described by Sitchin is soon to reappear are accurate,

These are extracts. More here:

<http://www.exopolitics.org/Study-Paper3.htm>

Kind Wishes

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## Shell Games Inside Roswell's UFO Henhouse?

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"UFOIA - UFO freedom of information and accountability - should be the rule rather than the exception; that the reverse remains true tells us more about national INsecurity than it does about 'national security.'" - Larry W. Bryant (Jan. 28, 2003)

Is the BLM Fox A-playin' Shell Games Inside Roswell's UFO Henhouse?

By Larry W. Bryant

Buried deep within the multihundred-page package of documents furnished me a few months ago by the Office of Contract Archeology at the University of New Mexico rests, a la a miniature Ark of the Covenant stored in that memorable end scene of "Raiders of the Lost Ark," a one-page excerpt from the several dozen Grid Excavation Record sheets compiled during last fall's Roswell "skip site" dig project on the Foster Ranch (now known as the Bogle Ranch), located about 32 miles southeast of Corona, N.M. - a document seemingly offering itself up as either a smoking gun or a wild goose (take your pick).

The header section of this particular record sheet bears the date 9/22/02. Its hand-written entries originate from Study Unit No. 9. The grid points are listed as "N-1905" and "E-2003.6." And the all-important datum "Field Specimen (FS) Number" is 23. At the lower-left section of the sheet appears a preprinted "Sample Checklist," whose last item reads: "Other (HMUO [which stands for Historic Materials of Uncertain Origin])." Two entries apply for that item, and the form's "Notes" section describes them as follows:

"Soil Sample is dark/ . . . [illegible continuation of line]. 1 Unknown from level 1 [i.e., the level close to the surface of the ground, signifying a soil depth of from 0 to 10 centimeters]. Very small sample of thin-fine-wirey, tough-strong-LIGHT material. It iridesces colors in the sunlight. (It looks like spider-webby.) Middle layer of level 1.

"1 Unknown from lower layer of level 1. Small sample of a brown papery material - inside THAT was some more of unknown above. (Unable to catch that - it floated away.)

"Soil type is very dark, very damp & NUMEROUS course bits of stone - (fractured limestone)."

Now, let's add this (unwittingly?) low-key revelation to another verbal gem excavated from the OCA-UNM documentation package: "[from a Vu-Graph printout labeled "RESULTS"] - Both conductivity and metal detection anomalies discovered and tested; origin remains uncertain. Some as-yet unidentified HMUO's recovered." (Incidentally, one of the more-poignant photo-copied glossy photos from the fieldwork records bears the caption "John and Nancy Easley Johnston beginning SU13 at metal detection anomaly.")

Next, we can put these findings into perspective by backtracking to the following paragraph excerpted from the OCA "Archeological Testing Plan for Foster Ranch Project":

"The volunteer excavators [like the Johnstons], their

supervisors, and the project director will keep detailed notes on test unit stratigraphy and any recovered artifacts and FS numbers using standard OCA grid excavation forms, and all units will be given a unique study unit number. In addition, plans and profiles of all units will be photographed - and drawn as well where deemed necessary. All recovered artifacts - both Native American and extraterrestrial - will be entered into a field specimen catalog, with each unique horizontal and vertical provenience (e.g., grid coordinates, 5cm level and natural stratum) receiving a unique field specimen (FS) number. Where possible, locations of specific artifacts and other features of interest within individual excavation units will be measured and recorded to the nearest centimeter. Examples of standard OCA excavation forms are attached."

A 3-paragraph addendum to the testing plan announces the following fait accompli: "All soil samples and non-natural materials recovered in the course of the test excavations were transferred to a locked security van at the end of each day. At the end of the project, the materials were transferred to a lock box at the Wells Fargo Bank in Roswell."

And finally, we arrive at the end of the beginning - with the following paragraph No. 11 excerpted from the "New Mexico Bureau of Land Management Cultural Resources Use Permit (Special Conditions for Excavation Permits (8152))":

"Permittee shall submit an artifact catalogue to the BLM District and/or Area office within six (6) months after completion of fieldwork. Permittee shall transfer all artifacts, samples, and collections, as applicable, and copies of all records, data, photographs, and any other documents resulting from work conducted under this permit with the curatorial facility named in the permit within one (1) year after completion of fieldwork. The permittee shall submit an updated artifact catalogue, that includes the curatorial facility's accession number(s), to the BLM District and/or Area office within 15 months after completion of fieldwork." ("All artifacts," eh? "Transferred" to BLM custody - and, maybe, sent to some government warehouse to repose alongside that mystic Ark of the Covenant?)

Having come full circle in this paper chase, I now embark on Phase II (or is it III or IV?) - via the following FOIA request to BLM officials:

"Your agency's acceptance of the University of New Mexico's archeological testing plan for its September 2002 Roswell/Corona 'skip site' excavation project was conditioned, in part, on the following excerpt from your use permit: 'Permittee shall submit an artifact catalogue to the BLM District and/or Area office within six (6) months after completion of fieldwork.'

"Now that the 6-month deadline has passed, I hereby ask that, under provisions of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act, you furnish me a copy of the above-cited 'artifact catalogue,' along with a copy of (1) all transmittal correspondence/reports related thereto; and (2) all BLM-generated records pertaining to the receipt, evaluation, and dissemination of said catalogue."

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## Meteor Showers Rocks On Midwestern Homes

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March 27, 2003 at 18:35:42 PST

Meteor Showers Rocks on Midwestern Homes  
By Rick Callahan  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The midnight sky flashed an eerie blue early Thursday over four Midwestern states as a meteorite exploded in the atmosphere, sending rocks as big as softballs crashing through some houses.

Residents in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin reported seeing the disintegrating meteorite flash across the sky about midnight. Police were soon deluged with reports of falling rocks striking homes and cars. Chris Zeilenga, 42, of Beecher, Ill., said he and his wife, Pauline, were watching TV war coverage around midnight.

"The sky lit up completely from horizon to horizon. We've seen lightning storms, but this was nothing like that," he said. "A minute or so later the house started rumbling and we heard all these tiny particles hitting the house."

Outside his home about 30 miles south of Chicago, Zeilenga found tiny gray and black pieces of stone. He didn't realize their origin until he heard people talking about meteorites as he rode the morning train to work in Chicago. "When I heard that I thought, 'That's what it was!'" Kenneth and Karen Barnes of Park Forest, Ill., told WGN-TV in Chicago they were sleeping when a 5-pound meteorite crashed into their living room. Thursday morning their son spotted a hole in the ceiling. "I didn't know what to think, so we went looking through the house for it and found it," Kenneth Barnes said.

Commander Mike McNamara of the Park Forest Police Department said about 60 pieces of space rock ranging from gravel-sized to softball-sized were brought in to the police station.

He said three homes in Park Forest were damaged, along with the fire department and possibly one car. Two homes in the nearby town of Matteson also were struck by meteorite pieces.

Paul Sipiara, a professor of geology and astronomy at Harper College in Palatine, Ill., spent Thursday examining dozens of pieces of meteorites and plotting where they fell. The largest he saw was about 7 1/2 pounds. He said the debris field appears to cover a path about 80 miles long by 20 miles wide from north of Bloomington, Ill., to Chicago's south side and possibly part of northwestern Indiana.

He said all of the pieces came from a stony meteorite he estimates was about the size of a Volkswagen bug when it exploded as it plunged into Earth's atmosphere.

A spokesman for the U.S. Strategic Command in Omaha, Neb., said the defense installation was not tracking any manmade space objects in the area at the time that the light show appeared over the Midwest. Sipiera said it's very rare for meteorites to fall on populated areas. "For me, it's a dream come true," he said. "I always tell my wife that when I die, I hope I get hit in the head by a meteorite flying through the roof and it came pretty close," he said.

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## Big UFO conference In Brazil

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Dear folks:

We have a coming conference on UFOs in south of Brazil, with the presence of 4 Americans, Dr. Roger Leir, Astronaut Brian O'Leary, Professor David Jacobs and Author Bob Pratt. Over 20 Brazilian speakers will be presenting.

Please check out:

[http://www.infinitetv.com.br/sorteio/informacoes\\_congresso.htm](http://www.infinitetv.com.br/sorteio/informacoes_congresso.htm)

Next September, we will also have The Second World Ufo Forum, with 30 international and 30 Brazilian UFO researchers. Please wait for announcement.

All the best,

A. J. Gevaerd

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## Raelians Want Hotel In Brazil to Clone Babies

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Subject: Raelians Want Hotel In Brazil to Clone Babies

To All,

Following my message on the French life of Rael, my friend A.J. Gevaerd has sent me the following information on Rael in Brazil, and he has given me his permission to transmit it to you.

Gildas Bourdais

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Thanks for the info, Gildas.

Rael is already in Brazil as was signing books last week in Sao Paulo. Very few people attended. See the enclosed photo by doctor Luciano Stancka, our co-worker.

Also, very few people listen to him here. Most of them from his own sect. Nobody takes R=E4el seriously when he claims he wants to talk to president Lula. As a matter of fact, he as been subject of several jokes since he arrived here. People in Brazilian UFO community is kidding him by saying that he came to Brazil to make a partnership with Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, our local great hoaxer, largely known for his lies and tricks. It would certainly be funny to see both guys together. One fakes abductions and the other fakes clones.

As I wrote you before, Urandir is getting bigger and stronger, with more elaborate hoaxes and more colorful story of abductions, strange marks in the bed sheet and ceiling, crash of UFO close to his farm, animals and trees destroyed by aliens etc etc etc. All a set of hoaxes carefully designed to deceive even skilled researchers and journalists. But very few have believed in them, fortunatelly.

All the best,

A. J.

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FOIA VS. FISA

The proper boundaries of secrecy in domestic surveillance activities are the subject of an important Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), and other groups.

In particular, the plaintiffs are seeking information about the impact of the USA Patriot Act, which increased government surveillance authority under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA).

"The Patriot Act's surveillance provisions effect a dramatic expansion in the government's ability clandestinely to monitor people living in the United States, including citizens who are not suspected of contravening any law or of acting on behalf of a foreign power," the ACLU and EPIC state. "The public is entitled to know how the DOJ is using the vast surveillance powers that the Patriot Act authorizes."

Accordingly, the plaintiffs are requesting "aggregate, statistical data and other policy-level information that, if disclosed, would allow the public to evaluate the new powers conferred by the Patriot Act and the manner in which the government has used them." They stress that they do not seek "records pertaining to particular terrorism or criminal investigations [or] other information that could plausibly jeopardize national security."

A March 21 legal memorandum filed by David Sobel of EPIC and Ann Beeson, Jameel Jaffer and Arthur B. Spitzer of the ACLU spells out their argument with clarity and vigor:

<http://www.epic.org/privacy/terrorism/usapatriot/foia/sj-memo.pdf>

The opposing argument that even the most general information sought by the FOIA requesters would threaten national security is presented by James A. Baker of the Justice Department Office of Intelligence Policy and Review:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fisa/baker.pdf>

Other selected case files and document releases may be found here:

<http://www.epic.org/privacy/terrorism/usapatriot/foia/>

#### WHAT MAKES DISCLOSURE SUSTAINABLE?

What are the conditions under which information disclosure policies attain their intended policy goals? Why do some disclosure policies thrive and others stagnate and fail?

That is the subject of an interesting new academic paper entitled "The Political Economy of Transparency: What Makes Disclosure Policies Sustainable?" by Archon Fung, Mary Graham and David Weil of the Institute for Government Innovation at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

The authors examine several cases of information disclosure policies that achieved differing levels of success in areas such as nutritional labeling, investment risks, toxic releases, and so on in an effort to model "the dynamics of transparency policies."

They identify a range of factors that can contribute to successful transparency, some of which are obvious (e.g., information must be "conveyed in a manner that is readily interpretable by end users") and others that are less so (e.g., "The more that significant groups of disclosers benefit from releasing information, the more improvement one can expect in the system.")

The authors do not specifically address national security secrecy and disclosure, but some of their conclusions can be readily extrapolated to that arena. For example, one could infer that the Central Intelligence Agency would be more likely to accept routine disclosure of the intelligence budget if the Agency were persuaded that such disclosure would make future reductions in intelligence spending more politically difficult - which is probably true.

"The Political Economy of Transparency" by Fung, Graham and Weil, 56 pages, March 2003, is available here:

<http://www.innovations.harvard.edu/research/papers/FGW.pdf>

#### MOYNIHAN AND SECRECY

Daniel Patrick Moynihan devoted more time to thinking about government secrecy than any other elected official. Senator Moynihan, who died this week, made it respectable in elite circles to acknowledge official secrecy as a problem and, at least in the abstract, to criticize it.

Moynihan's own interpretation of secrecy was idiosyncratic and not entirely reliable.

He made much of the supposed fact that in the late 1940s Gen. Omar Bradley decided to keep the Venona intercepts of Soviet communications secret from President Truman. But the document he cites as proof does not say what he claims it says, a point that eluded many reviewers. (See Moynihan's book "Secrecy: The American Experience," Yale Univ Press, 1998, at pp. 70-72).

Senator Moynihan instigated and chaired the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy which issued a weighty report in 1997. The Commission membership could not have been more highly placed and influential including, aside from Moynihan, a sitting Director of Central Intelligence (John Deutch), the White House Chief of Staff (John Podesta), and the ultra-Conservative Senator Jesse Helms.

And yet the actual influence of the Commission's report was nil. Its legislative recommendations were incrementally reduced to nothing more than the creation of an advisory committee with no independent authority, designated the Public Interest Declassification Board, which was finally established in statute in the Intelligence Authorization Act for 2001. In a final insult, the membership of the Board was never named and so it has never met.

Nevertheless, the Report of the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy still stands as a tribute to

Moynihan's commitment to this problem and it remains an outstanding introduction to the subject. A copy is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/library/moynihan/index.html>

#### THE VICE PRESIDENT'S CLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY

President Bush's new executive order 13292 on national security classification, contrary to some reports, does not substantially alter the Vice President's classification authority.

It is true that the new order amends the definition of "original classification authority" to explicitly include "the Vice President in the performance of executive duties." This has led some observers to conclude that Vice President Cheney has now been given classification authority he did not previously possess.

In a well-meaning editorial critical of the new Bush order, the New York Times said that "for the first time, it gives the vice president the power to classify information." See "Secrecy: The Bush Byword," New York Times, March 28:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/03/28/opinion/28FRI3.html>

This is an error. The Vice President has long had Top Secret original classification authority, including the power to delegate that authority to others.

See this 1995 Presidential Order designating the Vice President and other senior officials as "original classification authorities":

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/clinton/oca.html>

#### IN THE NEWS

New scientific studies shed light on the genetic makeup of the anthrax bacterium, prompting the latest round of discussions as to whether such research poses a security threat and whether it should be published. The decision in this case was made in favor of publication, reports William J. Broad in "Key to Strains of Anthrax is Discovered," New York Times, March 27:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/03/27/international/worldspecial/27ANTH.html>

Polygraph testing is not going away. "Life scientists who work on sensitive government projects could find themselves hooked-up to polygraph machines in spite of continued criticism of the science behind such lie-detector tests," writes Peg Brickley in "Pseudoscience applied to scientists," The Scientist, March 26:

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/news/20030326/01/>

"Without robust, reliable access to government information, members of the public cannot function intelligently as citizens, cannot meaningfully participate in the policy process and cannot adequately evaluate the performance of their elected representatives or hold the government institutions accountable." Or so I opine in "The Bush Administration's Suffocating Secrecy" in the weekly Forward, March 28:

<http://www.forward.com/issues/2003/03.03.28/oped1.html>

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## Re: Meteor Showers Rocks On Midwestern Homes -

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 10:47:50 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 16:23:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Meteor Showers Rocks On Midwestern Homes -

>From: Chaz Stuart <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 00:11:57 -0500 (EST)  
>To: [virtuallystrange@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:virtuallystrange@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Meteor Showers Rocks On Midwestern Homes

<snip>

><http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/text/2003/mar/27/032704470.html>

<snip>

Hi everyone!

The flag of the City of Chicago contains four red stars. The second star represents the Great Chicago Fire of October 1871. From eyewitness accounts at the time, it is now accepted that Chicago and other communities in neighbouring states were simultaneously destroyed by such a "falling star". Yes, there have been other much more powerful and more recent celestial attacks by Nature, but this was the first time that a large American city was destroyed in such a way.

This most recent bombardment of Chicago from space, although a much smaller celestial attack, reminds us just how frequent and real the threat from space is to life on Earth. Just last summer a small asteroid exploded over the Mediterranean Sea. The explosion was as powerful as the blast of a nuclear bomb. If this object impacted with Earth just a couple of hours earlier, it would have exploded over the Pakistan-India border and considering the heightened tensions between these two countries at that time, it could have triggered a nuclear war and resulted in millions of casualties.

Nick Balaskas

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## NIDS Hiring Additional Scientist-Deputy

From: Colm Kelleher <[nids@anv.net](mailto:nids@anv.net)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 07:58:22 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 16:25:16 -0500  
Subject: NIDS Hiring Additional Scientist-Deputy

NIDS Seeking Deputy Administrator

NIDS is seeking to hire a person with a strong biology, chemistry or biophysics/biochemistry background (MS preferred) with experience in the aerial phenomenology field to oversee day-to-day research and public outreach operations at NIDS. Must have some "wet" lab experience. To gain an idea of NIDS research please peruse the NIDS web site (<http://www.nidsci.org>). The candidate will have excellent personal skills and will be a team player.

The deputy administrator will report to the NIDS administrator (Colm Kelleher) and to the NIDS CEO. Experience in research management, particularly the ability to manage contract research projects, is a plus. Knowledge of forensic techniques and methodology is desirable.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Interested applicants can fax their CV and cover letters care of: Dr. Colm Kelleher, 702-798-1970 or email to [nids@anv.net](mailto:nids@anv.net). No telephone calls please.

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## A Canadian Opportunity

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 14:27:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 16:36:53 -0500  
Subject: A Canadian Opportunity

== A Canadian Opportunity ==

"Too much official secrecy - especially UFO secrecy - not only truncates the citizens' role in governmental decision-making; it also puts too many of us at risk of faulty decision-making." --  
Larry W. Bryant

My renewed campaign for greater UFOIA accepts no territorial or political boundaries. Just as the global UFO-E.T. presence (some say intervention) poses a challenge to ALL Earth governments, so too does that fact invite (nay, necessitate) worldwide citizen participation in acknowledging and resolving the challenge. In that regard, consider the following content of an e-mail message I've just received from a Canadian researcher:

"... I believe as well that there is a dearth of UFO reports in the Canadian government files. There is just too much of a gap in the information trail between the NRC files and that of the years both before 1968 and after 1994. Even during the years between, there is a significant lack of pilot reports, a chief interest of mine, particularly of the commercial aviation variety.

"It is my intent when this year ends - and I've retired from my job - to spend more time investigating this lack of reports. I have to slot that into my writing schedule ... . I'm sure you would be interested in reports issuing from the Canadian realm that might dovetail with your own efforts."

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## Re: Gulf Breeze Pictures - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 15:11:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 16:38:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gulf Breeze Pictures - Maccabee

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 27 Mar 2003 01:50:54 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Gulf Breeze Pictures

>>From: Ben Holland <removed>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 19:59:51 +0100  
>>Subject: Gulf Breeze Pictures

>>I thought you might like to read both of these.

>><http://benholland.8k.com>

>><http://benholland.8k.com/COMMENTARY%20ON%20BARBARA%20BECKER%27S%201990%20PAPER%20ENTITLED.htm>

>>I hope these documents will shed some light on how all or most  
>>the photographs that appear in Ed Walter's Gulf Breeze Sightings  
>>book can be repeated by anyone without the knowledge of double  
>>exposure or tampering with the original negative.

>In the article referred to above Mr. Holland has suggested that  
>the "glass reflection method" (GRM) was never considered as a  
>possible explanation for the Gulf Breeze photos of Ed Walters.  
>Holland states, "Okay, first of all no one has mentioned the  
>following procedure in anything related to the Gulf Breeze  
>photographs. If you have seen this method mentioned elsewhere  
>please point it out to me but at the moment it appears that I am  
>the first to bring it up."

>In an earlier correspondence several weeks ago with Mr. Holland  
>I pointed out that I had discussed this at the 1988 MUFON  
>symposium along with other potential methods for hoaxing.  
>Moreover, I pointed out to him that a reporter and professional  
>photographer at the TV station Pensacola had, in fact, used the  
>GRM to create photos that are similar to some of Ed's first  
>photos.

This is an addendum to the above message regarding Mr. Holland's claim of "primacy" with regard to the "glass reflection method" (GRM) of hoaxing photos. At the time I wrote the above response I did not have a copy of Ed's book handy. I have now reviewed what I wrote in The Gulf Breeze Sightings. I find that in the last chapter of the book (the chapter I wrote), in the section labelled "The Middle of April 1988" I find the following statement in the discussion of hoaxing photos:

"Other sophisticated photographic techniques have been suggested by myself and by skeptics. These include 'reflection-on-glass' and the 'photo montage,' but it would be rather difficult to create Ed's UFO photos using these methods. If Ed had been a shutterbug with lots of expensive cameras around, books on photography, and lots of photographic equipment, my evaluation of his potential capabilities for sophisticated photo hoaxing would be different. However, his photographic equipment consisted of only the old Polaroid and a simple, fixed focus video camera (Sony camcorder.)"

The above is on page 288 of the hardback edition. I don't know what page it is in the paperback.

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## Re: How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions? -

From: David Jordt <[jordt@aol.com](mailto:jordt@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 16:41:35 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 18:05:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions? -

From: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
Date: 3/27/2003 9:56:03 AM Pacific Standard Time  
Subj: How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions?

>Source: Space.Com  
>How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions?

List,

Has anybody been looking into the following?

SETI's microexamination of radio frequencies from outer space is certainly impressive, but it presupposes that cultures advanced beyond us by a billion years would communicate using the same technology we did 70 years ago to pull in Amos n Andy. Not bloody likely.

Since it is clear that the c-limit renders the transmission of information by EM spectrum across even nearby space somewhere between awkward and useless, it becomes equally clear that advanced interstellar species probably wouldn't use it at all.

I.e., how would an alien earth probe tell the mothership orbiting Pluto, "ah... we've got a problem... look for us somewhere northwest of Roswell." Or why bother?

It causes one to cast about for other possibilities not limited by the speed of light.

One obvious candidate is the recently-discovered phenomenon of quantum phase entanglement - popularly misnomered "teleportation". This in principle involves the instantaneous transmission of information across space between particles that were once physically interrelated at some point in time. This was being explored initially at University of Paris South, then University of Insbruck, then IBM and Cal Tech, and by now probably gobs of others.

Since all particles in the universe were presumably somehow physically interrelated at the moment of the Big Bang, or at the billions of other moments when supernovas recycled everything, would it be too much to suppose that all particles have retained some ability to pass information between each other?

Perhaps, rather than scanning the universe with Arecibo we should be looking for coherent signals in the quantum manifestations of subatomic particles in the physics lab - right under our noses.

David Jordt  
Brownsville, CA

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## Re: To Mars By A-Bomb - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 18:49:06 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 18:07:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: To Mars By A-Bomb - Ledger

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)> To: UFO  
>UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)> Date:  
>Thu, 27 Mar 2003 15:22:13 -0300  
>Subject: To Mars By A-Bomb

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>met", says Arthur C. Clarke. "Orion isn't crazy. It would  
>work. The question isn't whether we could do it, but whether  
>we should do it".

What a lot of hooley. If it was a secret it was the worst kept  
secret in history. I've been hearing about the Orion project for  
at least 30 years. Too bad they hadn't kept up with it.maybe  
we'd be on Mars now.

Don

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## SETI Draws A Blank

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Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 00:33:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 00:33:13 -0500  
Subject: SETI Draws A Blank

Source: BBC News

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/2892269.stm>

Friday, 28 March, 2003, 12:58 GMT

ET Fails To 'Phone Home'

By Helen Briggs

BBC News Online science reporter

A search for intelligent life in space has drawn a blank.

Scientists have found no signs of alien beings after analysing radio signals collected in the world's biggest distributed computing project.

More than 150 candidates selected by the Seti@home project have been examined using the giant Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico.

Astronomers say they have discovered no evidence of a signal from an extraterrestrial civilisation during a quick, real-time analysis of the data.

However, they intend to take a more thorough look at the results over the next few weeks, with the help of Seti@home volunteers.

Susan Lendroth, of the Planetary Society in Pasadena, California, US, which sponsors Seti@home, said they had not expected a quick result.

She told BBC News Online: "The odds are probably against a quick find but Seti researchers around the world hope that they will one day find evidence of an alien civilisation."

People power

Since 1999, millions of people from more than 200 countries have been running a special screensaver program on their desktops.

It uses idle time on a PC to sift data obtained by radio telescopes for patterns that might represent a communication from space.

The observations in Puerto Rico took place over three days. Data was collected on 166 promising radio signals, exceeding the original goal of 150.

Other sources were observed, including extra-solar planetary systems (that might contain Earth-like planets), nearby galaxies and Sun-like stars.

Bruce Betts of the Planetary Society said the unique aspect of the project was that the public participates in real scientific analysis.

"Millions of people around the world have helped get us to the point where we could identify potential targets and take a

second look," he said.

"Now the new data will go back to the Seti@home volunteers for more help with this early but critical step in our continuing search for extraterrestrial intelligence."

Seti@home, which is based at the University of California, Berkeley, was founded by the Planetary Society four years ago.

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From: Will Bueche <[willb3d@hotmail.com](mailto:willb3d@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 20:20:40 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 00:37:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gulf Breeze Pictures - Bueche

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 27 Mar 2003 01:50:54 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Mar 2003 12:59:08 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Gulf Breeze Pictures - Maccabee

<snip>

>The not-so-nice thing about the GRM is that you need an  
>illuminated model and you need a sizeable piece of glass and  
>supports for the glass and model at location of the background  
>scene.

Like a common storm window. Just thought I'd mention that in  
case it sounded to anyone like it might be unusual to have  
access to a panel of glass or plastic.

>But more importantly, in three sightings  
>discussed in paper presented by Holland, there were non-family  
>witnesses who certainly wouldn't have been fooled.

I read the dreary book a while back (back when I thought that  
such things could maybe be photographed) so I may be mistaken,  
but none of them saw any UFO, correct? They just ran over to him  
when he took a picture "In this case numerous other witnesses  
were in the vicinity at the time of the photos, they saw the  
flash go off, and they immediately rushed to the area where Ed  
was"), and he showed them what they beleived was an instant  
photo developing before their eyes.

Which could have been accomplished in two ways, at least: The  
first, by using the power of suggestion to make them think a  
photo taken earlier is new. As in, "Ooh look, the photo I have  
in my hand here is developing, and in a few minutes it will be  
clear and sharp, just let me wave it around here for a minute  
out of your reach, in the dark, and, yep, ok, it's ready now.  
Wow, look at that"; Or a double exposure as has already been  
considered.

There's probably three sets of people who are moved to such  
hoaxes:

1. The first set are people who assume that the whole subject of  
alien encounters is fake, and everyone in it therefore are  
fakers, so they feel there is therefore no harm in adding one  
more (I'd put Rutter in this category). This group is to be  
chided for their mistaken assumption.
2. The second set are people who are so desperate to have their  
experiences validated by a society-bent-on-physical-proof that  
they'd try a fake pic to find the credibility they need in a  
very human way (figuring since it is true anyway, there's no  
harm in convincing people of it). On a related note, that kind  
of need is also why there are so many people who see lens flares  
or dust motes or a slow-shutter+flash combos and absolutely  
refuse to believe it is just a typical limitation of cameras.  
This group is to be pitied and hopefully helped.

And there there's the third category: People who suspect aliens  
may be real, but they don't care, they just want to ride a wave

to a book deal and money. This group is to have monkey poop  
hurled at them.

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Does anyone recall the book 'The Starship and the Canoe'? I haven't read it but I seem to recall that the true story was based on a scientist father who worked on the Orion Project and his son who was captivated by his experimentation with ocean-going kayak designs. I recall a friend at work who was reading this back in the late 1970's.

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## Re: To Mars By A-Bomb - McCoy

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Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 21:47:31 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 06:58:50 -0500  
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>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
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>>Thu, 27 Mar 2003 15:22:13 -0300  
>>Subject: To Mars By A-Bomb

>>Source: BBC-On-Line

>><http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcfour/documentaries/features/mars-a-bo-mb.shtml>

>>To Mars By A-Bomb

>>Wednesday 26 March 2003 9pm-10pm; rpt 1.10am-2.10am; Thursday  
>>27 March 7pm-8pm; 10.30pm-11.30pm; Saturday 29 March 8pm-9pm

>>The extraordinary yet true account of a secret US government-  
>>backed attempt to build a spaceship the size of an ocean  
>>liner and send it to Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, propelled by  
>>thousands of miniature nuclear bombs.

>>Beginning in 1958 Project Orion ran until 1965, employing  
>>some of the best scientists in the world, including the  
>>brilliant British mathematician and physicist Freeman Dyson.  
>>"Freeman Dyson is one of the few authentic geniuses I've ever  
>>met", says Arthur C. Clarke. "Orion isn't crazy. It would  
>>work. The question isn't whether we could do it, but whether  
>>we should do it".

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>secret in history. I've been hearing about the Orion project for  
>at least 30 years. Too bad they hadn't kept up with it.maybe  
>we'd be on Mars now.

Hello all. Don.

Roger that Don.

There was also the NERVA project that had a running nuclear  
rocket that was a violation of the test ban treaty. so it never  
was even considered. As I understand.

My problem is if we had carried all the projects that were  
sucessful in the 50's and 60's to fruition, we'd be on Mars now  
trying to figure out how to get Alpha Centauri.

GT McCoy  
Frustrated Spaceman (my wife's words.)

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## Re: How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions? -

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 16:41:35 EST  
>Subject: Re: How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions?

>From: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: 3/27/2003 9:56:03 AM Pacific Standard Time  
>Subj: How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions?

>>Source: Space.Com  
>>How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions?

>List,

>Has anybody been looking into the following?

>SETI's microexamination of radio frequencies from outer space is  
>certainly impressive, but it presupposes that cultures advanced  
>beyond us by a billion years would communicate using the same  
>technology we did 70 years ago to pull in Amos n Andy. Not  
>bloody likely.

>Since it is clear that the c-limit renders the transmission of  
>information by EM spectrum across even nearby space somewhere  
>between awkward and useless, it becomes equally clear that  
>advanced interstellar species probably wouldn't use it at all.

>I.e., how would an alien earth probe tell the mothership  
>orbiting Pluto, "ah... we've got a problem... look for us  
>somewhere northwest of Roswell." Or why bother?

>It causes one to cast about for other possibilities not limited  
>by the speed of light.

>One obvious candidate is the recently-discovered phenomenon of  
>quantum phase entanglement - popularly misnomered  
>"teleportation". This in principle involves the instantaneous  
>transmission of information across space between particles that  
>were once physically interrelated at some point in time. This  
>was being explored initially at University of Paris South, then  
>University of Insbruck, then IBM and Cal Tech, and by now  
>probably gobs of others.

>Since all particles in the universe were presumably somehow  
>physically interrelated at the moment of the Big Bang, or at the  
>billions of other moments when supernovas recycled everything,  
>would it be too much to suppose that all particles have retained  
>some ability to pass information between each other?

>Perhaps, rather than scanning the universe with Arecibo we  
>should be looking for coherent signals in the quantum  
>manifestations of subatomic particles in the physics lab - right  
>under our noses.

Hello David:

If space.com did indeed publish that, I'm surprised at them. You  
would think they had at least one physicist editing or proof

reading their articles.

Quantum Entanglement does not offer faster-than-light communications yet, not per the current wisdom.

The best analogy I can offer for those who aren't up on how truly strange the various particles are, is this:

Lets say two coins are "quantum entangled" in some special way so that if one is face up, the other is face down (tails up.) In the process, both are hopelessly, randomly tossed, so that nobody knows which side of either coin is up .. lets say there is a poker chip on top of each coin hiding its 'up' face.

Do this many many times, creating many pairs of 'entangled' coins. Take one from each pair to a lab on Earth, the other (carefully co-numbered) goes way out in Space .. maybe a light year away.

For each entangled pair of coins, coin A stays on Earth and the other (coin B) is out in space with an observer.

A scientist lifts the poker chip off the A-coin on Earth, revealing which side is up. Lets say its Heads. Instantly, they other coin has Tails up, and this can be verified by the observer in space.

Repeated experiments prove the entanglement. Every time the coin on Earth is Tails, the distant one is Heads, and vice-versa. [ It would take a year to confirm each outcome due to the 1 LY distance of course. ]

That is amazing enough!!

Here's the problem. We on Earth can find out which side of the A-coin is up, but we cannot determine it. This is entirely random! The observer on the space ship sees a completely random series of tails and heads. No information is transmitted, just random binary digits [ 1 for heads, 0 for tails if you prefer. ]

OK, lets try a trick. Using Morse Code, the Sender on Earth reveals two coin faces for a dot, four faces for a dash, and skips revealing faces for 3 coins to indicate all spaces between dots and dashes.

What does the spaceship observer see? He sees a perfectly random series of heads/tails (or ones and zeroes) again, which indicates and transmits exactly zero information.

How's that? Since some of the coins were not 'determined' (collapse of quantum uncertainty) on Earth, the observer in space determined the outcomes... but he cannot know that! There is no way for him to know if any given 'Head' or 'Tail' resulted from entangled events on Earth, or whether he collapsed the uncertainty himself!

For all the space observer knows, his counterpart on Earth died. Shame on you, space.com.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: I'm not wholeheartedly sold on any particular theory for UFOs. One that intrigues me though, would involve highly intelligent unmanned scientific probes, sent long ago, by some advanced race who stayed at home. Having extended their life spans indefinitely, they could have an attention span much longer than an airedale, a teenager or a 30 year mortgage [burp!]. They may be content/resigned to delays of decades or centuries, for the scientific payloads.

The time will go by whether they send the probes or not.....

-LH

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## Brazil: The Most Amazing Hoax Of All

From: A. J. Gevaerd <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 08:18:56 -0500  
Subject: Brazil: The Most Amazing Hoax Of All

Dear Listers:

Back in the 50s, pioneer English UFO researcher and editor Gordon Creighton, after checking out the just released Antonio Vilas-Boas case, defined it as "The most amazing case of all". Those were glorious days for Brazilian Ufology, with great cases being investigated by great UFO researchers. Many incidents like Vilas Boas' happened then. However, today, despite that fact the we still have great cases being investigated by great UFO researchers, we have to face what I call "The most amazing hoax of all". And most profitable, too.

Here I publish more info to about Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, the man who claims to have been abducted several times in Brazil, whose story, and incredible pictures, are supported by [www.earthfiles.com](http://www.earthfiles.com) with many details that have impressed American UFO enthisiasts. We have already discussed his un-ending set of hoaxes on this List, but now look at this new info, that has just been spread in Brazil:

2 years ago Urandir claimed that he had received a message from ETs commanding him to deliver 1,440 'plates' to terrestrials he chooses. He said that these plates contained a special message and an alphabet to be given to Earth people. But only selected people would be entitled to receive them. They are called "Akashical Register Plates", very badly shaped, poor in quality and made with terracota or other primary material.

He, and his closest co-workers, made people believe that it would be a great honour, a true cosmic glory, to be selected to receive the plates, which are placed at a man-made, small cavern on his farm. On weekends, hundreds of people from all over Brazil ride Urandir's buses to his farm to try to be chosen. It is estimated, by his own people, that about 10,000 have made the trip. Each one paid between US\$ 110 and US\$ 170, plus other expenses at the farm, shopping for souvenirs etc. It is a total of about US\$ 1.4 million in 2 years. Who has made that much money in Ufology?

As if it wasn't enough, Urandir claimed that his extraterrestrial friends gave Earth people a deadline to get the 'so-special' plates, which ends this month, March. So, thousands of people rushed, at the last moment to try to get the remaining 200 plates - 1,220 have already been given as of January. Urandir said that the ETs will start a new "phase" of their approach to Earth after the deadline passed, and people who got the plates would have a hugely important role in this new process. More money coming.....

Well, guess what? The alien deadline was reached but it looks like the money already collected isn't enough. So Urandir came up with a new story this week. Now he claims that he requested, and his extraterrestrial friends agreed, that they will give Earth people another chance to get more 'Akashical Register' plates. The deadline was significantly extended and more plates will be shiped by ETs to Urandir's farm, so they can be placed on weekends in his cavern. It is expected that other 10,000 people will try to get the newly-gifted souvenirs. Maybe another

US\$ 1.4 million is coming...

Amazing, isn't it? But that's not all. Urandir made people believe that the plates represented a significant source of information that will change Earth's future. As his co-workers and employees are very creative, they designed mysterious signs and drawings on the 1,440 plates, that the 'gifted' Urandir paranormally interpreted and created a new alphabet that, according to him, will replace our old one. Influenced by that, those who got the plates, and other enthusiasts, have now spread the message and the new alphabet is being learned by thousands of people who believe that, if they do so, they can take part in ET's projects on Earth, in the future.

A. J. Gevaerd

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## Scientists Finally Admit Mars Has Water + Life

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Subject: Scientists Finally Admit Mars Has Water + Life

Source: Space.Com

[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/mars\\_streaks\\_030328.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/mars_streaks_030328.html)

Mars Water, Odd Surface Features Tied to Life  
By Leonard David  
Senior Space Writer

posted: 07:30 am ET  
28 March 2003

Mars is one wet and wild world. Scientists are slowly warming up to the view that trickling amounts of water on the cold, dry planet may be nourishing Martian biology.

Thanks to spacecraft observations by the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS), newly formed dark slope streaks on Mars have been spotted. Emanating from a point source, they widen as they flow down slope. In some cases, they divide into separate streaks as they encounter other surface features.

These sharp-edged dark stains always appear on slopes, mostly inside craters and valleys, but also on small hills. They are almost always located below Martian sea level - zero elevation.

Over the last few years, cause for the streaks has been chalked up to the work of winds, or cascading surface materials. These processes would remove light-colored surface dust to expose darker bedrock beneath - so the thinking went.

Let it flow

A new view is that liquid flow is the most promising process for explaining the dark streaks. They appear to indicate currently flowing water on Mars.

That's the interpretation of Tahirih Motazedian, carrying out independent undergraduate research at the Department of Geological Sciences and the University of Oregon.

Images snapped by MGS months apart of a same area on Mars show that new streaks have formed within a time interval of months.

"It could have happened in an hour or taken all of six months," Motazedian said during a presentation of her research findings at the 34th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference (LPSC), held March 17-21 in Houston, Texas.

Heat source

Motazedian said that the dark streaks can be found in various parts of Mars, but are heavily concentrated in the vicinity of Olympus Mons - a huge volcano on the red planet. Some form of geothermal activity on Mars -- acting either to melt subsurface ice or releasing water from liquid aquifers, or a combination of the two -- is releasing liquid onto the surface and forms the

dark streaks, she said.

It is possible, Motazedian suggested, that geothermal activity, driven by volcanic heat, is melting subsurface ice. This melting, in turn, releases a brine that dissolves surrounding minerals. Furthermore, the brine has a low freezing temperature, allowing it to flow at the Martian surface. The dissolved minerals precipitate from solution, leaving behind dark streaks of rock varnish.

The most exciting thing about dark streaks is that they are currently forming today, Motazedian told the scientific gathering. "As I speak to your right now, there are dark streaks forming on Mars. That's literally true," she said.

Not a dead planet

The sharply-defined end-points of the dark streaks, Motazedian said, implies that the flows end where their liquid source is exhausted, having been consumed in a coating of surface dust and soaking into the ground.

The dark streaks passively overlay other surface features on Mars without disturbing them or causing erosion. The dark streaks themselves have neither positive nor negative relief, Motazedian's research indicates. They appear as if they are stains on the existing topography, she reported.

The amount of water flowing over the surface to create the streaks appears to be very, very small, Motazedian said. "It's pretty much soaking or sublimating (vaporizing) as soon as it comes down. So it's not forceful enough to erode a path for itself," she noted.

"Mars is not a dead planet," Motazedian. "So I'm suggesting that all of you should quit your jobs and investigate dark streaks," she told the LPSC gathering.

Streaks of microbial life

Could the dark stains be biological?

David McKay, a NASA space scientist at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, aired that prospect at the LPSC meeting. He is lead analyst in the ALH 84001 Mars meteorite detective work that suggests the rock sports the telltale signs of past life on the red planet.

McKay offered an alternative view of the dark nature of the streaks. He speculated that there could be some dormant microbial life form that is rejuvenated by the water and, therefore, it is dark when it grows and then slowly dies off over months or years.

"I'm suggesting this seriously as an explanation. I would like to see somebody demolish it, but it seems to me that with our current data we cannot exclude it," McKay said.

Dark dune spots

Also at LPSC, a team of Hungarian Mars researchers, led by Tibor Ganti and Andras Horvath, presented new work based on comparative MGS imagery taken over an extended time period. They see a tie between water in Mars' upper layer and the formation of what they call dark dune spots, or DDSs.

They have charted the comings and goings, and rebirth of the DDSs from 1998 to 2002. In their view, the spots point to "some kind of biological activity of putative Mars surface organisms, acting on, or in, the material of the dark dunes."

"The massive reappearance of the spots at their original sites seems to be compatible with our Mars surface organism hypothesis about the biological origin of dark dune spots," the researchers said.

Evidence for water on the red planet documented by the Mars Odyssey spacecraft has bolstered the beliefs of the Hungarian Mars team.

The prevalence of water seen by Odyssey ranges from the Mars'

South Pole up to 60 degrees South. That coincides with the regions of the dark dune spots. "From this data we may deduce that water in some form is relatively abundant in the region of the dark dune spots," Ganti and Horvath reported at the LPSC meeting.

Mars on ice

There is no doubt that Mars is on ice, with huge reservoirs of frozen water hidden just below the planet's surface.

The story of how much ice is sequestered subsurface continues to grow, said William Boynton of the University of Arizona and principal investigator for the Mars Odyssey's Gamma Ray Spectrometer.

Data gleaned by Odyssey has shown tremendous water ice deposits, Boynton said.

"It really is changing the way we think of how the ice formed," Boynton told SPACE.com . The idea that water vapor eked down to depths deep enough and cold enough to condense out does not seem to account for the vast amounts of water ice detected, he said.

There's no telling how deep the ice might extend just below surface on Mars, Boynton said. It could be several hundreds of feet to well over a mile in depth.

"All of a sudden you're starting to talk about a pretty significant amount of water," Boynton said. "It looks like the Viking 2 landing site was actually right on top of this ice. If its robot arm had dug just a little bit deeper they would have found it," he said.

As for life being preserved in the ice or still kicking today, Boynton said that, with reasonable confidence he believes there's loads of ice on Mars. "If there is something that is happy living in ice\_it is going to be very happy there," he said.

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>[www.earthfiles.com](http://www.earthfiles.com) with many details that have impressed  
>American UFO enthusiasts. We have already discussed his un-  
>ending set of hoaxes on this List, but now look at this new  
>info, that has just been spread in Brazil:

<snip>

Dear AJ:

A few questions here:

- 1) If Urandir and his space aliens replace the existing (more or less Roman) alphabet with a new one, will it be harder or easier to read Portugues? I always liked the Brazil '66 song "Shove Shuuuva" [Constant Rain] but the Brazilian spelling makes that confusing to a yankee.
- 2] Are the plates circular, square, rectangular or some other general shape? If rectangular, are there slots permitting them to be placed on cars and trucks like regular state/national vehicle license plates?
- 3) If the people paying hundreds of dollars each for these special plates, put them on their cars and trucks, will that exempt them from regular government license plates, or will they be forced to pay vehicle taxes as an extra burden?
- 4) Does Linda Moulton Howe have one of these plates? If so, what is the number of such a plate? Do the numbers glow in the dark?
- 5] If shaped like dinner plates, are they safe to use with ordinary family meals?

Thank you for your kind patience.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Rutherglen UFO Mystery - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 09:29:40 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 13:42:54 -0500  
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>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>Date: Thursday, March 27, 2003 11:48 AM  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Rutherglen UFO Mystery

>Source: The Rutherglen Reformer - Lanarkshire, Scotland

><http://www.inside-scotland.co.uk/lanarkshire/reformer/NEWS/sighting.html>  
>Rutherglen UFO Mystery

>GUFORO have ruled out astronomical explanations for the  
>sighting, including a meteor that was passing Earth at the time.

How can \*anything\* be "ruled out" when investigating the unknown?

I have read statements like this over and over in sighting reports and it automatically indicates possible bias by the investigators and/or authors of the report. Just because the object (or whatever it was) did not fit the meteor that was passing at the time does not mean "astronomical explanations" or any other explanations that do not support it being a real UFO should be ruled out.

An investigation should be centered on finding the truth not ruling out possible explanations. If you don't know what something is or have clear, incontrovertible evidence of what something is (or is not), all possible explanations must be considered and carefully evaluated. The space surrounding the earth is quite large and there can be all kinds of celestial events taking place at any given time that cannot all be detected and recorded by human sensing equipment. In any alleged UFO sighting it is always possible some type of astronomical event may have occurred that was not detected by scientists charged with monitoring these events so one can never "rule out" astronomical explanations. You can narrow the possibilities down but you can never rule out anything.

Anytime an investigator or reporter uses the term "ruled out" red flags should automatically alert one to possible bias in the initial report(s) and subsequent investigations by those involved.

A. Hebert

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## Ray Stanford On SDI Tonight

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Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 13:35:11 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 13:46:28 -0500  
Subject: Ray Stanford On SDI Tonight

Our featured guest tonight, Ray Stanford, has been both a controversial and an elusive figure for ufology, over the years.

Stanford, during his teenage years was, as he says, "... taken in by George Adamski...", and by what he says was his own youthful will to believe the incredible, to the point that he even misinterpreted some 1950s close-range UFO encounters as being Psi-mediated contacts.

He was also involved from 1960 through 1978 in study of the reach of his own psychic ability, but now repudiates the majority of that work as subjective and expresses caution about following such psychic readings, as he did, in that eighteen-year period.

During that period, Ray Stanford founded the Laboratory for Instrumented UFO Studies in 1973, assembling a two million dollar system of optical and electronic instruments for recording high-resolution optical images of UFOs along with extreme low-frequency magnetic effects, gravity waves, light spectra, sound effects, etc. He reports that all such instruments have now been used successfully by his project, with the result, for example, that Gravity Waves from UFOs are now recorded and documented!

Ray Stanford has agreed to talk tonight in order to set the record straight about his life and research, and to share some information about his project's instrumented study of UFOs, which he has finally concluded, is the most productive approach to UFO studies.

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## Whither The FOIA's Corpus And Spirit?

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 14:23:03 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 15:20:47 -0500  
Subject: Whither The FOIA's Corpus And Spirit?

"When it takes nearly a year - with no success - to acquire from our government a full FOIA accounting of the UFO-intercept mission near Waldorf, Md., on July 26, 2002, while we have day-by-day access to detailed data on U. S. military operations in Iraq, we know that our noble, cherished Freedom of Information Act has become almost 100-percent politicized." - Larry W. Bryant (March 26, 2003)

Whither the FOIA's Corpus and Spirit?

By Larry W. Bryant

Forgive me, fellow UFOIA warriors, for my having overlooked the 22nd anniversary of the congressionally established Freedom of Information Day. It occurred on March 16th, the birthday, in 1751, of James Madison - whose legacy of championing open government serves as a beacon and rallying point for all like-minded citizens today.

Ironically, the observance of FOI Day this year comes at a time when the U. S. Freedom of Information Act is being undermined, under a high political-expedience priority, by the Bush II administration.

Long ago, I (reluctantly but realistically) concluded that our government's Executive Branch generally views the Act as, at best, a nuisance and, at worst, a threat to the Branch's power structure and authority. The Act's very potency, after all, derives mostly from (and, alas, perpetuates) an "us versus them" culture born of the Watergate scandal and the various intelligence-agency abuses of that era. More irony: the Act's several key "exemptions from mandatory disclosure" have shielded those very intelligence agencies from too-close scrutiny by the public - a consequence that probably would evoke a wry smile from Madison, Jefferson, Mason, et al., were they alive to witness it.

But I for one ain't a-smilin,' folks. In one respect, a gelded freedom-of-information law could be worse than none at all - for the gelded version might tend to give the citizenry a false sense of accountability and security just at a point when society would benefit most by not having to settle for the gelded version.

We of course have reached that pivotal point in FOIA history/philosophy/practice where enforcement of the Act's provisions has reached an all-time low, thanks to the Ashcroftian slicing/dicing of Congress's intent.

You can accept this sad state of affairs by merely sitting on your hands and concluding, "Well, since it has little effect on me personally, why should I care whether we have ANY kind of information-access law?"

Or, you can stand up and reject the administration's heavy-handed gutting of the Act and thereby, at the very least, help the rest of us try to preserve and apply what's left of it. And if enough of you do choose to stand up, we even might end up

restoring some of the Act's backbone and muscle.

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## Re: How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions? -

From: Joachim Koch <[koch@kochkyborg.de](mailto:koch@kochkyborg.de)>  
Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 20:21:20 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 15:26:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions? -

>From: David Jordt <[jordt@aol.com](mailto:jordt@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 16:41:35 EST  
>Subject: Re: How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions?

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>SETI's microexamination of radio frequencies from outer space is  
>certainly impressive, but it presupposes that cultures advanced  
>beyond us by a billion years would communicate using the same  
>technology we did 70 years ago to pull in Amos n Andy. Not  
>bloody likely.

<snip>

>Perhaps, rather than scanning the universe with Arecibo we  
>should be looking for coherent signals in the quantum  
>manifestations of subatomic particles in the physics  
>lab - right under our noses.

Dear David, Dear List,

A civilisation advanced beyond us surely is aware of the fact that civilisations do exist lesser advanced than themselves and will contribute to this fact by trying to get in contact on all possible levels, 'simple' radio signals included.

Not that they need this contact or the way it is done for themselves. By 'coming down to our level' they help us to realise that we are not alone. And they also transmit the clear message that it is wonderful that humankind has advanced to know about 'coherent signals in the quantum manifestations of subatomic particles in the physics lab' - but that this will only reveal physical effects. You will not reveal by watching and measuring subatomic particles what these particles do think. Or what they all together think and know about. Or what the whole 'body' which consists of all these particles is thinking - and knowing.

We already have received messages of profound importance. We see them as "ancient carvings" or buildings and earthworks by unknown past civilisations. We have seen them in the late 80's and early 90's of the past century in Southern England in the green meadows and fields of Salisbury Plain. Yes, not in a lab, not to reproduce in that way by humans, accompanied by failures of power stations, lights in the sky, threatening of animals and humans, strange sounds of ascending and descending unknown flying objects, hundreds of witnesses, military and governmental surveillance on all levels and 24 hrs a day and much, much more, the shift of human consciousness included.

Before you call me names - we have been there for now 12 years. We have seen a lot and experienced much more. One of our conclusions: there is no, absolutely no reason to state that advanced civilisations would only give a sign of their existence to only sophisticated scientists or billion-dollar funded military institutions.

Re: How Can Humanity Decode Alien Transmissions? -

It happens sometimes different from what we do think it should happen - because other civilisations have their own way of thinking. We are not the summit of universal evolution, we are only a tiny part amidst this cosmic process.

Joachim Koch  
Berlin, Germany

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## Re: Gulf Breeze Pictures - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 16:12:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 16:24:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gulf Breeze Pictures - Gates

>From: Will Bueche <[willb3d@hotmail.com](mailto:willb3d@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 20:20:40 -0500  
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Will, Listers,

As I recall there were other witnesses who were with Ed when he  
shot some of his photos, seeing both the UFO and the photo of it  
Ed shot. Sticks to mind that it was some local official not to  
mention many others who sighted UFOs like Ed photographed in the  
area during the time of the sightings.

The question also becomes did any witnesses report Ed having set  
up glass, models on sticks or whatever? If the answer is "no"  
then all we have is speculation which is in the same league as  
seeing Elvis in a UFO.

Certainly his former wife Francis would have had all sorts of  
opportunities to expose Ed as a hoaxer when they divorced. She  
didn't and hasn't uttered a peep.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Brazil: The Most Amazing Hoax Of All - Burns

From: Chris Burns <[Thurstonoreggae@aol.com](mailto:Thurstonoreggae@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 16:49:28 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 18:21:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Brazil: The Most Amazing Hoax Of All - Burns

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 06:12:32 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Brazil: The Most Amazing Hoax Of All

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>what is the number of such a plate? Do the numbers glow in the  
>dark?

Now what would LMH's plate be? Hmmm... .

How 'bout "DEDMOO", "CTLMUT", "CARCAS".... .

Suggestions?

With mad luv,

Chris Burns

(who can't believe we are still talking about the Ed Walters  
photos)

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## Re: To Mars By A-Bomb - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 19:01:03 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 18:25:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: To Mars By A-Bomb - Friedman

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 21:47:31 -0800  
>Subject: Re: To Mars By A-Bomb

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>>Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2003 18:49:06 -0400  
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>>>Source: BBC-On-Line

>>><http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcfour/documentaries/features/mars-a-bo-mb.shtml>

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>>>Wednesday 26 March 2003 9pm-10pm; rpt 1.10am-2.10am; Thursday  
>>>27 March 7pm-8pm; 10.30pm-11.30pm; Saturday 29 March 8pm-9pm

>>>The extraordinary yet true account of a secret US government-  
>>>backed attempt to build a spaceship the size of an ocean  
>>>liner and send it to Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, propelled by  
>>>thousands of miniature nuclear bombs.

>>>Beginning in 1958 Project Orion ran until 1965, employing  
>>>some of the best scientists in the world, including the  
>>>brilliant British mathematician and physicist Freeman Dyson.  
>>>"Freeman Dyson is one of the few authentic geniuses I've ever  
>>>met", says Arthur C. Clarke. "Orion isn't crazy. It would  
>>>work. The question isn't whether we could do it, but whether  
>>>we should do it".

>>What a lot of hooley. If it was a secret it was the worst kept  
>>secret in history. I've been hearing about the Orion project for  
>>at least 30 years. Too bad they hadn't kept up with it.maybe  
>>we'd be on Mars now.

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From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 19:49:42 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Mar 2003 21:59:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Brazil: The Most Amazing Hoax Of All -

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>From: A. J. Gevaerd <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 08:40:00 -0300  
>>Subject: Brazil: The Most Amazing Hoax Of All

>>Dear Listers:

>>Back in the 50s, pioneer English UFO researcher and editor  
>>Gordon Creighton, after checking out the just released Antonio  
>>Vilas-Boas case, defined it as "The most amazing case of all".  
>>Those were glorious days for Brazilian Ufology, with great cases  
>>being investigated by great UFO researchers. Many incidents like  
>>Vilas Boas' happened then. However, today, despite that fact the  
>>we still have great cases being investigated by great UFO  
>>researchers, we have to face what I call "The most amazing hoax  
>>of all". And most profitable, too.

>>Here I publish more info to about Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira,  
>>the man who claims to have been abducted several times in  
>>Brazil, whose story, and incredible pictures, are supported by  
>>[www.earthfiles.com](http://www.earthfiles.com) with many details that have impressed  
>>American UFO enthusiasts. We have already discussed his un-  
>>ending set of hoaxes on this List, but now look at this new  
>>info, that has just been spread in Brazil:

><snip>

>Dear AJ:

>A few questions here:

>1) If Urandir and his space aliens replace the existing (more or  
>less Roman) alphabet with a new one, will it be harder or easier  
>to read Portugues? I always liked the Brazil '66 song "Shove  
>Shuuuva" [Constant Rain] but the Brazilian spelling makes that  
>confusing to a yankee.

>2] Are the plates circular, square, rectangular or some other  
>general shape? If rectangular, are there slots permitting them  
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Hello all

Are these plates not saucer size (aka mini flying saucers) and when more money is required are they not going to sell the cups to go with them complete with tea leaves interpreted by ET as being a depiction of their star system? Boy, are we looking forward to that or what ?! Hope they glaze them so the tea doesn't run out of them when we drink from them.

Maybe after that they could do teaspoons... then maybe move onto the full dinner/tea set.

'Thinks'..... If they are that popular maybe we could sell something similar here in the UK..... Really must do some new web pages, get a merchant's account and plenty of clay.

Happy days

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Hello, All, Stan,

Thanks for setting me straight, I thought NERVA was affected by  
the Test Ban Treaty. That makes it even worse. No leadership. no  
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GT McCoy

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Frustrated Spaceman

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What you have recited applies to one of the cases... the March 17  
1988 stereo photo case at Shoreline Park. Earlier there was an  
event with Duane Cook (editor of the newspaper) who was  
videotaping Ed at the time of the photo (but not looking in the  
direction that Ed was looking when he took the picture). Later,  
on Jan. 8, 1990 there was a multiple witness event when the saw  
Ed taking the pictures and saw the object/UFO that Ed was  
photographing. Two other people took photos of the same object.

>Which could have been accomplished in two ways, at least: The  
>first, by using the power of suggestion to make them think a  
>photo taken earlier is new. As in, "Ooh look, the photo I have  
>in my hand here is developing, and in a few minutes it will be  
>clear and sharp, just let me wave it around here for a minute  
>out of your reach, in the dark, and, yep, ok, it's ready now.  
>Wow, look at that"; Or a double exposure as has already been  
>considered.

This refers to the March 17 stereo photo case.

Your speculation here is not based on the witness testimony as to what actually happened. It is a long story but the basically after taking the two photos (left and right camera photos) Ed rushed to the parking lot to watch the photos develop under the light of the car headlights. The other people rushed over to look and watched the image become visible, i.e., they say the image appear. They did not report that Ed was waving the pictures around, but rather that he held them steady in the light so that others could see them develop.

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## Magonia Supplement 46

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 30 Mar 2003 12:13:04 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Mar 2003 22:18:14 -0500  
Subject: Magonia Supplement 46

Supplement 46 is now on the Magonia website at:

<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/supp46.htm>

Main articles are Martin Kottmeyer on whether the 9/11 tragedy had any effect on UFO sightings, and Matt Graeber looks at Mothman, with an account of a remarkable personal experience.

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### EDITORIAL

We are often told that the UFO is not a modern myth because there are reliable reports of mysterious structured craft, sometimes seen by many witnesses. Yet when these UFO stories are subjected to critical examination, they nearly always reveal fatal flaws. They turn out to be obvious hoaxes, or they contain contradictions or untruths; where there are said to be many witnesses their statements somehow never seem to be available.

Some good examples of this sort of nonsense have featured on the UFO UpDates mailing list recently. One was a discussion of the Trans-en-Provence case which is apparently one of the great "classics" of American nuts-and-bolts ufology, presumably because the physical evidence indicated the landing of a genuine UFO, according to some investigators. The believers either didn't know, or didn't want to know, about the work of less credulous (or more honest?) investigators.

Richard Hall stoutly defended this case against the sceptics, who pointed out that it was reported by a single, unreliable witness. When his attention was drawn to the detailed critical study of the case by French ufologist Eric Maillot, he replied that he couldn't read French. A French-speaking Canadian promptly offered to translate it for him. This must have helped the argument along, you might think. But, no, the list members moved on to other topics and no more was said about it.

Similarly, discussion of the allegedly multi-witness Trindade Island case, with its allegedly genuine photographs of a "structured craft", also petered out, with the promise of future revelations which would prove that it was genuine. So far the only things said in support of the case have been assurances that it is genuine, but no evidence has been supplied. However, we have received a 36,000 word report (in Spanish) by Luis Ruiz Noguez, who concludes that the evidence indicates that the Trindade case was a hoax.

For example, he notes that the Brazilian newspapers O Cruzeiro, and O Globo, which he describes as "one of the best and most serious in Brazil", both agree that no officer or sailor in the training ship Almirante Saldanha witnessed the UFO. And,

according to O Cruzeiro, Barauna, Amilar Vieira Filho, and Jose Teobaldo Viegas (all members of the Club Icarai) were the only persons on deck at the time of the alleged incident.

So, beware of imaginary multiple witnesses and physical evidence of the activities of hoaxers.

John Harney

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John Rimmer  
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[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Don Johnson's UFO-Wave Prediction

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sun, 30 Mar 2003 23:06:34 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Mar 2003 22:22:38 -0500  
Subject: Don Johnson's UFO-Wave Prediction

Well, folks, here it is the end of the month and I see no sign of any sighting wave or increase of sightings suggestive of any such thing. Theoretically, the news media obsession with the "war of U.S. aggression" could be masking some upturn in sightings, but I don't think so.

The internet provides us with a major alternative channel of information (no matter how reliable or unreliable) and it has not given us any information to even tentatively support the prediction so far as I know.

Anyone with information to the contrary please speak up.

Any comments Don Johnson?

What should we conclude from this apparent disconfirmation of your hypothesis?

- Dick

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## Re: Brazil: The Most Amazing Hoax Of All - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2003 06:55:58 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2003 10:29:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Brazil: The Most Amazing Hoax Of All - Gevaerd

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 29 Mar 2003 06:12:32 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Brazil: The Most Amazing Hoax Of All

>Dear AJ:

>A few questions here:

Dear Larry,

You pose good questions, which I will try to answer below.

>1) If Urandir and his space aliens replace the existing (more or  
>less Roman) alphabet with a new one, will it be harder or easier  
>to read Portugues? I always liked the Brazil '66 song "Shove  
>Shuuuva" [Constant Rain] but the Brazilian spelling makes that  
>confusing to a yankee.

Hehehe. The music is "chove chuva", or "the rain rains..."

>2] Are the plates circular, square, rectangular or some other  
>general shape? If rectangular, are there slots permitting them  
>to be placed on cars and trucks like regular state/national  
>vehicle license plates?

The shapes are irregular.

>3) If the people paying hundreds of dollars each for these  
>special plates, put them on their cars and trucks, will that  
>exempt them from regular government license plates, or will they  
>be forced to pay vehicle taxes as an extra burden?

The plates are not intended to put in cars, as they are made of terracota.

>4) Does Linda Moulton Howe have one of these plates? If so,  
>what is the number of such a plate? Do the numbers glow in the  
>dark?

Very good questions.

>5] If shaped like dinner plates, are they safe to use with  
>ordinary family meals?

Well, extraterrestrial dinner plates?...

However, the greatest questions of all are: "

Did LMH know that her new friend is capable of inventing stories  
such as this before deciding to support his claimed abduction?"

And, if so, why would a respected UFO researcher or journalist  
support a man who invents tales like that?.

Or, if not so, what would she do when she knew what kind of  
bogus stories her new friend is capable of inventing?

A. J.

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## Media Alert 'SCI FI Declassified'

From: Larry Landsman <[Larry.Landsman@unistudios.com](mailto:Larry.Landsman@unistudios.com)>  
Date: Sun, 30 Mar 2003 10:41:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2003 10:35:12 -0500  
Subject: Media Alert 'SCI FI Declassified'

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## Argentina: New Mutilations in Rio Cuarto

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1@earthlink.net](mailto:lornis1@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2003 09:51:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2003 10:37:58 -0500  
Subject: Argentina: New Mutilations in Rio Cuarto

Dear Friends of Inexplicata,

The following message, labelled urgent, was received from our colleague Mario Luis Bracamonte of the COR organization (Circulo Ovnologico Riocuartense):

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We are informing you that we have become aware of a mutilation case involving a horse within our sphere of coverage.

The initial data in our possession suggests that a mare turned up dead with mutilations on its jawbone. No traces of blood were found and the incisions practiced on the tissue were perfectly cauterized. The animal belonged to livestock rancher Daniel Godoy, whose property is located 7 km. SE of the town of Villa Valeria in the Province of Cordoba, Argentina, some 120 km SE of Rio Cuarto, along Rt. 35 which links Cordoba to La Pampa.

Initial information states that the animal did not suffer from any illnesses whatsoever beyond some slight hip problems. Police personnel from Villa Valeria were at the scene, and no report whatsoever has been produced to date. An effort is being made to secure particulars.

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## Re: Magonia Supplement 46 - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2003 09:47:17 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2003 10:47:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 46 - Clark

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>will see fit to publish them soon.

Thank you for thinking of me, John. As I have had occasion to point out in the past on more than one occasion, no issue of Magonia, its supplement, its editors, or its occasional other public commique is complete without a mention of the undersigned. It is especially remarkable, given the grim world situation and so many larger, more worrisome matters afloat, that I am still thought of and remembered.

Your humble servant,

Jerry Clark

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