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ACCESS TO PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS REVISITED

A 2001 Bush executive order that imposed new restrictions on public access to presidential records from past administrations would be overturned under bipartisan legislation that was introduced in the House of Representatives last week.

A White House decision in March 2001 to defer the public disclosure of unclassified Reagan-era records that had been mandated by the Presidential Records Act was one of the earliest signs of the new climate of secrecy favored by the Bush Administration.

The November 2001 executive order 13233 on presidential records pressed that secrecy to an outlandish extreme, proposing a novel form of executive privilege that could be passed on to a deceased President's descendants like some kind of hereditary kingship.

"The Order violates not only the spirit but also the letter of the Presidential Records Act," said Rep. Doug Ose (R-CA) last week. "It undercuts the public's rights to be fully informed about how its government operated in the past."

Rep. Ose and several co-sponsors of both parties reintroduced legislation on March 27 that would legally revoke the Bush order on presidential records. (Prior legislation along the same lines expired with the last Congress.) See his introductory statement on "Revocation of Executive Order Limiting Access to Presidential Records" here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2003/h032703.html>

CHUCK HANSEN, NUCLEAR HISTORIAN

Chuck Hansen, a pioneering researcher into the technical history of nuclear weapons whose creative exploitation of the Freedom of Information Act helped open up an ocean of previously classified historical records, died last week.

His documentary spadework quietly nurtured the burgeoning field of nuclear history. References to his work are commonplace in footnotes to scholarly publications in the field and his name, as often as not, can also be found in the authors' acknowledgments.

Mr. Hansen's 1988 book "U.S. Nuclear Weapons: The Secret History" came as a lightning bolt that illuminated an entire landscape of technological endeavor, and quickly became a collector's item. A document collection titled "Swords of Armageddon" followed in 1995 on CD-ROM.

Mr. Hansen was not noticeably troubled by the question of the role of declassified technical data, if any, in facilitating nuclear weapons proliferation. That, he seemed to feel, was somebody else's problem. The same perspective is apparently shared by one online bookseller in New York who is offering a copy of his "U.S. Nuclear Weapons" for \$595.00 with the blurb "Buy it before Osama does!!"

There are lots of neat "Chuck Hansen stories" that deserve a place in the social history of the Freedom of Information Act, if such a thing is ever written.

In one remarkable episode, an FOIA request from Hansen prompted an FBI investigation because, the government wrongly believed, there was no legitimate way that he could have known about the specific document that he was requesting. See "File an FOIA Request and Meet the FBI" in Secrecy and Government Bulletin, Feb/Mar 1994:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/bulletin/sec32.html#4>

An obituary, "C. Hansen, collected nuclear arms data" by Dan Stober, appeared in the San Jose Mercury News, April 1:

<http://www.bayarea.com/mld/mercurynews/news/local/5530953.htm>

GRAHAM ON MOYNIHAN ON SECRECY

"One of the most fitting tributes we could pay to Pat Moynihan would be a heightened recognition of the damage that excessive secrecy exacts on our Government's credibility, and to recommit ourselves to a Government which trusts its people to know the truth."

So said Sen. Bob Graham in an homage to Senator Daniel P. Moynihan on the Senate floor on March 31.

While many public figures have lately spoken out in praise of Moynihan, Senator Graham, who is expected to seek the Democratic presidential nomination next year, is the only one who has stressed Moynihan's work on secrecy, in what might be seen as a bid to claim the late Senator's anti-secrecy mantle for himself.

"As a former chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I can tell you that this administration is being excessively cautious in keeping information from the American people," Senator Graham said. See his March 31 statement here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2003/s033103.html>

OFFICIAL RESOURCES

The Supreme Court's decision early last month to send a Freedom of Information Act case back to a lower court (Department of Justice v. City of Chicago) was assessed by the Justice Department Office of Information and Privacy in "Supreme Court Vacates and Remands in ATF Database Case," March 25 here:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2003foiapost11.htm>

Presidential directives as an instrument of national policy were discussed by information policy expert Harold C. Relyea of the Congressional Research Service in "Presidential Directives: Background and Overview," updated February 10:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/98-611.pdf>

The CIA's Historical Review Panel presented recommendations to the Director of Central Intelligence concerning "the Agency's position that budget figures from the early years of the CIA must remain classified," the Panel's latest report notes. Though the report does not explicitly say so, the Panel obviously told the DCI to modify this anachronistic position, a move that may

have legal significance as budget secrecy is litigated. See the latest Panel report here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/advisory/ciahrp7.html>

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Is Hussein Owner of Crashed UFO?

An UFO-related incident that occurred four years ago poses a troubling question whether any kind of cooperation is possible between Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein and extraterrestrials, UFOlogist Joseph Trainor declared in his review UFO Roundup (issue 51 of December 17, 2002). On December 16, 1998, during Operation Desert Fox against Iraq, a video clip aired on CNN showed a UFO hovering over Baghdad; it moved away to avoid a stream of tracer anti-aircraft fire. At that time we all thought it was another UFO sighting, although captured on videotape. But now, ufologists think it was much more than a mere incident.

Jack Sarfatti reported that Friday evening, December 6, 2002 someone called the Art Bell radio show, claimed his connection with the military and informed that a UFO crashed in Iraq several years ago. The USA is currently searching for any pretext to invade Iraq. In fact, the USA is motivated by the greatest fear that Saddam will reverse-engineer the crashed alien spacecraft.

It is allegedly said that the craft crashed during the Gulf War (1990-1991), or more recently (probably in December 1998). This became some kind of Iraq's Rosewell. The USA is currently reverse-engineering the Rosewell craft and fears that Saddam's scientists may become even more successful than Americans in this or that sphere. It was said that these researches may give Iraq a considerable advance and even make it a leading super power.

UFO Roundup's Arab journalists failed either to confirm or to deny these rumors. Aiasha al-Hatabi replied to Joseph Trainor that he heard nothing about a UFO crash in Iraq. In the words of Mohammed Daud al-Hayyat, there are talks about extraterrestrials in Iraq, but nothing is said about any crash. It is rumored at a market in Sulaimaniya, to the south of Zarzi, that aliens are Saddam's guests. Where do they stay then? People mention some underground base. But Saddam has a palace in this valley, an old stronghold Qalaat-e-Julundi. Earlier it belonged to the royal family. After the revolution, the government took possession of the fortress, and now, like every palace in Iraq it is a summer residence of Saddam Hussein. The fortress is mentioned here for a very simple reason: it is practically impossible to penetrate into it. The citadel stands on a hill surrounded with vertical precipices on three sides; the precipices plunge down to the Little Zab river. It is said that Saddam lets aliens stay there.

Mohammed Hajj al-Amdar said on the basis of strange stories coming out of that valley: Saddam gave the aliens sanctuary, so that they couldn't be captured by Americans. Nobody can reach the citadel Qalaat-e-Julundi at night. They say that the aliens created watchdogs for Saddam. The aliens took ordinary desert scorpions and used their bio-engineering to grow the scorpions

to giant size. Scorpions of a cow-size! They are wonderful watchdogs: they blend in with the desert, swiftly and silently move on their warm-blooded prey for a decisive attack. Luckless intruders hear just some strange sound from behind stones, then a pincer crushes their necks, another pincer crushes their legs; then the victims is slammed to the ground and beaten with a barbed tail six or seven times. Death comes almost immediately.

Joseph Trainor came to a conclusion that something strange is actually happening in the valley of the Little Zab river, but it is not clear what exactly. It is not ruled out that Saddam intentionally spreads these rumors so that to scare people away from some important military object located in the old fortress of Qalaat-e-Julundi.

Nevertheless, it is not the only information about a UFO crash in that area. Many years ago, on June 20, 1993, an information was published on FIDonet s MUFONET BBS NETWORK, it was a letter of some Steve from Britain. He openly warned: The following information was published in Amateur Radio Packet BBS on June 13 by some short-wave transmitter for spreading all over the world. I know nothing about the man who published the information, I also cannot say whether his information is true. The man reported that some aircraft was found after it was brought down by F-16 over Saudi Arabia during raids in Baghdad.

The information itself said: A high-ranking source admitted that US Air Force s F-16 brought down a UFO over Saudi Arabia during the Operation Desert Storm, and five countries are trying to conceal information about this fact. I don t know details, but it was some plane unknown to me. Saudis who were with me at that moment, were scared so much that they asked American, British and French investigators to come to the crash site immediately.

Colonel Petrokov said that at that moment he was on a visit to Er Riyadh, where together with a Russian group he managed to examine the crashed aircraft before American troops participating in Desert Storm came to the crash site. He said: The aircraft was round and made of some material that I never saw myself. About one third of the craft was torn out by blasts of American missiles. Saudis didn t let us touch anything, but we managed to see appliances, mechanisms and other things that bewildered us absolutely. Inscriptions on the control panel and on the scales were in some unknown language.

It was a relatively small craft, of approximately 15 feet in diameter. It had three chairs, probably for crew members, but they were so small as if meant for children. To all appearance, space aliens were just about three feet tall. However, it seems incredible that there were no dead bodies at the crash site; what is more, nothing that might look like an engine was found there as well. Probably American missiles hit the engine immediately and destroyed it. Later, operators of Saudi radar stations told me that no ejection or falling of some subjects out of the craft was registered. Searching helicopters surveyed the desert, but the pilots failed to find any surviving crew member close to the crash site.

At the radar station Petrokov learnt that the target identified as a UFO emerged from nowhere when four F-16 headed for Baghdad. One of the American planes broke the line and directed toward the UFO. The alien craft started moving south-west, away from the American plane, and the latter pursued it. When the F-16 was three miles away from the object, the craft fired at it but missed. Then the American plane fired a missile at the UFO. A horrifying sound followed and the spacecraft dropped on the ground. Petrokov says that when American investigators came to the crash site, he and his people were ordered to leave the area for Er Riyadh. The colonel says, it is highly likely that Americans didn t want others see some other things that were in the crash site in addition to the round shape of the craft made of some unknown material and the fact that no aliens survived after the crash.

In Petrokov s words, people from his team managed to take pictures of the site, and neither Saudis nor Americans noticed it. But the next day the team was ordered to bring the pictures to Russian authorities. American military engineers gathered all wreckage and removed them for further study in the USA.

This story seems to be absolutely unlikely. As we see, the

source of the information is just a Russian colonel, some Petrokov. If no additional information follows in connection with the case, it may be still considered just doubtful anonymous rumors.

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STRANGE TALES OF GULF WAR 2

Some very unusual stories are coming out of Gulf War 2, the current conflict in Iraq. Here are a few of them:

(1) Veiled Reference to Zarzi? - On Tuesday, March 25, 2003, BBC World Service carried a speech by a spokesman for the regime of embattled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. At one point, the Iraqi spokesman, commenting upon the "shock and awe" bombing of Baghdad, said, "Even the people of other planets...if they exist...are against this war."

"Who are these 'people of other planets?'" asked Ayesha al-Khatabi, one of UFO Roundup's Middle East correspondents. "Some ufologists in our region believe this is a reference to the aliens to whom Saddam gave sanctuary a few years ago. They are alleged to be at the underground base in Zarzi or at the old citadel of Qalaat-e-Julundi," both located in the upper Little Zab valley near the Kurdish zone.

(2) Message from Beyond - On Saturday, March 22, 2003, Christian seeress Annelore Sent reported, "Then the Holy Spirit directed me toward the north of Iraq and began deep, heavy intercession, calling for a Shield of Protection. To where it found, apparently, the greatest and real danger to our troops landing in the north of Iraq, where Saddam has apparently set a trap for our troops."

(Editor's Comment: Another possible reference to the Zarzi aliens?)

(3) Still Hunting for Osama - In his column News of the Weird, Chuck Shepherd reported, "Top Pentagon and CIA officials met with the author of The Bible Code, who said Osama Bin Laden's whereabouts can be detected by connecting letters from ancient Hebrew."

(4) Following in Grandma's Footsteps - A German architect named Karl Esser gave an interview in Munich last week, in which he claimed "that he helped a company design a bunker under Saddam Hussein's palace in Baghdad in the early 1980s that is likely to withstand even the newest non-nuclear bombs."

Besser designed the mammoth bunker, which is located 100 meters (330 feet) beneath Saddam Hussein's palace in Baghdad. He said the bunker "is able to withstand simultaneous strikes by up to 16 American cruise missiles." He also said he doubts any American bombs "can

breach the bunker, which extends more than 19,400 square feet, has a ceiling up to 2 meters (6 feet, 6 inches) thick and two exit tunnels."

"Esser said he planned most of the bunker, organizing the delivery of equipment such as an air supply system, power generators and heavy doors used to seal the shelter. It was completed in 1984 and cost \$60 million, he said."

Bunker-building apparently runs in the family. Sixty years ago, in the 1940s, Esser's grandmother, also an architect, worked for the Organisation Todt under Albert Speer. She designed the Fuhrerbunker under the Chancellery building in Berlin for Adolf Hitler. (See WorldNet Daily for March 23, 2003, the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for March 28, 2003, page 15, and the Minneapolis Star-Tribune for March 31, 2003, "German engineer: Saddam's bunker hard to crack," page A5.)

ORANGE FIREBALL SIGHTED BY HUNDREDS IN ITALY

"According to the prefecture of Isernia, numerous observations made during the late evening of Saturday, March 15, 2003 were received the the Isernia police'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 Italian firefighters.

"No object was found in the area, and snowfalls over the ensuing days imperiled further investigation. 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, witnesses have meanwhile come forth with testimony in which 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 (mountain) where, immediately following the impact, the witnesses saw flames break out." (See the Italian newspapers Il Giornale del Molise and La Stampa for March 17 and 18, 2003. Grazie a Edoardo Russo, Renzo Cabassi, Roberto Labanti e Gildo Persone di Centro Italiano di Studi Ufologici (CISU) per questo rapporto.)

DAYLIGHT UFOs HOVER OVER SANTIAGO DE CHILE

"Several unidentified flying objects were reported at noontime on" Friday, March 21, 2003 "by dozens of people in the barrio Providencia (neighborhood) of Santiago," the capital of Chile.

"A group of lights hovered directly over the city, just above the intersection of the Calle 11 de Septiembre and the Calle Marchant Pereira (streets)."

"Various witnesses to the phenomena made it known to Terra Chile. According to them, the sighting involved a large circular object of intense brilliance which was accompanied by other lesser (smaller) objects. Some witnesses claim to have seen up to seven objects around it."

Chilean UFO researchers "received many phone calls shortly after the event. Up to now, the authorities of the General Office of Civil Aviation have not produced any explanation for the event." (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Guillermo Gimenez de Planeta UFO para eso informe.)

UFOs SEEN AT MOUNTAIN IN NORTHERN MEXICO

A UFO has been seen three times in recent week near the summit of El Cerro del Pueblo, a mountain in Mexico's northern state of Chihuahua.

Roland M. Tremblay reports that on Sunday, March 16, 2003, at 5 a.m., Gonzalez Ponce and other witnesses saw a UFO hovering above the mountaintop. The mountain itself

is on the outskirts of Villa Lopez in Chihuahua state, not far from the so-called "Zone of Silence."

"The last sighting happened very recently," Tremblay reported, "March 16, and was witnessed by half of the village (of Villa Lopez--J.T.). The UFOs appear to get out from the top of the mountain through a wormhole or an interdimensional window. The site is one of the most important deposits of barite, a barium-bearing mineral. The barium could be what gives them the necessary energy to accomplish this, as if the barite deposit was utilized as a giant 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 time travel to the year 1645 and some sort of alien underground installation under the mountain." (Email Form Report)

MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS SEEN IN MADISON, WISCONSIN

"I was at a friend's apartment on the west side of Madison, Wisconsin (population 208,054) on Sunday, March 23, 2003," eyewitness Joel N. reported, "I recently purchased a pair of 16X70 binoculars for stargazing and technical viewing. The sky was finally clear for a couple of nights after days of clouds, and I wanted my friend to check out Jupiter. We went out his patio door, and my friend was attempting to look at Jupiter through my binoculars. 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 airpla...' when he realized there was absolutely no sound; the lights were not flashing; and it was too close and large to be an airplane with no sound."

"I would guess that if I held my hand at arm's length, it would be just smaller than my hand. I pulled my binocs from him to take a closer look. I couldn't see it in my binocs at all. I took the binocs away from my eyes and said, 'Where the hell did it go?'"

"He pointed to it, but I couldn't see it any more, and then he told me it had disappeared. He said it never changed pace or direction."

At first Joel and his friend thought the V-formation "was a flock of Canada geese reflecting red light from the ground" but "after we talked about it, we agreed that the speed and formation of the dim reddish lights were perfect the whole time and, most likely, rectangular shaped." (Many thanks to John and Jenny Hoppe of UFO Wisconsin for this report.)

MORE UFOs SPOTTED NEAR TERRACE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

More UFOs have been sighted in Canada's western province of British Columbia, notably around the town of Terrace, B.C.

On Sunday, March 23, 2003, at 7:40 p.m., a UFO, "grayish white in colour, round and extremely bright, became immediately two times as bright before speeding by" Terrace, B.C. "again and continuing towards the northwest. The object moved from Kitimat, B.C. in the southwest to the north. It also moved very quickly. Before heading toward the city, it had slowed significantly over Thornhill. There were two witnesses to the sighting."

On Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at 8:55 p.m., "the witness had just stepped outside to have a cigarette and said he noticed this 'thing' out of the corner of his eye. The witness said the craft was seen just above the clouds after it broke into a clearing in the night sky. He described the object as being very large, black, triangular in shape, with three points of light on each of the object's corners."

"He also noticed that the object moved very fast and was totally silent. He said the object was flying over Highway 401 near Burnaby Mountain," just outside Coquitlam, B.C. "The object was observed for three to

four seconds."

"'It freaked me right out!' the witness said."

Canadian ufologist Brian Vike checked with local meteorologists and learned that the cloud ceiling was 11,000 feet (3,300 meters) over Coquitlam that night. (Many thanks to Brian Vike for these reports.)

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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Hi Errol,

I imagine more than a few of the investigators here and on other lists have been noting the look of the flares being used by the British over Basra today. Now, one has to look again at the so called flares over Pheonix, Arizona. I for one don't see much of a match. Nor did I before. The flare trails are very evident.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Hello Karl:

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Lights and Chupacabra attacks.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Telling Tales

Elmhurst grad to pen Armstrong's biography

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Neil Armstrong has spent the almost 34 years between July 20, 1969, and today proving that the first man to walk on the moon might also be the solar system's most self-effacing one. He has given only a few interviews in the intervening years, and while not exactly a recluse, he has lived an extremely private life far from the world's media spotlight.

How fitting, then, that he should choose as his authorized biographer not a superstar scribe accustomed to chronicling the lives of exceptionally famous people, but a writer virtually unknown outside spaceflight circles, and a Fort Wayne native, no less.

"When I first started writing to Neil, I think he picked up the symmetries in our lives," said James Hansen. "I used to drive home from grad school at Ohio State, on U.S. 33, and of course it takes you right past Wapakoneta," which is Armstrong's hometown.

"He was an Ohio boy who went to school in Indiana, and I was an Indiana boy who went to school in Ohio."

But the truth of why Armstrong chose Hansen - reportedly over such contenders as Stephen Ambrose and James Michener - is probably closer to the more mundane fact that "he sees himself as an engineer, and I've spent my career writing about engineers and their research," Hansen said from Florida, where he's on a research trip. A professor of history at Auburn University in Alabama, Hansen is taking a two-year leave to report and write Armstrong's bio, tentatively titled, "First Man."

Hansen, a graduate of Elmhurst High School and IPFW, is the author of four previous books about the space program, primarily at the Langley Research Center in Langley, Va. He sent the books to Armstrong as part of a correspondence that stretched over several years before the astronaut agreed to discuss a biography proposal.

"If Neil was going to agree to do a book, he would be insistent on someone who understood what he was all about," said Hansen.

Once they had an agreement, Armstrong handed Hansen the key to his past in a letter of introduction, opening doors to sources who have never talked about Armstrong, out of respect for his privacy.

Hansen is researching Armstrong's life sequentially, starting each section - boyhood, Purdue, Korean War, Edwards Air Base, etc. - with an interview with Armstrong, which then reveals other sources to consult.

"I probably have about 20 hours of taped interviews with him, and we haven't even reached the astronaut years," he said. Hansen sends Armstrong verbatim transcripts of each conversation, which sometimes dislodge other memories in the 72-year-old subject. Once the project is completed, the research materials will probably be donated to Purdue University, Armstrong's alma mater.

Some writers and commentators have described Armstrong as a virtual hermit, walled off from a world that still knows little about the small-town Ohio farm boy who held the gaze of the world when he stepped onto the moon's surface. Hansen points out that once he left the space program, Armstrong taught for years at the University of Cincinnati and did other work in his community. He didn't shrink from life so much as he did the news media.

"What he went through after Apollo 11 was really more than even Charles Lindbergh had to deal with (after his trans-Atlantic flight)," he said.

"This will be a biography, but also an iconography," because Armstrong became one, however unwillingly. In part because of his withdrawal from the spotlight, "people could project their own attitudes onto him," Hansen said. "An event like the moon landing was so epochal, people had to make it part of their belief systems."

For instance, he said, many Muslims believe that Armstrong converted to Islam after his return from the moon. The story goes he heard the adhan, or call to prayer, while he was on the lunar surface. Not knowing what it was, he thought nothing of it until he heard it again on a trip to Cairo, interpreted it as a sign from Allah, and converted. The story is bogus (there is no sound on the moon, for one thing), and Armstrong himself corrected it through his secretary.

Madalyn Murray O'Hare, the late public atheist, interpreted various facts and public statements by Armstrong to mean he was also an atheist, and sued NASA, demanding they issue a public statement confirming her suspicions. "Neil is not an atheist," Hansen said. He also never had encounters with aliens or UFOs while in flight or on the moon, another persistent story, he added.

Lately, a publicity seeker named Bart Sibrel has been traveling the country, confronting the Apollo astronauts with a video camera and a Bible, asking them to swear on it that the moon landings actually took place. (Sibrel says they were faked.) Buzz Aldrin, Armstrong's crewmate on Apollo 11, punched Sibrel in the face, but Sibrel remains undaunted.

Hansen will continue his methodical research toward a manuscript completion deadline in fall 2004.

A verbal agreement for a movie based on "First Man" has been made with none other than Clint Eastwood. "He wants us to come out and play golf with him. I played on the golf team at IPFW, and played with Neil. But to be playing with Clint Eastwood and Neil Armstrong, that's a first for me."

Nancy Nall's column appears Mondays and Fridays. This column is the personal commentary of the writer and does not necessarily reflect the views or opinion of The News-Sentinel.

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Seth Shostak: The Search for Extraterrestrial Life

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Seth Shostak: The Search for Extraterrestrial Life

Tom Foreman
Inside Base Camp
April 1, 2003

Many of the great hoaxes of the past fifty years have involved reports of UFOs, extraterrestrial visitors, and contact with distant space civilizations.

Even on the week of April Fools' Day, however, Seth Shostak is seriously listening to the stars. As a senior astronomer at the SETI Institute, Shostak spends endless hours analyzing bursts of electronic noise drifting through the cosmos, captured by radio telescopes. SETI stands for Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

He and his colleagues have never found proof anyone_or anything_ "up there" is trying to make contact. He readily accepts the jokes that shower down on his efforts. But when this smiling, easygoing man ambles into my studio, he is clearly out to make believers of us all.

Tom Foreman: You believe something is out there?

Seth Shostak: Oh, absolutely! The usual assumption is they're some sort of soft, squishy aliens like you see in the movies_just a little more advanced than we are so that we can find them. But the galaxy is two or three times that age, so there are going to be some societies out there that are millions of years, maybe more, beyond ours. So they may have proceeded beyond biology_maybe they've invented thinking machines and it could be that what we first find is something that's artificially constructed.

Tom Foreman: What if it is life form, though, let's talk about that. Will it look anything like us? Will we even recognize it?

Seth Shostak: You're not going to see them in person, I don't think. To go from here to the nearest star is a project requiring a 100,000-year trip. And that's longer than you're going to want to sit there eating airline food.

Tom Foreman: So even if we're reduced to sending inter-stellar post cards, and we get a picture of these critters, these people, these folks_whatever we want to call them_what do you think: Are they going to be the same size as us?

Seth Shostak: It's unlikely that they're gonna be, you know, the size of a thimble, or something like that, because by definition they're going to be intelligent, otherwise we're not going to find them. And in order to be brainy, at least on this planet, you need a certain minimum brain size. It's also unlikely

they'll be very large, because you get into other problems_you can't stand up so easily, it's hard to wield tools, you use too many resources. So they'll be bigger than a breadbox and probably smaller than an elephant, would be my guess.

Tom Foreman: Is it possible that they're out there right now and they've been bombarding us (with messages) for years, and they've concluded that we are a bunch of idiots because we never got the message?

Seth Shostak: Yeah, it's possible they're using some sort of technology of which we're unaware. Carl Sagan, in fact, used to talk about the inhabitants of Borneo, you know, they're communicating with runners and drums. Meanwhile, there are all these radio shows going right through their bodies and their villages, of which they're totally unaware.

Tom Foreman: You have suggested that if they (extraterrestrials) were coming here, there may be reason for us to be nervous.

Seth Shostak: I would personally be very nervous.

Tom Foreman: Why?

Seth Shostak: Well, certainly, the experience on earth has been that when explorers come to visit you, that's usually bad news. You know, I'm thinking of the Native Americans, when the Spaniards landed on the coast. People often say, "Oh, they're gonna come here and help us solve our environmental problems." Well, I'm not solving the environmental problems of the ants in my backyard, although I know the ants are there. I don't expect them to come here, however.

Tom Foreman: Are you then utterly dismissive of the idea of people who say that they've been here?

Seth Shostak: I'm not dismissive of it, but I challenge them to come up with better evidence.

Tom Foreman: What's it like when you're in there (at a radio telescope) and something comes through?

Seth Shostak: When you do get a signal that looks like it might be the real thing, I still feel the heart rate go up and I usually get out of the chair and watch the screens with great intensity

Tom Foreman: And you think you're going to hear something?

Seth Shostak: I think it may take a few decades yet, but it's not a question of waiting centuries. I really think it's within sight.

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>I imagine more than a few of the investigators here and on other
>lists have been noting the look of the flares being used by the
>British over Basra today. Now, one has to look again at the so
>called flares over Pheonix, Arizona. I for one don't see much of
>a match. Nor did I before. The flare trails are very evident.

Don,

That is what I have been saying all along. I saw the so-called
Phoenix 'flares' through a terrestrial telescope and they looked
the size of the moon as seen with the naked-eye and just as
round.

The explanation of flares was offered by the PRO at Davis
Monthan AFB in Tucson as an explanation for the white lights
seen over Phoenix in the 8 - 8:30 pm time slot. The 9:45 - 10:00
pm lights were amber orbs and had emitted no glare.

Dr, Macabee disagrees with me which is his prerogative, but I
and other witnesses I interviewed gave similar descriptions.

- Bill Hamilton

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WORLDWIDE UFO SIGHTINGS CONTINUE, DECREASE IN US

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. A brilliant fireball was seen exploding over Chicago. UFOs were sighted in Rhode Island - sighting of large glowing object with a red blinking light, New York City - bright object disappears after 15 minutes, Florida - big oval with bright lights, Kentucky a small object flashing red blue and green, Wisconsin flying triangle, Illinois - UFO report on the radio, Michigan - one center light surrounded by lights in circular shape, Arizona - strobing blue light dropping "midair bombs, Canada - sightings cont inue high, England captured on digital cam object over London, Scotland - manta like craft seen in daylight, and in Australia cigar shaped UFO flies over a school. Support our troops who are now 25 miles from Bagdad in the fight to oust Saddam.

EDGAR MITCHELL, U.S. ASTRONAUT DISCUSSES ALIEN VISITS

"It isn't just the U.S. government which has kept quiet about alien visits. It would be arrogant of an American like myself to assume that E.T.s would only choose to visit my country. Indeed, I've heard convincing stories about governments all over the world that know of alien visits -- including the British government. Not all governments are anxious to keep their findings quiet. The Belgians have admitted that aliens may be out there and have released information about sightings that cannot be explained away as military planes, weather phenomena and so on." October 25, 1998

TELEVISION UFO TRACKING DETECTOR

The television set must be connected to a VHF antenna not to a cable for this to work. 1.) Turn power on. 2.) Select channel two. 3.) Adjust contrast to maximum. 4) Lower brightness fifty percent. Once the TV is set you may see changes in your screen if a UFO is near by such as: a.) Two or three intermittent white horizontal lines that sometimes move to the top of the screen b.) Flashing ripples occassionally strange letters or writing c.) Diagonal streaks of light d.) Screen will glow stark white
NOTE: The audio may also be affected by a UFO. As television is a visual medium, optimal results are obtained by observing the interactive clash between broad spectrum electromagnetic noise and an "occupied" channel two at 55.25 megacycles. With higher channels above the 100-megacycle range, most interference becomes increasingly less effective. To make today's ultra-sophisticated television receivers more susceptible to electrical noise, simply turn the antenna so that you deliberately and slightly weaken the channel two broadcast signal. Thanks to "Free UFO Detectors," by Robert A. Goerman,

FATE magazine, April, 2000, Volume 53, Number 4, pages 22-25 and Ron Regehr

Editor's Note: The tremendous propulsion systems of the UFOs have the power generating capability equivalent to an average electrical power station. UFO's are known to effect radios, various electronic equipment, and compasses to a varying degree. The equipment will often change radio frequency, change the compass direction, create odd noises and cause the equipment act up in various ways. Often batteries or lights will drain of power and stop functioning. There are also numerous reports of aircraft in struments malfunctioning, cars stopping, and homes literally shaking as the UFOs pass over. Unusual animal behavior is also frequently noticed.

BRILLIANT FIREBALL SEEN EXPLODING OVER CHICAGO

PARK FOREST -- Observers in several Midwest states were startled as brilliant fireball streaked across the sky and exploded around midnight on March 27, 2003. The rocky asteroid with a mass of about 10 metric tons was probably about ten feet wide. Some 500 fragments scattered over a ten miles of south of Chicago suburbs . A chunk of the space rock fell through the roof of Noe Garza's Park Forest house, swiped a window, and rolled across the floor before breaking a mirrored closet door. "I thought somebody was breaking in. It was a big bang. I can't really describe it. I mean it was too quick to think," said Noe Garza, whose house was hit by a meteorite. Garza and his family didn't know what was happening until they turned on a light. That's when 13-year-old Robert realized a five pound meteor fell just a few feet from where he was sleeping. "As soon as I heard the big noises, I just curled up in a little ball and stayed there until it was all over, and then I yelled for my dad," said Robert. A news photographer shooting a fire scene on the Southwest Side caught the flash of bright light before midnight that experts say were meteor fragments streaking across the night sky. People as far away as Ohio reported seeing the light. Reports of small meteorites actually making their way to the ground have come in from Park Forest and Olympia Fields. "Lit up the whole room. Sounded like a plane crashed or lightning going off. It was bad," said Chris Kasco, house hit by meteorite. A Harper College astronomy professor is collecting meteor fragments This is the biggest thing to hit Illinois in a heck of a long time, to be funny about it," said Paul Sipiera, geology professor. "It's been more than 60 years since Illinois has been hit by meteorites that were witnessed as they fell to the ground." The old story is we're getting hit every day by hundreds and hundreds of tons of meteorite, but this is only the ninth meteorite ever recovered from Illinois. Fireballs are surprisingly common: Researchers expect an asteroidal object one meter in diameter or larger to strike Earth's atmosphere about 40 times per year. Few are seen, however, because they usually appear over unpopulated areas. Thanks to http://abclocal.go.com/wls/news/032703_ns_skyflash.html

NEW YORK - BRIGHT OBJECT DISAPPEARS AFTER 15 MINUTES

BRONX -- On March 21, 2003, a track runner reports he was running at around 8 30 PM, and spotted a very curious object in the sky, that at first he thought was an airplane. But the thing didn't move and it was much higher then the clouds, which were high, also. It was standing still at first for five minutes or more. I could see it very clearly, but then it started to disappear a bit from the coming clouds, but then again it was at the same position for another fifteen minutes. The light would vary in brilliance so I stayed there until I couldn't see it any more. The sky was now clear around the object, so I checked all the stars, but even the biggest star didn't look like this shape. My intention is just to report this event, because this was the most interesting thing I have ever seen in my life and I can't figure it out. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

RHODE ISLAND - LARGE GLOWING OBJECT WITH A RED LIGHT

PORTSMOUTH -- On March 16, 2003, the observer saw an object in the eastern sky from his home looking from Aquidneck Island towards Tiverton. The witness, says, "I first saw the object's light coming from the south at 9 PM, and it was heading north. It caught my attention because the object was so bright and was moving slower than most aircraft I've seen. Using binoculars I

was unable to distinguish what kind of aircraft it was. It moved north and then appeared to hover and then turned east. It was a large glowing object with a red blinking light beneath the bright round yellow/orange glowing light. I lost it in the evening clouds over Fog land. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

FLORIDA - BIG OVAL WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS

ORLANDO -- Peter Davenport, reports the witness was driving home on March 17, 2003, when she saw something big and bright in the sky that looked like a blimp, but it seemed so big and was round, not the shape of a blimp. The witness reports, "I stopped my car at 10:50 PM, and kept looking, it wasn't too far away, and it was moving slowly not too high above me". I was scared because I had never seen anything like this so drove home and told my boyfriend about the sighting. He could tell that I was shocked because my eyes were watery. He said, "let's go upstairs to see if you can see it again". We looked towards the direction that I originally saw it but didn't see anything. Then, I looked towards my right and there it was. My boyfriend saw it at that time and agreed with me that we've never seen anything like this. It was a huge very big oval with bright lights (white) with a small red light on top. We then went outside to see if we can still see it and we still saw it but we had a better view from upstairs so we headed upstairs again and kept looking until it disappeared into some trees. Please report if you saw anything. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

KENTUCKY - SMALL OBJECT FLASHING RED BLUE AND GREEN

BARBOURVILLE -- On March 15, 2003, we looked outside about 11:15 PM, and saw a flashing light high in the western sky that was flashing red, blue, and green. It seemed to be hovering and moving slowly to the right for 45 minutes to an hour. ((NUFORC Note: Sirius, a very bright twinkling star, would be in the southwestern sky at the time indicated. PD))

MICHIGAN - LIGHT SURROUNDED BY CIRCULAR LIGHTS

MONROE -- A witness who occupies a position of considerable responsibility reports, "I am still confused as to what I saw on March 17, 2003, while traveling to the airport at 5 AM. I travel to the same airport and return biweekly over the same route. Traveling from Toledo, Ohio to DTW (Detroit Metro Airport) the weather was foggy. I was driving cautiously, just trying to stay awake. Fog to light, fog to light. All of a sudden the fog seemed visible; it was still there. I could see it clearly. I was in the center lane of a three lane road. I looked for the source of the light; it was a shock to me, going from dark and fog to what seemed to be afternoon sun and fog. On my right, hovering was a bright light. I saw one light in the center and several in a circle around the center light. It was so weird; I began thinking what is that? Then I was out of sight of it. I saw tail lights in the fog braking ahead of me before I came to that area, indicating they also saw the light. I did not brake, but I

began driving faster. I am not a believer of these things. I was also thinking that a street lamp was out of place. It was not the same time driving from one light to another. I am an Electrical Engineer; so thinking logically comes naturally to me. I had my cruise control "on". I saw something that did not belong there. I am submitting this because I hope any other persons driving that day, on I-75, saw the same thing. I have not been able to get the thing out of my mind. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]NUFORC

ILLINOIS - UFO RADIO REPORT

GALESBURG -- On March 26, 2003, my son heard on the radio that there was a sighting of a light, that flew northwest across and was gone in an instant. Several people are reported as seeing it. But they didn't go into great detail, probably because it happened so fast. Later they tried to talk it down, saying that it was probably a cat that got electrocuted in the area. Have you ever seen a cat flying in the sky, with lights? They can sure come up with some wild explanations, can't they? Thanks to Tiana

ARIZONA - STROBING BLUE LIGHT DROPPING MIDAIR BOMBS

PHOENIX -- The witness who resides in the Chicago area was on vacation on March 14, 2003, when he looked out the window and noticed a bluish-white strobe light about 15-20 miles away. At 8:20 PM, the phenomenon turned spectacular and unimaginable as it erupted into a glowing white streak of sparks flowing behind it as it flew straight down out of the sky. Later, out of the corner of my eye I again saw the same strobing light release an orange sphere which resembled the so called "flare" of the massive UF O sighting that occurred in Phoenix's past. This was followed by more white streaking spark-lights in the sky that was about a 1000 feet long tail. After doing various maneuvers, "S" shapes, and dive's, which were highlighted by the white spark streaks the UFO, which I was seeing, dropped several "midair-bombs" which resembled a high altitude fireworks mortar explosion. There were two colors of the sparks coming off the explosions, one was solid purple, and one was solid green. The purer of these two colors I have ever seen. I was in complete awe, when I then raced to get the attention of my brothers girlfriends mom. She was also fascinated by the encounter. The site was so spectacular, and visible, there had to have been at least a thousand people witness it on the road driving west at the time. It was in the northwestern sky. I heard no sounds during the UFO encounter, but I definitely heard the roar of the fighter jets during the day.

LEUPP/FLAGSTAFF -- While driving from Leupp to Flagstaff, on March 10, 2003, my friend and I saw a shiny object in the southern part of the cloudless sky at 2 PM. It was round and seemed to levitate and flew up and down. I stopped the car and we both looked up and both saw it. A few minutes later the object disappeared! Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] NUFORC

HAWAII - POSSIBLE ANOMALOUS OBJECT ON TV SHOW

KAILUA-KUNA -- I had an incredible sighting on March 17, 2003 at 1 PM while on vacation that I'm not reporting here, because since that time I have been even more vigilant, and today I think I saw something that may be worthy of a quick investigation. I was watching The National Geographic Channel, Expedition Journal: "IN THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY". Towards the end of the program, a photographer who was being profiled on the show was charged by a musk ox near the seaside. In the next scene as the narrator speaks about photographing subjects under all conditions, two men are shown walking down a country road. Something is moving in the sky very discreetly. It happened very quickly and I didn't tape it, but my gut tells me it may be a good UFO shot. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] NUFORC

CANADA - SIGHTINGS REMAIN HIGH

BRITISH COLUMBIA -- Brian Vike says, "Report after report is flying in with more than thirty witnesses watching "two black triangles" at Terrace, B.C. over Lakelse Lake area. Now, not 20 minutes ago I received a report about a cow (bull) mutilation.

COQUITLAM, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- The witness had just stepped outside on March 25, 2003, to have a cigarette and said he noticed this "thing" out of the corner of his eye at 8:55 PM. He said, "The craft was just above the clouds after it broke into a clearing in the night sky. It was a very large black flying triangle with three points of light on each of the object's tips". It moved very fast and was totally silent. The craft was flying roughly east to west just above the cloud cover. He checked with the weather channel and was told it was about 11,000 feet. He was located around the shadow of Burnaby Mountain and the object was seen close, or flying over the 401 Freeway. It was bigger than three jumbo jets that could have fit into the object easily. The object was witnessed for approximately 3 to 4 seconds and freaked him right out !! Thanks to Brian Vike HBCC UFO Research

TORONTO -- Martha F. writes: I live in downtown Toronto, and upon returning from the variety store, I went inside my studio; and glanced up through my street level window, and noticed an object moving east to west towards my direction. I thought at first it was probably a helicopter or a blimp, as we have a number of hospitals and a sports stadium in the downtown area.

As it moved closer, it appeared to be a dense black object moving at a steady pace. I went outside, and my view from the sidewalk was an egg-shaped (oval) black object up in the sky. The time was Thursday, March 27, 2003, at 6:23 PM. It was still light outside and there were no visible lights on the object as it moved out of sight over my building. At arm's length, the object was about half my thumbnail in size. I would love to know if anyone else reports anything similar. Best regards, Martha P.S. We've enjoyed listening to you on the Jeff Rense show.

VENEZUELA - CIRCULAR UFO OBSERVED

CARACAS -- In a report from investigator Arturo, a young couple observed the displacement of a circular UFO near the =Clvila Hill at level of the Mariperes Urbanization. The strange object, provided was blinking green and yellow colors, and was seen between 22:00 and 23:00 hours on March 19, 2003. It made a short vertical route that culminated after its fast concealment in the neighboring mountain. Thanks to Arturo, harturoep@yahoo.com ovnivenezuela@yahoo.com

ARGENTINA - MUTILATION CASE

VILLA VALERIA IN THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA -- 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 120 kilometers southeast of Rio Cuarto, along Rt. 35. Initial information states that the animal did not suffer from any illnesses. Police from Villa Valeria reported to the scene, and no report has been produced to date. Thanks for translation (C) 2003. Scott Corrales, IHU.

ENGLAND - DAYLIGHT UFO CAPTURED ON DIGITAL CAMERA

LONDON -- On March 17, 2003, the witness had just got some tools from his shed, and looked up to see a light in the sky. He says, "At first I thought it was just the sun shining off the side of a plane, but then it disappeared then reappeared, so I began scanning the area where I last saw it. Suddenly it appeared again, so I ran inside and grabbed the camcorder." Once I found it in the sky again, I realized that what I was capturing on video was no airplane. It was a very clear and sunny day. I have it recorded on tape going and coming for over half an hour. It looked like a cylinder at times, and then it seems to change. At one point in time you get a very clear shot of a plane going under it. This was first seen from my back yard, and then I moved to the front of the property. I would be very much interested to here if any one else reported this same object. I also think anyone on that plane may have had a better sight at it as well.

ELLESMERE PORT -- The witness observed a bright round object which appeared to be the size of a football. The object was much lower than a passenger airplane which was also visible at the time. There was no sound at all, and at the time there was absolutely no wind. The witness reports, "I watched the object as it moved steadily across the sky, and then changed direction to the north. It seemed to accelerate and curve off westwards towards Ellesmere Port. The object remained intensely bright until out of sight. Thanks to [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]
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SCOTLAND -- DAYLIGHT MANTA LIKE OBJECT WITH A LIGHT

BUCKHAVEN FIFE -- On March 30, 2003, at 3:30 PM, when the witness was digging the vegetable plot an object about the size of a car came out from behind houses across the road from the two witnesses. He yelled "UFO" and got his partner to watch it as he ran for his camera. The object was about 100 feet away It looked oval, approximately 8 by 12 feet wide with an underneath part which revolved and had a pink/red flashing light. It looked tatty, black, and the two ends of the oval almost flapped like the

fins of a manta ray would move. It was a clumsy looking object and just seemed to float. I went out my front door with the camera but the object was a dot in the sky by then, I started clicking anyway. For that couple of minutes there was no traffic and the street seemed quiet. I ran across to the neighbor's

house and watched it with two more people. One of them said it was a kid's balloon because he could see the string. He'd only been watching it for a minute and had rushed outside for a look when he saw me running with my camera. I didn't tell him it came out from the side of his house and that it was the size of a car when I first saw it. It was not a kid's balloon.

AUSTRALIA A CIGAR SHAPED UFO FLEW OVER MY SCHOOL

CANBERRA -- Five witnesses were outside their school talking on March 19, 2003, when one looked up to see some sort of 'cigar' flying quite slowly in the air at 8:50 AM. The observer says, "I told my friends and they looked up, two of them said it was a jet or a plane, but it didn't have any tail or wings." Then after about three seconds it zoomed off with incredible speed. My friends said it was just a jet, but one of my friends and I don't think so. You might not believe this but I swear I'm telling the truth under God's name. Peter Davenport writes, we will invite the witness to have his fellow students submit reports, as well.

SCIENTISTS INVENT ULTRA SMALL STRUCTURES

NASA's Ames Research Center in California has invented a biological method to make ultra-small structures that may be used to produce electronics 10 to 100 times smaller than today's components. The new method uses modified proteins from "extremophile" microbes that live in near-boiling, acidic hot springs to grow mesh-like structures so small that an electron microscope is needed to see them. According to principal investigator Jonathan Trent, "Our innovation takes advantage of the innate ability of proteins to form into ordered structures, and for us to use genetic engineering to change nature's plans, transforming these structures into something useful." The team took a gene from a single-celled organism that lives in near-boiling acid mud and changed the gene to add instructions that describe how to make a protein that sticks to gold or semiconductors, said co-investigator Andrew McMillan. The new protein is crystallized to form tiny, flat, lattice-like structures that act as nano-templates. The structures are made of rings about 20 nanometers across, and are 5,000 times smaller than the width of a human hair. The minute pieces of gold or semiconductor that stick to the protein are about one to 10 nanometers across. Today's standard computer chips have features that are roughly 130 nanometers apart. An array of nanoparticles can serve as computer memory, a sensor, or as a logic device. Applications also exist in the biomedical field. Visit <http://link.abpi.net/1.php?20021203A2> for more information.

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Re: Flares Over Basra - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 14:13:44 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 15:52:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra - King

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 05:43:02 -0800
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>Phoenix 'flares' through a terrestrial telescope and they looked
>the size of the moon as seen with the naked-eye and just as
>round.

I just wanted to add here the scope Bill used that night is one
of mine. I have tested it later to look at known flares the
military dropped in the exact area at later dates. On 3/13/97 we
were too far for my scope to see smoke trails with my scope under
normal circumstances.

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I think Bruce came to this conclusion because the objects at
10:00 triangulate into military operating areas. On video they
don't exhibit any exotic maneuvers and are consistent with
flares caught on tape. I saw and taped the lights at 10:00 pm on
3-13-97 and I have seen and taped flares drops from the
military. In my opinion they are identical.

Tom King
www.ufovideo.com

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Re: Don Johnson's UFO-Wave Prediction - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 14:17:40 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 15:53:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Don Johnson's UFO-Wave Prediction - King

>From: Chris Burns <Thurstonoreggae@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2003 12:11:55 EST
>Subject: Re: Don Johnson's UFO-Wave Prediction

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sun, 30 Mar 2003 23:06:34 +0000
>>Subject: Don Johnson's UFO-Wave Prediction

>While we are on the topic of waves, has anybody found a
>semi-consistent pattern concerning a return of UFO activity
>in reputed hotspots? Examples could be the Piedmont area of
>Missouri, Exeter NH, Yakima WA, Dundee in Ohio,
>Wanaque NJ, etc.

>Possibly the studies in Norway yielded some patterns?

>Also, does anybody have any information on the wave of sightings
>in Ithaca, New York in the 1950s (or 60's)?

Hello Chris and List,

In my area, Phoenix, I have noticed more UFO sightings from
March to July. Then it goes dead after July and that's if a flap
is happening.

As for the Bubba sightings we had, it never came on Sunday or
Monday nights. It always came back in August for atleast 1
sighting.

Right now nothing is going on in the valley that I know of. We
seem to have UFO flaps every 3 years.

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Re: Flares Over Basra - Fortson

From: Mike Fortson <satmike@cox.net>
Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 07:45:56 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 15:59:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra - Fortson

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List,

I have been a lurker on UFO UpDates for a couple years now. This is my first post.

I would like to add my two cents to what Mr Ledger said concerning March 13, 1997. The night of the so-called Phoenix Lights.

My wife and I are 8:30 pm mst witnesses to the massive V-shaped craft. We saw it upclose and very personal. I feel that I am very qualified to say the following:

These statements, with all due respect to Mr Ledger, show exactly how the misconception of what happened on March 13, 1997, exists.

1. No one has ever said "flares over Phoenix" during the 8:00 o'clock events. Period.

The only time "flares" were mentioned were concerning the 5 videos taken near 10:00 pm mst. And these objects (whether ufo or flares) were not even near Phoenix.

2. The 5 - 10:00 pm videos of strange V-formations (possibly flares) were in fact almost 65 miles southwest of Phoenix, over the Barry Goldwater Test Range, in far Southwest Arizona.

Thus, the name "Phoenix Lights" or "flares over Phoenix", does not truly or accurately exist - at least in reference to the five 10:00 p.m. MST, videos.

Whether they are flares or UFO, neither have been proven. But one thing is certain - none were near Phoenix. This has been the perfect deception. And this is why most people think what happened that night involves flares and the military.

But, the 8:00 events - the late Doc Barry titled it best - "The Massive UFO Flyover of Arizona, March 13, 1997"....

For those who witnessed the massive craft during the 8:00 hour, throughout the State of Arizona, know which title accurately and correctly say it best.

But truthfully, Mr Ledger, it's was the media who confused the reader or viewer. It was the media who did not have a clue as to

what happened that night. And it was the media, who showed the 10:00 pm videos, while interviewing 8:00 hour witnesses, to help debunk the 8:00 events.

Thus confusing everyone. And creating the perfect deception (lie).

And this is why so few (IMHO) ever get that profoundly wonderous night right. Nearly everyone has been lied to.(decieved)

Mike Fortson
Gilbert, Az

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Re: Flares Over Basra - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 12:44:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 16:01:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra - Ledger

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Hi Bill,

I never did buy the flares explanation in any case. I've seen
them live and even saw some being deployed at sundown over and
inside an MOA about 6 miles off my left wing [I was outside the
MOA]. There was no mistaking they were flares. The sky gets
pretty messed up by the smoke trails illuminated from the flares
below them.

The line of lights I've seen in the live video and the
photographs bears no semblance to any of the flares I've seen.
That semi-circle was to well defined-too neat.

For me Pheonix is unsolved.

Best,

Don

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Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 12:05:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 16:09:58 -0500
Subject: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway

Strange Sightings Within The Washington, D.C. Beltway, March 8, 2003

I would have reported this earlier, but when, on the night of the observations reported below, I phoned Don Berliner of the Fund For UFO Research, he told me that I should not report it on UFO UpDates, when I mentioned the possibility. I didn't ask Don why he said that, but since it has been so long and I've seen no reports of this, I can't imagine how this late-reporting could create a serious 'reporting noise' problem (if that's what Don was concerned about), so here goes. My apology for reporting late.....

At 8:15 (20:15 hours) on Saturday evening, March 8, my wife and I were preparing to leave our home near Greenbelt, Maryland, when a strange wing-like (No aircraft body visible and we had ground light off overcast clouds that should have clearly revealed any body.) Thing - herein-after 'AAO', meaning anomalous aerial object - was seen to emerge into view travelling on a twenty-degrees-east of a true north course passing almost overhead, from having been eclipsed by our front porch roof. The 'Wing' spanned a full two degrees (120 ARC minutes) as contrasted with the half-degree (about 30 arc minute) crescent moon, off to my left during the observation for immediate and good comparison of angular size.

The 'AAO' was perceived by binocular disparity (visual parallax due to eye separation) as being 600 to a maximum of 1,200 feet overhead, and at the time its actual maximum possible distance was constrained by a thin layer of clouds overhead. Officially, that cloud layer had been broken at 24,000 feet at 19:51, was OVERCAST at 23,000 feet at 20:51, scattered by 21:51 same altitude, and clear by 22:51. (Thanks to Joan Woodward of FUFOR for the cloud data.)

Most disturbing was the total silence of the nearby object.

A bright, continuously white 'sphere'-looking thing was visible on the tip of each 'wing' (Color illustration available to anyone who requests it.). Each white 'sphere' had a very sharp edge quite different from the lights on ordinary aircraft, and of a much purer white color. A much smaller (than the white 'spheres') pure red light looked possibly more 'point-source' and was located in the 'middle' (vertex of the 'wing'). It was brightening and dimming, but at times it seemed more of a flicker, and at other times more of a pulse, if memory serves me.

The 'wing', per se, was quite strange. Although it was visible by the cloud back-lighting, it was rather vague because subtle light around it seemed to vibrate or flicker at maybe ten hertz! - all along and across the 'wing'.

There was no sign of any aircraft type body! Since the sight was quite 'spooky', maybe one could call them 'disembodied wings'. :)

We live a few blocks north of the little College Park Airport which is presently closed down to non-government air traffic due

to security concerns, but this 'AAO' seemed so very low that my 'gut' reaction was that it had taken off from there, despite the fact that the thing seemed to be on a very flat course (neither climbing nor descending). Subsequent inquiry to the airport revealed that there had been no take-off around the 20:15 time of the first observation, and the airport had closed at 22:30, fifteen minutes before the second identical observation to be described below.

Roughly fifty (50) minutes after the first observation, an airliner type aircraft came over, possibly having taken off from Andrews AFB just east of D.C. It was on a slightly more westward bearing and considerably higher up. We could see the aircraft's body, wings, and tail structure very clearly and hear it very distinctly. By contrast, the 'AAO' had NO BODY VISIBLE, but only that weird wing-like structure that remained vague, SEEMING TO SHIMMER or something - It's really hard to describe. That's why I have illustrated it in the way that I did in the image anyone may ask me to send.

Yet, the most striking thing of all was the absolute silence! There was a bizarre silence, 'stillness', and 'smoothness' that is hard to explain or even put into adequately descriptive words.

After the object had disappeared beyond our north-northeastern horizon (taking roughly 30 seconds time to go from near zenith across the northern horizon), I ran up to the third floor where my Extreme Low-Frequency (ELF) magnetometer is located and noted a low-level, continuous magnetic pulse in roughly the 2-hertz range, accompanied by a few very strong 'spike' type pulses, one of which may have 'pegged' the needle. These were not normal background magnetics.

Coming upon 22:45 hours (10:46 PM), I was again upstairs with the magnetometer checking for any anomalous activity, when similar magnetic phenomena began to again be seen by the action of the needle display and heard on the analog, frequency modulated audio output (just as before). Watching and listening to that, I SUDDENLY heard a roar (seemingly directly overhead) that vaguely resembled a loud jet but was distinctly different, somehow. Then after a maybe 4 to 5 second duration, that roar SUDDENLY subsided - taking about 0.5 second to go from loud to nothing.

Because of the odd magnetic activity and the surprising sound, at cessation of the sound I rushed downstairs and onto the front porch, from which I was surprised to see an exactly identical 'AAO' (as compared to the 20:15 observation) on exactly the same course!

As with the earlier 'AAO', I watched the object from almost directly overhead as it moved in spookily total silence to across the exact spot on the north-northeastern horizon into which the first object had headed and disappeared.

During the first observation, the sky above the thing was overcast, but in the second sighting it was totally clear, with all stars and planets visible. Still, I could see no 'body' on the object, but only the 'wing'. This time, too, the 'wing' seemed to shimmer in a light-distorting way that made it much less clear than had the very clear wings, body, and tail section of the jet aircraft when it was watched at about 22:05 for comparison to the 20:15 'AAO'.

In both observations of the identical 'AAO', when overhead the angular distance from white globe of light to white globe of light ('wingtip'-to-'wingtip') was about 120 minutes or arc (2 degrees), and I had a ready comparison because the crescent moon (about 28 to 30 arc minutes) was still in the north-west (although nearer its horizon) during that second and identical observation.

As most of you probably know from experience, clouds above an aircraft seem to amplify aircraft sounds to a ground observer, but although it was overcast during the 20:15 observation, even then not a sound of any kind could be heard! I found that really a bit spooky because both things (or two events with the same single thing) were clearly under power, moving steadily and unwaveringly along precisely the same course in both observations. It was as if both had traveled upon the very same

invisible track in the sky!

Let me be clear in saying that I suspect this twice-seen object of being some type of stealthy black-project aircraft (manned or unmanned) that is somehow propelled silently, but wonder at the wisdom of operating such a vehicle over this highly populated area within the Washington, D.C. Beltway. Oddly, everything seemed so still and quiet during the two passages of the object(s) that I am reminded of reports of a similar phenomenon ("the OZ factor") reported by certain observers of 'UFOs' at close range, but would be cautious in saying it was the UFO-related "OZ" phenomenon because I must consider the possibility that I had 'perceptually isolated' myself in listening for a non-existent sound from each 'AAO' to the exclusion of not noticing other ambient sounds.

Angular velocity of both 'AAO?'s is roughly averaged at three degrees per second, if the observation time in each case was 30 seconds. If 45 seconds, then it might have been two degrees per second.

If there are any questions about the observations, do not hesitate to ask.

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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Re: Flares Over Basra - Young

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 12:53:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 16:12:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra - Young

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Don, Bill, List;

Folks there are many variables at play here, such as nature of
deployment plus atmospheric conditions plus camera angle and
proximity. The thing which struck me the most was the evident
smoke from the Basra flare illumination. But I could envision
that flares deployed at a higher elevation and a camera situated
at a far greater distance, such as in the case of Arizona, you
would have something that looked similar.

Take care,

Kenny

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Flares Over Basra - Stuart

From: **Chaz Stuart** <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 13:23:18 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 16:14:53 -0500
Subject: Flares Over Basra - Stuart

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>before. The flare trails are very evident.

I agree, Don. I've also seen military flares near where I work,
(Camp Atterbury, Indiana) on numerous occasions. The smoke
trails are evident and the flares don't look like the Phoenix
"flares" at all.

The flare proponents will probably say that there are different
types of flares and/or the Phoenix flares were too far away for
the smoke trails to be seen. Don't know about that...

-Chaz

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Re: Pravda On Saddam's UFO - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 16:17:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Pravda On Saddam's UFO - Goldstein

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2003 23:49:54 -0800
>Subject: Re: Pravda On Saddam's UFO

>>From: Karl Rotstan <krotstan@bfdmail.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2003 10:27:26 -0500
>>Subject: Pravda On Saddam's UFO

>>If it's Pravda, it must be the truth.

>>Source: <http://english.pravda.ru/main/2003/01/31/42821.html>

>>13:47 2003-01-31

>>Is Hussein Owner of Crashed UFO?

>Hello Karl:

>Forgive all my clipping. I just want to cut to the chase
>and make sure I have this straight:

>Pravda is reporting that:

>- UFOlogist Joseph Trainor declared in his review UFO Roundup..

>- .. It is allegedly said that the craft crashed during the
>Gulf War (1990-1991), or more recently (probably in December
>1998)..

>- UFO Roundup's Arab journalists failed either to confirm or to
>deny these rumors..

>- It is rumored at a market in Sulaimaniya, to the south of
>Zarzi, that aliens are Saddam's guests..

>- Saddam gave the aliens sanctuary, so they couldn't be
>captured by Americans..

>- They say that the aliens created watchdogs for Saddam. The
>aliens took ordinary desert scorpions and used their bio-
>engineering to grow the scorpions to giant size. Scorpions of a
>cow-size! .. They are wonderful watchdogs: they blend in with
>the desert, swiftly and silently move on their warm-blooded prey
>for a decisive attack. Luckless intruders hear just some
>strange sound from behind stones, then a pincer crushes their
>necks, another pincer crushes their legs; then the victims is
>slammed to the ground and beaten with a barbed tail six or seven
>times ...

>- Joseph Trainor came to a conclusion that something strange is
>actually happening in the valley of the Little Zab river, but it
>is not clear what exactly.

>- It is not ruled out that Saddam intentionally spreads these
>rumors to scare people away from some important military object
>located in the old fortress of Qalaat-e-Julundi.

>- - -

>I don't need to go on. I just wanted to make sure I had the good
>parts down right. This sure beats the usual litany of Night
>Lights and Chupacabra attacks.

Hi Larry,

What a great B grade movie it would make to have Apache helicopters fighting off giant desert scorpions. It is also not ruled out that Saddam's tribe from Tikrit are evil aliens who came from some evil planet and took over the bodies a long time ago. Saddam was a murderer when he was barely into his teens. Then again, maybe the aliens kicked him out because he was too evil for even them. Is he related to Evil Knieval?

For the first time I have seen some truth in Pravda since its birth in the Soviet Union. The only truth is in the disclaimer at the end where they say they doubt the story is true. It's a shame because a giant desert scorpion would make an awesome pet to walk down the street on a leash. Pit Bulls and Chupies would die just from fear.

In any event, while watching the war we will want to see if the aliens and the Scorpions make their appearances. I wonder if Linda Moulton Howe is already trying to get into Iraq? She could be in my cheesy movie but I would cast her in a similar role as the crystal hugging new age woman who stood on the rim of a canyon blessing the alien ships on their final approach to landing in the movie Mars Attacks! Unfortunately she was instantly vaporized. I must admit that in my evil psyche I laughed at that. I would not laugh if LMH got vaporized but I would probably giggle if Peter Gersten played the role in his purple robes of spiritual splendor.

Perhaps I should pitch this idea to Tim Burton and also stock up on scorpion antidote before they emerge from the Mojave desert just like the giant ants in the movie Them! They would emerge in LA from the sewers.

Maybe at area 51 they have bioengineered our own stealth giant scorpions and are flying them into Iraq for the battle royale. A long time ago John Lear hinted at such a thing. If Bob Lazar had seen them at S4 he would have been eliminated by now. That would be good for the movie. It's a shame that Corso never was there. Oh, by the way, this will be the first postmodern movie, symbolising absolutely nothing.

Stay away from the desert,

Josh

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OVERCOMING SECRECY IN A DAY

Sometimes official secrecy can be quickly overcome simply by calling attention to it, and questioning the need for it.

When a panel of scientists was convened by the Central Intelligence Agency for an unclassified workshop last January to consider the potential terrorist threat that could arise from life science research, they soon reached a consensus that the threat was real and, in fact, quite serious. Yet at the same time, they concluded for a variety of familiar reasons that "openness in scientific research is the only way to go."

On the morning of April 2, however, the workshop participants were informed that the final summary report of the workshop advocating openness would be classified.

This ironic announcement produced a modest rebellion among some of the scientists and by the end of the day on Tuesday, CIA was indicating that "We will definitely look into putting out an unclassified version of the report for workshop attendees."

The whole episode neatly captured the dynamic of a process that normally plays out over a longer period of time.

First, it showed that secrecy is a primal instinct of at least some government agencies. Certainly nondisclosure is the default mode at CIA.

Second, it showed that secrecy makes a poor fit with the deliberative process, particularly when a matter of public policy is involved. Participants want to trumpet their views, receive credit for their contributions, and share their conclusions.

Finally, the dispute demonstrated that change is possible.

There is enough plasticity even in the CIA to bring about a shift in policy and practice.

All of this suggests something like the bureaucratic equivalent of "ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny" (the biological notion, not strictly correct, that the development of an individual repeats the developmental stages of his species). Bureaucracies typically begin with a strong preference for secrecy but can evolve, under pressure, towards greater openness -- and they do, over and over again. The task at hand is to generate that

pressure.

The CIA-sponsored workshop was organized by the National Research Council Board on Life Sciences. It is briefly described, under the caption "Genomics Databases for Bioterrorism Threat Agents: Striking a Balance for Information Sharing," on this page:

http://www4.nationalacademies.org/dels/blshome.nsf/web/Current_Activities

SECRECY MEETINGS GALORE

It's a sign of the times. There are now more conferences and meetings scheduled to discuss various aspects of government secrecy policy than one would care to attend, even if one were invited.

The Center for Strategic and International Studies and the National Academy of Sciences "will convene a series of meetings and related projects over the next two years in which the security and scientific communities, along with leaders of industry, will meet to address ... how to manage the risks of malevolent use of so-called 'sensitive unclassified information' that might enable terrorists to produce and deliver chemical, biological or nuclear weapons;"

Two meetings a year will be held by a new "Roundtable on Scientific Communication and National Security." The Roundtable is not to be confused with its twin, the "Commission on Scientific Communication and National Security," that will convene its own gatherings.

See this CSIS announcement:

http://www.csis.org/tech/ssi/csis_na.htm

Meanwhile, "Mounting restrictions on access to government information and the degree to which such secrecy enhances national security" will be examined as part of an April 24-25 conference on "Security, Technology, and Privacy: Shaping a 21st Century Public Information Policy" at Georgetown University Law Center. See:

<http://insites.heinz.cmu.edu/securityandprivacy/index.html>

And "National Security and Open Government" in the U.S. and abroad will be the subject of a May 5 symposium at the Brookings Institution, the culmination of a series of online publications presented here:

<http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/campbell/opengov/>

Each of these events (and there are several others) involves a slightly different set of participants and is geared to a distinct audience. If nothing else, the proliferation of such meetings shows that a growing number of people are exercised by problems of secrecy and openness.

RECENT FOIA LITIGATION

The Justice Department Office of Information and Privacy continues to perform a public service by compiling and publishing descriptive citations of judicial rulings in Freedom of Information Act cases.

The latest edition, "New FOIA Decisions, January-March 2003," includes a couple of dozen decisions in diverse issue areas.

The list is leavened by curiosities such as the individual who filed an appeal 10 years after his request was denied, and another who agreed in advance to pay for search fees but then did not do so. See:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2003foiapost13.htm>

RULING BOLSTERS EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE

In a decision that takes an expansive view of executive

privilege and that is therefore likely to reinforce White House secrecy, a federal court has sided with the Bush Administration and ruled that various records concerning pardons granted by President Bill Clinton are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act.

"As strong a supporter as the Court is of FOIA's liberal disclosure of government documents and as great as the public interest in disclosure of the documents requested by Plaintiff may be, the case law concerning the ability of the government to withhold certain documents under the presidential communications privilege is clear," wrote Judge Gladys Kessler in a March 28 ruling. The denied records had been sought by Judicial Watch, a conservative watchdog organization. See the text of the decision here:

<http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/01-639.pdf>

The ruling was reported in "White House Request To Restrict Clinton Pardon Data Upheld" by George Lardner, Jr., Washington Post, April 2:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A5460-2003Apr1.html>

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Re: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway -

From: Erik Landahl <landahl1@attbi.com>
Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 13:26:16 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 16:42:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway -

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 12:05:04 -0500
>Subject: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway

<snip>

When I saw the post's 'Subject:', I thought you had seen
a couple of honest politicians. :)

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From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 14:03:34 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 17:15:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra - Hamilton

>From: Mike Fortson <satmike@cox.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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Hi Mike, good to hear from you on this List.

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Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 14:10:24 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 17:56:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra - Hamilton

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 14:13:44 +0000
>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
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>of mine. I have tested it later to look at known flares the
>military dropped in the exact area at later dates. On 3/13/97 we
>were too far for my scope to see smoke trails with my scope under
>normal circumstances.

Tom,

We may have been far away, but still no flare is going to look
as round as the moon. The telescope, your Celestron, had enough
quality to show that.

I have looked at flares at 29 Palms from about 40-50 miles
distance with Bushnell 10X50 and could still tell they were
flares.

What we taped that night was seen by others at other times
moving horizontally overhead in formations - their description
is identical, and now other witnesses, including Mike Krysten,
say that the lights seen on Jan. 14th were identical, as he
looked through his telescope and saw one centered there, for
some minutes, without motion. He did not move his scope.

Those lights lasted over 20+ minutes.

-Bill H

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Re: Flares Over Basra - Fortson

From: **Mike Fortson** <satmike@cox.net>
Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 15:39:01 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 18:00:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra - Fortson

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Greetings Bill and List,

The point I was trying to make, is the name given to the March
13, 1997, Phoenix Lights, is wrong. Those lights on the five
10:00 p.m. MST videos were not over Phoenix. Or even in Maricopa
county. But the media deemed the deceptive title, and it stuck.

And no one involved in the investigation or witnesses have ever claimed "flares" when discussing the 8:16 p.m. MST, Pauldon, Az., sightings through what we saw in Chandler at 8:30 p.m. MST.

And as you well know, we saw much more than lights.

I always thought it was Capt. Eileen Beinz who broke the story of flares. It was reported in the Arizona Republic. Her "solution" to the apparent "problem" was front page news.

The problem with her story was altitude. I think the final altitude of the flares, to make it seen in Phoenix, were near 16,000'. I asked her, on air during a live radio call-in, was that altitude the drop altitude? Or the ignition altitude? She went totally quite and KTAR went to commercial.

Mike

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> flares) were in fact almost 65 miles southwest of Phoenix,
>over the Barry Goldwater Test Range, in far Southwest
>Arizona.

>Thus, the name "Phoenix Lights" or "flares over Phoenix",
>does not truly or accurately exist - at least in reference to
>the five 10:00 p.m. MST, videos.

>Whether they are flares or UFO, neither have been proven. But
> one thing is certain - none were near Phoenix. This has been
> the perfect deception. And this is why most people think
>what happened that night involves flares and the military.

>But, the 8:00 events - the late Doc Barry titled it best -

>"The Massive UFO Flyover of Arizona, March 13, 1997"....

>For those who witnessed the massive craft during the 8:00
>hour, throughout the State of Arizona, know which title
>accurately and correctly say it best.

>But truthfully, Mr Ledger, it's was the media who confused
>the reader or viewer. It was the media who did not have a
>clue as to what happened that night. And it was the media,
>who showed the 10:00 pm videos, while interviewing 8:00 hour
>witnesses, to help debunk the 8:00 events.

>Thus confusing everyone. And creating the perfect deception
>(lie).

>And this is why so few (IMHO) ever get that profoundly
>wonderous night right. Nearly everyone has been lied
>to.(decieved)

Hi Mike,

First of all it's Don okay. And this was my point. I've been hearing that both the 8pm and 10:00 PM events were claimed as flares. It's the 8:00 PM of which I speak. Apparently a good case can be made for for flares during the 10:00 PM event. But the 8:00 PM event is getting mixed in with it.

I raised the event again due to the fact that people can see for themselves what these flares look like as they drop and decide for themselves.

But it's not only the Pheonix anomalies, there are many other sightings that get short shrift when flares are offered up as an explanation for a UFO sighting.

Best,

Don Ledger

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>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto (<ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 12:53:04 -0800
>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

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>>Monthan AFB in Tucson as an explanation for the white lights
>>seen over Phoenix in the 8 - 8:30 pm time slot. The 9:45 - 10:00
>>pm lights were amber orbs and had emitted no glare.

>>Dr, Macabee disagrees with me which is his prerogative, but I
>>and other witnesses I interviewed gave similar descriptions.

>Folks there are many variables at play here, such as nature of
deployment plus atmospheric conditions plus camera angle and
proximity. The thing which struck me the most was the evident
smoke from the Basra flare illumination. But I could envision
that flares deployed at a higher elevation and a camera situated
at a far greater distance, such as in the case of Arizona, you
would have something that looked similar.

Hi Kenny,

Why would you deploy multible flares at a high altitude. Think
what they are for.

In any event they are typically preset [before take-off] to
ignite at about 500 to 1,500 feet above the ground. Above that
they are pretty much useless for ground illumination. However
they can be released at high altitude and ignite at the altitude
set for best illumination depending on circumstances. The only
reason to ignite at high altitude is to mark an area that will
remain for some minutes as it descends. But setting off a dozen
of them say to mark a location would only confuse the issue.

The LUU 2b/b is one of the most commonly used military flares.
Go here:

<http://www.tpub.com/aviord321/51.htm>

for a brief description of the flare's size, and function, etc.

Best,

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>>at the so called flares over Pheonix, Arizona. I
>>for one don't see much of a match. Nor did I
>>before. The flare trails are very evident.

>I agree, Don. I've also seen military flares near where I work,
>(Camp Atterbury, Indiana) on numerous occasions. The smoke
>trails are evident and the flares don't look like the Phoenix
>"flares" at all.

>The flare proponents will probably say that there are different
>types of flares and/or the Phoenix flares were too far away for
>the smoke trails to be seen. Don't know about that...

Hi Chaz,

hastily-as Stan sez:

The flares being used by the military US/ Canada are the LUU
2B/B. Chexck here for function and utility.

<http://www.tpub.com/aviord321/51.htm>

Hope this helps.

Don Ledger

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Re: Pravda On Saddam's UFO - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 19:10:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 05:44:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Pravda On Saddam's UFO - Maccabee

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2003 23:49:54 -0800
>Subject: Re: Pravda On Saddam's UFO

>>From: Karl Rotstan <krotstan@bfdmail.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2003 10:27:26 -0500
>>Subject: Pravda On Saddam's UFO

>>If it's Pravda, it must be the truth.

>>Source: <http://english.pravda.ru/main/2003/01/31/42821.html>

>>13:47 2003-01-31

>>Is Hussein Owner of Crashed UFO?

>Hello Karl:

>Forgive all my clipping. I just want to cut to the chase
>and make sure I have this straight:

>Pravda is reporting that:

> - Ufologist Joseph Trainor declared in his review UFO Roundup..

> - .. It is allegedly said that the craft crashed during the
>Gulf War (1990-1991), or more recently (probably in December
>1998)..

<snip>

>> - They say that the aliens created watchdogs for Saddam. The
>>aliens took ordinary desert scorpions and used their bio-
>>engineering to grow the scorpions to giant size. Scorpions of a
>>cow-size! .. They are wonderful watchdogs: they blend in with
>>the desert, swiftly and silently move on their warm-blooded prey
>>for a decisive attack. Luckless intruders hear just some
>>strange sound from behind stones, then a pincer crushes their
>>necks, another pincer crushes their legs; then the victims is
>>slammed to the ground and beaten with a barbed tail six or seven
>>times ...

>I don't need to go on. I just wanted to make sure I had the good
>parts down right. This sure beats the usual litany of Night
>Lights and Chupacabra attacks.

The bit about the scorpions really got to me!. Reminds of the
movie Starship Troopers. Also the giant ants in 'Them!'

Sad Man Hussein better get his scorpion/dogs in action right
away. Time is running out for him!

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Re: Flares Over Basra - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 19:10:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 05:46:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra - Maccabee

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 05:43:02 -0800
>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

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>and other witnesses I interviewed gave similar descriptions.

I should like to point out that the main source of my
disagreement are the triangulations which I carried out based on
the three videos (Krysten, Lynn, Riordan) I analyzed. The
triangulations showed that that the lights in the videos were
far south of Phoenix. The video by King was consistent with
that.

I also showed that the lights in the videos did not remain
perfectly stationary relative to the ground but rather fell
downward and to the left.

See <http://brumac.8k.com>

and scroll down to phoenix lights.

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Re: Flares Over Basra - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 01:28:56 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 05:52:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra - King

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 14:10:24 -0800
>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 14:13:44 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>>>>round.

>>I just wanted to add here the scope Bill used that night is one
>>of mine. I have tested it later to look at known flares the
>>military dropped in the exact area at later dates. On 3/13/97 we
>>were too far for my scope to see smoke trails with my scope under
>>normal circumstances.

>We may have been far away, but still no flare is going to look
>as round as the moon. The telescope, your Celestron, had enough
>quality to show that.

My scope you used was a 'Pro Optic' not a Celestron scope. It says the name right on the side. Its a generic version of what Celestron made and its focusing mirror certainly isn't perfect. As I said before I tested all my gear on military flares at later dates you can't see flares that far away.

>I have looked at flares at 29 Palms from about 40-50 miles
>distance with Bushnell 10X50 and could still tell they were
>flares.

Thats California not Arizona. We have dust everywhere, but on 3-13-97 it did seem clear.

>What we taped that night was seen by others at other times
>moving horizontally overhead in formations - their description
>is identical, and now other witnesses, including Mike Krysten,
>say that the lights seen on Jan. 14th were identical, as he
>looked through his telescope and saw one centeredthere, for

>some minutes, without motion. He did not move his scope.

Mike Krysten, or whatever his name is, lives 75+ miles from the location of these lights. His scope is worse than mine. Plus he is looking over 30 miles of downtown smog, and other pollution.

If my scope couldn't identify the lights from 25 miles, why do you think he could at 75 miles away with pollution? Also the lights on Jan 14th were most likely flares as two videos from Casa Grande were within 10-15 miles.

On one of those lights you can see the smoke! I have the videos from Jan. 14th 1998 and they match flare drops the military does. There were other orange light sightings afterward. I was in the desert taping them from a variety of distances. Including one area so close we were with 3 miles of them. You can see smoke, the sky lit up, everything.

However 'certain' people taped these lights from their homes 70 miles away in Phoenix and the local news aired it as another "Phoenix Lights" event. What I saw first hand as flares, others, miles away in the city, saw a 'UFO sighting'. Their tapes from 70 miles away matched the videos from 3-13-97 and Jan. 14th 1998.

>Those lights lasted over 20+ minutes.

According to who? It wasn't caught on tape. That can't be proven.

I think the List should know that some people in Phoenix don't want to talk about the truth behind the 10:00 pm videos. Some people have books they're pushing, others sell their rights to video over and over to TLC and other TV media. The amount of money can add up if you have good control over your video and sell it 30 times to the media. Clearly a there is vested interest from some parties involved in these events to profit or promote their items.

Tom King

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Inexplicata Site Moving

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2003 08:39:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 18:48:51 -0500
Subject: Inexplicata Site Moving

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
April 2, 2003

Dear Friends of INEXPLICATA:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Inexplicata website (www.inexplicata.com) is being shut down. We are pleased to have been able to serve your information needs without interruption since 1998.

A replacement site will soon be up and running at:

www.inexplicata.us

and an announcement shall be made when it is ready.

Regards and many thanks for your continued support,

Scott Corrales
Institute of Hispanic Ufology
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Re: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway -

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2003 09:28:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 18:50:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway -

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 12:05:04 -0500
>Subject: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway

>Strange Sightings Within The Washington, D.C. Beltway, March 8, 2003

Ray,

Thanks for that surprising report. I presume you have emailed it to George Filer, or perhaps he has seen it on UpDates.

Have you had other magnetic anomalies in recent weeks or months?

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Re: Flares Over Basra - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 06:52:18 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 18:52:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra - Hamilton

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 19:37:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

>>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto (<ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 12:53:04 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

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>>>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

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>>Folks there are many variables at play here, such as nature of
>deployment plus atmospheric conditions plus camera angle and
>proximity. The thing which struck me the most was the evident
>smoke from the Basra flare illumination. But I could envision
>that flares deployed at a higher elevation and a camera situated
>at a far greater distance, such as in the case of Arizona, you
>would have something that looked similar.

>Why would you deploy multible flares at a high altitude. Think
>what they are for.

>In any event they are typically preset [before take-off] to
>ignite at about 500 to 1,500 feet above the ground. Above that
>they are pretty much useless for ground illumination. However
>they can be released at high altitude and ignite at the altitude
>set for best illumination depending on circumstances. The only
>reason to ignite at high altitude is to mark an area that will
>remain for some minutes as it descends. But setting off a dozen
>of them say to mark a location would only confuse the issue.

>The LUU 2b/b is one of the most commonly used military flares.
>Go here:

><http://www.tpub.com/aviord321/51.htm>

>for a brief description of the flare's size, and function, etc.

Don,

No matter what I have said there will be those that will persist in their belief that these were flares that we saw on March 13th. Even Tom King keeps forgetting that we saw a "double" light at 9:45 PM (I looked at my watch) and it was the first to reappear at 10:00 PM in the same location!

BTW, he never looked through his own telescope so he doesn't know what I saw. He was certain these lights were not flares until he had a falling out with Jim Diletosso, then he reversed his position. That is what I saw happen.

I called the manufacturer of the LU-U2 flares and they confirmed what the USAF said, that they are magnesium flares that burn bright white. Photos of these flares look nothing like the lights we saw.

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Phoenix Lights Redux [was: Flares Over Basra]

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 07:03:20 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 18:56:22 -0500
Subject: Phoenix Lights Redux [was: Flares Over Basra]

>From: Mike Fortson <satmike@cox.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 15:39:01 -0700
>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 14:03:34 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

<snip>

>>However, I must add a tiny correction. When the flare story
>>first broke out of Tucson, the Tucson paper indicated the flares
>>dropped by the Maryland ANG were dropped before 8:30 pm, thus it
>>said that the lights that you and others reported seeing at
>>around that time were generated by LU-U2 flares. I still have a
>>copy of the paper.

>>Later, the story was changed to the 10:00 pm event.

>The point I was trying to make, is the name given to the March
>13, 1997, Phoenix Lights, is wrong. Those lights on the five
>10:00 p.m. MST videos were not over Phoenix. Or even in Maricopa
>county. But the media deemed the deceptive title, and it stuck.

>And no one involved in the investigation or witnesses have ever
>claimed "flares" when discussing the 8:16 p.m. MST, Pauldon,
>Az., sightings through what we saw in Chandler at 8:30 p.m. MST.

That is correct Mike. However, it seems like there are still
many unaware that these amber lights at 10 were seen elsewhere
at different times of the night at different locations, and some
even seen rising vertically! Also, the big triangle was seen
with amber lights that could detach.

>And as you well know, we saw much more than lights.

Yes, you and others reported seeing a structure. You could see
it because part of that structure passed in front of the moon.
Others could see structure because of the reflection of ground
light and because the structure passed over at low altitude.

>I always thought it was Capt. Eileen Beinz who broke the story
>of flares. It was reported in the Arizona Republic. Her
>"solution" to the apparent "problem" was front page news.

Only after I asked her to look and she contacted Davis-Monthan
who, it turns out, had just released the story in the Tucson
newspaper, but the Tucson paper was clear that the A-10s
returned to base by 8:30 PM, the LU-U2 flares were white and so
they concluded that what you saw were flares. It was Eileen who
appended this explanation to the 10 PM videos.

>The problem with her story was altitude. I think the final
>altitude of the flares, to make it seen in Phoenix, were near
>16,000'. I asked her, on air during a live radio call-in, was
>that altitude the drop altitude? Or the ignition altitude? She
>went totally quite and KTAR went to commercial.

They would have to be that high to be seen over the mountains, but there were some below the mountains to the far right, but since everyone is convinced they were above the mountains I am just traveling around on a carousel so I just say let people believe what they want to believe, but they are not taking in the whole picture and including all of the events of that night.

Remember Trig Johnston? He also saw the same amber lights. His decription is so similar as to be identical, except they were moving horizontally in formation as a unit. As an airline pilot, he could not explain what he was seeing.

-Bill

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Interview With Chilean UFO Witness

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2003 13:33:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 19:04:05 -0500
Subject: Interview With Chilean UFO Witness

SOURCE: Terra.cl and Mundomisterioso.com
DATE: April 03, 2002

INTERVIEW WITH EYEWITNESS TO CHILEAN UFO SIGHTING

Fernando Martinez is a student of graphic design. On March 21 he happened to be at the corner of Pedro de Valdivia and Providencia (Chile). It was noon and a knot of people looked skyward with curiosity. A series of unknown luminous objects could be seen unaided over the area: it was among the most massive UFO sightings of recent times.

So what happened that day?

Well, I was walking along Providencia. I'd gone shopping, and I suddenly realized that many people were looking at the sky and pointing with their fingers. I looked and was able to see a light without any defined shape. But later, looking at it more closely, I was able to see over 50 smaller lights all around. They didn't move much. At least not noticeably.

What did you think at the time?

Well, I thought it was some kind of peace demonstration. But I had already seen those balloons that get filled with helium and these had no relation to them whatsoever. All the people were saying: "Look, they're UFOs!"

Didn't you think that they could be something else?

I also said they could have been airplanes, but it seemed strange to me at that altitude. Later, seeing their movement, I realized they weren't airplanes.

You didn't hear any noise?

Well, with the noise on Providencia, even though they'd made noise, we wouldn't of heard a thing.

How did people react?

They were calm. Of course, there are always those who showed off saying they were Iraqi aircraft or Martians. But in general, all of the spectators were very interested in the phenomenon.

Were you aware that the sighting coincided with the allied attack on Iraq?

I found out later when I saw the news. I still find [the whole thing] curious, nonetheless.

Do you think there could be any relationship?

In the article I saw they were discussing that UFOs always appear whenever there's a tragedy unfolding. It could be sheer happenstance. I don't know that there's any connection. Which is why I'm telling you its curious.

How long did the sighting last?

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Re: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway -

From: David Thomson <dave@volantis.org>
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2003 18:16:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 19:52:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway -

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 12:05:04 -0500
>Subject: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway

>Strange Sightings Within The Washington, D.C. Beltway, March 8, 2003

>If there are any questions about the observations, do not
>hesitate to ask.

Hi Ray,

Did the vehicle make any turns? And if so, did the whole vehicle
roll in order to make the turn?

I've seen a similar type of craft back in 1978 near Edwards
Airforce Base.

Can you send a sketch of the vehicles to dave@volantis.org?

Thanks

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Since the Jan 14, 1998 event has been brought up I would like to point out that I began my analysis of the "Phoenix Lights" by studying the Jan 14, 1988 lights because there were four videos that I could use for triangulation (Krysten, Lynn, Riordan and P - who wishes to remain anonymous).

I visited the houses of all these people, made measurements, took comparison photos to see geographical features that could be used to establish sighting lines, studied their cameras, etc.

The triangulation baseline for this event was about 50 miles wide (from Riordan to P), as I recall. The triangulation clearly put the lights over 60 miles south southwest of Phoenix.

Maybe they were UFOs over the military desert. But whatever they were, they were far away.

In the March 13, 1997 case there were also 4 videos, K,L, R and King, but the baseline was not as long.

The triangulation showed the lights to be far South of Phoenix.

<http://brumac.8k.com>

Scroll down to Phoenix Lights and see complete analysis of Jan 14 and March 13.

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux [was: Flares Over Basra]

From: **Mike Fortson** <satmike@cox.net>
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2003 17:59:22 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 23:11:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux [was: Flares Over Basra]

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 07:03:20 -0800
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Neither side wins here. Neither side can be proven.

I still say it was a successful diversion, whether it's UFO or flares.

Mike

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux [was: Flares Over Basra -

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 21:12:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 23:19:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux [was: Flares Over Basra -

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
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>Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 06:52:18 -0800
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>reversed his position. That is what I saw happen.

>I called the manufacturer of the LU-U2 flares and they
>confirmed what the USAF said, that they are magnesium flares
>that burn bright white. Photos of these flares look nothing
>like the lights we saw.

Hi Bill,

I originally brought this up as a reference to flares, as to how they appear on television, the evidence of smoke trails and their very recognizable signature. However I don't have the expertise about the Pheonix episode to really make an informed opinion. I'll take some time and update myself.

Best,

Don

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Re: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway -

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2003 20:36:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 23:22:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2003 09:28:44 -0500
>Subject: Re: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway

>Have you had other magnetic anomalies in recent weeks or
>months?

Bruce,

Actually, aside from obvious periods of solar storm activity upon the earth's magnetosphere (they have been substantial), until this March 8 event, things had been noticeably, even puzzlingly, quiet from the standpoint of very outstanding or comparatively extreme- low-frequency (ELF) magnetic events during the occasions I had monitored it in weeks and days leading up to this incident. I had even commented in song to Sheila (wife), to the tune of "Long Time Passing", "...Where have all the magnetic anomalies gone..." because things had been remarkably quiet. [Oops! That tune dates me, doesn't it?!!]

Until this, I hadn't even seen anything deemed worthy of actually reporting for several years, and it's not that I don't keep a watchful eye on the sky.

I reported the March 8 observations to Don Berliner, and at his advice to FUFOR's local investigator, mainly in hopes of learning if seemingly related reports had come in or that might later come in to them. I figured if we could locate a local isochronous observation or two, then maybe a triangulation could be done in order to at least get a ballpark figure on altitude, size, speed, etc. So far, no such luck.

I presumed George Filer, Peter Davenport, or others interested, would hear of it directly or indirectly from here.

It was the absolutely dead silence of that thing moving so seemingly close-by that still, well, gives me the 'Heebie Jeebies'!

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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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Stuart

From: **Chaz Stuart** <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2003 22:58:15 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 23:25:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Stuart

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Rods On Iraq War2 TV Footage

From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 14:42:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 13:36:06 -0500
Subject: Rods On Iraq War2 TV Footage

Hi all

Rods have been seen on the Iraq TV footage.
Hats off to the UFO spotters.

Hastily compiled webpage at:

<http://www.colsweb.com/iragrods.htm>

contains pictures.

Origin for material

TheHickmanReport@yahoogroups.com
Friday, April 04, 2003 1:35 AM

Kind Wishes

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 06:44:06 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 13:38:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hamilton

>From: Mike Fortson <satmike@cox.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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Yes, Mike and that was not the only sightings after 8:45 PM that
night. Another triangle was seen near Thunderbird Rd. around
10:30 PM.

Significantly, one woman saw a formation of these amber orbs
(flares) at around 1 AM on March 14th moving in formation. One
broke the formation and rose vertically. Strange for a flare!

I think Trig saw these orbs in their docking positions on a
large craft. Remember these were seen "docked" in the triangle.
They can separate and fly off, move in formation, or hover and
look almost like flares except they do not glare. Even more,
when close to the ground they do not reflect light from the
ground. The physics in this would be most interesting.

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Yes, I know. Sometimes they are docked and sometimes detached
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It is too bad. The low-level moving craft would have been
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awe", to borrow a phrase, of seeing these objects so fascinated witnesses that I still do not have knowledge of anyone getting it on video.

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Yes, but there was nothing wrong with Jim's analysis except it was tremendously misunderstood and few know he did another type of analysis on 50 frames. He measured the luminosity parameter on the histogram for variation over 50 frames and the histogram was virtually flat. Similar analysis on flares show ragged peaks and valleys because flares are fires that burn with uneven luminosity over time. As I view a flare through powerful binoculars even 50 miles away, I can see the "flicker factor". The orbs exhibit no flicker, but they do have vibrant striations that continually move on different vectors. Similar orbs are seen here in the California desert from time to time, but are not on military ranges.

I have a video showing the same.

-Bill H

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 10:12:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 13:40:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Maccabee

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
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These questions have have discussed and answers proposed
in my Phoenix Lights paper at <http://brumac.8k.com>

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I argue that the planes were flying high and dropping the flares
to get rid of them, not to light up the ground, as they headed
toward "home" in Tucson after a flare drop exercise at the Barry
Goldwater training range.

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

From: Tom King <Tomking2030@Hotmail.Com>
Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 15:14:19 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 13:44:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 06:52:18 -0800
>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 19:37:31 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

>>Folks there are many variables at play here, such as nature of
>>deployment plus atmospheric conditions plus camera angle and
>>proximity. The thing which struck me the most was the evident
>>smoke from the Basra flare illumination. But I could envision
>>that flares deployed at a higher elevation and a camera situated
>>at a far greater distance, such as in the case of Arizona, you
>>would have something that looked similar.

>>Why would you deploy multiple flares at a high altitude. Think
>>what they are for.

>>In any event they are typically preset [before take-off] to
>>ignite at about 500 to 1,500 feet above the ground. Above that
>>they are pretty much useless for ground illumination. However
>>they can be released at high altitude and ignite at the altitude
>>set for best illumination depending on circumstances. The only
>>reason to ignite at high altitude is to mark an area that will
>>remain for some minutes as it descends. But setting off a dozen
>>of them say to mark a location would only confuse the issue.

>>The LUU 2b/b is one of the most commonly used military flares.
>>Go here:

>><http://www.tpub.com/aviord321/51.htm>

>>for a brief description of the flare's size, and function, etc.

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>reappear at 10:00 PM in the same location!

Because there are two orange lights close together does not rule
out flares.

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True I was busy videotaping the event, you would of two if you
bothered to charge your batteries earlier.

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>position. That is what I saw happen.

Bill, you're implying that because Village Labs and I had a
disagreement that I decided to change my opinion because of
that? No I had a falling out with them for a variety of reasons.

Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

One being they can't properly analyze the videos from that night.

Tom King

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - King

From: Tom King <Tomking2030@Hotmail.Com>
Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 16:10:22 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 13:47:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - King

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 07:03:20 -0800
>Subject: Phoenix Lights Redux [was: Flares Over Basra]

>>From: Mike Fortson <satmike@cox.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 15:39:01 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

>>The point I was trying to make, is the name given to the March
>>13, 1997, Phoenix Lights, is wrong. Those lights on the five
>>10:00 p.m. MST videos were not over Phoenix. Or even in Maricopa
>>county. But the media deemed the deceptive title, and it stuck.

I remember Jim was the one who coined the events "Phoenix Lights".

>>And no one involved in the investigation or witnesses have ever
>>claimed "flares" when discussing the 8:16 p.m. MST, Pauldon,
>>Az., sightings through what we saw in Chandler at 8:30 p.m. MST.

>That is correct Mike. However, it seems like there are still
>many unaware that these amber lights at 10 were seen elsewhere
>at different times of the night at different locations, and some
>even seen rising vertically! Also, the big triangle was seen
>with amber lights that could detach.

>>And as you well know, we saw much more than lights.

>Yes, you and others reported seeing a structure. You could see
>it because part of that structure passed in front of the moon.
>Others could see structure because of the reflection of ground
>light and because the structure passed over at low altitude.

>>I always thought it was Capt. Eileen Beinz who broke the story
>>of flares. It was reported in the Arizona Republic. Her
>>"solution" to the apparent "problem" was front page news.

>Only after I asked her to look and she contacted Davis-Monthan
>who, it turns out, had just released the story in the Tucson
>newspaper, but the Tucson paper was clear that the A-10s
>returned to base by 8:30 PM, the LU-U2 flares were white and so
>they concluded that what you saw were flares. It was Eileen who
>appended this explanation to the 10 PM videos.

>>The problem with her story was altitude. I think the final
>>altitude of the flares, to make it seen in Phoenix, were near
>>16,000'. I asked her, on air during a live radio call-in, was
>>that altitude the drop altitude? Or the ignition altitude? She
>>went totally quite and KTAR went to commercial.

>They would have to be that high to be seen over the mountains,
>but there were some below the mountains to the far right, but
>since everyone is convinced they were above the mountains I am
>just traveling around on a carousel so I just say let people
>believe what they want to believe, but they are not taking in
>the whole picture and including all of the events of that night.

I showed you and Mike Tanner how all 5 videos from that night were shot at the same time. The triangulation from all of the videos puts them far behind the Estrella Mountains. ASU did their own GPS positioning and confirmed this. A simple spilt screen of the videos shows how we all taped the same amber lights at the same time. Even Bruce Macabees own independent study confirms all of the above.

When showing the split screen to you guys the reaction is the look of a deer in headlights, you guys refuse to discuss it. Refuse to publicly debate how off your conclusions are about the 10:00 pm videos. Instead you tell a story that simply didn't happen and you point towards inconsistencies in media and military reports instead of dealing with the basic facts.

According to Bill Hamilton and Village Labs there are two sets of 9 amber lights that night. One to the south end of the Estrellas (9:45) that disappeared and then it reappeared to the north(10:00).

Here is a map of what they think happened that night.

<http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/vill.jpg>

That map certainly doesn't reflect any solid facts. I would have seen another string of lights west of me and I didn't neither did anyone else. The poor analysis of Mike Crystens video placing it below the mountain is one reason behind your theory.

Bill explain this?

How is it when the lights go out in Mike Crysten's video, Terry Proctor is 15 miles north of him still taping the lights? If they are taping the same group of lights at the same time then this isn't possible. The lights dropped behind mountains from Mike Crystens vantage point but Proctor at a higher elevation can still see them. Or are you going to say were there 3 sets of amber lights? Fill us in on how this is possible with your theory.

How can all of the videos be split screened accurately if were not taping the same event? An event you guys say happened at two different times and at two different locations.

Here is a map from MUFON of the real triangulation.

<http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/MUFONAZmap.jpg>

You can point to all the newspaper reports and other sightings that night until your blue in the face. It won't explain away the triangulation, GPS, or spilt screen video. The 10:00 pm event can't be called UFOs because flares can't absolutely be ruled out.

I had the falling out with Village Labs because I didn't like how they compartmentalized the case and were doing a shoddy investigation to boot. I think I did the right thing.

Tom King

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Secrecy News -- 04/04/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 12:30:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 13:50:14 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 04/04/03

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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REJIGGERING THE FBI

The pace of institutional and technological change at the Federal Bureau of Investigation is accelerating, with results and consequences yet to be determined.

"As part of an ongoing technology upgrade, the FBI is building a massive database to store case information, leads, intelligence and even newspaper and magazine articles related to terrorism," reports Shane Harris in "FBI designing vast terrorism database," Government Executive, April 3:

<http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0403/040303h1.htm>

"With a new computer network, automated investigative tools, and more channels for sharing information, the FBI hopes to finally know what it knows," writes Jean Kumagai in "Mission Impossible?", IEEE Spectrum, April 2003:

<http://www.spectrum.ieee.org/WEBONLY/publicfeature/apr03/fbi.html>

"As part of its on-going reorganization efforts, the FBI has put in place for the first time a formal structure to prioritize intelligence exploitation and to establish strategic plans for intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination," according to an April 3 FBI press release.

The Bureau also hired NSA SIGINT Director Maureen A. Baginski to serve as its new Executive Assistant Director for Intelligence.

See "FBI Creates Structure to Support Intelligence Mission":

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/04/fbi040303.html>

PATRIOT ACT OVERSIGHT

The House Judiciary Committee wrote to Attorney General Ashcroft this week to request detailed information on implementation of the USA Patriot Act, submitting 38 multi-part questions on domestic surveillance, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, detention of suspected terrorists, and related topics.

A copy of the 18 page April 1 letter from Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. and Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. is posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/patriot040103.html

CLASSIFICATION MARKING

The simple notion of official secrecy branches out in practice into a dense jungle of classification markings and access controls, ranging from "For Official Use Only" to "Cosmic Top Secret" to "SIOP Extremely Sensitive Information" and "Eyes Only."

These and many other such terms are defined and placed in context in two Defense Department classification marking manuals.

"DMS GENSER Message Security Classifications, Categories, and Marking Phrase Requirements," Defense Information Systems Agency, March 1999:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dod/genser.pdf>

"NIMA Guide to Marking Classified Documents," National Imagery and Mapping Agency, October 4, 2001:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dod/nimaguide.pdf>

STATE SECRECY

Nearly half of all states "are closing meetings, sealing records and restricting the flow of information to the public, all in the name of homeland security." See "States put a leash on information" by Mimi Hall, USA Today, April 3:

<http://www.usatoday.com/usatoday/20030403/5028928s.htm>

LEAKS AND TRAPS

At his confirmation hearing last October, CIA General Counsel Scott W. Muller was asked how he would propose to handle the "vexatious problem" of leaks of classified intelligence information.

One solution, he suggested briefly and tantalizingly, would be to "set a trap" for the leaker.

"I would first analyze what are the legal authorities and, most importantly, I would try to find a way -- pro-actively rather than reactively -- to, whether it's set a trap, or set up a system where I could actually come up with a way to do it. It's a very difficult problem."

The transcript of Mr. Muller's October 2002 confirmation hearing was published last week and is posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_hr/100902muller.html

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Last Saturday's 'Strange Days... Indeed' interview with
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in program 234's listing.

Ray revealed some interesting new research info.....

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Monday, March 31, 2003

Straight And Crooked

In popular Chinese ghost stories, vampires would hop along straight lines. These vampires may hop to turn, but would have to travel in straight lines. This reflects the Chinese cultural and feng shui belief that evil spirits and forces travel in straight lines. To block them, a path, especially to a house, should be crooked and winding. A bridge across a river should not be straight but be in a zig-zag pattern. Alternatively, the straight path must be fringed with protective devices. Western geomancers also believe that "spirit" entities travel along straight lines, known as leys in Europe.

In the early 1920s, Alfred Watkins, a Hertfordshire man, realised that the ancient sites in the English countryside could be aligned along lines. The sites include stone circles (megaliths), standing stones (menhirs), old crosses, barrows, tumuli, mottes and baileys, moats, hill forts and camps, earthworks, holy wells, old churches and cathedrals, abbeys and other religious buildings. Other features which would help confirm the alignment would be straight roads, cross-roads, mark stones, old buildings, solitary and prominent hills, skyline notches, hollows or green lanes or other traces of disused roads. Watkins called these alignments "leys". Various people have postulated that the ley lines are linked to ancient folklore of ancient sites and that some form of energy flows through the leys.

Janet Bord and Colin Bord, who write books on the paranormal, note that there are links between appearance of spirit beings, like the black dog and Owlman sightings, and ley lines. Black dogs also appeared at ley points, like old churches. Before the churches were built, the areas were already sacred and there might have been stone circles or burial mounds. The black-dog ghosts seem to patrol set routes, giving rise to the suspicion that the routes could be ley lines. Bord and Bord found alignments with four points in 31/2, 61/2 in 16km to five points in eight km for some of the black-dog areas. Leys sometimes pass through gaps in hedges. These gaps are said to be necessary to accommodate footpaths. However, the significance may be that the hedge area crossed by the ley line may be adversely affected by negative energies from underground water under the ley and automatically is an area where the hedge could not grow well and thus forms a gap.

Earth currents in leys would ebb and flow. The spirit beings would appear only at times when the conditions of the current are optimal for them. Bord and Bord, speaking of the (spirit) black dog's ley associations, stated: "According to feng-shui, the correct inter-relationship of straight and curved lines was vital if the favourable influences were to be maintained."

Investigators have noted that, all over the world, sightings of

spirit beings, like ghost dogs, ghost birds, Big Hairy Men (BHM), are often accompanied by sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) at the same time in the same area.

Paranormal writer Bruce L. Cathie's research into the patterns of movements of those mysterious things known as UFOs did show that UFOs also travel along straight lines. Despite years of research since World War 2, UFOs are still not understood by modern scientists. There is exciting evidence that there is a world grid of criss-crossing intricate network of energy lines along which UFOs travelled!

Bruce was a DC3 co-pilot on a flight from Auckland to Paraparaumu in New Zealand in 1956. It was about 6pm and the conditions were calm with unlimited visibility and the plane was just south of Waverley at a height of 7,000 feet when Bruce saw an object at an extremely high altitude in the east. It travelled east to west across the track of the flight and disappeared with a flash of light at about 10,000 feet in the vicinity of D'Urville Island. It appeared to travel across New Zealand in the vicinity or slightly to the north of Cook Strait.

It was so large that two streaks, similar to vapour trails, extended from either side of the pale green disc. When halfway across the Strait, a small object detached itself from the parent body and dropped, not along a natural curved trajectory with the parent body, but vertically at great speed until it disappeared. Bruce said that this indicated the object seemed to be controlled. Later calculations indicated the disc was rather large, of some 500m in diameter. A Nelson newspaper reported the following day that there was an explosion at high altitude north of the city and the shock waves broke windows in some glasshouses.

On March 12, 1965, Bruce had another sighting. He was undertaking a positioning flight from Whenuapai, Auckland's main airport at that time, to Kaitaia at 11am. There was no passenger except an officer from the operations department and the weather was clear. On climbing out of the Whenuapai area, the plane crossed the southern end of Kaipara Harbour, just north of Helenville. The tide was out and the waters over the mudflats and estuaries were shallow.

He was about one-third the way across the harbour when he saw a grey-white whale-like object on the harbour bottom. This "whale" was definitely a metal fish and was perfectly streamlined and symmetrical, estimated to be 30m long and 5m wide. The navy confirmed there was no submarine there.

In April 1965, Bruce contacted a UFO organisation called New Zealand Scientific and Space Research, which had data collected over a period of 12 years. The materials included UFO sightings reported for March 26 1965. Most reports gave the time as 9.45 p.m., and the maximum variation in the times of the sightings was 15 minutes. The analysis of the sightings showed that the UFO track began 70 nautical miles north of New Plymouth at an altitude of 10,000m. The track passed over just west of Mount Egmont and finished at D'Urville Island at about 3,000m.

The location of his UFO sighting on March 12 1965, Bruce realised, was in line with what he saw on March 26. The report also showed that, on March 2 1965, some fishermen just north of the coast of New Plymouth saw a large object plunge into the sea and disappear. They thought it was an aircraft and reported to the authorities. But no aircraft and personnel were missing.

It also occurred to Bruce that his 1956 UFO sighting was along a track at 90 degrees to the March 26 1965 track. Both objects were travelling at 90 degrees to each other and disappeared in the same illuminating flash at D'Urville Island.

The UFO files noted that a Frenchman, Aime Michel, was studying UFOs for a number of years and had found small sections of tracklines in various parts of Europe. Saucers were hovering at various points along the tracks. Michel observed that the average distance between the points were 54.43km.

A great number of sightings occurred around the area of Blenheim, which had UFO activity even before the coming of the aircraft. When the March 26 1965 trackline was extended, it cut a 90 degree line from Blenheim. The distance of this point from

Kaipara was 300 nautical miles (one nautical mile equals one minute of an arc of the circle of the globe). Michel's average of 54.43km equals roughly 30 nautical miles.

Thus, it is possible that the UFO sightings were along a grid with lines running north-south perpendicular to lines running east-west, spaced 30 minutes of an arc apart (30 nautical miles along north-south lines and 24 nautical miles along east-west lines). When other sightings were plotted against this grid of 30 nautical miles, the result was spectacular, as a great number of UFO sightings could be fitted into this grid. Bruce found 16 stationary and 17 moving UFOs plotted on grid intersections and tracklines.

From further research, Bruce concluded that this grid could be further divided into smaller patterns of lines 7.5 minutes apart (about 7.5 nautical miles or 13.6 km). The agreement between Aime Michel's observations in Europe of a grid of 54.43 kilometres and Bruce's New Zealand's grid of 30 minutes of an arc indicated a global grid along which UFOs travel.

Bord and Bord noted several reports that UFOs are often found around electro-magnetic installations like microwave towers, high-tension power lines, nuclear power installations, hydro-electric dams, bodies of water, missile silos and railway tracks. The famous UFO Foo fighters appeared after the event of high flying jet planes. UFOs were also found to be active during full moons, foggy nights and natural electro-magnetic disturbances, like electric storms. Some have postulated that electric disturbances create these UFOs and so-called spirits. Being only energy masses, these UFOs and spirits would be attracted to travel along energy lines which are normally straight. This indicates that the earth's terrain has energy lines, as postulated by feng shui and Western geomancers.

So feng shui has advocated that a path should be crooked and winding, with the objective of preventing a malevolent spirit force from travelling down it. Otherwise, a straight path should have a spirit screen placed across it, or be guarded on both sides by spirit guardian sentinels. All these feng shui measures will not only keep the evil spirits away, but they will also enhance the beauty of the landscape!

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 11:04:27 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 20:47:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hamilton

>From: Tom King <Tomking2030@Hotmail.Com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 16:10:22 +0000
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 07:03:20 -0800
>>Subject: Phoenix Lights Redux [was: Flares Over Basra]

>>>From: Mike Fortson <satmike@cox.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 15:39:01 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

>>>The point I was trying to make, is the name given to the March
>>>13, 1997, Phoenix Lights, is wrong. Those lights on the five
>>>10:00 p.m. MST videos were not over Phoenix. Or even in Maricopa
>>>county. But the media deemed the deceptive title, and it stuck.

>I remember Jim was the one who coined the events "Phoenix Lights".

Yep, not a bad name for it. All sightings involved lights.

>>>And no one involved in the investigation or witnesses have ever
>>>claimed "flares" when discussing the 8:16 p.m. MST, Pauldon,
>>>Az., sightings through what we saw in Chandler at 8:30 p.m. MST.

>>That is correct Mike. However, it seems like there are still
>>many unaware that these amber lights at 10 were seen elsewhere
>>at different times of the night at different locations, and some
>>even seen rising vertically! Also, the big triangle was seen
>>with amber lights that could detach.

>>>And as you well know, we saw much more than lights.

>>Yes, you and others reported seeing a structure. You could see
>>it because part of that structure passed in front of the moon.
>>Others could see structure because of the reflection of ground
>>light and because the structure passed over at low altitude.

>>>I always thought it was Capt. Eileen Beinz who broke the story
>>>of flares. It was reported in the Arizona Republic. Her
>>>"solution" to the apparent "problem" was front page news.

>>Only after I asked her to look and she contacted Davis-Monthan
>>who, it turns out, had just released the story in the Tucson
>>newspaper, but the Tucson paper was clear that the A-10s
>>returned to base by 8:30 PM, the LU-U2 flares were white and so
>>they concluded that what you saw were flares. It was Eileen who
>>appended this explanation to the 10 PM videos.

>>>The problem with her story was altitude. I think the final
>>>altitude of the flares, to make it seen in Phoenix, were near
>>>16,000'. I asked her, on air during a live radio call-in, was
>>>that altitude the drop altitude? Or the ignition altitude? She
>>>went totally quite and KTAR went to commercial.

>>They would have to be that high to be seen over the mountains,

>>but there were some below the mountains to the far right, but
>>since everyone is convinced they were above the mountains I am
>>just traveling around on a carousel so I just say let people
>>believe what they want to believe, but they are not taking in
>>the whole picture and including all of the events of that night.

>I showed you and Mike Tanner how _all_ 5 videos from that night
>were shot at the same time. The triangulation from all of the
>videos puts them far behind the Estrella Mountains. ASU did
>their own GPS positioning and confirmed this. A simple split
>screen of the videos shows how we all taped the same amber
>lights at the same time. Even Bruce Macabees own independent
>study confirms all of the above.

I don't doubt it though you originally reached a different conclusion.

>When showing the split screen to you guys the reaction is the
>look of a deer in headlights, you guys refuse to discuss it.
>Refuse to publicly debate how off your conclusions are about the
>10:00 pm videos. Instead you tell a story that simply didn't
>happen and you point towards inconsistencies in media and
>military reports instead of dealing with the basic facts.

>According to Bill Hamilton and Village Labs there are two sets
>of 9 amber lights that night. One to the south end of the
>Estrellas (9:45) that disappeared and then it reappeared to the
>north(10:00).

What? I never heard anyone say this! We saw a double light at
9:45 PM - you and I did, Tom, and that is why you raced
downstairs at Steve's house to get your videocam and I raced
down too. When we went back to the balcony, the double light had
gone out, then around 10 PM, it re-lit in the same location.
There were other witnesses who saw this.

>Here is a map of what they think happened that night.

><http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/vill.jpg>

>That map certainly doesn't reflect any solid facts. I would have
>seen another string of lights west of me and I didn't neither
>did anyone else. The poor analysis of Mike Crystens video
>placing it below the mountain is one reason behind your theory.

I guess you don't understand my theory then.

>Bill explain this?

>How is it when the lights go out in Mike Crysten's video, Terry
>Proctor is 15 miles north of him still taping the lights? If
>they are taping the same group of lights at the same time then
>this isn't possible. The lights dropped behind mountains from
>Mike Crystens vantage point but Proctor at a higher elevation
>can still see them. Or are you going to say were there 3 sets of
>amber lights? Fill us in on how this is possible with your
>theory.

I say the lights to the far right were not behind the mountain.
Do a pixel count and proportional analysis. You don't seem to
remember that the lights we saw (not all 9) were dropping off to
the right so that the remaining 3 were so low that they were
behind a chimney.

>How can all of the videos be split screened accurately if were
>not taping the same event? An event you guys say happened at two
>different times and at two different locations.

I believe we were taping the same event. I never really thought
otherwise, but at one time you did.

>Here is a map from MUFON of the real triangulation.

><http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/MUFONAZmap.jpg>

>You can point to all the newspaper reports and other sightings
>that night until your blue in the face. It won't explain away
>the triangulation, GPS, or split screen video. The 10:00 pm
>event can't be called UFOs because flares can't absolutely be
>ruled out.

I can rule them out based on what I saw and matched to what others have seen.

- Bill

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Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 20:50:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hamilton

>From: Tom King <Tomking2030@Hotmail.Com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 15:14:19 +0000
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 06:52:18 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

>>No matter what I have said there will be those that will persist
>>in their belief that these were flares that we saw on March
>>13th. Even Tom King keeps forgetting that we saw a "double"
>>light at 9:45 PM (I looked at my watch) and it was the first to
>>reappear at 10:00 PM in the same locaation!

>Because there are two orange lights close together does not rule
>out flares.

No, but the fact they re-lit seems to rule out flares.

>>BTW, he never looked through his own telescope so he doen't know
>>what I saw.

>True I was busy videotaping the event, you would of too if you
>bothered to charge your batteries earlier.

My battery was depleted - you know that - I had charged it but
it had run its course.

>>He was certain these lights were not flares until he
>>had a falling out with Jim Diletosso, then he reversed his
>>position. That is what I saw happen.

>Bill, you're implying that because Village Labs and I had a
>disagreement that I decided to change my opinion because of
>that? No I had a falling out with them for a variety of reasons.
>One being they can't properly analyze the videos from that
>night.

I disagree.

Bill

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 10:12:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>>Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2003 22:58:15 -0500 (EST)
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>Flares may indeed be visible at a distance of 65 miles under
>>clear skies in the SW USA, I will not argue that. However, while
>>I don't have the geometry or mathematical skills to furnish.
>>precise numbers, it seems to me that flares or any other
>>lights/objects at 65 miles would have to appear close to the
>>horizon unless they were at a fairly high altitude; much higher
>>than flares would normally be dropped.

>>I could easily be wrong, but the lights in the 10 P.M. video
>>just look too "high in the sky" (or too many degrees above the
>>horizon) to be at the distance of 65 miles or over the
>>Eisenhower range as proclaimed by Dr. Bruce and others.

>>Also, at that considerable distance, it seems, common-sense-
>>wise, that the lights would appear very close together, almost
>>as one light unless the flares were dropped at a considerable
>>distance from one another and at just the right angle to the
>>percipient which complicates matters further considering the
>>lights appear in a straight line. The plane dropping the flares
>>would have to be moving and descending at just the right
>>velocity to achieve such a horizontal effect. There would be a
>>considerable time lag between the dropping of the first "flare"
>>and the last; the first having dropped a ways by the time the
>>last one was dropped.

>>I apologize if these points have already been re-hashed to
>>death previously, and I'm not saying that the 10 P.M. lights
>>couldn't have been simply flares dropped by an extremely lucky
>>pilot over Eisenhower. I'm just suggesting that that idea is
>>somewhat problematic in this layman's humble opinion.

>These questions have have discussed and answers proposed
>in my Phoenix Lights paper at <http://brumac.8k.com>

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>I argue that the planes were flying high and dropping the flares
>to get rid of them, not to light up the ground, as they headed
>toward "home" in Tucson after a flare drop exercise at the Barry
>Goldwater training range.

The one flaw in this argument Bruce is that the planes all
returned to the ground by 8:30 PM according to the PRO at Davis-
Monthan AFB. Later the Arizona Republic says the planes took off
at 8:17 and returned at 10:30 PM. If returning by 10:30 PM and
ejecting flares while heading home, then they could not be near
the Ajo location you have determined because at 10:00 PM they
would still be close to the North Tac range and flying at low
altitude which is what A-10s do best as they are tank busters.

Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hamilton

If they returned at 8:30 PM, then it is out of the question.

-Bill H

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 16:15:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 20:56:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Stanford

If any of the many photographers during the Phoenix event(s) had simply placed even a 'cheepie' type diffraction grating (such as one can buy for a pittance from Edmund Scientific) properly over a non-telephoto lens while properly positioning even one of the 'Phoenix Lights' in the viewfinder for photography, all this discussion and argument might not be necessary.

Whatever their origin, those lights were sufficiently bright to provide a film-recordable spectrum that could have been quite diagnostic of the light source.

It's time Ufology got down to the business of doing some physical science instead of just hounding Big Brother to spill out allegedly long-hidden 'truths'.

Just one highly exotic spectrum from a UFO might say more to establishment science than anything to date. Let's not just preach to the choir!

So, let's get going, guys and gals.

If you need any instructions as to how to best photograph a UFO spectrum in a readable way, let me know and I will describe a procedure that is pretty simple. I said, "...in a readable way", because there are of lots of ways to photograph spectra that do not provide maximum data. If a UFO comes your way, be sure to do things with maximum competence and care, please.

Happy Spectrophotography,

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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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 19:33:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 20:58:48 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Balaskas

>Last Saturday's 'Strange Days... Indeed' interview with
>Ray Stanford is available for your listening pleasure at:
><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/sdi2003.html>
>in program 234's listing.
>Ray revealed some interesting new research info.....

Hi everyone!

A few years ago while at the Toronto Central Reference Library I read a few pages of Ray Stanford's very well researched book, 'Socorro 'Saucer' in a Pentagon Pantry' which is all about the famous 1966 UFO landing/occupant case. I was surprised to learn that actual physical evidence - metallic residue - was found on the rocks that the UFO landed on!

This time while listening to Ray on Errol's 'SDI' radio program last Saturday night, I was again amazed to hear about some other very fascinating observations he has made. If Ray's findings as he interprets them are correct, then we have some very compelling evidence that UFOs are real and extraterrestrial in origin. Although Ray has decided to make details of his findings public sometime soon, I encourage everyone to hear Ray talk about some of these exciting findings which he has already shared with 'SDI' listeners.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Aldrich-Halfin

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Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 06:38:29 -0500
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>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 16:15:43 -0500
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Hear! Hear! I agree with what Ray said on last Saturday's SDI show, when he mentioned that it doesn't really matter whether or not the government is hiding something. If they're hiding it, then they're not about to show us, and, if they're not, then it's a non-issue. Let's just get on with something the serious scientific community understands, which is, the scientific method...and we don't need an ongoing discussion about that, now, either.

This should make Errol's job a lot easier, too, if we just wait for some hard-core info to come through instead of the endless prattle that often goes nowhere.

Armchair Ufology is easy. Going out into the field is an entirely different scenario, though, and one that needs special care and preparation. I, personally, am a mere experimenter with no interest in looking for the smoking gun, but I do really appreciate it when research is backed by an honest attempt at gathering and verifying evidence or information.

Perhaps Ray would be willing to recommend a list of items that the serious UFO researcher should never leave home without, and where to get it or make it or whatever. That would be a valuable legacy, indeed.

Thank you, Ray!

Joyce Aldrich-Halfin

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>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2003 20:36:58 -0500
>Subject: Re: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2003 09:28:44 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Strange Sightings Over Washington Beltway

>>Have you had other magnetic anomalies in recent weeks or
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>Actually, aside from obvious periods of solar storm activity
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>until this March 8 event, things had been noticeably, even
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Phoenix Lights Stupor

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 23:36:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 06:52:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Maccabee

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 16:15:43 -0500
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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 23:40:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 06:53:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Maccabee

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 11:12:31 -0800
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 10:12:23 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

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>>I argue that the planes were flying high and dropping the flares
>>to get rid of them, not to light up the ground, as they headed
>>toward "home" in Tucson after a flare drop exercise at the Barry
>>Goldwater training range.

>The one flaw in this argument Bruce is that the planes all
>returned to the ground by 8:30 PM according to the PRO at Davis-
>Monthan AFB. Later the Arizona Republic says the planes took off
>at 8:17 and returned at 10:30 PM. If returning by 10:30 PM and
>ejecting flares while heading home, then they could not be near
>the Ajo location you have determined because at 10:00 PM they
>would still be close to the North Tac range and flying at low
>altitude which is what A-10s do best as they are tank busters.
>If they returned at 8:30 PM, then it is out of the question.

As far as times are concerned I have only stated my
interpretation of what was said about the Maryland National
Guard training exercise.

Irrespective of that the triangulation stands on its own. If
they were UFOs, they were 60 miles or more from Phoenix.

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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line -

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2003 00:37:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 06:58:09 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line -

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 19:33:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

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Nick and listers,

One small correction.... the year of the Lonnie Zamora UFO
landing case is 1964... not 1966, and the date is April 24.
Unsolved Mysteries and SIGHTINGS both did excellent portrayals
of the event, which I have on VHS.

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 04:19:03 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 07:38:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hatch

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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Hello Ray, Bruce...

Even though I'm a photography dummy, I really like it when
somebody comes up with an affordable, simple and effective way
of learning something new.

A diffraction grating! Why didn't I think of that? Maybe because
I don't know an f-stop from a bordello.

How many other good, simple and doable ideas are lurking
out there? Maybe some of those should appear right
here instead of the usual bickering. Some fresh air for

a change.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Hello Bruce:

I remember Conelrad, but forgot the proper frequencies. What I do recall is that we should turn the volume up and down to compensate for the stations switching on and off during an atomic attack. That, and how to crouch under the school desks properly [burp!]

That was well back before people sent anthrax laden letters to the editor. White kids worked the hamburger joints, and milk was delivered to the side porch here at 142 Jeter Street. You had to wait a minute for the radio tubes to warm up before Conelrad could come in.

Kids were praised if they could spell Czechoslovakia. Heck, that's easier than Mackabee. No repeated letters to trip you up, and the ice cream truck is playing "farmer in the dell."

Best wishes

- Larry

PS: The US and Canadian dollars were equal, give or take a penny. The dimes, quarters and half-dollars were all 90% silver. The silver dollars used in Nevada were 92.5% silver, sterling silver.

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Re: Phoenix Lights Stupor - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 07:05:38 -0800
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Sorry it wasn't, but it was Richard Motzer that threw a monkey wrench into the works. Ask the witnesses. You say "inept", but you yourself don't seem to have a very good grasp of the situation and I would like to know what investigation credits you have. Talk about pointing fingers, I see yours pointing as well. So, why not contribute to some rational discussion instead of saying the investigation was mucked up?

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Come on, Jim, polluted coloring of lights is easy for me to identify and even aircraft lights here in the desert still appear whitish at 60 miles. When there is air pollution there is an orangish tinge, but not something strikingly golden amber.

Many saw similar amber color when the lights were overhead.

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The V is one thing, but what about the Triangle? Why don't you
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-Bill Hamilton

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FOIA Request To FBI Headquarters

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2003 11:57:09 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 18:11:14 -0500
Subject: FOIA Request To FBI Headquarters

TO: Director
U. S. Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTN: Freedom of Information Manager
Washington, DC 20535

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

DATE: April 5, 2003

Referring to the enclosed April 1, 2003 obituary (from the San Jose, Calif., Mercury News) of the late nuclear historian Chuck Hansen, I hereby submit this FOIA request for a copy of all FBI-generated and FBI-received records pertaining to Mr. Hansen's activities, research, associations, correspondence, telecommunications, travel background, writings, publications, speeches, library visits, and FOIA usage -- said records to include all dossiers and wiretap transcripts deriving from any official U. S. government investigation and/or surveillance of him.

LARRY W. BRYANT

P.S.: Via first-class U. S. mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted request.

Copies furnished to:

Mark S. Zaid, Esq. (Washington, D.C.)

Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Information, Management, and Technology -- U. S. House of Representatives

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Gulf Breeze Photo Analysis Update

From: **Ben Holland** <b.holland@worldonline.cz>
Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2003 20:28:04 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 18:12:19 -0500
Subject: Gulf Breeze Photo Analysis Update

Updates on the Gulf Breeze photographs with commentaries.

<http://benholland.8k.com/Updates.htm>

Please note this section on witness commentary:

<http://benholland.8k.com/photoanalysisnotacase.htm>

Have Fun!

Ben Holland

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Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2003 20:14:12 +0100
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I would like to add to Nick's remarks regarding Ray Stanford's
book - "A Socorro 'Saucer in a Pentagon Pantry'. I have
obviously read quite a number of Ufology related books and Ray
Stanford's "Socorro Saucer..." must rate amongst the best.

Not just an example of detailed dedicated research but written
in such a way that it will appeal to everyone interested in
genuine Ufology.

IMHO a classic.

Geoff Richardson
The WHY? Files

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
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>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
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>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 11:04:27 -0800
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

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>>>Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 07:03:20 -0800
>>>Subject: Phoenix Lights Redux [was: Flares Over Basra]

>>>>From: Mike Fortson <satmike@cox.net>
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>>>>Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 15:39:01 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

>>>>The point I was trying to make, is the name given to the March
>>>>13, 1997, Phoenix Lights, is wrong. Those lights on the five
>>>>10:00 p.m. MST videos were not over Phoenix. Or even in Maricopa
>>>>county. But the media deemed the deceptive title, and it stuck.

>>I remember Jim was the one who coined the events "Phoenix Lights".

>Yep, not a bad name for it. All sightings involved lights.

The sightings took place all over the state and some were more than just lights. Its also the name of your book.

>>>>And no one involved in the investigation or witnesses have ever
>>>>claimed "flares" when discussing the 8:16 p.m. MST, Pauldon,
>>>>Az., sightings through what we saw in Chandler at 8:30 p.m. MST.

>>>>That is correct Mike. However, it seems like there are still
>>>>many unaware that these amber lights at 10 were seen elsewhere
>>>>at different times of the night at different locations, and some
>>>>even seen rising vertically! Also, the big triangle was seen
>>>>with amber lights that could detach.

>>>>And as you well know, we saw much more than lights.

>>>>Yes, you and others reported seeing a structure. You could see
>>>>it because part of that structure passed in front of the moon.
>>>>Others could see structure because of the reflection of ground
>>>>light and because the structure passed over at low altitude.

>>>>I always thought it was Capt. Eileen Beinz who broke the story
>>>>of flares. It was reported in the Arizona Republic. Her
>>>>"solution" to the apparent "problem" was front page news.

>>>>Only after I asked her to look and she contacted Davis-Monthan
>>>>who, it turns out, had just released the story in the Tucson
>>>>newspaper, but the Tucson paper was clear that the A-10s
>>>>returned to base by 8:30 PM, the LU-U2 flares were white and so
>>>>they concluded that what you saw were flares. It was Eileen who
>>>>appended this explanation to the 10 PM videos.

>>>>The problem with her story was altitude. I think the final
>>>>altitude of the flares, to make it seen in Phoenix, were near
>>>>16,000'. I asked her, on air during a live radio call-in, was
>>>>that altitude the drop altitude? Or the ignition altitude? She
>>>>went totally quite and KTAR went to commercial.

>>>They would have to be that high to be seen over the mountains,
>>>but there were some below the mountains to the far right, but
>>>since everyone is convinced they were above the mountains I am
>>>just traveling around on a carousel so I just say let people
>>>believe what they want to believe, but they are not taking in
>>>the whole picture and including all of the events of that night.

>>I showed you and Mike Tanner how _all_ 5 videos from that night
>>were shot at the same time. The triangulation from all of the
>>videos puts them far behind the Estrella Mountains. ASU did
>>their own GPS positioning and confirmed this. A simple split
>>screen of the videos shows how we all taped the same amber
>>lights at the same time. Even Bruce Macabees own independent
>>study confirms all of the above.

>I don't doubt it though you originally reached a different
>conclusion.

>>When showing the split screen to you guys the reaction is the
>>look of a deer in headlights, you guys refuse to discuss it.
>>Refuse to publicly debate how off your conclusions are about the
>>10:00 pm videos. Instead you tell a story that simply didn't
>>happen and you point towards inconsistencies in media and
>>military reports instead of dealing with the basic facts.

>>According to Bill Hamilton and Village Labs there are two sets
>>of 9 amber lights that night. One to the south end of the
>>Estrellas (9:45) that disappeared and then it reappeared to the
>>north(10:00).

>What? I never heard anyone say this!

You never heard of any of this? Go to page 3 of your book, 3rd
paragraph "The Phoenix Lights Mystery". You wrote "We are still
not certain that these videos were all taken at the same time or
within 5 minutes of our taping as it is very difficult to
synchronize the timing of the images on the various tapes".

Then after that to to page 100 of your book were you wrote the
following. "These lights appeared in front of the Estrella
Mountains at about half the elevation of the highest peak or
4,515 feet. Although we always said we took the video at close
to 10 PM the night of March 13th, we actually started taping
them, according to my watch, at about 9:55 PM. We do not believe
that Mike Kryston of Moon Valley or L.K. of Paradise Valley
could have taped the same set of lights at the same time due to
the intervening obstruction of the South Mountain."

On top of that I have a map Village Labs put out that goes along
with what your saying. So your contradicting what you say in
your own book! The publishing date in the book is listed as
2001. Thats 3 years after I showed you guys all my work on split
screens and how these videos were all taken at the same time but
you ignored that and it didn't go in your book.

>We saw a double light at
>9:45 PM - you and I did, Tom, and that is why you raced
>downstairs at Steve's house to get your videocam and I raced
>down too. When we went back to the balcony, the double light had
>gone out, then around 10 PM, it re-lit in the same location.
>There were other witnesses who saw this.

Again this simply is wrong. I did tape the first light we saw
and got about 2 minutes of it on tape. It wasn't a 'double
light' like you say heres a frame grab to look at.

<http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/945.jpg>

It flickered fast and dropped out of sight and one person said
they thought it went behind the mountain on the tape.

>>Here is a map of what they think happened that night.

>><http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/vill.jpg>

>>That map certainly doesn't reflect any solid facts. I would have
>>seen another string of lights west of me and I didn't neither
>>did anyone else. The poor analysis of Mike Crystens video
>>placing it below the mountain is one reason behind your theory.

>I guess you don't understand my theory then.

I certainly don't understand what your talking about. Here is a
blank map of the region. Can you paint on it and provide some
kind of idea what it is your talking about here?

<http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/estrella.jpg>

>>Bill explain this?

>>How is it when the lights go out in Mike Crysten's video, Terry
>>Proctor is 15 miles north of him still taping the lights? If
>>they are taping the same group of lights at the same time then
>>this isn't possible. The lights dropped behind mountains from
>>Mike Crystens vantage point but Proctor at a higher elevation
>>can still see them. Or are you going to say were there 3 sets of
>>amber lights? Fill us in on how this is possible with your
>>theory.

>I say the lights to the far right were not behind the mountain.
>Do a pixel count and proportional analysis. You don't seem to
>remember that the lights we saw (not all 9) were dropping off to
>the right so that the remaining 3 were so low that they were
>behind a chimney.

Ok, now based upon this new theory I rendered the map below.

<http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/bill1.jpg>

Bill, so now were looking at the lights to the NE? You just gave
out two different stories in one E-mail! You say all five shot
the same thing. Then you say we didn't shot the same thing.

I'm not doing a pixel count on lights so far away they could be
in orbit. Thats like people taping satellites and trying to
study grainy camcorder footage. I did a disolve of Mike
Crysten's video from night to day. It was just like the one
Discovery Channel put out. I showed you that in 1997 at my
house. You said that day to night disolves don't count in a case
light this and I should count his pixels from 75 miles away.

>>How can all of the videos be split screened accurately if were
>>not taping the same event? An event you guys say happened at two
>>different times and at two different locations.

>I believe we were taping the same event. I never really thought
>otherwise, but at one time you did.

What you just said is entirely different than what is in your
book. I wonder how inaccurate your book really is? If you can't
keep your story straight on the event you saw at 10:00 pm how
can you accurately report on what others saw at 8:30?

>>Here is a map from MUFON of the real triangulation.

>><http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/MUFONAZmap.jpg>

>>You can point to all the newspaper reports and other sightings
>>that night until your blue in the face. It won't explain away
>>the triangulation, GPS, or spilt screen video. The 10:00 pm
>>event can't be called UFOs because flares can't absolutely be
>>ruled out.

>I can rule them out based on what I saw and matched to what
>others have seen.

Sorry Bill but what you say and what you publish
appear to be very different things.

Tom King

<http://www.ufovideo.com/march13>

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - King

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>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

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>>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 15:14:19 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 06:52:18 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

>>>No matter what I have said there will be those that will persist
>>>in their belief that these were flares that we saw on March
>>>13th. Even Tom King keeps forgetting that we saw a "double"
>>>light at 9:45 PM (I looked at my watch) and it was the first to
>>>reappear at 10:00 PM in the same locaation!

>>Because there are two orange lights close together does not rule
>>out flares.

>No, but the fact they re-lit seems to rule out flares.

There was no double light at 9:45 nor did it relight in the exact location. Here is screen grab of the light Bill says I didn't tape that night.

<http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/945.jpg>

>>>BTW, he never looked through his own telescope so he doen't know
>>>what I saw.

>>True I was busy videotaping the event, you would of too if you
>>bothered to charge your batteries earlier.

>My battery was depleted - you know that - I had charged it but
>it had run its course.

Not sure how a battery runs its course but if you check or know your equipment this wouldn't have happened. I'm sure the batteries didn't die due to supernatural forces.

It would have been great to have two camera angles that night, it really could have answered alot more questions we have. I find it very ironic on the biggest UFO sightings in history you forgot to charge your batteries yet you became the head of Skywatch International soon afterwards. I'm glad I know my equipment or I'd be kicking myself in the ass the rest of my life for not properly preparing for the skywatch.

>>>He was certain these lights were not flares until he
>>>had a falling out with Jim Diletosso, then he reversed his
>>>position. That is what I saw happen.

>>Bill, you're implying that because Village Labs and I had a
>>disagreement that I decided to change my opinion because of

>>that? No I had a falling out with them for a variety of reasons.
>>One being they can't properly analyze the videos from that
>>night.

>I disagree.

I think I have proved I left the Vilage Labs camp due what I
thought of as sloppy work.

Tom

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Re: Phoenix Lights Stupor - King

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Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Stupor - King

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>Subject: Phoenix Lights Stupor

>Every so often this subject is rehashed like so many others on
>UpDates. I understand the veracity of the investigators
>involved in this mishmash of finger pointing about their
>opinions, but since I know most of the investigators that worked
>on the case it was particularly distressing to see how inept the
>investigation was by all sides. I think that the lure of
>television money, video rights, and public pressure destroyed
>what potentially could have been one of the best UFO cases in
>history. If all of the investigators would have teamed up to
>get to the truth, who knows what the outcome would have been.

>Bill, what I don't understand about your views is that you seem
>to disregard the preponderance of evidence that suggests that
>the 10:00 PM event was flares! You beat to death that newspaper
>article that said the planes were back by 8:30 PM suggesting
>that they could not have been flares at 10:00 PM. Do you think
>that the newspaper might have made a mistake in that stated
>time? Or maybe the PIO that was quoted might have given the
>wrong time? There are retractions in every newspaper almost on
>a daily basis. My Question to you is why didn't you or the
>other investigators verify this information?

>You also seem to be hung up on the amber color of these lights.

>If these objects were far away as believed to be, atmospheric
>factors could account for the color disparity. There was a
>temperature inversion over Phoenix that evening. Pollution over
>the City provided us with a thick layer of particulate muck
>which could have easily changed or enhanced the color of any
>distant object. Yet, I never hear you bring up this scientific
>fact. Why?

>The video tape analysis by Village labs is my favorite topic
>though. Jim D used different light sources like street lights,
>vehicle head lights, and other sources to compare to the lights
>over Phoenix on March 13th. He could not find a match to any of
>these objects, he claimed.

>In speaking with Tom King, Tom told me that he has matched many
>sources of light to the March 13 lights over Phoenix with his
>own computer software. Yet, we don't hear about this information
>from the news stations, and cable shows that deal with the
>subject. Why do you think that is?

>In conclusion, the most mysterious aspect of the case is the
>sole causality of the investigation. The earlier gigantic V
>formation that no one seems to care about. That is the real
>mystery hear, not the silly flare lights that the media
>perpetrates as the giant mothership!

A study of the 3-13-97 case should be done by all serious UFO
researchers to learn how not to handle a massive UFO case. I'll
bet most don't know many of the behind the scene stories of what

happened during the investigations. This could have been a really great cornerstone case of Ufology if the case was handled right. Instead you had infighting, people compartmentalizing the case and profiting from it, poor research, death threats, debunkers, band wagoners, media inaccurately portraying the event.

I know I could have done a better job here and there and I'm as much to blame as others. Atleast I recognize my faults and I'm trying to address what happened and point out incorrect research where I can.

However if this type of sighting were to happen again somewhere else. I'll bet the same mistakes will be made by other sets of researchers.

The proper study of the large V was the casualty of this case not our reputations.

Tom King

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Phoenix Lights Videos

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Subject: Phoenix Lights Videos

A number of videos relating to the Phoenix Lights series of events are uploaded at The WHY? FILES. See "Phoenix Lights"

<http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

Geoff Richardson

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For The Military Conspiracy People

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Subject: For The Military Conspiracy People

For all you people on this list that believe all UFOS are just U.S. military Pysops test on the planet. IE... 3-13-97 boomerang was hologram or blimp etc...

Can you please explain why our recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are not using this technology? Many peoples lives are on the line and were is this supreme technology to help save lives?

Were is 'Bubba' flying over Iraq sending live video to Centcom? Instead we have the predator flying in circles.

Were is all this hologram technology you preach about? How come they don't use it on the enemy but they use it over our major cities? I think if we had holograms that can fool 1,000 people into seeing a massive UFO we would use it to make people believe they are see the devil or something to scare the hell out of them.

People say most of the UFOs we see are from Area 51 and we have a bunch of these disc. I don't understand why we have helicopters getting shot down when the military conspiracy people say we have discs.

Tom King

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UFO Spectro-Photography [was: Phoenix Lights Redux]

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>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

<snip>

>Armchair Ufology is easy. Going out into the field is an
>entirely different scenario, though, and one that needs special
>care and preparation. I, personally, am a mere experimenter with
>no interest in looking for the smoking gun, but I do really
>appreciate it when research is backed by an honest attempt at
>gathering and verifying evidence or information.

>Perhaps Ray would be willing to recommend a list of items that
>the serious UFO researcher should never leave home without, and
>where to get it or make it or whatever. That would be a valuable
>legacy, indeed.

>Joyce Aldrich-Halfin,

Your comments are appreciated, because knowledge that a thoughtful person agrees is encouraging.

In responding to your welcome suggestion for a list of take-along equipment for the serious UFO researcher, let me divide that into two postings. This first one will make some suggestions about how to use a diffraction grating, optimally, in photographing light spectra of anomalous aerial objects or phenomena:

Fine grained, high speed black and white film is O.K. for spectral photography, because, for precision, one determines wavelength by measuring the distance of spectral lines from the zero order image (being the 'UFO' image in this application), NOT by looking at color on a film. I do not recommend digital cameras for UFO spectral photography because skeptics might assert that the spectrum was digitally altered or even totally fake. But, of course, if a digital camera is one's only means of taking a spectrum, go ahead and use it, of course.

Some on this list may already know what I will say about using a diffraction grating. You can use a very inexpensive 'replica' grating or, preferably, a better one. I use a custom, precision 'blazed' glass grating that was made to our staff physicist's specifications by Bausch & Lomb, but I seem to recall that it cost us about \$500, and it may be more expensive now. A blazed grating helps transfer more of the light from the source being studied by casting much more of the light into the spectral dispersion of one side (of the zero-order image) than to the other (rather than equally in both directions), and therefore is especially helpful if the light being studied is not very bright.

If possible, shoot from a stable tripod. Be sure to orient your grating (properly mounted in a traditional filter holder in front of your lens, unless in an emergency) so that the spectral dispersion is at a right angle (90 degrees) to the direction of travel of the light source 'UFO'. Why? So that spectral lines

are not smeared (due to object motion) into each other during the time of exposure on film. This is especially important if the object is moving at a substantial angular velocity and the shutter speed is low.

On a 35 mm camera the lens should have a maximum of 50 mm focal length, and, preferably, less, for spectrum photography. If you use any longer focal length, you will not get a whole spectrum onto your film. Use telephotos only for higher resolution of the image of an object, not for spectral photography. Recording an object image and an object's light spectrum are two entirely different objectives. Be clear of that in your mind, using a lens appropriate to each. Remember: Use a long focal length for image. Use only a short focal length for spectral photography. Of course, the long focal length spreads the image out onto a larger area of your film, but a short focal length focuses it into a small area on the film, which is just what you need for a good spectrum photo.

Try to locate the zero order image (the image of the object being studied, per se) as close to the edge of the film as reasonable for a good image. Why? So that both primary and secondary spectral dispersions are captured on film. People tend to miss the second order spectrum by letting it be 'out of the film frame'. That secondary spectral dispersion can be very important in analysis of the spectrum. It is located out at a distance out along the dispersal line, beyond the primary spectrum.

Practice using your spectro-photography setup on ordinary distant light sources, so that you know what you are doing when a seeming UFO comes along.

Then, on the same roll of film (if possible, but definitely with the system set up precisely as it was when the anomalous light source was photographed) one should take some 'control' shots of familiar spectral sources that have distinctive lines of known wavelength. Place the 'control' light source precisely where the 'UFO' (zero-order image) was during your spectro-photography of it. I prefer to use, for that purpose, tubes specifically prepared for spectral calibration, such as one containing hydrogen, with its very distinctive line. Having done that, one can use the 'control' spectra for precise calibration of the system's results involving the 'UFO' light.

I have already said that a very exotic light spectrum in a well documented UFO case could substantially alter scientific consensus concerning UFO significance. Example, please? How about a UFO light spectrum that has only a single line to it (just one exact wavelength) and wherein that single line is split into, say, four components (spectral line-splitting, the 'Stark Effect')?

There is simply no prosaic explanation for such an exotic light source flying around in the sky, but one might, theoretically, record just such a spectrum from an object utilizing external magneto-hydrodynamic propulsion in earth's atmosphere, provided certain conditions are present.

Dare you miss the opportunity to learn whether the thing you see and think could be a UFO can 'sign' your film with a unique, diagnostic 'luminous signature'?

Snap those diffraction gratings onto that camera and get going. You don't have to be a Ph.D. physicist to get spectral photos of UFOs, even though I would advise one for purpose of analyzing the result(s).

Very important: When the seeming UFO event is over, for documentation, have every willing witness watch you remove the film from your camera, pull the film leader out of the cylinder, and have each scratch his or her name (and date) into the film emulsion with a straight pin or the like (on the light-exposed, useless end of the film). That way, no one can claim you switched films, substituting one 'made up, elsewhere. That is the kind of documentation our project has always used, and documentation is very important when dealing with matters of potential controversy.

Have witnesses present at the processing, if possible, too.

And, yes, Joyce, a later posting will make other suggestions of other equipment and applications of it. Thanks for suggesting it.

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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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Hall

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2003 20:14:12 +0100
>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

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>>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 19:33:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>>Last Saturday's 'Strange Days... Indeed' interview with
>>>Ray Stanford is available for your listening pleasure at:

>>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/sdi2003.html>

>>>in program 234's listing.

>>>Ray revealed some interesting new research info.....

>>A few years ago while at the Toronto Central Reference Library I
>>read a few pages of Ray Stanford's very well researched book,
>>'Socorro 'Saucer' in a Pentagon Pantry' which is all about the
>>famous 1966 UFO landing/occupant case. I was surprised to learn
>>that actual physical evidence - metallic residue - was found on
>>the rocks that the UFO landed on!

>>This time while listening to Ray on Errol's 'SDI' radio program
>>last Saturday night, I was again amazed to hear about some other
>>very fascinating observations he has made. If Ray's findings as
>>he interprets them are correct, then we have some very
>>compelling evidence that UFOs are real and extraterrestrial in
>>origin. Although Ray has decided to make details of his findings
>>public sometime soon, I encourage everyone to hear Ray talk
>>about some of these exciting findings which he has already
>>shared with 'SDI' listeners.

>I would like to add to Nick's remarks regarding Ray Stanford's
>book - "A Socorro 'Saucer in a Pentagon Pantry'. I have
>obviously read quite a number of Ufology related books and Ray
>Stanford's "Socorro Saucer..." must rate amongst the best.

>Not just an example of detailed dedicated research but written
>in such a way that it will appeal to everyone interested in
>genuine Ufology.

>IMHO a classic.

Geoff,

Classic BS! Okay, I have bit my tongue until I drew blood,
and I have had enough.

Stanford's depiction of the alleged metallic physical trace
evidence was rebutted 20+ years ago, and I am horrified to see
him (like the Night of the Living Dead) rising up once again to
purvey his false version of what happened.

As I reported back in the 1970s, Stanford is the only

one who claims what he claims. Everyone at NICAP at the time, including me and Walt Webb (who accompanied Stanford to the Goddard Space Flight Center with the trace sample) say otherwise.

He badly wanted to believe that he had the ultimate physical proof, but that is not what the NASA analysis indicated. I am prepared to go to the mat on this. Stanford's version of what happened is riddled with factual errors and paranoid imaginings.

- Dick

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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 20:54:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 10:38:37 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Ledger

>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2003 20:14:12 +0100
>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 19:33:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>>Last Saturday's 'Strange Days... Indeed' interview with
>>>Ray Stanford is available for your listening pleasure at:

>>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/sdi2003.html>

>>>in program 234's listing.

>>>Ray revealed some interesting new research info.....

>>A few years ago while at the Toronto Central Reference Library I
>>read a few pages of Ray Stanford's very well researched book,
>>'Socorro 'Saucer' in a Pentagon Pantry' which is all about the
>>famous 1966 UFO landing/occupant case. I was surprised to learn
>>that actual physical evidence - metallic residue - was found on
>>the rocks that the UFO landed on!

>>This time while listening to Ray on Errol's 'SDI' radio program
>>last Saturday night, I was again amazed to hear about some other
>>very fascinating observations he has made. If Ray's findings as
>>he interprets them are correct, then we have some very
>>compelling evidence that UFOs are real and extraterrestrial in
>>origin. Although Ray has decided to make details of his findings
>>public sometime soon, I encourage everyone to hear Ray talk
>>about some of these exciting findings which he has already
>>shared with 'SDI' listeners.

>I would like to add to Nick's remarks regarding Ray Stanford's
>book - "A Socorro 'Saucer in a Pentagon Pantry'. I have
>obviously read quite a number of Ufology related books and Ray
>Stanford's "Socorro Saucer..." must rate amongst the best.

>Not just an example of detailed dedicated research but written
>in such a way that it will appeal to everyone interested in
>genuine Ufology.

>IMHO a classic.

Hi Geoff, Nick et al,

I'd like to echo that compliment. Great book and a fine
investigation. Ray and I traded books last Summer and I think I
got the better end of the deal.

Great work and a classic investigation.

Don Ledger

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 18:23:14 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 10:40:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hamilton

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 19:21:24 +0000
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 11:06:16 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>>From: Tom King <Tomking2030@Hotmail.Com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 15:14:19 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>>>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 06:52:18 -0800
>>>>Subject: Re: Flares Over Basra

>>>>No matter what I have said there will be those that will persist
>>>>in their belief that these were flares that we saw on March
>>>>13th. Even Tom King keeps forgetting that we saw a "double"
>>>>light at 9:45 PM (I looked at my watch) and it was the first to
>>>>reappear at 10:00 PM in the same locaation!

>>>>Because there are two orange lights close together does not rule
>>>>out flares.

>>No, but the fact they re-lit seems to rule out flares.

>There was no double light at 9:45 nor did it relight in the
>exact location. Here is screen grab of the light Bill says I
>didn't tape that night.

Your memory is suffering here, Tom, but I will not argue this as
it will be your word against mine and the other witnesses are
now gone. Your camcorder was in your car when it first
appeared. Enuf said!

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 18:28:03 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 10:43:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hamilton

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 19:14:25 +0000
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 11:04:27 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>>From: Tom King <Tomking2030@Hotmail.Com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 16:10:22 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

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>>According to Bill Hamilton and Village Labs there are two sets
>>>of 9 amber lights that night. One to the south end of the
>>>Estrellas (9:45) that disappeared and then it reappeared to the
>>>north(10:00).

>>What? I never heard anyone say this!

>You never heard of any of this? Go to page 3 of your book, 3rd
>paragraph "The Phoenix Lights Mystery". You wrote "We are still
>not certain that these videos were all taken at the same time or
>within 5 minutes of our taping as it is very difficult to
>synchronize the timing of the images on the various tapes".

Yes, and that was based on your attempt to do so.

>Then after that to to page 100 of your book were you wrote the
>following. "These lights appeared in front of the Estrella
>Mountains at about half the elevation of the highest peak or
>4,515 feet. Although we always said we took the video at close
>to 10 PM the night of March 13th, we actually started taping
>them, according to my watch, at about 9:55 PM. We do not believe
>that Mike Kryston of Moon Valley or L.K. of Paradise Valley
>could have taped the same set of lights at the same time due to
>the intervening obstruction of the South Mountain."

That was an attempt to explain minor discrepancies, but I never
said there were two "sets" of different lights just uttered the
possibility that the first set had moved. Now, I do not think
they did.

>On top of that I have a map Village Labs put out that goes along
>with what your saying. So your contradicting what you say in
>your own book! The publishing date in the book is listed as
>2001. Thats 3 years after I showed you guys all my work on spilt
>screens and how these videos were all taken at the same time but
>you ignored that and it didn't go in your book.

I am not contradicting what I said. I am contradicting what you
said I said.

>>We saw a double light at
>>9:45 PM - you and I did, Tom, and that is why you raced

>>downstairs at Steve's house to get your videocam and I raced
>>down too. When we went back to the balcony, the double light had
>>gone out, then around 10 PM, it re-lit in the same location.
>>There were other witnesses who saw this.

>Again this simply is wrong. I did tape the first light we saw
>and got about 2 minutes of it on tape. It wasn't a 'double
>light' like you say heres a frame grab to look at.

Simply, not so. You did not have your camera at the time. And
I don't see a time marker on the jpg.

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2003 03:21:09 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 22:47:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Gates

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 23:40:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2003 11:12:31 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 10:12:23 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

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>>>I argue that the planes were flying high and dropping the flares
>>>to get rid of them, not to light up the ground, as they headed
>>>toward "home" in Tucson after a flare drop exercise at the Barry
>>>Goldwater training range.

>>The one flaw in this argument Bruce is that the planes all
>>returned to the ground by 8:30 PM according to the PRO at Davis-
>>Monthan AFB. Later the Arizona Republic says the planes took off
>>at 8:17 and returned at 10:30 PM. If returning by 10:30 PM and
>>ejecting flares while heading home, then they could not be near
>t>he Ajo location you have determined because at 10:00 PM they
>>would still be close to the North Tac range and flying at low
>>altitude which is what A-10s do best as they are tank busters.
>>If they returned at 8:30 PM, then it is out of the question.

>As far as times are concerned I have only stated my
>interpretation of what was said about the Maryland National
>Guard training exercise.

Bruce, Listers,

Probably this question has already been answered by somebody
at sometime but let me run this up the flag pole again.

Has anybody ever FOIA requested a copy of the annual history of
the MD Air National Guard for 1997 or some historical document
that describes the annual exercise? What would be interesting
to see is if the Annual history references anything connected to
the exercise. Perhaps we might get a list of the pilots that
were deployed, in which some of them could be run down to see if
they recall anything.

Cheers,

Robert

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Tools For UFO Research

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2003 11:09:03 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 22:50:50 -0400
Subject: Tools For UFO Research

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 04:19:03 -0800
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>How many other good, simple and doable ideas are lurking
>out there? Maybe some of those should appear right
>here instead of the usual bickering. Some fresh air for
>a change.

Well, I think I can provide two such tools to assist the field investigator and the UFO analyst. One is an evaluator prepared by Terry Groff, trainee from MUFON, developed on the Ballester-Guasp system to estimate the Certainty Index of a UFO report. See these two items:

<http://www.terrygroff.com/mufon/eval/>

http://www.terrygroff.com/mufon/eval/Investigative_Tools.html

Another is a calculator (also devised by T. Groff) to estimate the possible dimensions of an object in the air. See this url:

<http://www.terrygroff.com/mufon/size/index.html>

If other colleagues can contribute similar tools, this would form a pool to aid the community of researchers.

Best wishes,

V-J

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Request For Info

From: **Tim Edwards** <tedwards@wiredog.com>
Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 05:10:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 22:53:38 -0400
Subject: Request For Info

I thought this forum would be the best place to receive reviews, comments, and/or opinions of the following texts I just acquired.

Witnessed - The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions

by Bud Hopkins
c. 1996 (Pocket Books: Mass Market Paperback)

and

We Are Not Alone - The Search for Intelligent Life on Other Worlds

(New Revised Edition)
by Walter Sullivan
C. 1964-66 (Hardcover: McGraw Hill)

I would appreciate any comments on these two, which could assist in rating their 'importance and/or relevance' for future reading (I already have a substantial list waiting to be read, and as it says below... seems there's 'so little time' for everything anymore!).

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So much to learn and so little time!

DreamScape
<http://tedwards.topcities.com/dreamscape.htm>

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French Researcher Hunts For Chupacabras

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2003 08:34:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 22:56:34 -0400
Subject: French Researcher Hunts For Chupacabras

Argentina: French Researcher Hunts for Chupacabras

SOURCE: El Tribuno Digital (Argentina)
DATE: April 6, 2003

IN CACHI, A FRENCH RESEARCHER TRACKS THE MYTHIC BEAT
Juan Antonio Abarzua-El Tribuno

An investigation into the presence of the Chupacabras, the mythic bloodsucking beast that apparently devastated sheep, goat and camelid cattle of the Chalchaqui valleys last years was undertaken by French journalist Jean Jacques Maridel, a writer for the prestigious Geo magazine, an equivalent to the U.S. National Geographic Magazine, and which is known in Spanish as Geo-Mundo.

Beyond the search for the evidence leading to the existence of this beast - an unfriendly type that avails itself of the cover of darkness to drain its victims of blood - Mandel wants to delve into the roots of the matter and determine if the numerous claims presented by witnesses and affected parties respond to a collective psychosis based on ancestral legends and beliefs or if they are popular ways to escape from crisis, or a way of escaping the uniformity imposed by globalization.

The author has presented numerous reports on fantastic cases in different parts of the planet, especially in those in which ancient cultures are intermixed with underdevelopment and capitalist consumer society.

It was thus that in late December 2001 he reported an extraordinary case which occurred in New Delhi, India's capital city: the appearance of a savage "ape man" who terrorized the 5 million inhabitants of the most populous suburb of this city, in a country where its one billion inhabitants speak 18 languages, have four official religions, hundreds of unacknowledged sects and whose history is not only startling but incomprehensible to Westerners.

"This dwelling center, made up of countless buildings, houses, shacks, shanties and separated from one another by their inhabitants' breath, built of solid materials, paper, cardboard, tin and any other element, is occupied by workers who put in 14 hours a day in hundreds of auto parts and toy factories, under temperatures which seldom fall below 100 degrees.

It is for this reason - says the Parisian journalist - that they sleep on open terraces and the breathing, snoring and moaning of each person invades the other's privacy, becoming familiar even among strangers. One night, a man woke up his entire block, and those in turn wakened others, when he shouted that "a monkey man" had invaded his precarious shelter..

A commotion soon occurred among the clustering: the police arrived, alerted by the scandal, which spread like oil on water and resulting in a tumult that left three dead, hundreds injured and millions of men, women and children gripped by panic."

The full description of this experience - retold in great detail in GEO - is fascinating: "The witness of this unusual apparition was questioned at the police station and made a specific description of the monkey man - a simian head, motorcycle helmet, snow goggles and spiral springs under its hairy legs, required to leap from one rooftop to another. The story was picked up by TV, the psychosis increased, and the police went mad.

At this point, the authorities offered a thousand dollar reward to anyone obtaining data or providing positive identification of the beast. Gangs of armed hunters emerged, who wound up fighting each other (a thousand dollars in India equals one hundred thousand in Europe), private security companies patrolled the streets night and day, and every day there were new reports of the creature. Thousands of sacred monkeys were sacrificed and countless merchants profited by selling merchandise related to the improbable being.

Law enforcement, faced with the events and the blood streaming down the streets of the shantytowns, and under the influence of its own members, got carried away. The creation of a 1200-man task force with the sole purpose of capturing the monkey man, something they obviously never achieved, was mandated.

The psychosis lasted three violent months and the case was finally closed by a court order which ascribed the entire situation to "mass hysteria". Mandel smiles when he recalls his investigation. "Indian analysts drew exotic conclusions: they attributed the situation to an intelligence operation perpetrated by its archenemy, Pakistan, and there were even those who believed that scientists in Islamabad had created a remotely-guided cyborg with the purpose of undermining the morale of its antagonists in Dehli.

"I have my own theory," he states. "It was a chance circumstance was triggered by an ancient legend of Hindu mythology."

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Re: Filer's Files #14 -- 2003

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2003 15:01:51 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 23:07:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #14 -- 2003

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2003 09:48:25 -0500
>Subject: Filer's Files #14 -- 2003

>FILER'S FILES #14 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.
>George A. Filer, Director Mutual UFO Network Eastern
>April 2, 2003, Majorstar@aol.com Webmaster: Chuck
>Warren -- My website is at: <http://www.georgefiler.com>
>Sponsored by: <http://www.filer.unfranchise.com>

<snip>

>TELEVISION UFO TRACKING DETECTOR

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>Editor's Note: The tremendous propulsion systems of the UFOs
>have the power generating capability equivalent to an average
>electrical power station. UFO's are known to effect radios,
>various electronic equipment, and compasses to a varying degree.
>The equipment will often change radio frequency, change the
>compass direction, create odd noises and cause the equipment act
>up in various ways. Often batteries or lights will drain of
>power and stop functioning. There are also numerous reports of
>aircraft instruments malfunctioning, cars stopping, and homes
>literally shaking as the UFOs pass over. Unusual animal behavior
>is also frequently noticed.

Are you serious, George? I thought the article was an April
Fools day joke?

All that a TV set up as described will detect is things like
passing taxis, CB'ers, faulty microwaves, electric razors/hedge
trimmers/drills etc and possibly police cars, fire engines, and
ambulances using their radio. If UFO pilots use similar radio
equipment, I suppose you could detect them as well, but how
would you know the difference? (and I haven't come across
reports of aliens shaving or trimming hedges recently!).

Regards,

Joe

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Javascript Report Evaluator & UFO Size Estimator

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2003 13:46:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 23:18:45 -0400
Subject: Javascript Report Evaluator & UFO Size Estimator

Hi I'm new to this List.

I want to introduce you to a couple of javascript tools I've been working on.

The first is an Investigator's Report Evaluator based on the Ballestor-Guasp method as published in the MUFON Field Investigators Manual. You may have seen this mentioned in the February 2003 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal. This tool provides a simple method for computing the "Certainty Index" of a report by merely selecting criteria from dropdown menus. It works in all major browsers tested (IE5+, NS4+, Opera5+, AOL and others.)

You can find this tool at:

<http://www.terrygroff.com/mufon/eval/index.html>.

Please read the fine article written by Todd Lemire of Michigan MUFON at:

http://www.terrygroff.com/mufon/eval/Investigative_Tools.html

The second tool which is still under construction is a javascript UFO Size Estimator. I welcome all visitors to offer suggestions and point out errors. It uses the UFO/Moon relationship to estimate the size. It comes with a chart of sizes and some comparative moon images. The witness merely picks the silhouette closest to the apparent size of the object. This value combined with the estimated distance of the object and its angle of elevation will give a "ballpark" value as to the size of the object. Visit it at:

<http://www.terrygroff.com/mufon/size/index.html>

V-J Ballestor Olmos has visited the site and was very pleased with the evaluator. Please follow his lead and sign my visitors log.

Thank you

Terry Groff
<http://www.terrygroff.com/mufon/>

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Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2003 15:09:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 23:22:13 -0400
Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Hebert

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 21:48:04 +0000
>Subject: For The Military Conspiracy People

>For all you people on this list that believe all UFOS are just
>U.S. military Pysops test on the planet. IE... 3-13-97 boomerang
>was hologram or blimp etc...

Ok, Tom, I'll bite (I was asked these same questions recently in what I thought was a private conversation with someone else, hmmm).

First, I don't think "all" UFOs are U.S. military psyops tests. Some UFOs could be secret military projects and some could be something else. And, I am not into conspiracies. To deny that *some* (not all) UFOs could be misidentifications of secret military technologies is to live in a fantasy world.

Second, I doubt holograms are used that much and I don't think they were used during the 3-13-97 events in the Phoenix area. As for flying craft described as "boomerangs", "black triangles", "V shaped", etc. - yes, I think some of these are stealth military aircraft and much more than mere blimps (IMHO).

>Can you please explain why our recent wars in Afghanistan and
>Iraq are not using this technology? Many peoples lives are on
>the line and were is this supreme technology to help save lives?

Tom, how do you know they are not using secret projects in Afghanistan and Iraq?

Do you really think you would see color photographs and videos of these secret projects broadcast on the evening news or on the front page of your local newspaper? I can just see the headlines..."Secret Stealth Delta's Clear The Way For Troops", or "Special Forces Land On Saddam's Palace In Vtol Black Project Aircraft".

The whole idea is to keep them virtually invisible not only to radar and visual surveillance but also to the press. Saddam and his military advisors watch CNN too. You don't show your enemy what you have up your sleeve just because Mr. King in the States believes he has a "need to know".

>Were is 'Bubba' flying over Iraq sending live video to Centcom?
>Instead we have the predator flying in circles.

You think this is all we have? You don't seem to know much about UAV's, MAV's and military technologies. If 'Bubba' were flying over Iraq sending live video, do you really think we'd be told the true source of the images (if they don't want us and Saddam to know)?

>Were is all this hologram technology you preach about? How come
>they don't use it on the enemy but they use it over our major
>cities? I think if we had holograms that can fool 1,000 people
>into seeing a massive UFO we would use it to make people believe
>they are see the devil or something to scare the hell out of

>them.

Who is preaching about hologram technology? What's this about holograms that can fool 1,000 people? Though the technology exists I doubt it was used to fool the "1,000 people" as you suggest.

>People say most of the UFOs we see are from Area 51 and we have
>a bunch of these disc. I don't understand why we have
>helicopters getting shot down when the military conspiracy
>people say we have discs.

Ahh, so those who study UFO sightings from all directions including possible tests of military technologies are "military conspiracy people"? Good tactic! Label and disable.

One thing about helicopters, they serve their purpose and come in handy in war. If you are waiting to see secret technologies that may be deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq instead of conventional aircraft and landcraft, you may have a long wait. They are more likely deployed under the cover of night, with no lights (if they don't want to be seen) and not visible to the press or the enemy. They are probably top of the line and rarely shot down (unlike the Predator). And even if they came down, they would probably have self-destruct mechanisms that wouldn't leave much to identify, back-engineer or report in the news. And if these secret projects were observed, they would be labeled "UFOs" and relegated to the fringe. One thing about UFO believers....!>

Considering that Iraq covers an area of approximately 437,393 square kilometers and as of April 5th, barely two and a half weeks into the war, our troops are already surrounding Baghdad with only 79 US and 27 British casualties, let's not forget the many unsung heroes who lead covert missions (with covert technologies) not reported by the news or the Pentagon. They may be responsible for saving more lives than you realize or care to acknowledge.

A. Hebert

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CI: New Animation Highlights Cydonia 'Urban

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Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 23:23:22 -0400
Subject: CI: New Animation Highlights Cydonia 'Urban

Cydonian Imperative
4-7-03

New Animation Highlights Cydonia "Urban Substrate"
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 37)

Related links:

<http://www.newfrontiersinscience.com/cydoniacontroversy/updates/secondTHEMIS/secondTHEMIS.shtml>

<http://www.mactonnies.com/imperative34.html>

In the online journal New Frontiers in Science, Mark Carlotto examines a conspicuous collection of eroded fragments that form a coherent "square" most unlike the disordered local topology. Coincidentally (?), this assortment is located along an axis that intersects both the Face and the D&M Pyramid.

"In particular, several rectangular arrangements can be seen," writes Carlotto. "Some of these arrangements are aligned, more or less, in the direction of the crustal dichotomy in this part of Mars. On Earth, in the Middle East for example, it would certainly be seen as a possible archaeological site. But it is on Mars."

[image]

Anaglyphic image courtesy Mark Carlotto.

Clayton Spencer Ireland, working independently, has identified the same curious feature and has highlighted it in a GIF animation, revealing a high level of internal symmetry (below).

[image]

Image courtesy Clayton Spencer Ireland.

The "Urban Substrate," whatever it is, adds yet another level of enigma to the Cydonia region and deserves a very close look by future spacecraft.

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Mystery Of Gobbler's Rock

From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymcg@attcanada.ca>

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Subject: Mystery Of Gobbler's Rock

Source: The Indianapolis Star

<http://www.indystar.com/print/articles/8/033513-3318-108.html>

The mystery of Gobbler's Rock

Yellowwood State Forest visitors are mystified by the large rocks perched high in several trees.

"Gobbler's Rock," so named because a turkey-hunter found it, was the first boulder-in-a-tree reported. -- Charlie Nye / staff photo

By George McLaren
george.mclaren@indystar.com
April 4, 2003

NASHVILLE, Ind. -- Rocks and trees are natural sights in the forest.

But there's definitely something unnatural going on in Yellowwood State Forest.

Somehow, large boulders have found their way to the tops of tall trees and gotten wedged among the branches. There are at least three, maybe five, maybe more.

The first was discovered a few years ago and was dubbed Gobbler's Rock, because it was found by a turkey hunter scouting in a remote area of the 23,000-acre forest.

Since then, curious hikers have worn a path to the 80-foot-tall chestnut oak tree. High in a fork in its branches, nearly 30 feet off the ground, a massive slab of sandstone is nestled. The triangular rock, perhaps 4 feet wide and a foot thick, is estimated to weigh about 400 pounds.

The boulder itself isn't that unusual. It's the where -- not to mention the how -- that makes it so intriguing.

About five miles away, on the banks of Plum Creek, sandstone boulders are wedged in the upper branches of two tall sycamores 100 yards apart. One boulder is nearly 45 feet off the ground; both rocks appear to weigh about 200 pounds.

And a local hiker says there are two more in yet another part of the forest.

Carol Carr, 58, of Edinburgh, had visited Gobbler's Rock. Then a friend led her to the two sycamores, in a remote, seldom-visited part of Yellowwood southwest of Helmsburg.

One day, Carr was hiking with an acquaintance in a different area of the forest, on a ridge near Yellowwood Lake.

"We just wanted to go down and see the creek. All of a sudden, there's two more (boulders in trees) by the creek," Carr recalled.

What in the world is going on?

Theories range from engineering students working on a class project to fraternity boys with too much time on their hands, to tornadoes or high winds or floods or dynamite demolition gone awry.

Or UFOs.

Don't snicker. This story has "other world" written all over it.

The boulder-topped trees are up to a half-mile from the nearest road access, in remote areas of the state forest, miles apart. There's no apparent reason why the locations were picked, no damage to the trees, and no signs of any type of heavy equipment having been used to hoist the heavy rocks.

In fact, there's no signs of anything.

Except the boulders.

"You know 'Signs' (the movie) . . . Instead of crop signs, we've got tree 'signs,' " said Brenda Stine, a state forest employee at Yellowwood.

She was kidding. We think.

In fact, the bizarre rock case is highlighted at abduct.com, a UFO-related Web site. Go to <http://abduct.com/taylor/lt58.htm> and scroll down.

The Web site (which offers a new book for sale: "Healing the Hurt of Alien Abduction") posts a few comments from a UFO investigator about Gobbler's Rock. Included in a list of topics such as "Alien Mark Appears on Woman" and "Dogs Under Attack From UFOs," the Web site ponders this question:

Did a UFO put a boulder in this tree?

"If the rock was blown into the tree, why isn't there some sign of damage to the bark? It had to be gently rested in the branches, I would think, but by what?" the investigator asks.

Brown County Sheriff Buck Stogsdill laughed nervously when asked about the prospect of UFOs operating in his county.

"That's one of those . . . How can you answer that?" Stogsdill replied, avoiding a direct answer.

Stogsdill said a law officer was dispatched to investigate a few years ago when Gobbler's Rock was discovered. "There really wasn't much to do," he admitted. "Just look at it and try to figure it out."

They couldn't.

No one yet has been able to solve the boulder mystery.

The rocks may have originated near the trees, because sandstone boulders are scattered around the forest and the trees are a considerable distance from the nearest roadway.

Yellowwood officials say many people have claimed credit for Gobbler's Rock -- casting doubt on all the claims.

"Maybe it's some kind of club that goes around putting rocks in trees and they have a little dinner celebration afterward. I've heard that rumor," said Jim Allen, Yellowwood property manager. "Or it could be some college kids that don't have anything better to do."

Some have wondered if a boulder had been placed in the tree years ago, and had risen as the tree grew. But trees don't grow that way. The boulders must have been placed high in the trees after their trunks were sturdy enough to support them.

"You could use a block and tackle, I suppose," Allen said, referring to a rope-and-pulley system.

The fact that there are at least three boulders, possibly five or more, diminishes the likelihood of a weird tornado incident. Plus, there's no sign of wind damage to surrounding trees. And

no one remembers any mishaps involving dynamite anywhere nearby.

For now, the Unexplained Resting Boulders (URBs) are being left alone by forest officials. But Allen says workers may be forced to bring them down if too many are lifted up. He doesn't want somebody to get hurt while hoisting a 300-pound boulder 40 feet into a tree.

"I would prefer this go away because of the liability issues," Allen said. "I try not to encourage stories."

The government may not want you to know about the URBs. But we're telling you anyway.

Because, well, the truth is out there.

Somebody, possibly with a few friends, has the answer.

"It's kind of a mystery of who and how," said Sheriff Stogsdill.

"And why. That's another one. Why?"

What's up?

State officials are at a loss to explain how several boulders have found their way to the tops of tall trees in Yellowwood State Forest in Brown County.

Here's how to find them:

The Yellowwood State Forest office (1-812-988-7945) has maps showing the general location of Gobbler's Rock. To reach the office, travel west of Nashville on Ind. 46. After about five miles, turn north on Yellowwood Road and follow the signs.

To reach Gobbler's Rock, head north on Yellowwood Lake Road from the office about three miles, and then turn west on Lanam Ridge Road. Turn left onto Ind. 45, and then quickly turn left (south) on Tulip Tree Road. Follow this gravel road about two miles, and park in a small pull-off near the gate.

From this point, having a compass is suggested. Continue walking south about a half-mile, and look for a cleared, grassy area on the left. Look for an old logging path that leads east from the cleared area, and follow it east and south. Gobbler's Rock is high on a south-facing slope overlooking a ravine. (GPS coordinates: N39 12.204, W86 21.955)

- To find two other rocks:

From the Yellowwood Forest office, travel north on Yellowwood Lake Road about three miles. Turn right (east) on Lanam Ridge Road. Follow the road about three miles, and turn west on Dollsberry Lane (it's about a mile south of Helmsburg). Follow the gravel road until it ends; park in a small parking area on the south side of the roadway.

From this point, a compass is required; there is no marked trail or path, and underbrush in some areas is thick. Follow the old roadway west, and then southwest. South of the pond (which is on private property), you must bushwhack southwest to Plum Creek, then follow the creek as it meanders west. The two sycamores holding rocks are on the north creek bank, about a third of a mile west-southwest from the parking area. The trees are about 100 yards apart, but not visible from each other. (GPS coordinates: N39 14.986, W86 18.492; N39 14.984, W8618.560)

Be sure to note landmarks while hiking in to assist you in finding your way out.

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Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 19:01:38 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 23:30:18 -0400
Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Ledger

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 21:48:04 +0000
>Subject: For The Military Conspiracy People

>For all you people on this list that believe all UFOS are
>just U.S. military Pysops test on the planet. IE... 3-13-97
>boomerang was hologram or blimp etc...

>Can you please explain why our recent wars in Afghanistan and
>Iraq are not using this technology? Many peoples lives are
>on the line and were is this supreme technology to help save
>lives?

>Were is 'Bubba' flying over Iraq sending live video to
>Centcom? Instead we have the predator flying in circles.

>Were is all this hologram technology you preach about? How
>come they don't use it on the enemy but they use it over our
>major cities? I think if we had holograms that can fool 1,000
>people into seeing a massive UFO we would use it to make
>people believe they are see the devil or something to scare
>the hell out of them.

>People say most of the UFOs we see are from Area 51 and we
>have a bunch of these disc. I don't understand why we have
>helicopters getting shot down when the military conspiracy
>people say we have discs.

Hi Tom and Listers,

I've been resisting this interpretation for UFOs for some time.
And you raise an interesting point. No doubt you will hear
explanations like, the US doesn't want to reveal these "craft"
as they are saving them for something really special and don't
want to lose the element of surprise. Mind you this is despite
the fact that they apparently have been showing them off over
towns and cities all over the world.

Or that these craft are still in the testing stage and not ready
for deployment. Again they are still on display all over the
world in great numbers.

I've never been in that camp. Everything I've seen in the way of
evolving technology for the United States and other countries
with the latest technology, is a direct application of the
refinements of conventional weaponry and aviation technology.
Even the latest vectoring thrust technology is an outgrowth of
technology used in the British Harrier.

The theory that this might be lighter than air technology has
been bandied about with little to support this contention. Again
what's the point of showing them off to the civilian populations
in towns and cites of the world.

Don Ledger

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Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 19:56:45 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 23:34:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough' -

>From: Dave Haith <visions@ntlworld.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2003 12:15:19 -0000
>Subject: Greer Interview 'Free Energy Breakthrough'

>Well folks this is it!

>Either this radio interview transcript with Dr Steven Greer of
>the UFO Disclosure Project will prove:

>1) A pivotal point in history and the answer to the world's
>energy problems

>2) Greer has been conned or tricked in some way

>3) Greer is a trickster, a liar or insane.

>If there's just a chance it's the first option, we could all do
>with some good news right now, so this is worth a read.

>Regards

>Dave Haith
>visions@ntlworld.com

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>Source: Disclosure Project

><http://www.disclosureproject.org/transcriptcoasttocoastJan312003.htm>

>Transcript of Dr. Steven Greer's Interview
>on Coast to Coast AM Radio with George Noory
>January 30/31 2003

>George Noory's web site

>Click Here to read some key excerpts of this transcript.

>George Noory (GN): Tonight, this hour, we're going to talk about
>Zero Point Energy. Welcome, Dr. Greer. How are you today?

>Steven Greer (SG): I'm fine, thank you. How are you?

>GN: Good. Always a pleasure. Zero Point Energy. Is there an
>organization or an individual actually working on this?

>SG: Well, we are of course. I'm not so sure it's really zero
>point energy. Some would say it's the quantum vacuum flux field
>energy. There are a lot of people with different theories about
>it. But as you know, we have formed a group called Space Energy
>Access Systems, which is a company that is in the process of
>identifying and testing technologies, machines, devices that
>claim to - put simply - put out more energy and electric power
>than we have to put into it, which of course, supposedly cannot
>be done, but in fact it can be. The reason I'm speaking with you
>tonight is that we have apparently - and I'm going to qualify my
>words very carefully here --

>GN: OK

>SG: But it appears that we have found such a "Holy Grail"-type device, a very serious invention held by an inventor. My scientific advisor and the board of directors of this group - our group - have recently done an onsite inspection and testing of this system and I can tell you that, except for some of the extraterrestrial devices in UFOs that I've seen, this is the most astounding material object I've ever seen in my life. And that's saying something.

>So the reason I am speaking about this at this very early stage of its discovery is that the millions of people listening tonight are our protection. Those of you who are listening to this should tell everyone they know that this is a thing coming down the path. It is our intention to protect this system, get it tested, get it perfected, get it out to the public and terminate the need for gas and oil and coal and start an entirely new sustainable civilization on this planet, and that is long overdue.

<snip>

>If the testing and development of this holds up, it will be the single most important scientific breakthrough in the history - the recorded history - of the human race, and that is not an overstatement.

>Let me describe what I saw, if you have a moment.

>GN: Sure, and tell me how big it is, Steven.

>SG: It's not very big at all! I picked it up - you can pick it up with one hand. Took it out actually on a sidewalk. This device gathered, very passively, less than one watt of power from the environment - I won't say how it was done, I'm not allowed to at this point - and the machine started up. It generated hundreds of watts of power in usable form, actually running, and we were astonished to see this. We hooked this up ourselves, so it was no mystery about it. We even selected the things to hook up to this thing. It ran a 300-watt light bulb, a 100-watt light bulb, a stereo and an oscillating fan with an electric motor, all at the same time with literally no artificial manmade input of power. So, this is of course an extraordinary scientific breakthrough. The inventor certainly deserves to get the next Nobel prize, or the one that would be awarded after this is fully tested by the scientific community, if indeed what we see holds up.

<snip>

Okay folks:

My question is obvious. Did the technology 'hold up' to scrutiny? Its been over two months since that interview, and I have heard exactly nothing from Dr. Greer about this 'extraordinary scientific breakthrough'.

With gasoline over \$2 a gallon, you would think this would be major headlines everywhere.

All the inventor has to do, is give the same demonstration of the device before some qualified independent experts, that he did for Greer, out on some sidewalk if that suits him, and the deed is done. They can improve upon it later.

Where are the headlines? .. the scientific and technical journal articles? (Nobel prizes take longer.)

Instead there is this yawning silence. I visit a number of science news websites, all quiet on that front too.

Here is the website for Greer's Space Energy Access Systems company. You won't learn much there ..

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

Most papers, links etc. date back to 2002, although one non-controversial NASA paper calling for new energy sources was added as recently as 27 March 2003.

Under the link titled "Inventing in SEAS", I find this statement.

" The Phase I investment is now closed. We thank everyone who participated in this very successful stock offering."

So. Greer sold stock in this venture. I wonder if any federal agencies took notice.

If anyone has heard more about the small electrical generator, the one that works with little or no energy input, please let me know.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Italian UFO TV Program

From: Philip Mantle <philip.mantle@eidosnet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 12:59:30 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 11:42:31 -0400
Subject: Italian UFO TV Program

Dear Colleagues,

A friend of mine in Italy has recently been appointed as a consultant on a prime time TV show to be broadcast in September of this year. The show in question is looking for previously made documentaries from overseas for possible use in this series.

The series will cover a host of topics including:

UFOs
Psychic Phenomenon
Paranormal
Cryptozoology
Alternative History
Etc, etc.

My colleague has asked me if I can recommend any such productions which must be of broadcast quality. Italian TV will of course pay for the use of such material the details of which are nothing to do with me.

I'd therefore respectfully like to ask if you have or know of any such productions that might fit into this series to please contact me direct at: philip.mantle@eidosnet.co.uk

Please feel free to forward this message on to any other possible interested parties.

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle

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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 13:06:56 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 11:46:43 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Ledger

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 23:42:22 +0000
>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2003 20:14:12 +0100
>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

<snip>

>>I would like to add to Nick's remarks regarding Ray Stanford's
>>book - "A Socorro 'Saucer in a Pentagon Pantry'. I have
>>obviously read quite a number of Ufology related books and Ray
>>Stanford's "Socorro Saucer..." must rate amongst the best.

>>Not just an example of detailed dedicated research but written
>>in such a way that it will appeal to everyone interested in
>>genuine Ufology.

>>IMHO a classic.

>Geoff,

>Classic BS! Okay, I have bit my tongue until I drew blood, and
>I have had enough.

>Stanford's depiction of the alleged metallic physical trace
>evidence was rebutted 20+ years ago, and I am horrified to see
>him (like the Night of the Living Dead) rising up once again to
>purvey his false version of what happened.

>As I reported back in the 1970s, Stanford is the only one who
>claims what he claims. Everyone at NICAP at the time, including
>me and Walt Webb (who accompanied Stanford to the Goddard Space
>Flight Center with the trace sample) say otherwise.

>He badly wanted to believe that he had the ultimate physical
>proof, but that is not what the NASA analysis indicated. I am
>prepared to go to the mat on this. Stanford's version of what
>happened is riddled with factual errors and paranoid imaginings.

Hi Dick,

I read the book. It didn't come across as paranoid to me. Where
is that coming from? I note there was some concerns about the
way the metal scrapings were handled and then the refusal
afterwards of the scientist to talk to Ray Sanford about it. he
makes some valid claims about the trace metal findings which
rebut what the scientist at Goddard Space Flight Center found. I
hope this isn't going to degenerate into a turf war. Because I
for one am not interested.

Don Ledger

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New Betty Hill Video Interview

From: **Avis Ruffu** <rrar8997@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 11:54:13 -0400
Subject: New Betty Hill Video Interview

[Non-subscriber Post]

Dear UFO UpDates:

I recently sat down with Betty and taped an interview. Betty not only talks about her 1961 abduction but goes on to tell of her continued sightings and communications with the aliens.

We've set-up a web page at:

[Http://www.bettyhillvideo.com](http://www.bettyhillvideo.com)

With Betty's encouragement I took the video to production and the results are ready for the public to view.

Sincerely,

Avis Ruffu

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Secrecy News -- 04/07/03

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Subject: Secrecy News -- 04/07/03

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** TENET RESISTS INTELLIGENCE BUDGET DISCLOSURE
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** MORE ON CIA BIOTERRORISM WORKSHOP

TENET RESISTS INTELLIGENCE BUDGET DISCLOSURE

On the eve of war March 19, Director of Central Intelligence George J. Tenet paused to sign a 28 page statement opposing declassification of the Fiscal Year 2002 intelligence budget total.

"I have determined... that the FY 2002 intelligence community aggregate budget figure must be withheld because its disclosure reasonably could be expected to cause serious damage to the national security and would tend to reveal intelligence sources and methods," DCI Tenet concluded.

The Tenet declaration was filed in D.C. District Court on April 4 as part of a government motion to dismiss a Federation of American Scientists lawsuit to compel release of the 2002 budget figure. The government motion and the Tenet declaration may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/2002/index.html>

Ordinarily, this would be the end of the matter, since Freedom of Information Act case law in the D.C. District generally dictates that courts defer to agency heads such as the Director of Central Intelligence in disputes over national security information. There is, however, an exception to this rule for "contrary record evidence" or "evidence of agency bad faith."

In this case, there is evidence that DCI Tenet has grossly misrepresented the significance of the aggregate budget total. Briefly put, the aggregate figure is an artificial construct that has no intelligence significance or sensitivity whatsoever. It is a composite of several distinct budget categories (i.e., NFIP, JMIP and TIARA) that are independently generated, authorized and appropriated. As a result, its disclosure could have no adverse consequences on national security or intelligence sources and methods, as the declassification of the 1997 and 1998 budget totals demonstrated in practice.

Evidence to rebut the DCI's declaration will be presented in a reply to the government motion that is due on May 5.

MORE BUDGET SECRECY

The Bush Administration is audaciously pushing budget secrecy into new precincts of the congressional appropriations process

where it had previously been unheard of.

"In what members said was an unprecedented move, Bush asked for the \$2.5 billion [postwar Iraq] reconstruction fund to be appropriated to the White House itself," the Washington Post reported. "A memo prepared by senior GOP staff for the House Appropriations Committee noted that the arrangement would erect a 'wall of executive privilege [that] would deny Congress and the Committee access to the management of the Fund. Decision-makers determining the allocation . . . could not be called as witnesses before hearings, and most fiscal data would be beyond the Committee's reach'."

See "U.S. Plan For Iraq's Future Is Challenged: Pentagon Control, Secrecy Questioned," by Karen DeYoung and Dan Morgan, Washington Post, April 6:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A37417-2003Apr5.html>

Meanwhile, routine budget justification documents are being inexplicably withheld from congressional appropriators, provoking anger even among Republican lawmakers who are sympathetic to the Administration.

Last week, Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY) abruptly adjourned a hearing of a House Appropriations Subcommittee because the requisite documents had not been delivered, Jim McGee reported in CQ Homeland Security, published by Congressional Quarterly, on April 4.

"The unusual display of resentment by Rogers, a respected Republican loyalist who takes pride in his congenial but businesslike review of agency budgets, brought to the surface weeks of tension on Capitol Hill over the legislative tactics of the Bush Administration," Mr. McGee wrote.

"We need those [budget] justifications to perform our Constitutional duty," said Rep. Rogers before terminating the hearing.

BEYOND THE BALANCING TEST

Tom Blanton, director of the National Security Archive, presents a first-rate account of the recent evolution of government secrecy and the challenges of the present moment in a new paper entitled "Beyond the Balancing Test: National Security and Open Government in the United States."

The 41 page paper synthesizes a whole bookshelf's worth of history and analysis of official secrecy, provides a cutting critique of Bush Administration policy, and concludes with an argument that openness is not something to be contrasted and "balanced" with security. Rather, Blanton contends, "openness is security." It is often literally true, he explains, that openness succeeds where secrecy fails in mitigating or eliminating a threat.

The new paper, which was prepared for a May 5 symposium on National Security and Open Government, is posted here:

<http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/campbell/opengov/Blanton.pdf>

The National Security Archive was recently awarded a jaw-dropping one million dollar grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation (which also funds the FAS Project on Government Secrecy and other freedom of information advocacy initiatives).

The free flow of information is "important to an understanding of world events," according to a March 19 Knight Foundation news release. "Toward that end, the foundation has given \$1 million to the National Security Archive Fund, to encourage federal agencies to maintain standards of openness." It may be the largest grant ever awarded for such activity and reflects the high regard in which the organization's work is held.

MORE ON CIA BIOTERRORISM WORKSHOP

The dustup described in Secrecy News on April 2 over whether the final report of an unclassified CIA-sponsored workshop on

bioterrorism would be classified is fleshed out with some attributed quotes and further background information by Peg Brickley in The Scientist online today.

See "CIA openness report to be classified?" here:

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/news/20030407/03>

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Re: Request For Info - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 11:27:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 11:58:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Request For Info - Sandow

>From: Tim Edwards <tedwards@wiredog.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 05:10:42 -0400
>Subject: Request For Info

>I thought this forum would be the best place to receive reviews,
>comments, and/or opinions of the following texts I just
>acquired.

>Witnessed - The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions

>by Bud Hopkins
>c. 1996 (Pocket Books: Mass Market Paperback)

>and

>We Are Not Alone - The Search for Intelligent Life on Other
>Worlds

>(New Revised Edition)
>by Walter Sullivan
>C. 1964-66 (Hardcover: McGraw Hill)

The Sullivan book is very old. I don't think it represents current thinking on its subject.

You'll get many opinions about "Witnessed," some of them very strongly negative.

Some years ago I wrote a long evaluation of the case it describes, for IUR, the publication of the Center for UFO Research. You can find that evaluation on my website, www.gregsandow.com/ufo. Perhaps it will help you decide whether to read the book. Certainly the book describes a well-known and controversial abduction case. Some people think it's utter nonsense, others take it seriously.

Greg Sandow

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CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up

From: John <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 11:34:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 12:03:55 -0400
Subject: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up

Hello All,

I received the following message from Ted Roe of NARCAP in reference to the issues that were raised last month about how and why CFI and Podesta/Mattoon had chosen the Kecksburg case to go to the government with. Ted, Jan Aldrich, EBK and myself conducted a dialog on 'Strange Days... Indeed' where Ted stated that he was going to post a formal invitation for ufologists to submit cases for consideration and possible inclusion in the government inquiry process that has been initiated by CFI.

Instead of posting the invitation himself (as a board member of CFI,) he sent me this brief paragraph below that I 'assume' I am supposed to post on his behalf. So here it is...

for what it's worth.

From: Ted Roe

>Hi John,

>I prepared an invitation but in the process I found myself facing >a simple issue of redundancy because the contact info for Ed, Larry >and Leslie are on the CFI website. All three have assured me that >they answer their email, and that has been my experience. As CFI >is a coalition of various groups arranged somewhat informally, it >is to be expected that there is free discussion about a variety of >issues including research topics and courses of action.

>However, if a more direct invitation to the UFO community is still >necessary, let me know how this sounds:

>An Open Invitation to the UFO research community:

>If you are interested in assisting the Coalition for Freedom of >Information (CFI) with its stated goals of gaining credibility in the >public discourse regarding unidentified aerial phenomena please >forward your ideas, suggestions and commentary to either Ed >Rothschild, Larry Landsman, Leslie Kean, through the contact >points listed at www.freedomofinfo.org or contact Ted Roe at >magicalnexus@hotmail.com

>Is this along the lines of what you were looking for?

My answer to his last question is an emphatic, NO!

Ed Rothschild, Larry Landsman and Leslie Kean are not ufologists and none of them are qualified to evaluate any of the research material that may be submitted to them. That's how we got 'stuck' with Kecksburg to begin with!

Hey, it's their money and their time and they can blow it any way they want to. The problem is, it is all of ufology that will take the black-eye if their attempt to get information from the government about Kecksburg fails.

I'm sick and tired of being jerked around, the politics and head games. Bottom line? The Sci-Fi channel already has a

'Kecksburg Special' in the works.

What does that tell you about their 'real' agenda?

Stan Gordon, who has always been the biggest (if not the only) proponent of the Kecksburg case has been deeply involved with CFI from the beginning.

Berliner of FUFOR isn't going to 'rock the boat' by questioning the selection of the Kecksburg case because he is only concerned with maintaining his 'exclusive' relationship to CFI and the Sci-Fi channel. (The money)

It's no wonder to me why submissions of case material from any other ufologists was never solicited or even considered.

The whole thing smells.

This is my last word on any of this. I refuse to have anything to do with giving the Sci-Fi channel any more free publicity on this List or on SDI for their Kecksburg special. Which I hope nobody watches - in protest.

Good luck Ed, Larry, and Leslie. I hope Kecksburg turns out to be an actual UFO case after all. If not... you will have given ufology a black-eye that it may not recover from. As for FUFOR, MUFON and CUFOS... if you ever find your balls, you might want to tell Ed, Larry and Leslie that there are much stronger/better UFO cases that they could be approaching the government with.

What a waste of resources and energy.

John Velez
Pissed-off UFO witness

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Re: Mystery Of Gobbler's Rock - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 11:02:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 12:09:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Mystery Of Gobbler's Rock - Groff

>From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymcb@attcanada.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 17:39:25 -0400
>Subject: The Mystery Of Gobbler's Rock

>Source: The Indianapolis Star

><http://www.indystar.com/print/articles/8/033513-3318-108.html>

>The mystery of Gobbler's Rock

>Yellowwood State Forest visitors are mystified by the large rocks
>perched high in several trees.

Can anyone think of a mechanism whereby the boulders were lifted
as the trees grew?

Suppose these boulders had been carried to their locations by a
flood landing them on top of some young but hearty trees. The
trees, though partly crushed, continued to grow, lifting the
boulders in the process.

Could an examination of the trees reveal whether they had had
damage at a young age?

Are there other boulders in the area of comparable size that
missed landing on other trees or perhaps killed the ones they
did land on, but would indicate that perhaps an earlier flood
had occurred?

Just some thoughts.

Terry

<http://www.terrygroff.com/mufon/>

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Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 12:16:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 16:23:57 -0400
Subject: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children

Hi All,

I don't know how many of you had a chance to listen to Saturday night's broadcast of Strange Days... Indeed. Apparently Richard Boylan (of hot-tub fame) has now turned his ufological attention on children. No wait, let me correct that... he has turned his attention on 'Star-children.'

All I will say about Boylan is; go to the Google Search engine on the Internet and type in the following phrase:

Richard Boylan Hot Tub

Enjoy the read if you can hold your lunch down while doing it.

The 'guest' on last Saturday's edition of SDI was author Mary Rodwell. She has been motivated by Boylan's current work with 'Star children' to pursue the subject on her own with children in Australia. These 'star-children' are (according to Boylan and Rodwell) the current crop of UFO/alien contactees. The children are 'ok' with the experiences according to Rodwell. It is only the old fuddy-duddy 'abductees' that did not understand the true nature of the abductions who viewed them as an intrusion (violation) into their lives.

"These star-children exhibit psychic and telepathic abilities" says Rodwell. "They are educating their parent's" she goes on. One child told his parents that he thought it was cool to be able to walk through walls. She went on and on like that all through the interview.

I have to stop and ask at this point. Does anybody else think that there is something terribly wrong about involving/ including children in abduction research? Does any one else see the potential psychological and emotional damage that such involvement (reinforcement) could have in the future for these innocent, unsuspecting kids?

I became fully aware of the nature of my life-long involvement in the abduction phenomenon at age 43. Even with all of the life experience I had accumulated by middle-age it was still the single most difficult thing I have ever had to deal with and to have to integrate into my reality/world view. I consider myself extremely lucky that I have not lost my mind or my balance in the process.

To expect children to be able to cope with such a reality, children who have not yet developed the tools and coping mechanisms needed to properly integrate such a reality is not only unreasonable, it is cruel and something I consider the very height of irresponsibility.

The potential emotional and psychological damage that can result from reinforcing such belief systems in children cannot be measured or predicted. To me, exposing children to such a thing is tantamount to abuse.

Others may consider this activity as 'benign' and not harmful to the children involved. But I would suspect that they are people

who have never had any children themselves. I am certain however that any one who has been a parent, who has loved, nurtured and raised children to adulthood will see the danger in such activity as clearly as I do.

Just my opinion.

John Velez
Parent/Grandparent/Abductee

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Re: UFO Spectro-Photography - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 16:28:01 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Spectro-Photography - Maccabee

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2003 17:25:04 -0500
>Subject: UFO Spectro-Photography [was: Phoenix Lights Redux]

>>From: Joyce Aldrich-Halpin <solar_wind@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 22:48:47 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

<snip>

>In responding to your welcome suggestion for a list of take-
>along equipment for the serious UFO researcher, let me divide
>that into two postings. This first one will make some
>suggestions about how to use a diffraction grating, optimally,
>in photographing light spectra of anomalous areial objects or
>phenomena:

Ray has presented information on the use of diffraction gratings in taking UFO pictures. I would like to point out that Edmunds Scientific can provide a "Star" grating that creates vertical and horizontal diff patterns (as well as the central image) with a grating period of about 200 lines per inch. These can be calibrated in a particular camera by photographing (at some distance) a laser pointer (red or another color) or by photographing a distance mercury vapor (blue-green) or sodium vapor (yellow) streetlight.

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The Hunt For The Chupacabras Is On

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 17:19:11 -0400
Subject: The Hunt For The Chupacabras Is On

The Hunt for the Chupacabras is On - Allegations of NASA
Offering a

Reward

From Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Miami UFO Center

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4-6-3

The Miami UFO Center has learned that there has been reports of several armed searches in various parts of Chile and Argentina in order to find a humanoid creature believed to be the blood predator known as "the chupacabras." Due to the severity of the financial losses of farmers in light of recent animal mutilations, the search parties not only consist of law enforcement personnel, but angry civilian farmers are taking part as well.

A group of farmers in Do=Flihue, Chile, have begun a well-organized search since last Wednesday, after numerous reports of dead farm animals began to horrify the entire town. According to some villagers, the attacks have been so severe that they have suffered great financial losses. The animal mutilations believed to be caused by the alleged creature have been over two hundred, including chickens and bovines.

Cristina Sald=EDa and Carmen Cort=E9s, two of the property owners affected by the financial losses due to the animal mutilations described the scene.

According to them, their dead chickens were completely dry. "The carcasses appeared to be without a drop of blood in them," they said. Many villagers believe the "bloody creature" might be hiding in the local vineyards.

Some skeptics, including Veterinarian Jorge Troncoso, say the animal deaths might actually be caused by an epidemic. Others attribute the deaths to the usual "wild dogs" or mountain lions. However, when these wild animals attack, they normally consume their prey and not just suck their blood.

There was a particular group of farmers that were found setting up traps for the alleged humanoid creature, and conducting night search operations. These farmers and hunters say that they were told by some individuals claiming to be "NASA personnel" in the area that they would receive a million dollars if they capture a chupacabras, dead or alive.

Another similar search operation has been taking place in the neighboring country of Argentina, in the city of Rosario. Last month, Judge Mario Dilascio from the Southern Judicial District of Rosario ordered an intensive police search throughout the city.

The search began in light of several police reports filed by many of the local residents, many of them claiming of being attacked by a humanoid creature in the wooded areas of the city. However, this particular creature appeared to be significantly larger than the one described as the "chupacabras." The alleged beast appears to be the Argentine version of the Yeti, according to many eyewitness descriptions. All the eyewitness testimonies corroborate. They all mention a strange large creature, about two meters tall, with long ears, shiny reddish eyes, strong and powerful arms, and hands with long curved fingernails, apparently as sharp as blades.

"We have gathered a great deal of eyewitness testimonies and interviews with people that claim to have seen a large hairy human-like creature, apparently very ferocious, and capable of attacking human beings," said Police Chief Roque Far=EDas. "The Province Magistrate has taken charge of the case. He has issued us instructions to conduct two operational phases. Phase one will basically consist in verifying the truthfulness and validity of these eyewitness claims, as well as the actual existence of the alleged creature.

Phase two will involve the actual search and capture of the animal. We are going to try to capture it alive."

The chief provided additional details of the search operation. "The search operation would consist of 14 officers from the mounted police. They will search the Rosario River Area, heading north. Six additional officers will search the neighboring areas surrounding the city dump, where a family of nearby residents reported seeing the creature as close as ten meters from their residence. A third patrol car, with four officers will search the vicinity of Salado Brook, where in mid February a couple was attacked by the alleged beast. Each team will include members of the Crime Scene Investigative Unit 3, in case any physical evidence, such as tracks, hairs, or fingerprints would require to be analyzed," said Police Chief Far=EDas. Miami UFO Center has not received any recent updates about this search; therefore it is not known if the search is still ongoing.

In Cachi, Argentina, several investigators interested in animal mutilations cases have arrived. Some of them, including a few journalists, are interested in the reports of humanoid sightings. One particular French journalist by the name of Jean Jacques Mandel is interested in the chupacabras phenomenon. He's an editor for Geo Magazine. Mandel is in the area conducting interviews and investigations to determine if the reports about humanoid creatures are real, or if they are just the product of mass hysteria. Mandel has also traveled to India to investigate the sightings of another humanoid creature known as "the monkey man."

More UFOs Seen in Chile

Source: Terra.cl

The wave of UFO sightings in Chile continues to be ongoing since it began on mid February. On March 21, several flying objects were observed at around noon in the area of Providencia, in Santiago. According to many eyewitnesses and television footage, the object appeared along with a group of lights in the northeast part of the city.

A television camera crew interviewed several eyewitnesses. According to them, the object was very big, circular in shape, very bright, and it seemed to be accompanied by other smaller objects. Some eyewitness reported seeing up to seven objects around it. The smaller objects appeared to be spheres.

Roberto Rasse was one of the eyewitnesses. "At first, I didn't know what to make of it. It was strange because it happened right when the war with Iraq started. I called a friend of mine that knows about UFOs and told him to bring his binoculars. When he saw it using the binoculars, he said that there were many smaller objects around it, around 50 of them. Then, it flew away very rapidly," he said. After taking a better look with the binoculars, Cristian Aguirre, said that the main object did not

appear to be solid.

It appeared to change shape. According to some reports, the air force said that the objects were not seen on radar.

On the day before, another UFO was seen in the city of Calama. An eyewitness by the name of Rodrigo Castillo reported seeing the flying object when he was driving from Calama to the neighboring city of Antofagasta, in northern Chile. According to him, the object followed his truck for about two minutes.

"It was about nine o'clock at night. As I was driving, I noticed a very bright object in the sky. It suddenly began to get closer to my truck.

It had an intense brightness. It continued following me for about two minutes.

I stopped the truck, and the object kept on moving in the direction I was traveling. It did not emit any sound. It was not an airplane because it was very quiet. After I stopped, it was gone within seconds," said Castillo.

Translation by Mario Andrade

Reports gathered by Jaime Ferrer, Calama UFO Center

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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Hamilton

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>>Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2003 20:14:12 +0100
>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

<snip>

>>I would like to add to Nick's remarks regarding Ray Stanford's
>>book - "A Socorro 'Saucer in a Pentagon Pantry'. I have
>>obviously read quite a number of Ufology related books and Ray
>>Stanford's "Socorro Saucer..." must rate amongst the best.

>>Not just an example of detailed dedicated research but written
>>in such a way that it will appeal to everyone interested in
>>genuine Ufology.

>>IMHO a classic.

>Classic BS! Okay, I have bit my tongue until I drew blood,
>and I have had enough.

>Stanford's depiction of the alleged metallic physical trace
>evidence was rebutted 20+ years ago, and I am horrified to see
>him (like the Night of the Living Dead) rising up once again to
>purvey his false version of what happened.

>As I reported back in the 1970s, Stanford is the only
>one who claims what he claims. Everyone at NICAP at the time,
>including me and Walt Webb (who accompanied Stanford to the
>Goddard Space Flight Center with the trace sample) say
>otherwise.

>He badly wanted to believe that he had the ultimate physical
>proof, but that is not what the NASA analysis indicated. I am
>prepared to go to the mat on this. Stanford's version of what
>happened is riddled with factual errors and paranoid imaginings.

Okay, as all of these cases seem to have a degree of disagreement
and high emotional content, please enlighten us on NICAP's
findings as factually as possible.

Thanks,

Bill H.

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>>>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 19:33:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>>>Last Saturday's 'Strange Days... Indeed' interview with
>>>>Ray Stanford is available for your listening pleasure at:

>>>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/sdi2003.html>

>>>>in program 234's listing.

>>>>Ray revealed some interesting new research info.....

>>>>A few years ago while at the Toronto Central Reference Library I
>>>>read a few pages of Ray Stanford's very well researched book,
>>>>'Socorro 'Saucer' in a Pentagon Pantry' which is all about the
>>>>famous 1966 [Actually 1964 -- R.S.] UFO landing/occupant case. I was
surprised to learn
>>>>that actual physical evidence - metallic residue - was found on
>>>>the rocks that the UFO landed on!

>>>>This time while listening to Ray on Errol's 'SDI' radio program
>>>>last Saturday night, I was again amazed to hear about some other
>>>>very fascinating observations he has made. If Ray's findings as
>>>>he interprets them are correct, then we have some very
>>>>compelling evidence that UFOs are real and extraterrestrial in
>>>>origin. Although Ray has decided to make details of his findings
>>>>public sometime soon, I encourage everyone to hear Ray talk
>>>>about some of these exciting findings which he has already
>>>>shared with 'SDI' listeners.

>>I would like to add to Nick's remarks regarding Ray Stanford's
>>book - "A Socorro 'Saucer' in a Pentagon Pantry". I have
>>obviously read quite a number of Ufology related books and Ray
>>Stanford's "Socorro Saucer..." must rate amongst the best.

>>Not just an example of detailed dedicated research but written
>>in such a way that it will appeal to everyone interested in
>>genuine Ufology.

>>IMHO a classic.

So Dick Hall got upset (as he admits) and said:

>Geoff,

>Classic BS! Okay, I have bit my tongue until I drew blood,
>and I have had enough.

Dick sounds kind of out-of-control, doesn't he! :)

>Stanford's depiction of the alleged metallic physical trace
>evidence was rebutted 20+ years ago, and I am horrified to see
>him (like the Night of the Living Dead) rising up once again to
>purvey his false version of what happened.

You can bet Dick Hall is horrified (his word) because my book's report on this metallic evidence matter shows that his alleged 'rebuttal' is, itself, 'buttal', to coin an appropriate term. :) A rebuttal is no better than its content, and Dick's was absent of anything except wishful thinking, because it was emotionally biased, contrary to Dick's more traditional lucid thinking concerning UFOs. Dick and NICAP had a lot to lose if it became known that they helped loose metallic evidence of the most well-documented UFO landing case ever.

Then, too, we might think about the evidence of a FOIA document that reveals that a CIA security check was being undertaken on Hall to see if he could be relied upon to work with them through NICAP. Of course, Hall asks us to believe that this was being done without his co-operation and knowledge, but that cannot not be true. Many kinds of personal and acquaintance information are needed and obtained from the person involved before a CIA security check is done, because it is quite expensive and they need valid personal information from 'the horse's mouth'. Thus, one might wonder if Hall could have been taking up for the cover-up of the Socorro metallic evidence under direction from the CIA. I'm not sure of such a thing, but some might feel there's reason to wonder, and NICAP has been shown to have been replete with CIA related people.

I had Allen Hynek read my manuscript for the book before it was ever published. He read it, told me he had communicated with Dr. Henry Frankel (Who had headed the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center analysis.), and then congratulated me for a job well done, declaring Hall's rebuttal to be totally "in error" and revealing of a lack of insight into the nature of x-ray diffraction analysis, which was what was done to the Socorro metallic material at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center under the direction of Frankel.

Hynek's evaluation of the facts on this matter have subsequently been backed up by every analytical chemist who has examined the facts and communicated with me about it.

I suggest reading my book on the Socorro cover-up, if anyone wants the facts about this and not the vitriol Dick is spewing (accusing me of "paranoid imaginings", etc), possibly to try and save face for the fact that he was a major contributor to a series of events that lead to the cover-up of metallic hard evidence from the Socorro's object's northwest landing gear that was scraped onto a rock which that landing gear had pushed to one side during the landing and possibly again, on lift-off.

You don't have my 1976 book and don't know where to get it? Bob Girard at Arcturus Books (in Florida) has brand new First Edition hard-cover copies, signed by me, available. You can reach Bob at RGirard321@aol.com. His phone number is 772-398-0796. The cost of the book (Make checks payable to Aucturus Books.) is \$21.95 + \$2.84 postage if you live within the contiguous 48 states of the USA. Postage would be more, elsewhere. Ask Bob.

You could call Bob and give him your credit card information or can mail a check to him at 1443 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. My book's title is Socorro Saucer In A Pentagon Pantry. I suggest you ask Bob for his free catalogue, because he has many different books available, including Dick Hall's very excellent The UFO Evidence, Volume II. So far as I personally know, Girard is the only UFO book dealer around, and I hear he could really use some sales right now, so help him out, whether you buy my book, Dick Hall's book, or both. I have Dick's book, and have read and appreciated it. It is a reference book on UFO cases that every serious student of UFO phenomena should have. Splurge yourself and buy it, too.

Dick's message about what my book documents, said that he would 'go to the mat' with me on this. Well, Dick, I suspect it is you, indeed, who would get penned to the mat were we to so

engage. But like Don ledger commented in response to yours, I don't think UFO UpDates is the place to waste space for your personal vendetta against my reporting the Socoro facts, so here is what I propose:

I dare you to accept having a public debate with me about this at the upcoming MUFON UFO Symposium, if John Schuessler would allow it.

So, let's agree on this first and then ask John if MUFON would like to sponsor the biggest 'drawing card' since Mike Tyson bit the ear off his opponent. :)

If you can't afford the expense of travel to that next conference, maybe MUFON would pay it. If they will not do so, then you can ride over there with me in my car. I would not even ask you to share any gasoline expenses and will even pay for your hotel room if MUFON will not. We live only ten minutes driving time apart, here in the D.C. area, and my car is reliable and has air conditioning in case things get too hot between us on this matter. :)

But please put up or shut up, Dick, my esteemed colleague on most UFO matters, except this one.

Dick Hall seems to think that I cherish the lost Socorro metallic evidence as some very important proof that what landed at Socorro was likely of E.T. origin. No. I just reported the facts. As I write, I glance upon evidence from the Socorro landing that may turn out to put that metallic evidence he is fussing about into the shade, considering the light it might conceivably cast on both of the two seemingly distinct propulsive modes employed by the Socorro object.

Those who wish to hear me describe this possible evidence should listen to my interview (Thanks to Peter Davenport.) on the Jeff Rense Radio Show (by radio or else on-line) tomorrow, 10 to 12 PM, Eastern. But I will have a lot to say about more important UFO evidence, too.

I'm not really attached to this issue these days, having more important UFO evidence to deal with right now, but felt I should respond because Dick has chosen to let the vitriol fly. None of those who praised my Socorro book on this list even mentioned the metallic evidence matter in their UFO UpDates postings, so I think it tactically foolish of Dick to do have done so. He will just have a lot more open minded people out there learning what he'd rather they not learn.

Now, lest Dick Hall or someone else accuse my interest in this of being financial (to sell books), think again. I sure as heck don't need the money a few book sales through Bob Girard would bring me. In fact, I hereby go on notice that for every copy ordered through Bob as a result of this posting, I will replace every one of them to him at no charge. Free! Bob's honest and worthy bookselling business deserves and needs the help in these times when people are tightening their purse strings against spending discretionary income.

I'll even go one step more: Listers, please buy the book from Girard if you can afford it; but if you honestly cannot afford it and will tell me so, just send me the \$2.84 for postage, a snail mail address, and I will personally pay for the envelope, sacrifice what I would have received from Bob as the wholesale price, sign the book, and mail it to you if you live within the contiguous 48 states of the USA, as long as the supply last. This offer applies only to verifiable members of the UFO UpDates list as of the moment this message is posted.

Hall declared:

>As I reported back in the 1970s, Stanford is the only
>one who claims what he claims.

I guess Allen Hynek was a 'no one', to say nothing of the analytical chemists who have commented. :)

Hall declared, further:

>He badly wanted to believe that he had the ultimate physical
>proof, but that is not what the NASA analysis indicated.

List members, please read for yourself the real analysis reported in my book, where I also quote the cover-up story. Both sides are explicitly told. Contrary to Hall's claim, I never expected such a bit of metallic evidence to be "the ultimate physical proof"! Talk about constructing a straw man and spitting on him!

O.K., Dick. Will you debate with me on this at the MUFON conference, if MUFON will allow it on the program? If not, 'pipe down!*', as the saying goes.

[*Noting you were a pipe smoker the last time I was over at your place to visit.] :)

Sincerely,

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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Re: Request For Info - Harney

From: John Harney <magonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 20:50:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 18:32:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Request For Info - Harney

>From: Tim Edwards <tedwards@wiredog.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 05:10:42 -0400
>Subject: Request For Info

>I thought this forum would be the best place to receive reviews,
>comments, and/or opinions of the following texts I just
>acquired.

>Witnessed - The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions

>by Bud Hopkins
>c. 1996 (Pocket Books: Mass Market Paperback)

Perhaps the politest adjective that can be used to describe Budd Hopkins's 'Witnessed' is "controversial". I reviewed it for Magonia magazine shortly after it was published. This review is available at:

<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/hopkins.htm>

John Harney

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Re: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children -

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 16:34:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 18:34:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children -

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 12:16:02 -0400
>Subject: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children

<snip>

>...The potential emotional and psychological damage that can result
>from reinforcing such belief systems in children cannot be
>measured or predicted. To me, exposing children to such a thing
>is tantamount to abuse.

>Others may consider this activity as 'benign' and not harmful to
>the children involved. But I would suspect that they are people
>who have never had any children themselves. I am certain however
>that any one who has been a parent, who has loved, nurtured and
>raised children to adulthood will see the danger in such
>activity as clearly as I do.

>Just my opinion.

Not just yours, John, mine too. I raised three children.

Thanks for saying it,

Ray Stanford

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Re: UFO Spectro-Photography - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 16:43:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 18:35:19 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Spectro-Photography - Stanford

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 12:23:59 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Spectro-Photography

<snip>

>Ray has presented information on the use of diffraction gratings
>in taking UFO pictures. I would like to point out that Edmunds
>Scientific can provide a "Star" grating that creates vertical
>and horizontal diff patterns (as well as the central image) with
>a grating period of about 200 lines per inch. These can be
>calibrated in a particular camera by photographing (at some
>distance) a laser pointer (red or another color) or by
>photographing a distance mercury vapor (blue-green) or sodium
>vapor (yellow) streetlight.

True, but the "Star" grating splits available light into four directions instead of just two, greatly reducing the available light to act on the film for a readable spectrum.

For that reason, I don't recommend it.

But using a laser pointer's reflected image to calibrate the system is a good suggestion.

But whatever one uses, don't forget to provide calibration spectra on film.

Ray Stanford

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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 21:23:23 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 18:37:05 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Hall

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 13:06:56 -0300
>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 23:42:22 +0000
>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2003 20:14:12 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>>I would like to add to Nick's remarks regarding Ray Stanford's
>>>book - "A Socorro 'Saucer in a Pentagon Pantry'. I have
>>>obviously read quite a number of Ufology related books and Ray
>>>Stanford's "Socorro Saucer..." must rate amongst the best.

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>>>in such a way that it will appeal to everyone interested in
>>>genuine Ufology.

>>>IMHO a classic.

>>Geoff,

>>Classic BS! Okay, I have bit my tongue until I drew blood, and
>>I have had enough.

>>Stanford's depiction of the alleged metallic physical trace
>>evidence was rebutted 20+ years ago, and I am horrified to see
>>him (like the Night of the Living Dead) rising up once again to
>>purvey his false version of what happened.

>>As I reported back in the 1970s, Stanford is the only one who
>>claims what he claims. Everyone at NICAP at the time, including
>>me and Walt Webb (who accompanied Stanford to the Goddard Space
>>Flight Center with the trace sample) say otherwise.

>>He badly wanted to believe that he had the ultimate physical
>>proof, but that is not what the NASA analysis indicated. I am
>>prepared to go to the mat on this. Stanford's version of what
>>happened is riddled with factual errors and paranoid imaginings.

>Hi Dick,

>I read the book. It didn't come across as paranoid to me. Where
>is that coming from? I note there was some concerns about the
>way the metal scrapings were handled and then the refusal
>afterwards of the scientist to talk to Ray Sanford about it. he
>makes some valid claims about the trace metal findings which
>rebut what the scientist at Goddard Space Flight Center found. I
>hope this isn't going to degenerate into a turf war. Because I
>for one am not interested.

Don,

I think your remark about my comments resembling anything like a "turf war" are totally uncalled for. I was there, okay? I have a certain reputation for veracity and constructive contributions in this field. You seem to accept whatever Stanford says as the gospel truth in spite of my red warning flag. On what basis have you concluded that his claims about the alleged metal traces are "valid?" I would think you would be more interested in ascertaining the reasons for my remarks than brushing them off so casually as not being of any pertinent interest to you.

- Dick

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Angela Bowie Recalls UFO Crash Near Detroit?

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@comcast.net>
Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 17:57:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 18:38:59 -0400
Subject: Angela Bowie Recalls UFO Crash Near Detroit?

Hello Everyone,

I recently received a request for assistance from a young man concerning the article on my website at the url below.

<http://www.michiganufos.com/miscellaneous.html#detroit>

Angela Bowie Recalls UFO Crash Near Detroit

He is interested in obtaining a copy of the video (newscast video most likely) which is mentioned at the above url. As you'll see this report appears to be a hoax, but if anyone is familiar with any more details or recalls seeing this particular broadcast please contact me with any information you may have.

Thanks in advance,

Todd Lemire

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Re: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 18:59:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 20:42:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children - Gates

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 12:16:02 -0400
>Subject: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children

>Hi All,

>I don't know how many of you had a chance to listen to Saturday
>night's broadcast of Strange Days... Indeed. Apparently Richard
>Boylan (of hot-tub fame) has now turned his ufological attention
>on children. No wait, let me correct that... he has turned his
>attention on 'Star-children.'

>All I will say about Boylan is; go to the Google Search engine on
>the Internet and type in the following phrase:

>Richard Boylan Hot Tub

>Enjoy the read if you can hold your lunch down while doing it.

John, Listers

Dr. Boylan, a clinical psychologist, was allegedly the past president of the Sacramento Valley Psychological Association.

Supposedly his practise was shutdown and his various state licenses stripped due to "imposing his views of space aliens into the dreams and memories of two patients, nude hot tub bathing with patients, and bartering nude massages in return for psychological therapy." according to Saucer Smear.

Years ago (mid 90s?) some folks defended the story and said that he was just being picked on by his detractors and the evil government conspiracy. I recall it was once suggested that this was some kind of alternative treatment method that other (whomever the other were) abductee researchers have used or were using. Yet others thought he was merely pumping the abductees for information. Either way the hot tub story may give new meaning to being "probed".

When I saw the words "star children" the name Michael Jackson came to mind... or should that have been sleep over? :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 19:24:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 20:45:24 -0400
Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Gates

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2003 15:09:44 -0500
>Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People

>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 21:48:04 +0000
>>Subject: For The Military Conspiracy People

>>For all you people on this list that believe all UFOS are just
>>U.S. military Pysops test on the planet. IE... 3-13-97 boomerang
>>was hologram or blimp etc...

>Ok, Tom, I'll bite (I was asked these same questions recently in
>what I thought was a private conversation with someone else,
>hmmm).

>First, I don't think "all" UFOs are U.S. military psyops tests.
>Some UFOs could be secret military projects and some could be
>something else. And, I am not into conspiracies. To deny that
>*some* (not all) UFOs could be misidentifications of secret
>military technologies is to live in a fantasy world.

Amy, Listers,

The 'Military UFO' theory has seemed to gain more traction with the stories being told by disclosure project witnesses who were claiming that we (meaning the US) had created duplicates of ET craft and we were using those to do all the evil/bad stuff attributed to ET like abductions, various bodily probes, implants and everything else. Apparently they claim that ET is some benevolent being just trying to help out, blah blah blah.

>Second, I doubt holograms are used that much and I don't think
>they were used during the 3-13-97 events in the Phoenix area. As
>for flying craft described as "boomerangs", "black triangles",
>"V shaped", etc. - yes, I think some of these are stealth
>military aircraft and much more than mere blimps (IMHO).

Hologram technology is oft been talked about but in fact and reality there isn't a whole lot to show for it. I recall something about if we could perfect holographic projection technology you could project a huge figure of Mohammad or Allah in front of say some countrys arabic troops and they would run in fear and hand wringing.

>>Can you please explain why our recent wars in Afghanistan and
>>Iraq are not using this technology? Many peoples lives are on
>>the line and were is this supreme technology to help save lives?

>Tom, how do you know they are not using secret projects in
>Afghanistan and Iraq?

They have been using formerly secret technology like the one bomb, and are working on the microwave bomb... with a report that we actually used one in a particular area in Iraq.

<snip>

>>Were is 'Bubba' flying over Iraq sending live video to Centcom?
>>Instead we have the predator flying in circles.

>You think this is all we have? You don't seem to know much
>about UAV's, MAV's and military technologies. If 'Bubba' were
>flying over Iraq sending live video, do you really think we'd be
>told the true source of the images (if they don't want us and
>Saddam to know)?

In essence we had Bubba hovering over Iraq in the form of
various unmanned UAVs for hours and hours.

>>Were is all this hologram technology you preach about? How come
>>they don't use it on the enemy but they use it over our major
>>cities? I think if we had holograms that can fool 1,000 people
>>into seeing a massive UFO we would use it to make people believe
>>they are see the devil or something to scare the hell out of
>>them.

>Who is preaching about hologram technology? What's this about
>holograms that can fool 1,000 people? Though the technology
>exists I doubt it was used to fool the "1,000 people" as you
>suggest.

Its more on the Sci/Fi side like moon bases then reality

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 19:43:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 20:47:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Maccabee

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2003 03:21:09 EDT
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 23:40:15 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>Has anybody ever FOIA requested a copy of the annual history of
>the MD Air National Guard for 1997 or some historical document
>that describes the annual exercise? What would be interesting
>to see is if the Annual history references anything connected to
>the exercise. Perhaps we might get a list of the pilots that
>were deployed, in which some of them could be run down to see if
>they recall anything.

Not aware of anyone using FOIA on the Maryland Nat. Guard. Might
work. My info is based on available information at the time
(Spring, Summer, 1997).

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Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 20:56:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 08:05:08 -0400
Subject: Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Kaeser

John Velez wrote (in part):

>Hello All,

>I received the following message from Ted Roe of NARCAP in
>reference to the issues that were raised last month about how
>and why CFI and Podesta/Mattoon had chosen the Kecksburg case to
>go to the government with. Ted, Jan Aldrich, EBK and myself
>conducted a dialog on 'Strange Days... Indeed' where Ted stated
>that he was going to post a formal invitation for ufologists to
>submit cases for consideration and possible inclusion in the
>government inquiry process that has been initiated by CFI.

<snip>

John

I understand your frustrations, and we'll have to simply agree to disagree on a number of points. We've debated this on the Updates forum previously and our positions haven't changed.

It should be noted that while the UFO Coalition (or at least members of that group) are hopeful that support from the Sci-Fi Channel through CFI and Podesta-Mattoon can help with future projects, there has been little spent thus far. Indeed, the sum total of outlay among Coalition Members has been the cost of a single breakfast meeting that only three of us were able to attend.

Since you feel so passionately about this subject, I would encourage you to boycott the Sci-Fi Channel's programming, as well as that of the Discovery Network (Learning Channel, History Channel, etc). They have also been known to take information from researchers for their own profit without presenting the genre in a positive light. Several researchers that I know have vowed to never give interviews to a number of producers for that very reason. I guess that leaves us with PBS, but we know how they've treated the subject matter.

Steve

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Re: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children - Keith

From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 08:07:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children - Keith

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 12:16:02 -0400
>Subject: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children

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>night's broadcast of Strange Days... Indeed. Apparently Richard
>Boylan (of hot-tub fame) has now turned his ufological attention
>on children. No wait, let me correct that... he has turned his

>attention on 'Star-children.'

>All I will say about Boylan is; go to the Google Search engine
>on the Internet and type in the following phrase:

>Richard Boylan Hot Tub

>Enjoy the read if you can hold your lunch down while doing it.

>The 'guest' on last Saturday's edition of SDI was author Mary
>Rodwell. She has been motivated by Boylan's current work with
>'Star children' to pursue the subject on her own with children
>in Australia.

<snip>

Some might be interested in reading this article that was posted
a while ago on this list:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jan/m02-001.shtml>

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Re: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children -

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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 08:12:07 -0400
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Hi John,

I did not hear the show Saturday. I'm nine hours ahead of you and music was my mistress in Berlin last Saturday nite. But John, I can say I mostly agree with you. Even though it was urgent it caused you, after many years of banishment, to post the name of the unmentionable one of dark disrepute on this List.

As far as I'm concerned, seeing him do his con artist fake direct sources from right within military intelligence, his psychopathic delusion of those who allegedly want the unmentionable one to be the trusted one to carry their deep dark secrets the government is covering up to the public. That was many years ago at a couple of MUFON meetings. He had a smooth, well honed schtick. He had it down as if he were in some weird theatrical production. He was, in his treacherous head.

As time went by we discussed him quite a lot and I know I did some posting. We went all through things that developed from his hot tub abductee pseudo-tantra deceptions and his being a disgrace to his license and pseudo-career. I guess one quadrant of his brain has one too many furrows or something akin.

John, I need your help with my fuzzy memory about no name and the "Star Children".

Didn't we talk about his interacting with "Star Kids" on here in the past? I vaguely remember he was going to do some sessions with them at some place in the coast range of mountains below San Francisco in one of the three California counties I was the MUFON State Section Director (whoop de doo) of back in another century. I think I said on here that I would let the researcher who replaced me know about it. I did.

Didn't we have a report from that no name session?

I can't remember how those children were discovered or just how they were brainwashed by no name. I can't remember even when that was but I would like to read that report and our posts again in the archives.

How are the Australian children discovered?

Where in Australia does this take place? Are there any reports?

In California does horny no name troll around for tasty little kids to indoctrinate as contactees and abductees as he sees fit while at night he is probing the inner resources of their moms in the hot tub?

Do wacko parents indoctrinate their kids as "Star Children"?

Are these kids who suddenly run into the parents' bedroom at about 10 am Sunday while the folks are finishing the horizontal orgasmic rhumba and are cuddled with each other? Does the child run in and shout that the aliens are talking again? Do the folks then phone or email no name?

I wonder happened to the California "Star Children"? Has he kept doing sessions there?

It's in the wee hours of the morning here so tomorrow I'll try to look into this.

Thanks,

Josh

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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Ledger

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Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 01:35:46 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 08:15:13 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Ledger

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 21:23:23 +0000
>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 13:06:56 -0300
>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 23:42:22 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>>>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2003 20:14:12 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>>Classic BS! Okay, I have bit my tongue until I drew blood, and
>>>I have had enough.

>>>Stanford's depiction of the alleged metallic physical trace
>>>evidence was rebutted 20+ years ago, and I am horrified to see
>>>him (like the Night of the Living Dead) rising up once again to
>>>purvey his false version of what happened.

>>>As I reported back in the 1970s, Stanford is the only one who
>>>claims what he claims. Everyone at NICAP at the time, including
>>>me and Walt Webb (who accompanied Stanford to the Goddard Space
>>>Flight Center with the trace sample) say otherwise.

>>>He badly wanted to believe that he had the ultimate physical
>>>proof, but that is not what the NASA analysis indicated. I am
>>>prepared to go to the mat on this. Stanford's version of what
>>>happened is riddled with factual errors and paranoid imaginings.

>>I read the book. It didn't come across as paranoid to me. Where
>>is that coming from? I note there was some concerns about the
>>way the metal scrapings were handled and then the refusal
>>afterwards of the scientist to talk to Ray Sanford about it. he
>>makes some valid claims about the trace metal findings which
>>rebut what the scientist at Goddard Space Flight Center found. I
>>hope this isn't going to degenerate into a turf war. Because I
>>for one am not interested.

>I think your remark about my comments resembling anything like
>a "turf war" are totally uncalled for. I was there, okay? I have
>a certain reputation for veracity and constructive contributions
>in this field. You seem to accept whatever Stanford says as the
>gospel truth in spite of my red warning flag. On what basis have
>you concluded that his claims about the alleged metal traces
>are "valid?" I would think you would be more interested in
>ascertaining the reasons for my remarks than brushing them off
>so casually as not being of any pertinent interest to you.

Hi Dick,

I believe my remarks were more targeted at not getting a small war going between you and Ray. But I did read the book and didn't see the paranoia you spoke of-beyond that mind you that most of us have regarding the establishment's seeming disire to keep things from us. In other ways I've been through what Ray spoke of.

What I wasn't interested in was the animosity which arises from these exchanges. I'm very interested in the details. Recent events lead me to think I'll be privy to them.

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>contributions in this field.

No argument from me-and I think you know that.

Best,

Don

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NASA Posts Thousands Of New Mars Images

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Subject: NASA Posts Thousands Of New Mars Images

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<http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/space/04/05/mars.images.reut/index.html>

Saturday, April 5, 2003

NASA posts thousands of new Mars images

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- Sand dunes that look like the scales of a giant fish and rare, wispy clouds are among more than 11,000 new images of Mars posted on the Internet, NASA said on Friday.

The photographs, which scientists will examine to glean new clues about how much water there is on Mars and where, are posted at: www.msss.com/moc_gallery

They were taken by the orbiting Mars Global Surveyor.

"The new batch, taken between February and July 2002, brings the total number of images in the online gallery to more than 123,800," NASA said in a statement.

MGS, orbiting Mars since 1997, has provided valuable insights that have helped planetary experts and geologists to conclude that liquid water may exist just under the surface of Mars. That is important news for future explorers as well as to scientists trying to understand the Red Planet's dynamics.

"Indeed, there remain new discoveries to be made about the history of water, climate variability, and character of future landing sites from the continuing flow of images, spectra, and related measurements from the Global Surveyor," said James Garvin, NASA's lead scientist for Mars Exploration.

"Without the new perspectives provided by MGS, the critical scientific and engineering assessment of potential landing sites for the Mars Exploration Rovers would not have been possible."

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Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 02:00:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 08:24:45 -0400
Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Hebert

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2003 19:24:45 -0400
>Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2003 15:09:44 -0500
>>Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People

>Amy, Listers,

>The 'Military UFO' theory has seemed to gain more traction with
>the stories being told by disclosure project witnesses who were
>claiming that we (meaning the US) had created duplicates of ET
>craft and we were using those to do all the evil/bad stuff
>attributed to ET like abductions, various bodily probes,
>implants and everything else. Apparently they claim that ET is
>some benevolent being just trying to help out, blah blah blah.

Actually, Robert, I think those who study military technologies in addition to UFO sightings do so for reasons as varied as for those who study UFO's, abductions, ET theories, etc. Stories told by disclosure project witnesses mean little to me as do the claims of alleged benevolent ET's here to help us. The study of military technology in relation to UFO sightings seems a logical step in a scientific approach to the study of phenomena. Before we can go around claiming something is 'unknown' or "unidentified" we must first make sure it's not plain old human ingenuity in disguise.

>Hologram technology is oft been talked about but in fact and
>reality there isn't a whole lot to show for it. I recall
>something about if we could perfect holographic projection
>technology you could project a huge figure of Mohammand or Allah
>in front of say some countrys arabic troops and they would run
>in fear and hand wringing.

Shees! You'd think they'd find better ways to use it by now. If it were me, I'd use holographic technology to generate various kinds of camouflage to hid behind or distort the outlines of armored ground vehicles... or maybe even make a triangular-shaped object look V-shaped one minute, circular the next or even box-like the next minute. That way no two sighting reports would be the same and it would cause mass confusion and doubt. No one would ever be able to point to it and say, "Oh, it's just one of those old military thingies using CC&D to make us think we're seeing flying saucers and ET." But then, naaaa. Easier to just use variable lighting patterns since it's been around for decades and works so well.

>They have been using formerly secret technology like the one
>bomb, and are working on the microwave bomb... with a report
>that we actually used one in a particular area in Iraq.

So true, Robert. I've also noticed there has been almost no mention of the use of non-lethal weapons or lasers. Makes one wonder if these might be used/tested in Iraq as well. Who's gonna complain?

>In essence we had Bubba hovering over Iraq in the form of
>various unmanned UAVs for hours and hours.

Yep, maybe 'Bubba' is all grown up and had babies by now.

>>Who is preaching about hologram technology? What's this about
>>holograms that can fool 1,000 people? Though the technology
>>exists I doubt it was used to fool the "1,000 people" as you
>>suggest.

>Its more on the Sci/Fi side like moon bases then reality.

Maybe it's not all Sci/Fi. <grin>

A. Hebert

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 19:01:38 -0300
>Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People

>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003 21:48:04 +0000
>>Subject: For The Military Conspiracy People >Again

>what's the point of showing them off to the civilian populations
>in towns and cites of the world.

>Don Ledger

Maybe the point is the result.

A. Hebert

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 05:45:42 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 10:01:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Hamilton

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 19:43:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2003 03:21:09 EDT
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>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2003 23:40:15 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>Has anybody ever FOIA requested a copy of the annual history of
>>the MD Air National Guard for 1997 or some historical document
>>that describes the annual exercise? What would be interesting
>>to see is if the Annual history references anything connected to
>>the exercise. Perhaps we might get a list of the pilots that
>>were deployed, in which some of them could be run down to see if
>t>hey recall anything.

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>work. My info is based on available information at the time
>(Spring, Summer, 1997).

I have just asked Peter Gersten to file one, but also request
Larry Bryant to file one as well.

I have asked for the following minimum information:

On March 13, 1997...

- 1) Time of departure of Maryland ANG A-10 airplanes from Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona.
- 2) Time of return of A-10s to DM AFB.
- 3) Location of exercise on Barry Goldwater range.
- 4) Type and number of flares carried by each airplane.
- 5) Exact time and location of flare ejection during exercise.

If we could just obtain this, then we would have some factual
data on that flare drop.

-Bill Hamilton

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Re: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children - Carter

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Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 10:42:55 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 17:22:04 -0400
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I've been a lurker for a while, so I'm new to the fray... but not to the issue of "abductions" and contact experiences of both adults and children.

There are two issues that seem to be getting murked up in this thread. One is the reputation of Richard Boylan. You all obviously have had experiences that I have not with the man. I have only known him from participating in his newlist for almost 4 years. What I will say is that I have had serious reservations of my own, based alone on his actions on the List.

The second is what constitutes an appropriate response by the adults in their world, to children who are "contactees".

To me, that is the relevant issue here, and I would hope this discussion could evolve without contaminating it with the tarnished reputation of one individual. Pardon the pun, but I would hope we wouldn't throw the baby out with the bath water.

As a psychotherapist (clinical social worker), and a contactee since childhood, there are obviously immense issues at work in dealing with the spectrum of experiences people of all ages have with E/T presences. The idea that children are contactees is not just the product of a manipulative delusion...and the idea that all contact is de facto horrifically traumatic also doesn't represent the reality of the spectrum of experiences that people, including children, report.

Namaste,

Janet Carter

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Bill,

Back in 1997, just after the FOIA was released by Black Vault on the subject of Luke AFB's knowledge of flares on March 13, 1997, I ask you about doing the same thing about the MANG unit staying in Tucson. You told me that everything that it had been done and everything came back zeros.

Remember? No foodchits signed. No fuel chits signed. No proof of temporary base housing. No one signed for anything. Thus, there was no proof the MANG being there. Remember? I wrote about this as it happened in alt.ufo.reports or alt.alien.visitors back in the summer of 1997.

The FOIA request you have asked Peter to do... has already been done.

Mike

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UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 15

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UFOs FLY AS ALLIED BOMBS
HIT THE LITTLE ZAB VALLEY

Despite a heavy Allied bombing raid on the as-Zab As-Saghir (Little Zab River) valley in northern Iraq, UFOs appeared in the night skies of that embattled Middle East nation last week.

During the early hours of Wednesday, April 2, 2003, Allied B-52 bombers "hit targets outside Kirkuk in the heaviest and most frequent bombing around the strategic oil center since the war began." Two-thousand-pound "steerable" bombs came raining down on Zarzi and other sites in the Little Zab valley, which is alleged to be "Saddam's Area 51" because of the reputed presence of aliens there.

"The bombers flew so high they could not be seen," said Ayesha al-Khatabi, one of UFO Roundup's correspondents in the Middle East. "My Iraqi sources told me that people in the valley heard the loud whistle of the falling bombs, then a series of explosions. Zarzi and Qala Dizeh were bombed. But not the citadel at Qalaat-e-Julundi, which is seven kilometers (4 miles) down the (Little Zab) river from Zarzi. The Ishkut-i-Kurh-i-Kish (famous imam's tomb in nearby Shornakh--J.T.) also escaped damage, as did the ziqqurat (pyramid) of the sorcerer Gimil-ishbi in Altun Kopru (formerly the ancient Sumerian city of Shimurru back in 3000 B.C.--J.T.)."

According to stories making the rounds in the Middle Eastern UFO community, a saucer was shot down in Iraq either during Gulf War 1 in 1991 or during Operation Desert Fox in 1998. Saddam Hussein reportedly granted the aliens sanctuary, allowing them to remain in Iraq if they would help him neutralize the technological military advantages enjoyed by his enemies, the USA, UK and Israel. The aliens were reportedly staying at either the underground base at Zarzi or at the centuries-old citadel of Qalaat-e-Julundi on the Little Zab River. (For more, see UFO Roundup, volume 7, number 51 for December 16, 2002, "Saddam's Area 51?")

Zarzi is about 72 kilometers (45 miles) west of Kirkuk.

Kirkuk is the main objective of the Peshmirga (Kurdish militia--J.T.) and 2,200 paratroopers of the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade. After taking Chamchamal, the Peshmirga (Kurdish for Those who are ready to die --

J.T.) forced Iraqi troops of the 1st and 5th Mechanized Divisions out of Tagtaq on Monday, March 31, 2003, and then pushed on to Kalak on Wednesday, April 2, 2003.

By Saturday, April 5, 2003, the Allied forces grabbed the bridge over the Khazer River and halted at Bahra, 40 kilometers (25 miles) east of Mosul. A furious artillery duel took place in Mankubah, 19 kilometers (12 miles) east of Mosul.

"The Peshmirga and their Green Berets (U.S. Army Special Forces advisors--J.T.) are arrayed in a horseshoe around the valley, but they have not yet entered it in force," Ayesha added, "The Iraqis are dug in west of Bahra and are hitting the Anglo-American coalition forces with artillery fire."

Despite the Allied pressure on Zarzi, UFOs made their first appearance of the war last week.

On Thursday, March 27, 2003, an oblong luminous UFO hovered over the holy city of Najaf (population 560,000), located about 100 kilometers (60 miles) south of Baghdad. A photo showing the unknown object, with a G.I. of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division pointing at it with his forefinger, appeared in the newspaper Euronews, according to French ufologist Thierry Garnier.

"The journalist of Euronews does not mention anything about the object and attributed the destruction of the (Allied) tank to 'an accidental implosion,' Thierry reported.

French ufologist Franck Marie said the image first appeared on the Euronews website at 1:30 a.m. on Friday, March 28, 2003, "but it was gone by 2 a.m."

UFO Roundup correspondent Mohammed Hajj al-Amdar stated, "The UFO's appearance caused great excitement among the Shiites who saw it. They said it had come from Allah's Gardens of Bliss to protect the Tomb of Ali." (Editor's Note: Najaf is a holy city to Shiite Muslims because of the golden-domed mosque that stands over the grave of Ali, the son-in-law of the prophet Mohammed. The mosque miraculously escaped damage last week from the 101st Airborne's howitzer barrage.)

At 11:57 p.m. Baghdad time on Thursday, April 3, 2003, "tiny UFOs that are shaped like a tube with a rotating spiral around them" appeared over Baghdad. The small probes drifted over the midtown area between the Abu Ghrab Expressway and Qadisiya Street, around Zawra Park.

Eagle-eyed UFO Roundup correspondent Grady Croy spotted the UFOs during a live broadcast from Baghdad "while watching FOX News Studio B with Shepard Smith, we saw very plain some of these tiny UFOs...I called FOX News but they wouldn't talk to me." He estimated that the objects hovered for five minutes over Baghdad before vanishing. (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for Monday, March 31, 2003, "U.S. and British warplanes control the skies over battlefield," page 4A; USA Today for Tuesday, April 1, 2003, "Iraq reinforces Baghdad as U.S. troops advance," page 3A; for Wednesday, April 2, 2003, "New offensive toward Baghdad," page 3A; for Thursday, April 3, 2003, "Coalition forces in sight of Baghdad," page 3A; and for Friday, April 4, 2003, "U.S. troops fight in outskirts of Baghdad," page 3A and "The Battle of Baghdad," pages 10A and 11A. Many thanks to Thierry Garnier, Franck Marie, Grady Croy, Ayesha al-Khatabi and Mohammed Hajj al-Amdar for these reports.) (Editor's Comment: What's up for Zarzi next? Your guess is as good as mine, readers. Hopefully, we won't see a repeat of the bloodbath in Dulce, New Mexico that reportedly took place in September 1969, when then-President Richard M. Nixon sent a brigade of U.S. Marines to destroy a group of aliens that took over an underground U.S. laboratory. The situation in Iraq changes by the hour, so stay tuned.)

UFO WITH FLASHING LIGHTS SPOTTED IN VENEZUELA

Late Wednesday evening, March 19, 2003, according to Venezuelan ufologist Arturo Escalante, "a teenaged couple observed the maneuvers of a circular UFO over the outskirts of the Cerro Avila (hill) in Urbanizacion Mariperes, a suburb of Caracas," the capital of Venezuela.

"The strange object, festooned with flashing lights colored green and yellow, was seen between 10 p.m. and

10:30 p.m. It made a short vertical rise which culminated in an instantaneous departure to a neighboring mountain peak." (See NotioVNI for March 30, 2003. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz para eso informe.)

UFOs ARE SIGHTED TWICE IN WESTERN BRAZIL

On Thursday, March 27, 2003, between 6 p.m. and 6:40 p.m., "a UFO was filmed flying over the small city of Rondonopolis," in the state of Mato Grosso do Norte in western Brazil.

"Videographer Laurindo Guedes Jr. and Joao Jacka were working in their photography store at the Mikekinos Building in Rondonopolis when they spotted a luminous object in the sky. The UFO was disc-shaped and had a bright spot in its center. Guedes grabbed his video camera, rushed outdoors and caught the strange flying object in his viewfinder. He obtained 10 minutes of videotape showing the maneuvers of the UFO in the skies above this Brazilian city. The UFO suddenly departed at precisely 6:40 p.m."

"Another UFO was reported flying over Ponte de Pedra," a small town on the Rio Sacuiuina, also in Mato Grosso do Norte.

Rondonopolis is about 400 kilometers (250 miles) west of Brasilia, the national capital. (Muito obrigado a Eustaquio Andrea Patounas por esos casos.)

MUTILATED HORSE FOUND IN CENTRAL ARGENTINA

"A mare turned up dead in (central) Argentina with mutilations on its jawbone. No traces of blood were found nearby, according to the Circulo Ovniologico Riocuartense," a UFO research group.

"The incisions performed on the tissue were perfectly cauterized."

"The animal belonged to a livestock rancher named Daniel Godoy, whose property is located 7 kilometers (4 miles) southeast of the town of Villa Valeria in (Argentina's) Cordoba province, some 120 kilometers (72 miles) southeast of Rio Cuarto on Ruta (Route) 35, which links Cordoba to La Pampa."

"Initial information states that the animal did not suffer from any illnesses whatsoever beyond a slight hip problem. Police from Villa Valeria responded to the scene. However, no report whatsoever has been produced to date." (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Mario Luis Bracamonte para eso informe.)

LARGE WHITE UFO SEEN AT AN AUSTRALIAN BEACH

On Thursday, March 13, 2003, "a large white illumination travelling from west to east at 1,000 feet (300 meters) in altitude" was seen at One Mile Beach in Anna Bay, located 30 kilometers (18 miles) from Newcastle, New South Wales in Australia.

The witness reported, "My wife and I witnessed it at 8:08 p.m. We were walking along the beach in a westerly direction, approximately two-thirds of the way to the westerly end of the beach, where we watched a 'low star' appear over the sea, west of One Mile Point, a hill approximately 80 meters (264 feet) high. The 'low star' appeared in the west and travelled in a horizontal plane to the east directly across our facing path, at what seemed to be an even and regular speed. The object travelled west to east in an unchanging direction and horizontal plane at a height of no more than I estimate at 300 meters (1,000 feet), then it suddenly stopped, then disappeared directly to the south in less than a second or so."

"I liken the speed to that of a military helicopter. In fact, I thought the object was a helicopter with its searchlight, as several of these aircraft have been flying regularly in our vicinity for the past few months. This object was not a helicopter."

The witness estimated that the UFO was "some 1 to 3 kilometers" (0.6 to 1.8 miles) away." (Many thanks to John Hayes and Australia's National UFO Hotlines for this report.)

GIANT SQUID CAPTURED IN
ANTARCTIC WATERS

"Fishermen working in Antarctic waters have made an extremely rare catch--a colossal squid with eyes as big as dinner plates and razor-sharp hooks on its tentacles, a marine researcher said Thursday," April 3, 2003.

"The 330-pound, 16-foot (5.3-meter) long specimen was caught in the Ross Sea, said Steve O'Shea, a research fellow with the Auckland (New Zealand) University of Technology. He said the squid was a young female; adults are much bigger."

"Only one other colossal squid has ever been caught before. Scientists knew of their existence because their beaks have been found in the stomachs of sperm whales."

"'All we know is that it can move through the water...to a depth of 2,000 meters (6,561 feet) and it is an extremely active and extremely aggressive killer,' O'Shea said." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for April 4, 2003, "Fishermen catch giant squid," page 2A.)

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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T-1206?

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 11:22:07 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 17:31:33 -0400
Subject: T-1206?

Does anyone actually have a copy of microfilm reel T-1206(-1) of the Blue Book files? Has anyone ever developed an online index or list of Blue Book cases (not just the Unknowns) taken from the first reel?

Nobody in particular

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Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 14:30:21 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 17:59:19 -0400
Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Ledger

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 02:16:13 -0500
>Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 19:01:38 -0300
>>Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People

>>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com> To:
>>>ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2003
>>>21:48:04 +0000 Subject: For The Military Conspiracy
>>>PeopleAgain

>>what's the point of showing them off to the civilian
>>populations in towns and cities of the world.

Hi Amy,

If that's a defense of the covert development theory by the United States of some new aerial technology, I'm not buying it. Again, the current technology does not support it.

If you are suggesting that these are being developed by the United States to scare the populations of the world, and soften them up to some alien invasion, I'm not buying that either.

If it's some ET technology looking to show their superiority-then they are in bad need of a good public relations or advertising firm, because they are lousy at it.

Don Ledger

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Re: UFO Spectro-Photography - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 13:09:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 18:05:46 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Spectro-Photography - Maccabee

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 16:43:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Spectro-Photography.

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 12:23:59 -0400
>>Subject: Re: UFO Spectro-Photography

<snip>

>>Ray has presented information on the use of diffraction gratings
>>in taking UFO pictures. I would like to point out that Edmunds
>>Scientific can provide a "Star" grating that creates vertical
>>and horizontal diff patterns (as well as the central image) with
>>a grating period of about 200 lines per inch. These can be
>>calibrated in a particular camera by photographing (at some
>>distance) a laser pointer (red or another color) or by
>>photographing a distance mercury vapor (blue-green) or sodium
>>vapor (yellow) streetlight.

>True, but the "Star" grating splits available light into four
>directions instead of just two, greatly reducing the available
>light to act on the film for a readable spectrum.

>For that reason, I don't recommend it.

>But using a laser pointer's reflected image to calibrate the
>system is a good suggestion.

>But whatever one uses, don't forget to provide calibration
>spectra on film.

In my above description of the Edmunds "star" grating I stated
the grating frequency as 200 lines per inch. This should have
read 200 lines per millimeter - the more lines per millimeter
the larger the diffraction angle.

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Re: The Hunt For The Chupacabras Is On - Richardson

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 19:12:01 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 18:23:09 -0400
Subject: Re: The Hunt For The Chupacabras Is On - Richardson

>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 09:44:08 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: The Hunt For The Chupacabras Is On

>The Hunt for the Chupacabras is On - Allegations of NASA
>Offering a Reward

>From Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

>Miami UFO Center

"La Chupacabra" and "Animal Mutilations" are covered in some detail at "The WHY? Files"

<http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

Geoff Richardson

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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 15:25:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 18:26:42 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Stanford

List,

Please let me clarify what I said yesterday concerning Richard Hall, in case anyone misinterpreted my words.

Of course, at times I wondered (after learning of the CIA security clearance probe of Hall via an FOIA document that someone published), but those who read my communication of yesterday carefully will realize that I did not say that Dick is a CIA agent, and I cautioned on the subject, even, of any conceivable compliance by Dick in a CIA cover-up, "I'm not sure of such a thing..."

I certainly don't think of Dick as a CIA agent, but had wondered when I heard about the clearance having been sought, whether he might at least temporarily have been compliant with agency wishes. In other words, I was sharing some of the quandary I went through upon learning that a CIA clearance had been sought for him.

If I were writing yesterday's post today, I might well leave out all reference to a possible CIA connection; but my anger was somewhat awakened by Dick's post. We are both human, though, and, after sleeping on it, I am trying to forgive Dick's off-the-cuff remarks, and I hope Dick will forgive any indiscretion that he might feel I showed in my response on UFO UpDates.

I still hope Dick will accept my challenge for a debate at the MUFON conference. I think a gentlemanly debate would be to the credit of Ufology.

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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Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 15:38:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 18:28:31 -0400
Subject: Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Velez

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 20:56:30 -0400
>Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 08:05:08 -0400
>Subject: Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Kaeser

>John Velez wrote (in part):

>>Hello All,

>>I received the following message from Ted Roe of NARCAP in
>>reference to the issues that were raised last month about how
>>and why CFI and Podesta/Mattoon had chosen the Kecksburg case to
>>go to the government with. Ted, Jan Aldrich, EBK and myself
>>conducted a dialog on 'Strange Days... Indeed' where Ted stated
>>that he was going to post a formal invitation for ufologists to
>>submit cases for consideration and possible inclusion in the
>>government inquiry process that has been initiated by CFI.

><snip>

>John

>I understand your frustrations, and we'll have to simply agree
>to disagree on a number of points. We've debated this on the
>Updates forum previously and our positions haven't changed.

>It should be noted that while the UFO Coalition (or at least
>members of that group) are hopeful that support from the Sci-Fi
>Channel through CFI and Podesta-Mattoon can help with future
>projects, there has been little spent thus far. Indeed, the sum
>total of outlay among Coalition Members has been the cost of a
>single breakfast meeting that only three of us were able to
>attend.

Hi Steve,

You wrote:

>Since you feel so passionately about this subject, I would
>encourage you to boycott the Sci-Fi Channel's programming, as
>well as that of the Discovery Network (Learning Channel, History
>Channel, etc). They have also been known to take information
>from researchers for their own profit without presenting the
>genre in a positive light. Several researchers that I know have
>vowed to never give interviews to a number of producers for that
>very reason. I guess that leaves us with PBS, but we know how
>they've treated the subject matter.

I have been refusing to participate in any UFO programming
that is not being presented as "news" for over five years now. I
get asked/invited fairly regularly and the very first question
that I always ask is, "Is the subject being presented as news or
entertainment?" Because they invariably respond with,
"entertainment" is why you don't see me on TV any longer. :)

They serve their own selfish purposes. I have just chosen to
serve a different master in life, Steve. Truth

Life is way too short for anything else.

Warm regards,

John Velez

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Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails

From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 14:07:33 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 19:55:49 -0400
Subject: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails

UFOWATCHDOG.COM PREVAILS IN COURT
Frivolous Litigation Fails To Silence Website

Touting himself as "one of America's greatest psychics", Sean David Morton didn't have the ability to foretell his own future when he filed a one-million dollar defamation lawsuit against the Internet website UFOWATCHDOG.COM and its editor Royce J. Myers III.

Morton alleged in a lawsuit that UFOWATCHDOG.COM and its editor had "printed false and libelous statements" in a series of articles appearing on the Internet. These articles, most notably 'The Shameless Psychic and His Prophecy of Lies', challenged many of Morton's public claims regarding his supposed psychic abilities, his UFO claims, and raised serious questions about Morton's alleged background and educational claims.

Representing UFOWATCHDOG.COM, well-known Los Angeles civil rights attorney Carol A. Sobel filed a motion to have Morton's lawsuit dismissed under a California statute enacted in 1992 to protect people from defamation and other Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP). A SLAPP suit is usually filed under the guise of a defamation claim and is designed to silence outspoken opponents or critics by forcing them to devote time and resources in combating a lawsuit.

Once the motion to dismiss is filed by the defendant, the party filing the motion is faced with proving two burdens: The statements complained of were made on an issue of public interest and the statements were made in a public forum. The public forum in this matter was the UFOWATCHDOG.COM website and the public issue was Morton's alleged expertise and public claims regarding UFOs and paranormal phenomena, which are both obviously issues of public interest.

Sobel appeared at a hearing on March 13, 2003, in Los Angeles Superior Court before Judge Cary Nishimoto. In arguments submitted to the court on behalf of UFOWATCHDOG.COM, attorney Carol A. Sobel noted that Morton had "not submitted a shred of evidence to prove the falsity of even a single one of the alleged defamatory statements he claims Defendants made of and concerning him." A tentative ruling was issued by Judge Nishimoto in favor of UFOWATCHDOG.COM. The ruling was not final, as Judge Nishimoto provided Morton's attorney a second chance to file papers with the court to offer evidence of Morton's claims.

"Apparently Mr. Morton's attorney failed to file some papers with the court. The judge gave Mr. Morton's attorney another chance to file the papers. After the initial ruling, we had to wait for a final ruling from the court so the judge could take Mr. Morton's papers into account. Even with the judge giving Mr. Morton a second chance to offer proof to the court, it still didn't do any good," Myers said.

On April 1, 2003, Myers was notified of Judge Nishimoto's final ruling, which was in favor of UFOWATCHDOG.COM. In a two-page ruling and the initial ruling, Judge Nishimoto stated that Morton had "not shown that he can prevail or show actual malice or that the matters complained of are not true....."

"Obviously, Judge Nishimoto made the appropriate decision. California's SLAPP statute gives a fair and open opportunity for the plaintiff to make their case. Mr. Morton created an opportunity for himself to prove the veracity of his claims publicly and he couldn't do it. Not only does the court's ruling vindicate UFOWATCHDOG.COM, it also serves to demonstrate that you can't extort people into silence by suing them."

UFOWATCHDOG.COM is now back online and features an updated version of its original investigation into Morton. You can read the updated story 'The Shameless Psychic and His Prophecy of Lies' by visiting:

<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/morton1.html>

UFOWATCHDOG.COM editor Royce J. Myers III will be appearing on various radio programs throughout the week discussing the lawsuit. On Tuesday, April 8, 2003, Myers will be a guest on the nationally syndicated Jeff Rense radio program and will also be a guest on Strange Days...Indeed hosted by Errol Bruce-Knapp on Saturday, April 12, 2003.

ABOUT UFOWATCHCDOG.COM Since early 2001, UFOWATCHDOG.COM has challenged a number of the claims made by well known UFO personalities, has provided commentary on the UFO and paranormal fields, has served as a news source for both UFOs and the paranormal as well as having exposed UFO hoaxes, all in an effort to further more rational and scientific debate regarding issues such as UFOs and the paranormal.

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Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 17:06:14 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 19:58:19 -0400
Subject: Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Balaskas

>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 11:34:10 -0400
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Subject: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up

<snip>

>Good luck Ed, Larry, and Leslie. I hope Kecksburg turns out to
>be an actual UFO case after all. If not... you will have given
>ufology a black-eye that it may not recover from. As for FUFOR,
>MUFON and CUFOS... if you ever find your balls, you might want to
>tell Ed, Larry and Leslie that there are much stronger/better
>UFO cases that they could be approaching the government with.

<snip>

Hi John! Hi Everyone!

The Kecksburg UFO crash happened exactly one month after a major UFO flap in this same region of North America which, according to the late Dr. James McDonald and many other ufologists, was responsible for the great blackout of 1965 that disrupted the lives of millions in Canada and the U.S. Where were you and what were you doing on November 9, 1965?

Although rejected by author/ufologist Frank Edwards, NICAP's Major Donald Keyhoe and others who knew better, the strange lights moving through the skies (one such light over a darkened Manhattan skyline can be found in Time magazine) before and during the blackout were thought by some to be Soviet spacecraft, much like Cosmos 96 that allegedly crashed in Kecksburg. Leonard Stringfield, Stan Gordon and others (eg. MUFON Journals 257, 258 and 274) who have investigated the Kecksburg UFO crash have presented convincing evidence why this very real and well documented UFO crash could not have been Cosmos 96.

Unlike other further investigated UFO cases that have yielded previously unknown Top Secret documents or additional expert testimonies, the Kecksburg UFO crash case promises much more - possibly even the answer to the UFO mystery. An object was observed by thousands and tracked across Canada and the U.S. which crashed at Kecksburg. The remains or wreckage of this object, wherever it is now stored, will be a much more important find to ufology than more documents or new testimony of some lesser UFO incident, even if the Kecksburg object does turn out to be a Soviet spacecraft.

I too wish Ed, Larry and Leslie good luck in their efforts to find the truth behind this major UFO incident.

Nick Balaskas

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Contact... A Half Century Later

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 20:07:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 20:07:12 -0400
Subject: Contact... A Half Century Later

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A half century later, witnesses insist little green... or maybe brown-men crashed in New Mexico

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It was a snow-covered December in 1995 when President Bill Clinton, visiting Northern Ireland in support of the country's new and fragile peace process, spoke to a large gathering that had arrived for a Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The president opted to dismiss politics and keep the mood of his speech light. At one point, he drew laughter as he referred to a letter he'd recently received from a 13-year-old boy in Belfast.

"Ryan," the president said, "in case you're out there, here is your answer: No. As far as I know, no spaceship crashed at Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. And if the Air Force recovered any extraterrestrial bodies, they did not tell me."

Such is the widespread and ongoing fascination attached to a legendary event that many believe actually took place on the late J.B. Foster's sheep ranch more than a half-century ago. What has transpired since that Independence Day weekend when a "flying saucer" was allegedly recovered by military personnel from Roswell Army Air Field has fueled a debate that continues 56 years later. Is it possible that such an unearthly event really occurred? The question has spawned an industry of books--well more than 100 at last count--and documentary films, inspired popular television shows and sci-fi movies, a prospering museum business in Roswell and insistence by many researchers that an ongoing government cover-up of the historic discovery puts Watergate to shame.

Perhaps Clinton should have visited with Midland's Anne Robbins before giving his answer. The widow of a career military man stationed in Roswell at the time, she might have changed his mind. She would probably have shared the description of the saucer that her husband, Technical Sergeant Ernest Robert Robbins, told her he helped recover long ago and the three small "men"--one dead, one near death and another very much alive--found outside the spaceship.

But we're getting ahead of the story.

Was the arid Lincoln County region actually visited by inhabitants of another world? If so, why has the government refused to admit it? And could it be true, as some now claim, that many modern-day technical advancements--from lasers to fiber optics, integrated circuit chips to Velcro--have evolved

from scientific examination and reverse engineering studies of a now hidden spacecraft?

As the story goes, William "Mac" Brazel, who leased the Foster Ranch at the time, was on horseback herding sheep when he happened onto a large field of strewn debris unlike anything he'd ever seen. He would later tell neighbors Floyd and Loretta Proctor it was clearly something that had fallen from the sky; perhaps the cause of the too-loud-to-be-thunder boom he'd heard during the previous night's rainstorm.

Brazel allegedly showed the Proctors some of the pieces he'd collected, metallic but thin as tinfoil. They watched in amazement as he wrinkled one, laid it on a table and saw it immediately smooth to its original shape. And there were the pieces of stick-like material, no heavier than balsa wood, bendable but impossible to break or cut with a knife. On some were what he later compared to Indian petroglyphs, series of strange symbols and pastel-colored drawings.

The neighbors, aware of the flying-saucer mania then sweeping the nation, suggested he tell authorities. Thus, two days later, on the morning of July 7, 1947, Brazel made the 60-mile drive to Roswell and told Chaves County Sheriff George Wilcox of his discovery, showing him several pieces of the strange debris he had collected. Wilcox phoned Major Jesse Marcel at the nearby air base and suggested he might want to speak with the 48-year-old rancher.

After examining the material and hearing Brazel's description of the size of the debris field--three-quarters of a mile long and 200 to 300 feet wide, with a lengthy "gouge" in the ground at its north end--Marcel arranged to meet Brazel at the ranch.

Thereafter the story becomes a blur that historians are still attempting to sort out. According to evidence gathered by numerous researchers--both scientists and laymen collectively calling themselves UFOlogists--a small, elite group of military personnel was assigned to guard the area, collect the debris and take it to the base. There, orders had already been received from Brigadier General Roger Ramey, commanding officer of the 8th Air Force, that everything recovered was to be flown immediately to what would later become Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth.

Still, the story might never have created a worldwide frenzy had the base public information officer, Lieutenant Walter Haut, not issued a startling press release that appeared beneath a banner headline in the next day's edition of the Roswell Daily Record: "RAAF Captures Flying Saucer On Ranch in Roswell Region."

Haut's press release, ordered by Colonel William Blanchard, the base commanding officer, made it clear that something more than pieces of scattered debris had been found. "The intelligence office of the 509th Bombardment group at Roswell Army Air Field announced at noon today that the field has come into possession of a flying saucer," it read. The release went on to explain that "Major Marcel and a detail from his department went to the ranch and discovered the disc."

Soon, calls were coming to Haut from news agencies throughout the world.

Now 80 and co-founder of the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, Haut says, "After meeting with Colonel Blanchard in his office and getting the information for the press release, I wrote it and went to town around five that afternoon to deliver it to the radio and newspaper people.

"That done, I went on home and was having dinner when people from all over the world started calling. Finally, about midnight, my wife, who was getting a little unhappy with the flood of calls, just took the phone off the hook and told me we were going to bed."

Then, just as quickly as the excitement had developed, it came to a crashing end with a Fort Worth news conference called by General Ramey the following day. Despite claims by Marcel to investigators years later that the amount of debris loaded onto the B-29 that was flown from Roswell to Fort Worth "was enormous," half filling the huge plane, reporters and

photographers who gathered in the general's office were shown only tattered remnants of a weather balloon and given a smiling apology for all the unwarranted excitement. In attendance was Major Marcel, admitting he had been mistaken.

The official version of the Roswell incident thus became that a military weather balloon launched to detect wind velocity and direction at high altitudes had come crashing down on Foster Ranch. End of story. The headline in the next day's Roswell paper was as definitive but not nearly as exciting as the one published the day before: "Gen. Ramey Empties Roswell Saucer." In a more innocent and patriotic time, with World War II still fresh in the public's mind and trust in the government blindly indisputable, the explanation was good enough. For most. For a time.

Anne Robbins, who until now has never spoken publicly on the matter, says what her late husband saw 56 years ago was hardly a downed weather balloon.

Seated in a meeting room at the newly opened Odessa Meteor Crater Museum, the 84-year-old Robbins clearly recalls a July night when her husband received a call to report to the base. She would not see or hear from him for 18 hours. And when she did, he told her bits and pieces of a bizarre story that has puzzled her for a lifetime.

"We had been to a dinner party at the NCO [non-commissioned officers] club on the base," she says, "and didn't get home until 10:30 or 11. We'd already gone to bed but weren't yet asleep when everything outside lit up like it was daylight. It was like that for what seemed like several minutes, and we both assumed that it was probably helicopters from the base with searchlights on."

Soon thereafter, the phone call came to their home and her husband told her he had to report to the base.

"I just assumed that there had been a plane crash somewhere nearby," she says. "But I couldn't figure why my husband, a sheet-metal man who repaired planes, was called in."

She was even more puzzled when he returned home the following evening, his uniform wrinkled and damp. "I asked him what had happened to him, why he was so wet, and he told me he'd had to go through the decontamination tank at the base. I asked, 'In your clothes?' and he said, 'They were what I was wearing when I was out there.'"

Still assuming that he'd been called to the site of a plane crash, she quizzed him further. "He told me, 'Well, I guess you might as well know; it's going to be in the papers. A UFO crashed outside of Roswell.'"

Her response? "I told him he was crazy."

"No," Sergeant Robbins replied, "I'm not." Then he showered and went to bed.

"I don't remember him being particularly shocked or very emotional about it," she says. "In fact, he seemed cool as a cucumber. He just made it clear to me that he wasn't going to talk about it."

The following morning she continued to press for details. "I asked him again if it was really true and he said, yes, it was." When she asked what the UFO looked like, he explained that "if you took two saucers and put them together, that's what it looked like." On the top layer, he told her, there were oblong-shaped windows all the way around the craft. And, no, he said, he had not looked inside the crashed ship.

"I asked him if there was anybody on it. He said, 'I can tell you this much: There were three people. One was dead and two were still alive. I can't tell you anything more.'"

It was not until several days later that Sergeant Robbins finally agreed to drive his wife out to the crash site. By then, all debris had been cleared away and neither a spaceship nor signs of military personnel was evident. "He didn't say much of anything until we got to a place where there was this big burned

spot, a perfect circle so black that it was shiny. No normal fire could have made something like that." It was, she says, as if the sand had been melted and turned into a sheet of black glass.

"This," Sergeant Robbins said, "is where I was for 18 hours."

"On the drive home," she says, "I asked him what happened to the spaceship, what happened to the people who were on it. Her husband's reply: "I can't tell you that; don't ask me any more."

It was the last time her husband spoke of "the Roswell incident" until long after he'd retired from the service. Until his death of a heart attack two years ago, he never told his wife who was with him that night or what role he had played.

Following his retirement from the Air Force in 1961, they moved to Saginaw, near Fort Worth, and he worked first for General Dynamics, then LTV, as an aircraft repairman.

"It was years later, when our kids were in high school, that our son Ronald was working on some kind of report on unidentified flying objects and asked his father to tell him about what happened back in Roswell. He didn't say much, basically just what he'd told me years earlier," she says.

"But you know how kids are. Ronald kept asking questions, like what the men found at the crash looked like. Finally, Papa [as she referred to her husband throughout their 57-year marriage] got a pencil and drew this pear-shaped head with large black eyes. Their skin, he said, was brown and they had no nose, no mouth.

"When Ronald asked him what their bodies looked like, all he would say was, 'Son, you don't want to know about that.'"

The Robbins' son, now living in Arizona, could not be reached by the Dallas Observer. "He wouldn't talk to you about it, anyway," his mother insists. Neither of her children, in fact, has ever spoken publicly of their father's alleged involvement in the Roswell incident. "Barbara, my daughter, tells me, 'Daddy's dead, don't bring it up.'"

"All I remember," says Barbara Wattleington, "was Dad saying he was stationed in Roswell and that a UFO crashed there."

The last time Anne Robbins remembers any conversation about the matter was a few years before her husband's death in January 2000, when they sat in their Saginaw living room one evening, watching television. A show whose title she can't recall was on, re-creating the Roswell event and posing the question of whether it was an ageless hoax or the well-hidden truth. "I asked him, 'Was it a hoax?' and all he said was, 'It's the truth. It did land.'"

"I asked him, 'Well, if it did, where is it?' He again said he couldn't tell me that."

Her husband, she says, was never one to embellish or lie; neither prankster nor teller of tall tales. "He was a good, Christian man. He loved the military and his country and never spoke bad about either." No, she says, he would never have made up such a story. Nor, if ordered not to, would he have ever talked of matters he was told to keep secret. "That's just the way he was," she says. "On the day he died, the last thing he told me was that he wanted me to promise to fly the flag in front of our house until I drew my last breath."

Though she insists she has never researched the numerous theories of the Roswell crash presented in the countless books or documentaries, she does admit that she has lingering questions she hopes will one day be answered. "That UFO they found didn't just fly away," she says. "So where is it? And what happened to the people on it? I still say the Air Force knows what happened. Someday, I hope, we might find out the truth."

Two years ago she did get an answer to one question that had long bothered her. "I could never figure out why an airplane repairman would be called out in the middle of the night to participate in the investigation of a crashed UFO," she says. Only after filing her husband's death certificate with military

officials in Washington, D.C., did she learn that he had intelligence clearance during his Roswell tenure.

Still, if Anne Robbins had embarked on a thorough study of the massive collection of research done on the fabled Roswell crash, she would not find her husband's name among any of the "witnesses" who have come forward over the years. Yet the sketchy details he gave her generally mesh with most of the reconstructed stories found in the ever-growing volume of literature devoted to the crash investigation.

It was not until 1978, three decades after the brief flurry of interest in the crashed UFO-turned-weather balloon, that Jesse Marcel, the intelligence officer who had been at the center of the original event, came forward with a story far different from the one told attendees of the Carswell news conference.

The material flown from Roswell to Fort Worth was never actually shown to the media, he confided to nuclear physicist-turned-UFO investigator Stanton Friedman. It was, instead, quietly delivered to a research laboratory at Wright-Patterson Army Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

Marcel's revised recollections of the 1947 event, along with those of others who had finally chosen to speak out, ultimately appeared in the 1980 book *The Roswell Incident* co-authored by William Moore and Charles Berlitz, setting off a renewed appetite for information. Soon it came in a virtual flood of eyewitness reports and recollections of family members who, like Anne Robbins, began revealing secrets they had long been told to keep. The Roswell story exploded into the best-known alleged UFO encounter in history.

According to the story now told by researchers, ranging from the serious to those writing for the supermarket tabloids, things far more bizarre had already occurred before Mac Brazel discovered the debris field. Those who have written about the event in the years since suggest a fascinating sequence of events that occurred in the early days of that July:

For several nights, Roswell residents had reportedly seen a strange flying object in the night sky. Though no one would know about it for 30 years, two Franciscan Catholic nuns, working at the local St. Mary's Hospital, even made notations in their diaries that at some time after 11 p.m. on July 4, 1947, they had seen a large flash in the night sky, assuming that it was a plane in distress.

What Roswell AAF radar operator Frank Kaufmann said he saw was even more remarkable. On that same evening he was tracking the strange movement of a mysterious object flying at an incredible rate of speed. Suddenly it began losing altitude and the blip on the radar screen enlarged into a large starburst pattern that suggested an explosion had occurred. It was estimated that the event had occurred somewhere within a 100-mile range northwest of the base and a search team was immediately dispatched.

Jim Ragsdale would later tell of seeing what occurred at much closer range. He and his girlfriend, on a rock-hunting trip, were parked at a secluded campsite on what was known as Boy Scout Mountain, when they saw a flash, then heard a thundering explosion. Within seconds, Ragsdale would later tell researchers, the UFO skipped along the desert not far away, then came to rest at the base of a nearby bluff. Grabbing flashlights, he and his girlfriend made their way to the crash site where he says a saucer-shaped vehicle had come to rest. Not only did he eventually tell of seeing the crashed UFO but the bodies of several "childlike" passengers. After picking up a few pieces of debris from the wreckage, the young couple decided to return to their pickup and wait until daylight for a better look.

When they did return, Ragsdale later wrote in a sworn affidavit, they saw a military convoy arriving and briefly hid to watch before deciding to leave (taking with them pieces of the debris he says they later showed to numerous people in a nearby bar). Had they remained, the story goes, they would have eventually seen the UFO hoisted by crane onto the bed of a flatbed truck and the bodies placed in another military vehicle that was ordered to quickly return to the Roswell base hospital.

The actual crash site, then, had been swept clear by military personnel hours before Mac Brazel rode up on the debris field several miles away. Later, researchers would assume that the craft had apparently first hit on the Foster Ranch, sliding along for a distance, then had briefly managed to become airborne again before crashing.

If the material found in such books as *The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell*, *Crash at Corona*, *Beyond Roswell*, and *Alien Contact: Top Secret UFO Files Revealed* is to be believed, the interplanetary visit was, in many respects, a pretty poorly kept secret from the get-go. The only problem is, it was years before folks would talk about it.

Yet, before their deaths, numerous people or their descendants recounted anecdotes of involvement in and observations made during the strange event.

For instance, long after his father's death in 1986, Dr. Jesse Marcel Jr., 66, still tells of Major Marcel stopping by the house on an early July morning in 1947 to show him and his mother pieces of the crash debris that he had collected. Eleven years old at the time, Dr. Marcel recalled his father bringing pieces of the downed "flying disc" from his car and spreading them on the kitchen floor. He recalled handling the aluminum foil-like material and seeing the unusual symbols on what he said looked like pieces of black plastic.

Now living in Helena, Montana, Dr. Marcel says the most remarkable memory he has of the pieces his father showed him was of the geometric-like symbols on some of them. "I've always referred to them as I-beams," he says, "though I have no idea what they really were.

"My father was very excited about what they had found," Dr. Marcel says, "and since our house was on the way to the base, he just decided to stop by and show it to us. Then he took it on out to the base."

Major Marcel's excitement, however, was quickly muted. "The next day," his son remembers, "he sat down with my mother and me and told us we were never to talk about what he'd shown us. He said, 'Don't think about it. It didn't happen.'"

Today, Dr. Marcel remains convinced that the material his father showed him came from another world.

Then there is the story that the late Sergeant Melvin Brown waited until 1970 to tell his daughters. Retired and living in England, he said that he had been at the crash site in '47 and was assigned to guard the alien bodies as they were being transported back to the base. Though sworn to secrecy, he finally told of being ordered to ride in an "ice-filled truck" that was to take the bodies to a hangar. On the trip, Brown told his daughter Beverly Bean, he had lifted a tarp and seen "two, possibly three bodies."

And there were others who would eventually tell of seeing the alien bodies, including Roswell AAF radar operator Kaufmann, who would later claim to have been among those ordered to the crash site where, he later told researchers Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle, authors of *UFO Crash at Roswell*, he saw five small aliens, all clearly dead.

Oliver "Pappy" Henderson, a World War II pilot assigned to the Roswell Army Air Field at the time, allegedly told friend Dr. John Kromschroeder during a fishing trip in 1978 that he had flown much of the debris--and the bodies of what he only described as "those little guys"--to Wright-Patterson aboard a C-47. Shortly before his death in 1986, Henderson also told the story to his wife.

In his book, *The Day After Roswell*, retired Colonel Philip Corso is far more graphic as he writes of a night a sentry urged him to enter an off-limits Wright-Patterson building where more than 30 crates of Henderson's cargo had been stacked against a wall, draped by large tarps. When the sentry pointed to a particular crate he'd already looked in--in clear violation of orders he'd been given --Corso opened it and shined a flashlight on its contents.

"My stomach rolled right up into my throat, and I almost became sick," he writes. "[Inside] was a coffin, but not like any coffin I'd ever seen before. The contents, enclosed in a thick glass container, were submerged in a thick light blue liquid...

"At first I thought it was a dead child they were shipping somewhere. But it was no child. It was a 4-foot human-shaped figure with arms, bizarre-looking four-fingered hands--I didn't see a thumb--thin legs and feet and an oversized incandescent light bulb-shaped head...the eyesockets were oversized and almond-shaped..."

Perhaps the most provocative story came not from a member of the military but, instead, a Roswell mortician named Glenn Dennis. Twenty-two at the time and director of the local Ballard Funeral Home, he told of receiving a telephone call from the base on the afternoon of July 5, 1947, asking if he could provide several "small," hermetically sealed caskets. Thirty minutes later, he would eventually recall to numerous researchers and journalists, he answered a second call, this time with a series of questions about the techniques of embalming and preserving dead bodies and if such processes would alter the chemical contents of blood and tissue. Finally, he reported, he was asked what happened to body tissue after it had been exposed to the elements.

Curious, Dennis says he asked if there was something he could help with and was told the questions were only "for future reference."

Later that day, Dennis recalled, he had driven an injured airman to the base infirmary. While there, he noticed an unusual amount of activity at the base hospital. Encountering a nurse named Naomi Selff in the hallway, she was clearly surprised to see him and warned that "he wasn't supposed to be there and had better leave immediately."

Minutes later, his story went, he was escorted by two military police all the way back to the funeral home.

It was not until the following day that he learned what had been happening. He phoned nurse Selff and they agreed to meet for lunch. Obviously distraught, she told him of seeing three small bodies, two of which were badly mutilated, and of being ordered by attending military doctors to take notes while they conducted their examinations. The stench of the corpses, she allegedly told him, had been almost more than she could stand. Before he returned her to her barrack, Dennis recalled, she drew sketches of the aliens on a prescription pad and gave them to him with a warning that he should "show them to no one."

That, the mortician says, was the last time he ever saw her. After numerous unsuccessful attempts to reach her by phone, he learned several days later that she had suddenly been reassigned to duty in England. Shortly thereafter, he was told that she had died there in a plane crash.

Co-founder of the Roswell museum with Haut, Dennis is currently in poor health and was unable to speak with the Observer about his well-chronicled story.

But for every true believer there are skeptics, researchers who have picked away at the colorful, unimaginable stories in search of their flaws. And they have found many. Among the debunkers is Kal K. Korff, author of *The Roswell UFO Crash: What They Don't Want You to Know*. He not only questions why so many waited so long to come forward with the stories but points out that many of them are, like that of Anne Robbins, hand-me-down tales allegedly kept secret until the firsthand witnesses were dead.

Korff's questions are valid: Why have some of the reported witness accounts described the downed UFO as "saucer-shaped" while others remember it being "triangular-shaped with small wings?" While most who claimed to have seen the bodies recall there being three, others say they saw as many as five. Some say all were dead, others that one or more was still alive. Descriptions of the color of the small bodies range from gray to brown. How could mortician Haut have "lost" something as important as the drawings he says his nurse friend made and gave to him? And if, in fact, so many civilians collected pieces of the strange-looking debris, why has not a single piece of it ever surfaced?

It was not until 1994 that an Air Force investigation into the aging Roswell affair resulted in an announcement that the material found on the Foster Ranch was, in fact, a crashed high-altitude test balloon that would eventually be able to monitor Soviet nuclear testing. Actually a chain of radar-equipped balloons, it had been launched on July 4, 1947, and was tracked to within 17 miles of the Foster Ranch before disappearing.

When the explanation failed to satisfy many "believers," the Air Force released yet another report in '97, this one titled The Roswell Report--Case Closed, in which it attempted to answer the lingering question of the "bodies" allegedly seen at the crash site. What the so-called witnesses had seen, according to the report, were nothing more than crash-test dummies that were part of a military experiment in parachute and ejector seat designs.

That, too, failed to satisfy those determined that the governmental cover-up continued. Such tests, several military researchers argued, had not even begun until the mid-'50s.

"The reason the interest in the Roswell case remains and, in fact, seems to grow," says Mark Rodeghier, scientific director of the Chicago-based Center for UFO Studies, "is the fact the government has never given a reasonable explanation of what occurred that summer of 1947."

Thus it continues, an unexplained event that has turned into an industry. What happened or didn't happen 56 years ago has lured 1.3 million to the International UFO Museum and Research Center since it opened in 1992. A guided tour of the desolate "crash site" is now available. Then, there was the long-lost film of the "autopsy" of one of the Roswell aliens that was shown on television worldwide before being discounted as fake, and a stream of new books and articles that continues to flow. Clearly, the public loves the mystery. According to a recent poll, a large percentage of the U.S. population continues to believe something unworldly occurred that July on the Foster Ranch.

Walter Haut, one of the few major figures in the long-ago story still living, is among them. "I'm sure," he says, "that over the years much of the story has been exaggerated. But, yes, I believe that something happened out there in 1947." And he's not speaking of a weather balloon crash.

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From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 20:09:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children - Hall

>From: Janet Carter <JanetECarter@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 10:42:55 EDT
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children

>>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
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>>Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 05:25:12 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Boylan, Rodwell and Innocent Children

>>Didn't we talk about his interacting with "Star Kids" on here
>>in the past? I vaguely remember he was going to do some sessions
>>with them at some place in the coast range of mountains below
>>San Francisco in one of the three California counties I was the
>>MUFON State Section Director (whoop de doo) of back in another
>>century. I think I said on here that I would let the researcher
>>who replaced me know about it. I did.

>I've been a lurker for a while, so I'm new to the fray... but
>not to the issue of "abductions" and contact experiences of both
>adults and children.

>There are two issues that seem to be getting mucked up in this
>thread. One is the reputation of Richard Boylan. You all
>obviously have had experiences that I have not with the man. I
>have only known him from participating in his newsletter for
>almost 4 years. What I will say is that I have had serious
>reservations of my own, based alone on his actions on the List.

>The second is what constitutes an appropriate response by the
>adults in their world, to children who are "contactees".

>To me, that is the relevant issue here, and I would hope this
>discussion could evolve without contaminating it with the
>tarnished reputation of one individual. Pardon the pun, but I
>would hope we wouldn't throw the baby out with the bath water.

>As a psychotherapist (clinical social worker), and a contactee
>since childhood, there are obviously immense issues at work in
>dealing with the spectrum of experiences people of all ages have
>with E/T presences. The idea that children are contactees is not
>just the product of a manipulative delusion...and the idea that
>all contact is de facto horrifically traumatic also doesn't
>represent the reality of the spectrum of experiences that
>people, including children, report.

Janet,

Thanks for "de-lurking" and sharing your thoughts with us. I will
be very interested to hear what you have to say, and to discuss
facts and issues with you, on or off-line.

- Dick Hall

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>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 19:43:58 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

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>I have just asked Peter Gersten to file one, but also request
>Larry Bryant to file one as well.

>I have asked for the following minimum information:

>On March 13, 1997...

>1) Time of departure of Maryland ANG A-10 airplanes from Davis-
>Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona.

>2) Time of return of A-10s to DM AFB.

>3) Location of exercise on Barry Goldwater range.

>4) Type and number of flares carried by each airplane.

>5) Exact time and location of flare ejection during exercise.

>If we could just obtain this, then we would have some factual
>data on that flare drop.

Good idea! Let's hope we get some real info for a change!

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Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 20:21:14 -0400
Subject: Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Aldrich

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 15:38:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 20:56:30 -0400
>>Subject: Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Kaeser

>>John Velez wrote (in part):

>>>Hello All,

>>>I received the following message from Ted Roe of NARCAP in
>>>reference to the issues that were raised last month about how
>>>and why CFI and Podesta/Mattoon had chosen the Kecksburg case to
>>>go to the government with. Ted, Jan Aldrich, EBK and myself
>>>conducted a dialog on 'Strange Days... Indeed' where Ted stated
>>>that he was going to post a formal invitation for ufologists to
>>>submit cases for consideration and possible inclusion in the
>>>government inquiry process that has been initiated by CFI.

>><snip>

>>John

>>I understand your frustrations, and we'll have to simply agree
>>to disagree on a number of points. We've debated this on the
>>UpDates forum previously and our positions haven't changed.

>>It should be noted that while the UFO Coalition (or at least
>>members of that group) are hopeful that support from the Sci-Fi
>>Channel through CFI and Podesta-Mattoon can help with future
>>projects, there has been little spent thus far. Indeed, the sum
>>total of outlay among Coalition Members has been the cost of a
>>single breakfast meeting that only three of us were able to
>>attend.

>>Since you feel so passionately about this subject, I would
>>encourage you to boycott the Sci-Fi Channel's programming, as
>>well as that of the Discovery Network (Learning Channel, History
>>Channel, etc). They have also been known to take information
>>from researchers for their own profit without presenting the
>>genre in a positive light. Several researchers that I know have
>>vowed to never give interviews to a number of producers for that
>>very reason. I guess that leaves us with PBS, but we know how
>>they've treated the subject matter.

>>I have been refusing to participate in any UFO programming
>>that is not being presented as "news" for over five years now. I
>>get asked/invited fairly regularly and the very first question
>>that I always ask is, "Is the subject being presented as news or
>>entertainment?" Because they invariably respond with,
>>"entertainment" is why you don't see me on TV any longer. :)

>>They serve their own selfish purposes. I have just chosen to
>>serve a different master in life, Steve. Truth

>Life is way too short for anything else.

Please let me put my two cents in here. I have no problem with CFI, the SCI-FI Channel, etc. I had a bone to pick with the write up about Kecksburg, especially the history of the 4602 Air Intelligence Service Squadron and Project Moondust. I expressed these privately to CFI and several other people including John.

CFI did ask us for a proposal on UFO research. Several members of the Sign Historical Group worked on this proposal which was done hurriedly. We proposed to examine over 20 areas which might be organized into three major overall groupings. The areas are all involved with government information which could possibly be obtained by the use of intensive research at various archives, political influence, FOIA requests, lawsuits or a combination of these techniques. I produced a matrix, my best guesses on the importance of the task to UFO history, how far the task has progressed to date, the difficulty of the task, the probability of the need for use of the various research techniques and to what extent a combination of such techniques was needed, etc.

Examples of the tasks involved are "Locating Gun Camera Film of UFOs," locating various files on UFOs in a number government agency records, etc.

So far the proposal is still under consideration. We learned one thing, such proposals need to be carefully developed and reviewed. It is also necessary to bring the possible grantor up to speed on the background of the proposal. In the military the old saying is that, "You can have it good or you can have it fast, decide what you want!" We did ours fast. If nothing comes of it, "we will do it good" and post it on the SHG site.

We worked and continue to work on most of these proposed tasks. Funding and support would, of course, ensure that some of these tasks would progress faster. Some areas may be dead-ends. Again, funding would help determine this so we could move on to other things.

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How Will Aliens View Human Race?

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Source: The Honolulu Advertiser

<http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2003/Apr/08/tc/tc01a.html>

Posted on: Tuesday, April 8, 2003

BYTE MARKS

How Will Aliens View Human Race?

By Burt Lum

Have you ever pondered the thought of extraterrestrial beings watching our newscasts and radio broadcasts, trying to make sense of what is going on here?

I wonder what they would say about Earth and the creatures that inhabit it. Would we be considered exploitative, destructive, intolerant and hostile? How would we be judged if we were put on trial for the proper stewardship of this planet and the ability to work well together as a species toward that end?

These questions pop into my mind, triggered by current events and an e-mail I received from the SETI@Home project. As you may recall, SETI stands for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. The SETI@Home project, at setiathome.berkeley.edu, is a program that enlists the help of home computers in the analysis of data from the Arecibo radio telescope on Puerto Rico, www.naic.edu

An immense amount of data has been collected. Analyzing it requires either a supercomputer or a means of distributing the problem amongst many individual personal computers. Hence, the SETI@Home project. Since May 1999, home computers have been crunching data produced by the SETI team _ make use of times when the computers' owners aren't using them.

Four years later, the team had whittled the problem down to a few hundred potential locations in the sky. This was no easy task. They begin with more than 5 billion potential candidates. Their method for selection is outlined in detail at: planetary.org/stellarcountdown

March 18-20, the SETI team took this list back to the Arecibo telescope to gather more data on the most promising candidates. Their results, if successful, may provide proof of the existence of intelligence beyond our planet. I always have thought that if we could only realize our place in the broad scheme of things, perhaps we could do more about protecting our blue planet.

I think back to visionaries like Carl Sagan, who help found the Planetary Society. In his words, this is "a search for a cosmic context for mankind." In that context, how will mankind be viewed? ;-)

Burt Lum is one click away at burt@brouhaha.net

[UFO UpDates thanks [www.http://anomalist.com](http://anomalist.com) for the lead]

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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 23:01:35 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 20:13:38 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Hall

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 15:25:05 -0400
>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>List,

>Please let me clarify what I said yesterday concerning Richard
>Hall, in case anyone misinterpreted my words.

>Of course, at times I wondered (after learning of the CIA
>security clearance probe of Hall via an FOIA document that
>someone published), but those who read my communication of
>yesterday carefully will realize that I did not say that Dick is
>a CIA agent, and I cautioned on the subject, even, of any
>conceivable compliance by Dick in a CIA cover-up, "I'm not sure
>of such a thing..."

"Someone published?" All too typical of Stanford's mendacity.
See Richard Hall, *Uninvited Guests* (Aurora Press, 1988), pp.
351-358, wherein I report this entire episode, which is no
secret to anyone knowledgeable about UFO history. I deeply resent
Stanford's attempted smear job and character assassination on
this issue.

>I certainly don't think of Dick as a CIA agent, but had wondered
>when I heard about the clearance having been sought, whether he
>might at least temporarily have been compliant with agency
>>wishes. In other words, I was sharing some of the quandary I
>went through upon learning that a CIA clearance had been sought
>for him.

Oh, suddenly when faced with possible rebuttal by me, now I am
not such a sycophant, ignoramus, and dupe as Stanford portrayed
me in his book. By the way, Ray, can you tell me the account
number of my secret CIA bank account in Switzerland? I need to
draw down some funds so I can avoid the poorhouse. And also, did
Allen Hynek send you a letter about Socorro, or are we once
again asked to believe that he told you something on the phone
that no one else ever heard or knows about?

>If I were writing yesterday's post today, I might well leave
>out all reference to a possible CIA connection; but my anger was
>somewhat awakened by Dick's post. We are both human, though,
>and, after sleeping on it, I am trying to forgive Dick's
>off-the-cuff remarks, and I hope Dick will forgive any
>indiscretion that he might feel I showed in my response on
>UFO UpDates.

My remarks are never "off-the-cuff." Previously I had thought
that Stanford was honestly mistaken. Now I am not so sure
anymore.

>I still hope Dick will accept my challenge for a debate at the
>MUFON conference. I think a gentlemanly debate would be to the
>credit of Ufology.

There is no way that I will let you dictate the terms of debate
between us. I disputed the accuracy of your claims about

Socorro, and now you are accusing me of all sorts of dishonesty. You have slapped me in the face with your attacks against my honesty, integrity, and character. I take that very personally.

- Dick

>Ray Stanford

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

You know my method. It is founded upon the Big Lie technique and attacking other peoples character. - Stanford

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Re: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails -

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@charter.net>
Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 21:53:26 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Apr 2003 07:11:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails -

>From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 14:07:33 -0700
>Subject: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails

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>Touting himself as "one of America's greatest psychics", Sean
>David Morton didn't have the ability to foretell his own future
>when he filed a one-million dollar defamation lawsuit against
>the Internet website UFOWATCHDOG.COM and its editor Royce J.
>Myers III.

<snip>

Bravo! Royce! now does one of 'America's Greatest physic'... er,
'Psychics' have to pay the legal fees?

GT McCoy

P.S. Good to have you back.

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Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Apr 2003 07:12:49 -0400
Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Hebert

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 14:30:21 -0300
>Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 02:16:13 -0500
>>Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2003 19:01:38 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: For The Military Conspiracy People

>>>what's the point of showing them off to the civilian
>>>populations in towns and cities of the world.

>>Maybe the point is the result.

>Hi Amy,

>If that's a defense of the covert development theory by the
>United States of some new aerial technology, I'm not buying it.
>Again, the current technology does not support it.

Never asked you to buy anything, Don, only to keep the possibilities open.

Since neither you nor I are privy to all classified information, it would be rather presumptuous to assume either of us knows everything there is to know about man-made technologies. Therefore, nothing can be ruled out in the search for the truth.

>If you are suggesting that these are being developed by the
>United States to scare the populations of the world, and soften
>them up to some alien invasion, I'm not buying that either.

Never suggested that, Don. The one theory has nothing to do with the other. I'm surprised you still associate the two.

I'm referring to comparisons of descriptions of UFO's to descriptions of various man-made technologies through a careful study of patents, press releases and government contracts accessible to the public. Not all of the latest developments in technology are clearly stated in aviation magazines, web sites, press releases, etc. but many sources may contain important pieces of the puzzle. It is our job as researchers and investigators to keep abreast of those developments and how they may reflect in some of the objects sighted.

Not only is it important to be aware of what may be man-made technologies, we must also examine developments in defense related technologies and intelligence fields such as psychology, biomimetrics, CC&D, and strategic research objectives (SRO's). Beyond the mere nuts and bolts of technology is a complex synergy few have yet to acknowledge let alone comprehend.

>If it's some ET technology looking to show their superiority-then

Re: For The Military Conspiracy People - Hebert

>they are in bad need of a good public relations or advertising
>firm, because they are lousy at it.

Yeah, they suck. ;>

A. Hebert

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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 15 - Hatch

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Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Apr 2003 07:14:10 -0400
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>1969, when then-President Richard M. Nixon sent a brigade
>of U.S. Marines to destroy a group of aliens that took
>over an underground U.S. laboratory. ..

Huh?

I certainly hope not.

- Larry Hatch

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>On April 1, 2003, Myers was notified of Judge Nishimoto's final
>ruling, which was in favor of UFOWATCHDOG.COM. In a two-page
>ruling and the initial ruling, Judge Nishimoto stated that
>Morton had "not shown that he can prevail or show actual malice
>or that the matters complained of are not true....."

>"Obviously, Judge Nishimoto made the appropriate decision.
>California's SLAPP statute gives a fair and open opportunity for
>the plaintiff to make their case. Mr. Morton created an
>opportunity for himself to prove the veracity of his claims
>publicly and he couldn't do it. Not only does the court's ruling
>vindicate UFOWATCHDOG.COM, it also serves to demonstrate that
>you can't extort people into silence by suing them."

Absolutely extraordinary! Congratulations!

It proves that serious UFO investigation can't be easily replaced by bogus info and phony characters. Royce Myers III is a key person in the worldwide UFO community, someone who has not given up on the truth, no matter what it costs.

Dr. J. A. Hynek once said that science and scientists will eventually, far in the future, realize that they are indebted to UFO researchers. Well, I believe that ufology and UFO researchers will eventually, perhaps not-so-far in the future, realize that they are in debt with people like Myers.

Thanks for keeping it clean, Royce!

A. J.

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Loftus Faces Pending Lawsuit

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Source: New University - University of California, Irvine

<http://horus.vcsa.uci.edu/article.php?id=3D915>

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UCI Professor Faces Pending Lawsuit

Controversial psychologist is accused of libel and invasion of privacy by alleged abuse victim.

by: Jamie Claridad
Staff Writer

UCI's Distinguished Professor in Social Ecology Elizabeth Loftus, widely known for her studies in false memory research, is currently facing an impending lawsuit filed against her by Nicole Taus in Solano County, Calif.

No stranger to controversy, Loftus has come to the defense of some of the nation's most high-profile individuals, among them Ted Bundy, the Menendez Brothers and Michael Jackson.

Although Taus could not be reached for comment, a plaintiff report filed at the superior court of California in Solano County accused Loftus and several other parties of invasion of privacy, defamation, libel per se, negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress and damages.

Taus, who is now currently serving as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy Air Corp, was caught between a custody case battle between her parents in 1979 that was later won by her father.

It was this custody battle which later attracted David Corwin M.D. to publish an article in 1997 in the scientific journal "Child Maltreatment," dealing with Taus' memories on childhood abuse.

Taus was not named, nor identified in the article, except as "Jane Doe."

The article drew interest. The journal then printed reviews including both praise and criticism that was published in the same journal.

It was this journal article that allegedly prompted further research on Taus conducted by Loftus and Melvin Guyer, a psychology professor at the University of Michigan Medical School.

However, the research that was conducted and later published allegedly disclosed private information that revealed Taus' identity and as a result, have subjected her and her family to further emotional distress from past events.

According to Corwin's case history study, Taus was six when she was videotaped recounting her mother's abuse, which later led to

her mother losing full custody and contact with her daughter.

Corwin then contacted Taus 11 years later to seek her permission to use the tapes.

Taus claimed initially that while viewing the tapes, she had no recognition of the said events but later said that she did remember. Because of this incident, Loftus attempted to find more proof regarding the said abuse beyond Jane Doe's experience.

During this research, Loftus had compiled much evidence that led her to doubt Jane Doe's story of abuse.

This research later led to the current complaint filed against her and her leaving the University of Washington.

Lynn Crook, a journalist who has been investigating Loftus and her alleged misbehavior, questions Loftus' research methods. Crook, who also was subject to a custody trial between her parents, said that Loftus had testified on her behalf and had helped her win her case. However, she said that there was still a number of misrepresentations and errors in her testimony.

"Her work has created enemies," Crook said. She said that although Loftus' testimony had helped her case in the past, Loftus had failed to accurately present her facts and testimonies.

"Her testimony actually helped my case, however her testimonies were inaccurate and misrepresented. She had ignored corroborative evidence and out of the 95 words that described the case 12 were errors," Crook said.

Crook also said Loftus' actions on the Jane Doe case drew outcries from university officials prompting her to resign from the University of Washington and the American Psychological Association.

Loftus however said that Crook's behavior is harassment and irrational.

Loftus also said that Crook has been harassing her for the past several years and has even gone to such extreme measures such as to registering herself under a false name in one of Loftus' classes to monitor her.

The plaintiff report also states that, "defendants Loftus and Guyer did not plan or conduct their research of plaintiff with due regard for her safety and well being, and there were no procedures in place for the defendants Loftus and Guyer or plaintiff to monitor the project and report problems."

Moreover, the report also alleges that, "Loftus and Guyer deliberately mischaracterized the information and records they were obtaining and reviewing."

However, Loftus claims that she has never met Taus and that she has always represented her as "Jane Doe" in the publication.

"I've never used her name. I wrote an exposé regarding false memory entitled "Who Abused Jane Doe," Loftus said.

She also emphasized that the current lawsuit is an attempt to prevent her from practicing her first amendment rights.

"These allegations are a meritless attempt to chill my first amendment rights as they tried to do so in the University of Washington," Loftus said.

Loftus also adds that UCI is supporting her amidst this controversy. "UCI is defending me and so is my whole department," Loftus said. However, she stated that, "I do not want to comment on the pending lawsuit."

Also named in the currently impending lawsuit include Melvin Guyer who co-authored the article with Loftus, Carol Tavris, collaborator of Guyer and Loftus, University of Washington for allowing the research and investigation made by Loftus on the Taus case,

Shapiro Investigation who allegedly aided Loftus in her research, Skeptical Inquirer for publishing information on the research and The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal for distribution and supporting and hosting speaking engagements by Loftus.

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>Huh?

>I certainly hope not.

If a brigade of U.S. Marines in 1969 could take out super advanced aliens entrenched in an underground laboratory... well, someone fell asleep at the Interstellar Flight Licensing Bureau because those incompetent ET's shouldn't have been trusted with a Cessna. I call for an immediate GAO study of Interstellar Licensing practices. I don't want these guys flying anywhere near my solar system.

- Erik Landahl

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 08:00:53 -0700
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 05:45:42 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

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No one filed an FOIA request to the MANG as far as I know. The
response from Luke to FOIA said nothing about MANG and stated
they knew nothing about flares. This was peculiar since Luke AFB
authorizes the use of the test range.

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>was no proof the MANG being there. Remember? I wrote about this
>as it happened in alt.ufo.reports or alt.alien.visitors back in
>the summer of 1997.

However, we know the MANG goes there for Operation Snowbird. Now
Dr. X called the squadron leader and still did not get
definitive information. No flares were mentioned. It was very
strange.

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>done.

Who did it? And, where can I see the request and the response?

Bill

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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2003 13:35:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Apr 2003 13:57:04 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Stanford

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 23:01:35 +0000
>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 15:25:05 -0400
>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>Please let me clarify what I said yesterday concerning Richard
>>Hall, in case anyone misinterpreted my words.

>>Of course, at times I wondered (after learning of the CIA
>>security clearance probe of Hall via an FOIA document that
>>someone published), but those who read my communication of
>>yesterday carefully will realize that I did not say that Dick is
>>a CIA agent, and I cautioned on the subject, even, of any
>>conceivable compliance by Dick in a CIA cover-up, "I'm not sure
>>of such a thing..."

>"Someone published?" All too typical of Stanford's mendacity.
>See Richard Hall, Uninvited Guests (Aurora Press, 1988), pp.
>351-358, wherein I report this entire episode, which is no
>secret to anyone knowledgable about UFO history. I deeply resent
>Stanford's attempted smear job and character assassination on
>this issue.

List,

I do not consider what I said to be "character assination", and certainly did not intend it as such. In my postings on this and elsewhere, I have always had high praise for Hall's contributions to UFO studies, excluding his conceivably biased judgement on this particular matter.

Someone might, however, classify Dick's first post accusing me of "paranoid imaginings" as coming close to character assination.

>>I certainly don't think of Dick as a CIA agent, but had wondered
>>when I heard about the clearance having been sought, whether he
>>might at least temporarily have been compliant with agency
>>wishes. In other words, I was sharing some of the quandary I
>>went through upon learning that a CIA clearance had been sought
>>for him.

>Oh, suddenly when faced with possible rebuttal by me, now I am
>not such a sycophant, ignoramus, and dupe as Stanford portrayed
>me in his book. By the way, Ray, can you tell me the account
>number of my secret CIA bank account in Switzerland? I need to
>draw down some funds so I can avoid the poorhouse. And also, did
>Allen Hynek send you a letter about Socorro, or are we once
>again asked to believe that he told you something on the phone
>that no one else ever heard or knows about?

Dick says I portrayed him as a "...sycophant, ignoramus, and dupe..."! Anyone who reads that into what I have said concerning him is not a very objective reader.

As to Hall's intimation that fear of rebuttal has made me rescind my (alleged) characterization of him as a "...sycophant, ignoramus, and dupe...", that's fiction because I never characterized him that way and wouldn't. Even the characterization Hall alleges of my comments on him is his fiction, and I am hardly back-tracking. I still challenge him to a public debate on the Socorro metal controversy at a MUFON symposium.

One might wonder why Hall does not accept such an opportunity if he really believes he is right.

>>If I were writing yesterday's post today, I might well leave >>out all reference to a possible CIA connection; but my anger was >>somewhat awakened by Dick's post. We are both human, though, >>and, after sleeping on it, I am trying to forgive Dick's >>off-the-cuff remarks, and I hope Dick will forgive any >>indiscretion that he might feel I showed in my response on >>UFO UpDates.

>My remarks are never "off-the-cuff."

Maybe, then, I should have used the adjective I first put in there, but changed it to try to be more polite. What I had in there initially was "Inflamed remarks".

>Previously I had thought that Stanford was honestly mistaken. >Now I am not so sure anymore.

I stand by what I said in the book, which tells both sides of the story. If I am mistaken, so was Hynek, and the analytical chemists who commented on the matter.

Perhaps I also should mentioned that after the scientifically untenable cover-up (See the book for details.) was issued (not by Frankel but by one of his subordinates), I encouraged Hall to check with chemists as I had done to see for himself whether the X-ray diffraction pattern of silica dioxide could possibly be mistaken for a zinc/iron allow diffraction pattern, but he never told me if he did seek such professional opinion and instead just kept insisting, as I said in the book, "Hall kept stressing to me that we must not offend Frankel, that he might be 'needed' later". (Socorro Saucer in A Pentagon Pantry, page 154, first paragraph).

Hall said to me in concluding yesterday's comments with:

>There is no way that I will let you dictate the terms of debate >between us. I disputed the accuracy of your claims about >Socorro, and now you are accusing me of all sorts of dishonesty. >You have slapped me in the face with your attacks against my >honesty, integrity, and character. I take that very personally.

I never tried to dictate any terms for the debate to which I challenged him, only suggesting the most public and UFO-interested possible gathering of which I could conceive (a MUFON symposium) for a debate.

So, List members, if you feel inclined and it is acceptable to Errol Bruce-Knapp, please proffer your opinions as to whether a MUFON symposium would be a fair venue for such an event. I think it would be a great opportunity for a large audience and the media to hear both sides of the issue, first-hand, from both the primary witnesses to those 1964 happenings.

If the facts are on Hall's side of the debate, one might expect him to accept this chance to 'strutt his stuff' and make me out as the victim of delusion. From the tone of his posts on this, I should think he would relish the opportunity.

Finally, Dick modified my:

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

To read:

>You know my method. It is founded upon the Big Lie technique and >attacking other peoples character.

To my personal knowledge, neither I nor anyone on this List since I've been on it has attacked Dick's character, except, IMO, Colin Bennett.

As to Hall's "Big Lie" characterization of my statements, he may deal in character assassination if he chooses, but I prefer to deal with the issues of a case.

Now, let me close with answering Hall's question of yesterday:

>And also, did Allen Hynek send you a letter about Socorro, or
>are we once again asked to believe that he told you something
>on the phone that no one else ever heard or knows about?

As a matter of fact Allen Hynek sent me several letters discussing Socorro. But he also (while visiting our project in Austin, Texas) made a statement in front of witnesses concerning the fact that he rejects the cover-up explanation, declaring, "If I were you, I would just forget the silica dioxide story and accept the original report of a zinc-iron alloy. The X-ray diffraction pattern of silica dioxide can't be mistaken by an expert for that of a zinc-iron alloy."

Then, Allen chuckled, adding, "That explanation was nothing short of silly!"

Aside from me, there were at least six other witnesses to that statement by Hynek.

If Dick accepts the debate, I may easily be able to coax a couple of those witnesses to Hynek's statement to attend, for some first-hand testimony. Even if they cannot come, I will release the names of those who grant permission to do so, and I'm confident they will.

But I'm holding my real trump card on the Socorro metal case until the debate, in case Dick accepts. I almost spilled it last night on Jeff Rense's radio show, but, considering discretion to be the better part of valor, decided to hold it for a more important occasion such as a "hot time in the old town" (Or, should I say "shoot-out in the MUFON Corral"?) with Dick. :)

Ray Stanford

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Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Apr 2003 13:59:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Gates

>From: Mike Fortson <satmike@cox.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 08:00:53 -0700
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Hi Mike, Bill, Listers,

The FOIA request in 1997 is interesting but not revelant to today. Having done FOIA requests since the late 70s, I can tell you that it would be worthwhile to make another request as they very well might find something today that they didn't before. It also helps to ask for the "right" thing. If you don't ask for the "right" thing they will find "nothing."

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails -

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 09 Apr 2003 13:57:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 07:50:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails -

>From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 14:07:33 -0700
>Subject: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails

>UFOWATCHDOG.COM PREVAILS IN COURT
>Frivolous Litigation Fails To Silence Website

>Touting himself as "one of America's greatest psychics", Sean
>David Morton didn't have the ability to foretell his own future
>when he filed a one-million dollar defamation lawsuit against
>the Internet website UFOWATCHDOG.COM and its editor Royce
>J. Myers III.

Congrats Royce. It appears like Sean David Morton has fallen
into the frivolous category. I suspect that the gullible and
"believers" will still keep lapping the tales and storys
up. Oh well.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 09 Apr 2003 14:04:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 07:54:01 -0400
Subject: Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Gates

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 15:38:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2003 20:56:30 -0400
>>Subject: Re: CFI-Podesta/Mattoon Follow-Up - Kaeser

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>>Since you feel so passionately about this subject, I would
>>encourage you to boycott the Sci-Fi Channel's programming, as
>>well as that of the Discovery Network (Learning Channel, History
>>Channel, etc). They have also been known to take information
>>from researchers for their own profit without presenting the
>>genre in a positive light. Several researchers that I know have
>>vowed to never give interviews to a number of producers for that
>>very reason. I guess that leaves us with PBS, but we know how
>>they've treated the subject matter.

>I have been refusing to participate in any UFO programming
>that is not being presented as "news" for over five years now. I
>get asked/invited fairly regularly and the very first question
>that I always ask is, "Is the subject being presented as news or
>entertainment?" Because they invariably respond with,
>"entertainment" is why you don't see me on TV any longer. :)

Hi John, Steve,

The problem with the major media is it is entertainment TV and
has been for a number of years, just presented in or under the
guise of "serious news."

Cheers,

Robert

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Filer's Files #15 -- 2003

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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. Reports include a Pennsylvania flying triangle, Maryland - chevrons flying low over the Beltway, South Carolina - two flying triangles join huge circle craft, Florida - two big oval UFO's and three boomerangs spotted, Texas - green fireball fell from sky, Arizona - strobing blue light dropping midair bombs, California - chevron and circle of lights, Oregon - large sphere enters cloud, Canadian - newspaper says Terrace UFO hotspot, Chile - Interview with eyewitness to an UFO sighting, England - pinkish light with smaller white lights being ejected from it, Italian - UFO sightings increase, Poland - large UFO observed by forty people. UFOs reported over Iraq. Crowds of Iraqis celebrate as coalition of US, Australian, Polish, and British troops have now taken most of Bagdad and many of Saddam's eighty palaces.

DR HERMAN OBERTH FATHER OF ROCKETRY SAYS UFOs EXIST

"We find ourselves faced by powers which are far stronger than we had hitherto assumed, and whose base is at present unknown to us. More I cannot say at present. We are now engaged in entering into closer contact with those powers, and in six or nine months time it may be possible to speak with some precision on the matter."

PENNSYLVANIA FLYING TRIANGLE

CARLISLE -- On April 2, 2003, a flying triangle with a light in each corner was seen at 9:45 PM, about six miles outside of Carlisle. The observer states, "I was star gazing and looked toward the Big Dipper when I saw a small cluster of shooting stars that I followed for about ten seconds, when suddenly to my amazement a UFO appeared low overhead." It was triangular in shape with three large round lights, one in each corner of the craft. I watched it silently glide south across the sky for thirty seconds. I believe I saw several UFOs enter our atmosphere, but I only viewed one craft close up. Make no mistake about this, the craft was too low to be anything other than a UFO, and I could not take my eyes off the one I was looking at. The lights were not bright and were dimmed so as not to draw attention. However, they were clearly visible and showed the triangular shape of the black craft. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

MARYLAND - CHEVRONS FLYING LOW

WASHINGTON, D.C. BELTWAY -- Author Ray Stanford reports, "My wife and I were preparing to leave our home near Greenbelt, Maryland at 8:15 PM, when a strange wing-like object was

observed overhead on March 8, 2003. There was no aircraft body visible even though there was ground light reflecting off the overcast clouds that should have clearly revealed any fuselage. The anomalous aerial object 'AAO' was seen to emerge into view traveling on a twenty-degrees-east of a true north course passing almost overhead. The 'Wing' spanned a full two degrees (120 ARC minutes) as contrasted with the half-degree (about 30 arc minute) crescent moon, for an immediate and good comparison of angular size. The 'AAO' was perceived by binocular disparity (visual parallax due to eye separation) as being 600 to a maximum of 1,200 feet overhead, and at the time its actual maximum possible distance was constrained by a thin layer of clouds overhead. Officially, that cloud layer was OVERCAST at 23,000 feet at 20:51. Most disturbing was the total silence of the nearby object. A bright, continuously white 'sphere'- was visible on the tip of each 'wing.' Each white 'sphere' had a very sharp edge quite different from the lights on ordinary aircraft, and of a much purer white color.

A much smaller (than the white 'spheres') pure red light looked possibly more 'point-source' and was located in the 'middle' vertex of the 'wing.' It was brightening and dimming, but at times it seemed more of a flicker or a pulse. The 'wing' was quite strange. Although it was visible by the cloud backlighting, it was rather vague because subtle light around it seemed to vibrate or flicker at maybe ten hertz! All along and across the 'wing' there was no sign of any aircraft type body! Since the sight was quite 'spooky', maybe one could call them 'disembodied wings'. :) We live a few blocks north of the little College Park Airport which is presently closed down to non-government air traffic due to security concerns. This 'AAO' seemed so very low that my 'gut' reaction was that it had taken off from there, despite the fact that the thing seemed to be on a very flat course (neither climbing nor descending). Subsequent inquiry to the airport revealed that there had been no takeoff around the 20:15 time of the first observation, and the airport had closed at 22:30, fifteen minutes before the second identical observation to be described below.

Roughly fifty minutes after the first observation, an airliner type aircraft came over, possibly having taken off from Andrews AFB just east of D.C. It was on a slightly more westward bearing and considerably higher up. We could see the aircraft's body, wings, and tail structure very clearly and hear it very distinctly. By contrast, the 'AAO' had NO BODY VISIBLE, but only that weird wing-like structure that seemed to shimmer. There was a bizarre silence, 'stillness', and 'smoothness' that is hard to explain or even put into adequately descriptive words. After the object had disappeared beyond our north-northeastern horizon (taking roughly 30 seconds time to go from near zenith across the northern horizon). I ran up to the third floor where my Extreme Low-Frequency (ELF) magnetometer is located and noted a low-level, continuous magnetic pulse in roughly the 2-hertz range, accompanied by a few very strong 'spike' type pulses, one of which may have 'pegged' the needle. These were not normal background magnetics. About 10:46 PM, I was again upstairs with the magnetometer checking for any anomalous activity, when similar magnetic phenomena began to again be seen by the action of the needle display and I heard on the analog, frequency modulated audio output.

Watching and listening to that, I SUDDENLY heard a roar (seemingly directly overhead) that vaguely resembled a loud jet but was distinctly different, somehow. Then after a maybe 4 to 5 second duration, that roar SUDDENLY subsided -- taking about 0.5 second to go from loud to nothing. Because of the odd magnetic activity and the surprising sound, at cessation of the sound I rushed downstairs and onto the front porch, from which I was surprised to see an exactly identical 'AAO' (as compared to the 20:15 observation) on exactly the same course! As with the earlier 'AAO,' I watched the object from almost directly overhead as it moved in spookily total silence to across the exact spot on the north-northeastern horizon into which the first object had headed and disappeared. During the first observation, the sky above the thing was overcast, but in the second sighting it was totally clear, with all stars and planets visible. Still, I could see no 'body' on the object, but only the 'wing.' This time, too, the 'wing' seemed to shimmer in a light-distorting way that made it much less clear than had the very clear wings, body, and tail section of the jet aircraft. In both observations of the identical 'AAO,' when overhead the

angular distance from white globe of light to white globe of light ('wingtip'-to-'wingtip') was about 120 minutes or arc (2 degrees), and I had a ready comparison because the crescent moon (about 28 to 30 arc minutes) was still in the northwest during that second and identical observation.

Clouds above an aircraft seem to amplify aircraft sounds to a ground observer, but although it was overcast during the 20:15 observation, even then not a sound of any kind could be heard! I found that really a bit spooky because both things were clearly under power, moving steadily and unwaveringly along precisely the same course in both observations. It was as if both had traveled upon the very same invisible track in the sky! Let me be clear in saying that I suspect this twice-seen object of being some type of stealthy black-project aircraft (manned or unmanned) that is somehow propelled silently, but wonder at the wisdom of operating such a vehicle over this highly populated area within the Washington, D.C. Beltway. Oddly, everything seemed so still and quiet during the two passages of the objects that I am reminded of reports of a similar phenomenon ("the OZ factor") reported by certain observers of 'UFOs' at close range. Angular velocity of both 'AAO?'s averaged at three degrees per second, if the observation time in each case was 30 seconds. If 45 seconds, then it might have been two degrees per second. ((NUFORC Note: This report submitted by Mr. Ray Stanford, noted author and UFO investigator with NICAP for many years, and author of "Socorro 'Saucer' in a Pentagon Pantry." The book is an in-depth study of the April 24, 1964, landing of an egg-shaped craft in the desert of New Mexico, witnessed by Socorro Police Officer Lonnie Zamora. It is the best description of the events surrounding that case that we have ever encountered. PD))

SOUTH CAROLINA -FLYING TRIANGLES JOIN HUGE CIRCLE

ISLE OF PALMS -- The observer had recently purchased new 20 X 60 binoculars and a tripod adapter and was getting use to the magnification power for star gazing on April 4, 2003. She was focusing on some of the brightest stars at 3:05 AM, when three "stars" moved horizontally in formation across the viewing field. After they moved out of view, he looked and realized they were quite visible without his binoculars. She says, "Using the binoculars I could actually see a dark silhouette of a triangular craft and watched it move for three minutes until the silhouette began to be difficult to discern, and it stopped." She states, "I noticed the outline of a HUGE circle and like the triangle, the darker black image was visible against the background of the pretty dark night sky." Without binoculars, the perimeter of the object was indicated by a circular nonmoving formation of lights, with one very bright light in the center. An average star-like intensity light was down and left of the center light. Also visible without binoculars, was a circle of lights inside the larger circle. The front light of the triangle seemed to be a part of that circle, while the two rear lights of the triangle made up two of the ten lights of the perimeter of the circle. She reports, "It was as if the flying triangle had moved into the pie shape, filling in one of the wedges." As I stood there, trying to make sense of it all, clouds moved in obscuring the sky. The observer graduated magna cum laude from college, is successfully self-employed and is a great mother. Thanks to Peter Davenport Reporting Hotline: (206) 722-3000 NUFORC

FLORIDA - THREE BOOMERANGS AND TWO OVALS SPOTTED

PANAMA CITY -- Three boomerang shaped objects were seen hovering over the Gulf of Mexico on the evening of March 13, 2003. The witness was at the beach looking at the view at 11 PM, and saw a flash of light out of the corner of his eye. He quickly looked and was very shocked to see it had the shape of a boomerang or a sideways 'V' above the water. It was fire orange with no distinctness about it. He says, "I thought it was quite strange, but I figured it was a flash from a boat, that stayed there for a few seconds and slowly went away; then another one appeared and went away all in slow motion, and then another showed up." I had no idea what this was. All day jets had been flying by and I thought maybe that was what it was, but these were silent and bright orange (jets aren't orange). I have no idea what I saw. I read there was a similar sighting in the fall of 2001, near Panama City. It was a sight I will never forget.

GAINESVILLE -- Two witnesses saw a UFO in the sky over the University of Florida on Saturday evening March 22, 2003. My friend and I went out for a walk southwest of Lake Alice on a beautiful clear night perfect for watching the stars. Around 10 PM, one witness states, "I happened to look up and there was suddenly an ellipse-shaped dim object flying straight from northwest to southeast at very high speed." I immediately told my friend Xi, so she saw the same thing fly over and disappear in the southeast. We saw the object for a total time of about five seconds. Only two or three seconds later, when we were still looking at the sky and wondering what we had seen, another ellipse-shaped dim object flew straight by from west to east at about the same speed. It crossed the first UFO's path at an angle of 25-30 degrees. We both saw the two objects clearly and surely. They looked gray, bright, outstanding in the dark sky. There were no flashes from these two objects, and they seemed much higher and flew much faster than normal planes. We suspect these objects were UFOs based on our analysis. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

TEXAS -- GREEN FIREBALL FELL FROM SKY

LAKE JACKSON -- On April 3, 2003, at 10:30 PM, the witnesses were traveling southbound on Highway 288, just past the Brazoria County Airport exit, when a green circle appeared in the sky with a short tail traveling east, like a shooting star. Its speed was very fast, lasting about three seconds, and then the green fireball dissipated or landed in the Richwood area.

BEDFORD -- Two witnesses sighted a burning object on April 5, 2003, that came down changing trajectory as came down flying from the north to southwest with a trailing plume of smoke. It was burning as it crashed at 10:30 AM near Bedford. NUFORC

ARIZONA - SPHERE MAKES 90 DEGREE TURNS

PHOENIX -- On April 6, 2003, a round object was observe at a high altitude at 4:50 PM, that moved at various speeds, stopping at times, and then changed direction almost at a 90 degree angle. It then gained altitude and reflected the sun's light. There were no exterior lights and the object moved quickly, slowed and stopped. It made short quick movements then proceeded at a 90 degrees from the original movement at a slow speed. A commercial aircraft heading north passed and the object appeared well above it. About fifteen minutes later I observed a similar object approach from the south that also stopped, then made a sharp 90 degree turn and headed east as did the first object. It slowly passed out of visual range. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

CALIFORNIA -- CHEVRON AND CIRCLE

CONCORD -- Three friends were on their way to a party on April 4, 2003, at about 10 PM, when the driver swerved off the road and drove into a parking lot shouting, "Look up." They saw a bright orange circular object, the color of fire flying over. The object wasn't flying like any aircraft they had ever seen, and was almost hovering. It would move a bit, kind of like a real slow blowing leaf. They reversed out of the parking lot to get a better look, but the object faded and disappeared. They drove around hoping to see it, and spotted the object between some buildings. One witness states, "We all jumped out of the car and saw it again, there is no plane that can fly that far so quick, then just stop and hover." Then the object slowly started flying to the right and all of us were 'tripped out.' My friend used his phone to call friends about the UFO, and I called my parents but there was no answer. I called my girl friend, who could hear my friends freaking out. We then noticed something falling from the UFO. It was dropping big bright orange flame looking things that looked like sparks from a campfire, but real big. It would drop 4 to 6 of these sparks, then stop for a second, and then continue on dropping things. The sparks were almost the same size as the UFO, and I thought it might be part of the war. The UFO kept flying and dropping things from it, as it began to fade or disappear. After a few seconds it reappeared, but was not as bright.

CONCORD -- The witness was driving northeast on Detroit Avenue on April 4, 2003, when the he noticed an unusual illuminated object in the sky at 3:05 AM. It was a dim reddish orange

"natural" color like that of a dim fire. It didn't appear to be illuminated by artificial light. It would slow down and change directions like nothing I know of, except a helicopter but helicopters are loud, and there was no sound coming from this thing. I pulled over and it was gone. So we drove around looking for it. We got out of the car and observed the object that was heading in our direction about a mile north of us. I began calling family and friends but no one could see it. I concluded the object was much closer than we thought and couldn't have been much bigger than the average jet. The object began dropping some sort of laminated debris over the city. The debris looked as if it was on fire or illuminated as well but it appeared to go out before it hit the ground. But it was rhythmically dropping debris for the duration of at least a minute, every two seconds. This excited me! What was it dropping? It was actually pretty scary and exciting! It passed where we were and finally faded out into the sky like a campfire would go out. This object looked almost "organic." It was very bizarre. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

OREGON - LARGE SPHERE ENTERING CLOUD

ALOHA -- A couple was at pulling their car up to a store at 6:35 PM, on April 4, 2003, when the wife asked, "What is that?" The husband did not see the object. The object was about 10,000 feet high and just above a large section of blue sky with lots of clouds. The wife said, "I saw a large sphere, about the size of an eraser held at arm's length, that was extremely bright, and seemed metallic; it dove in an arc into a cloud at a speed much faster than anything I have ever seen before." We got out of the car and looked for several more minutes, but nothing else happened.

CANADIAN NEWSPAPER SAYS TERRACE UFO HOTSPOT

Jennifer Lang of the Terrace Standard Newspaper reports: TERRACE is living up to its reputation as a UFO hot spot. As many as 30 people may have recently witnessed two black, triangular-shaped flying objects in the Lakelse Lake area, the northwest's resident UFO researcher has been told. Brian Vike, field researcher and president of HBCC-UFO, is now hoping to talk to eyewitnesses to verify the report. He also wants to find out more details like the exact time, date, and description of the sighting -- thought to have taken place several weeks ago. That would help him determine what witnesses saw. A variety of known objects such as stars, planets, meteors, or aircraft can be mistaken for UFOs. Vike learned about the sighting after someone sent him an email telling him that more than 30 people had witnessed two triangular objects in the sky. "I'm kind of chomping at the bit -- all I need is a couple of names and number to get on this," he said from his home base in Houston, B.C. "From what I'm gathering, they're professional people -- not just kids."

Vike is intrigued by the possibility that the sighting involves triangular-shaped objects, which are less commonly reported. There's been a flurry of UFO reports along the Highway 16 corridor lately. "It's just been non stop," he said, adding he's received eight or nine reports in the past week. "There is something; I don't know if it's military that's a possibility." Another recent report from the Terrace area involved a yellow ball of light the size of a basketball spotted over a trailer in Thornhill. It moved low in the air, traveling quickly before pausing above the mountain. "Then it proceeded like a bang," Vike says. The recent activity suggests Terrace's top ten showing on the 2002; Canada UFO survey may have been no fluke. The survey counted 25 eyewitness reports from Terrace in 2002, putting us in third place overall, ahead of Houston, B.C., which is in fourth place and even ahead of major metropolitan areas like Toronto and Vancouver. <http://www.terracestandard.com/> April 2, 2003, To reach Vike's UFO hotline, call toll free 1-866-262-1989 or send him an email at hbccufo@telus.net

INTERVIEW WITH EYEWITNESS TO CHILEAN UFO SIGHTING

SANTIAGO DE CHILE -- Fernando Martinez a student of graphic design on March 21, 2003, happened to be at the corner of Pedro de Valdivia and Providencia. At noon and a knot of people looked skyward with curiosity at a series of unknown luminous objects over the area. It was among the most massive UFO sightings of recent times. Fernando states, "I suddenly

realized that many people were looking at the sky and pointing with their fingers, so I looked and was able to see a light without any defined shape with over 50 smaller lights all around." They didn't move much. At least not noticeably. All the people were saying: "Look, they're UFOs!" They could have been airplanes or balloons, but it seemed strange to me at that altitude. Later, seeing their movement, I realized they weren't airplanes and there was no noise? People were calm and in general the spectators were very interested in the phenomenon. Were you aware that the sighting coincided with the allied attack on Iraq? I found out later when I saw the news. In one article I saw they were discussing that UFOs always appear whenever there's a tragedy unfolding. I don't know that there's any connection. The UFOs remained there for longer than an hour. I can only say, "I saw UFOs over Santiago de Chile, and know what they were like." It isn't the first time that I've seen something strange. A few years ago, while vacationing in Puc=F3n, we saw a light that got in front of us and vanished in a matter of seconds. Thanks to Terra cl and Mundomisterioso.com. April 3, Thanks to Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology. Translation (C) 2003.

ENGLAND - PINKISH LIGHT WITH LIGHTS BEING EJECTED

LIVERPOOL -- Bill Bimson says, "I was in the house playing music on March 27, 2003, at around 7 PM, getting ready to go out. I happened to glimpse out my bedroom window towards Huyton to see a large pink/red light that seemed to be stationary. I looked at it for a couple of seconds thinking it was an aircraft, but the light was constant and much larger than an aircraft light. I grabbed my binoculars and saw an object, that seemed to be a large light, with a reddish trail behind it as if it was traveling at high speed. I couldn't make out a solid object but it did not appear to move. Then out shot a small white light from the top of the 'pink light' that rose up away and disappeared. So it's not a light that was connected to the light but an external object. Half a second later, two small side by side white lights shot from underneath the pink light and diagonally moved away before disappearing. About a second later, the pink light 'disappeared' as if it blinked out. The total time of this 'light' was about six seconds. I am used to seeing aircraft coming in from afar, however, this was much larger than your average aircraft and had no flashing lights and of course the white lights appeared to fly off it. Thanks to Jonathan Wild, boyracer76@blueyonder.co.uk and Bill Bimson wbimson02@blueyonder.co.uk at MARA www.mara.org.uk

ITALIAN UFO NEWSFLASH - SIGHTINGS IN ITALY INCREASE

The Italian Center for UFO Studies reports the sighting of 42 UFO phenomena during the month of February. This is a 40% increase in comparison with last year. Two small flaps took place on February 24th in the Province of Varies and on the 28th in Emilia.

The total for January and February is greater than the same period for last year, and the preceding two years. The collection and cataloguing of sightings continues for 2001, that has an already-staggering total of 848 cases. There are 745 cases for 2002. The annual mean number of yearly Italian reports regularly and steadily exceeds the 700-mark.

MOLISE A FALLEN OBJECT -- Numerous UFO reports were received by the Isernia Police Department's Provincial Command during the late evening of March 15, 2003. The object fell into 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. The authorities were worried about a public furor, and suggested the incident was caused by a lightning strike. As a rebuttal, motorists have come forth with testimony claiming to have distinctly observed a long fiery trail of an orange colored object passing overhead from the south and falling into the woods of Monte Corno. Immediately following the impact, the witnesses saw flames break out. Thanks to ANSA, Il Giornale del Molise, La Stampa dailies, 3/17. Edited weekly by Edoardo Russo for the Italian Center for UFO Studies <http://www.proz.com/translator/723>

POLAND- LARGE UFO OBSERVED BY FORTY PEOPLE

KOLBIEL -- Tomasz Wierszalowicz reports, "We had a UFO observation in Central Poland on March 20, 2003, about 2 AM, when about forty people from a night shift were on break at work. They were outside and watched a big object drop a sphere shaped object. The object was slowly descending and as it got closer to the ground the observers saw a red circle shaped light with a halo-glow on the surface. The object had numerous lights on its surface and the people definitely said that the object could not be from Earth. Thanks to Tomasz Wierszalowicz uforaport@wp.pl <http://www.uforaport.prv.pl>

IRAQ - UFOs FLY AS ALLIED BOMBS

LITTLE ZAB VALLEY -- According to UFO Roundup, on Thursday, March 27, 2003, an oblong luminous UFO hovered over the holy city of Najaf located about 60 miles south of Baghdad. A photo showing the unknown object, with a G.I. of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division pointing at it with his forefinger, appeared in the newspaper Euronews, according to French Ufologist Thierry Garnier. UFO Roundup correspondent Mohammed Hajj al-Amdar stated, "The UFO's appearance caused great excitement among the Shiites who saw it. They said it had come from Allah's Gardens of Bliss to protect the Tomb of Ali." Najaf is a holy city to Shiite Muslims because of the golden-domed mosque that stands over the grave of Ali, the son-in-law of the prophet Mohammed. The mosque miraculously escaped damage last week from the 101st Airborne's howitzer barrage. Despite a heavy Allied bombing raid on Little Zab River Valley in Northern Iraq, UFOs appeared in the night skies on Wednesday, April 2, 2003. And again on Thursday, "tiny UFOs shaped like a tube with a rotating spiral around them" appeared over Zawra Park in Baghdad at 11:57 PM. Eagle-eyed correspondent Grady Croy spotted the UFOs during a live broadcast from Baghdad "while watching FOX News with Shepard Smith. Thanks to UFO Roundup, Editor Joseph Trainor, Vol. 8, # 15 April 9, 2003.

CNN Reports - Crowds of Iraqis celebrate the apparent end of Saddam Hussein's regime in Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad. The Coalition cautions the fighting is "not over."

OPC-3 WILL HELP WITH SEVERE ALLERGY FORECAST

The rapidly increasing numbers of people suffering from allergies is now up to 55 million people according to the Courier Post Newspaper. 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. I also get letters from people who claim to be suffering from what they call Chemtrail illness generated by jet engine and auto emissions. 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.

My family was having serious allergy, and pollution associated illnesses. I asked a Medical Doctor friend what he would recommend, and he told me he treats 62 different ailments such as allergies, and various breathing problems with amazing success using Isotonix OPC-3. He considers Isotonix OPC-3 the most powerful antioxidant, free radical scavenger known to man, and one of the greatest discoveries in history.

When my family started taking OPC-3 within days the sneezing, running nose and congestion was gone. 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: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2003 15:28:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 08:12:31 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Stanford

I might as well go ahead and disclose that as to Allen Hynek's statement to me, saying, "If I were you, I would just forget the silica dioxide story and accept the original report of a zinc-iron alloy. The X-ray diffraction pattern of silica dioxide can't be mistaken by an expert for that of a zinc-iron alloy. That explanation was nothing short of silly!", three of the witnesses were Christopher d' Etremont, John M. Lucas, and my wife.

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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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 09 Apr 2003 22:27:05 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 08:35:34 -0400
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>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2003 13:35:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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>>Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2003 23:01:35 +0000
>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 15:25:05 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

>>>Please let me clarify what I said yesterday concerning Richard
>>>Hall, in case anyone misinterpreted my words.

>>>Of course, at times I wondered (after learning of the CIA
>>>security clearance probe of Hall via an FOIA document that
>>>someone published), but those who read my communication of
>>>yesterday carefully will realize that I did not say that Dick is
>>>a CIA agent, and I cautioned on the subject, even, of any
>>>conceivable compliance by Dick in a CIA cover-up, "I'm not sure
>>>of such a thing..."

>>"Someone published?" All too typical of Stanford's mendacity.
>>See Richard Hall, *Uninvited Guests* (Aurora Press, 1988), pp.
>>351-358, wherein I report this entire episode, which is no
>>secret to anyone knowledgeable about UFO history. I deeply resent
>>Stanford's attempted smear job and character assassination on
>>this issue.

>List,

>I do not consider what I said to be "character assassination", and
>certainly did not intend it as such. In my postings on this and
>elsewhere, I have always had high praise for Hall's
>contributions to UFO studies, excluding his conceivably biased
>judgement on this particular matter.

>Someone might, however, classify Dick's first post accusing me
>of "paranoid imaginings" as coming close to character
>assassination.

>>>I certainly don't think of Dick as a CIA agent, but had wondered
>>>when I heard about the clearance having been sought, whether he
>>>might at least temporarily have been compliant with agency
>>>wishes. In other words, I was sharing some of the quandary I
>>>went through upon learning that a CIA clearance had been sought
>>>for him.

>>Oh, suddenly when faced with possible rebuttal by me, now I am
>>not such a sycophant, ignoramus, and dupe as Stanford portrayed
>>me in his book. By the way, Ray, can you tell me the account
>>number of my secret CIA bank account in Switzerland? I need to
>>draw down some funds so I can avoid the poorhouse. And also, did
>>Allen Hynek send you a letter about Socorro, or are we once
>>again asked to believe that he told you something on the phone

>>that no one else ever heard or knows about?

>Dick says I portrayed him as a "...sycophant, ignoramus, and
>dupe..."! Anyone who reads that into what I have said concerning
>him is not a very objective reader.

Okay folks, keep your eye on the ball, because Stanford is pulling out all the stops to obscure the basic issues and deny what he has said and done in the past. I defy any objective person to read his Soccoro book and come up with any other interpretation of what he has said about me than the one he denies immediately above.

>As to Hall's intimation that fear of rebuttal has made me
>rescind my (alleged) characterization of him as a "...sycophant,
>ignoramus, and dupe..." , that's fiction because I never
>characterized him that way and wouldn't. Even the
>characterization Hall alleges of my comments on him is his
>fiction, and I am hardly back-tracking. I still challenge him
>to a public debate on the Socorro metal controversy at a MUFON
>symposium.

>One might wonder why Hall does not accept such an opportunity if
>he really believes he is right.

>>>If I were writing yesterday's post today, I might well leave
>>>out all reference to a possible CIA connection; but my anger was
>>>somewhat awakened by Dick's post. We are both human, though,
>>>and, after sleeping on it, I am trying to forgive Dick's
>>>off-the-cuff remarks, and I hope Dick will forgive any
>>>indiscretion that he might feel I showed in my response on
>>>UFO UpDates.

>>My remarks are never "off-the-cuff."

>Maybe, then, I should have used the adjective I first put in
>there, but changed it to try to be more polite. What I had in
>there initially was "Inflamed remarks".

Once you get past Stanford's game-playing and persiflage, the real issues are these: (1) What really happened in regard to his alleged metal samples that we arranged to have analyzed at NASA-Goddard, and (2) who is the more credible in this dispute (and in general)?

>>Previously I had thought that Stanford was honestly mistaken.
>>Now I am not so sure anymore.

>I stand by what I said in the book, which tells both sides of
>the story. If I am mistaken, so was Hynek, and the analytical
>chemists who commented on the matter.

No, it tells only one extremely subjective and self-serving side of the story. And here we come to the crux of his latest totally unsupported (and probably unsupportable) claim that Hynek agreed with him and said I was wrong, and again, that I was sort of stupid and naive. No letter, Ray? Oh, you have witnesses who heard him say so. Well, then, produce them right now and stop your BS and macho posturing.

<snip>

>Hall said to me in concluding yesterday's comments with:

>>There is no way that I will let you dictate the terms of debate
>>between us. I disputed the accuracy of your claims about
>>Socorro, and now you are accusing me of all sorts of dishonesty.
>>You have slapped me in the face with your attacks against my
>>honesty, integrity, and character. I take that very personally.

<snip>

>So, List members, if you feel inclined and it is acceptable to
>Errol Bruce-Knapp, please proffer your opinions as to whether a
>MUFON symposium would be a fair venue for such an event. I
>think it would be a great opportunity for a large audience and
>the media to hear both sides of the issue, first-hand, from both
>the primary witnesses to those 1964 happenings.

This is not game-playing?

>If the facts are on Hall's side of the debate, one might expect
>him to accept this chance to 'strutt his stuff' and make me out
>as the victum of delusion. From the tone of his posts on this, I
>should think he would relish the opportunity.

I'm not into show biz like you are, Ray.

<snip>

>As to Hall's "Big Lie" characterization of my statements, he may
>deal in character assination if he chooses, but I prefer to deal
>with the issues of a case.

He accuses me of lying, deception, cover-up, etc., etc., and yet
I am the one engaging in character assassination? How special!

>Now, let me close with answering Hall's question of yesterday:

>>And also, did Allen Hynek send you a letter about Socorro, or
>>are we once again asked to believe that he told you something
>>on the phone that no one else ever heard or knows about?

>As a matter of fact Allen Hynek sent me several letters
>discussing Socorro. But he also (while visiting our project in
>Austin, Texas) made a statement in front of witnesses concerning
>the fact that he rejects the cover-up explanation, declaring,
>"If I were you, I would just forget the silica dioxide story and
>accept the original report of a zinc-iron alloy. The X-ray
>diffraction pattern of silica dioxide can't be mistaken by an
>expert for that of a zinc-iron alloy."

>Then, Allen chuckled, adding, "That explanation was nothing
>short of silly!"

>Aside from me, there were at least six other witnesses to that
>statement by Hynek.

All right, now we are down to the nitty gritty. I just contacted
three people who were closely associated with Allen Hynek at the
Center for UFO Studies (Mark Rodeghier, Jerry Clark, and his
former research assistant Jennie Zeidman). None of them recall
him saying any such thing about the NASA-Goddard analysis of
alleged metal samples. What have you got to say about that, Ray?
Don't you think that if he was aware of any such conclusion as
you claim that he would have made it known to his closest
associates? Also, when the Center for UFO Studies was formed
following the 1973 UFO sighting wave, Allen Hynek personally
phoned me and invited me to be involved with CUFOS in some
capacity, and I have been a Contributing Editor ever since. He
never raised any issue with me or asked me any questions about
the NASA-Goddard analysis either (the circumstances of which you
totally distort in your book).

You claim to have witnesses who heard him say otherwise. Well,
then, the burden of proof is on you. Either produce them or
(once again, as you did years ago when I challenged you on
several points in your book, admit you are wrong) and back off.

>If Dick accepts the debate, I may easily be able to coax a
>couple of those witnesses to Hynek's statement to attend, for
>some first-hand testimony. Even if they cannot come, I will
>release the names of those who grant permission to do so, and
>I'm confident they will.

>But I'm holding my real trump card on the Socorro metal case
>until the debate, in case Dick accepts. I almost spilled it
>last night on Jeff Rense's radio show, but, considering
>discretion to be the better part of valor, decided to hold it
>for a more important occasion such as a "hot time in the old
>town" (Or, should I say "shoot-out in the MUFON Corral"?) with
>Dick. :)

Okay, macho man, play your trump card. And I hope the probably
bored observers of this donnybrook will at least have the
courtesy to insist that you produce something meaningful, or get
off the pot. Courtesy to me who has no apologies to make for my
contributions to this field and only wishes that noisemakers
like you would shut up and go away.

- Dick

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Re: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails -

From: Steve in Bama <sdoi@mynra.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 09:10:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails -

>From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 14:07:33 -0700
>Subject: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails

>UFOWATCHDOG.COM PREVAILS IN COURT
>Frivolous Litigation Fails To Silence Website

><snip>

>>On April 1, 2003, Myers was notified of Judge Nishimoto's final
>>ruling, which was in favor of UFOWATCHDOG.COM. In a two-page

I hope you are aware that Morton was on George Noory's Coast to Coast a couple weeks ago declaring that the suit was one that he was going to win with no problem...

Congratulations! Keep up the great work, Royce!

--

"They dug them up with their hands, and raced the sun."

<http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html> -

Steve Owens, Constable
-- Mobile, Alabama -

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Secrecy News -- 04/10/03

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VP CHENEY ON OPENNESS AND SECRECY

Vice President Dick Cheney yesterday said it was "unfair" to characterize the Bush Administration as opposed to openness. To the contrary, he said, the Administration is "commit[ted] to the free flow of information."

The Vice President spoke at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and was responding to a question from Cleveland Plain Dealer editor Douglas C. Clifton, who noted that "There's a growing perception among librarians, academicians, researchers, historians, reporters, editors, publishers, broadcasters that the Bush administration is a foe of openness in government."

Cheney defended the conduct of his Energy Task Force and his refusal to disclose the identities of those he consulted with. "I think it restored some of the legitimate authority of the Executive Branch, the President and the Vice President, to be able to conduct their business."

"In other areas, if we talk about openness, I can't think of anything that better demonstrates our commitment to the free flow of information about very important events than this whole exercise we're in the middle of right now, with respect to embedding the press corps with U.S. military forces," the Vice President said.

See an excerpt from the Vice President's remarks here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2003/04/vp040903.html>

Yet clashes over Bush Administration secrecy continue to erupt on a nearly daily basis.

Two news stories today detail separate disputes between the executive branch and Republican committee chairmen whose congressional committees have been denied access to information.

House Commerce Committee Chairman W.J. "Billy" Tauzin (R-LA) warned the Securities and Exchange Commission that he will subpoena certain SEC documents that have been withheld for nine months if they are not promptly delivered. See "House Panel Tells SEC It Will Subpoena Papers" by Kathleen Day, Washington Post, April 10:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A1202->

2003Apr9.html

Danielle Brian of the Project on Government Oversight describes the efforts of House National Security Subcommittee Chairman Christopher Shays (R-Conn.) to overcome Energy Department resistance to release of documents that his subcommittee requires concerning security at nuclear weapons facilities. See "Stonewalling Security" by Danielle Brian, TomPaine.com, here:

<http://www.tompaine.com/feature.cfm/ID/7571>

WHAT'S NEW IN THE NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER

An edited version of the new Bush Executive Order 13292 on classified national security information that highlights the additions to, and deletions from, the prior executive order 12958 is available here, courtesy of the Information Security Oversight Office:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/bush/eo13292inout.html>

CURTAILING SECRET COURT SETTLEMENTS

Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI) introduced the Sunshine in Litigation Act to curtail judicial secrecy agreements that permit product manufacturers to settle lawsuits in ways that conceal dangerous defects in the products.

"All too often, courts sign off on secret settlements that shield important public health and safety information from the public view," Sen. Kohl said.

In support of his bill, Kohl invoked a January 2001 statement by no less than Attorney General John Ashcroft:

"I think unnecessarily hiding or otherwise concealing from the public those [public health and safety hazards] would be against the interests of the people... I think there's great danger in not providing public information," Mr. Ashcroft said at his confirmation hearing.

See Sen. Kohl's April 9 introductory statement here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2003/s040903.html>

CHINA VIEWS HUMAN RIGHTS IN US

"The United States has been... censuring other countries for their human rights situations, but it has turned a blind eye to serious violations of human rights on its own soil." To remedy that defect, the Chinese government has issued its own report on human rights in the United States.

Problem areas identified include high crime rates, infringements on constitutional rights, the dominant role of money in American politics, poverty, hunger, homelessness, and racial discrimination.

The new Chinese government report was explicitly intended as a reply to the U.S. State Department's annual report on human rights in China, released on March 31, which found "numerous and serious abuses" of human rights in the PRC, including "extrajudicial killings, torture and mistreatment of prisoners, forced confessions, arbitrary arrest and detention, lengthy incommunicado detention, and denial of due process."

China's April 3 report on "The US Human Rights Record in 2002" (with a link to the State Department human rights report) may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/04/xin040303.html>

Coincidentally, the State Department this week invited non-governmental organizations and others to describe their ideas for "projects that will foster democracy, human rights, freedom of information, judicial independence, criminal and civil rule of law, and civil society in the People's Republic of China."

See this remarkable April 7 Federal Register notice from the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor:

<http://cryptome.org/dos040703.txt>

China has not indicated whether it would now sponsor a parallel program to support freedom of information and other pro-democracy initiatives in the United States.

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Could Peer Review Be Wrong?
By Robin Peek

Seriously questioning the validity of the peer-review process is like debating the merits of a holy grail. We've been conducting peer review for so long (more than 200 years, by some estimates) that it, well, just has to be good. Or as Martha Stewart might say: "Peer review. It's a good thing."

But two scholarly societies are now asking if peer review is in fact such a good thing. As the discussion about finding alternative ways of distributing research has intensified over the past few years, it's not surprising that peer review itself would eventually come under scrutiny. And two U.K. groups, the Cochrane Collaboration and the Royal Society, are suggesting that there's a need to examine the value of peer review and to determine whether its methodology should be systematically revised.

The motivation for this inquiry is concern that the public is losing faith in peer review's ability to create a gold standard for evaluating research quality. Last year in the U.S., there were several instances of significant peer-review failures. The most startling was revealed last October when the work of Bell Laboratories' Jan Hendrick Schon came under scrutiny. Schon published 25 papers over the past 3 years. Of those, 16 have been declared to be false. This finding caused the prestigious journal Science to withdraw eight of his papers.

Cochrane Review

In January, Cochrane published "Editorial Peer-Review for Improving the Quality of Reports of Biomedical Studies." According to the organization, this study was conducted because "the knowledgebase of peer review has traditionally lagged far behind its acceptability and use as a quality-assessment tool." Cochrane claims that assumptions about the use of peer review for objective decision making have "rarely been tested." In addition, it says that the need to "prioritize information sources is crucial since there are over 20,000 biomedical journals published globally."

Cochrane, founded in 1992 in Oxford, U.K., is an international organization that "aims to help people make well-informed decisions about healthcare by preparing, maintaining, and ensuring the accessibility of systematic reviews of the effects of healthcare interventions."

The report began with an initial look at 135 studies on the effects of peer review in biomedicine. However, the Cochrane reviewers found that only 21 offered credible data. They concluded that "given the amount of resources invested in peer

review and the common assumption that it improves such outcomes, the lack of research documenting improvements is striking." In addition, many of the studies show that the "well-researched practice of concealing the identities of peer-reviewers or authors, while laborious and expensive, appears to have little effect on the outcome of the quality-assessment process."

So it's not surprising that the Cochranereviewers argue, "A well-funded and coordinated effort involving several sectors of the scientific community is required to improve our understanding of the effects of peer review." They claim that such a study "would best be coordinated by a scientific council ... with the specific aim of scientifically assessing the quality of peer viewing." Until a study is undertaken, the reviewers caution that "we are not confident in the present system" of peer review.

Because the peer-review process is so deeply entrenched in the research system, this fascinating study would be a formidable undertaking. To many, defending the process is like upholding the American virtues of motherhood, baseball, and apple pie. But since Schon was able to slip past Science's venerated quality-control mechanisms more than a half-dozen times, it's appropriate to ask if traditional peer-review practices can still be applied in an environment that offers so many publishing outlets and places so many demands on the reviewers' time.

Royal Society Working Group

Shortly after the release of the Cochrane review, the Royal Society, the U.K.'s leading research institution, announced it was going to examine best practices in peer review. It has set up a 10-member working group to oversee this process. Heading up the inquiry is Patrick Bateson, provost of King's College as well as biological secretary and vice president of the Royal Society. He believes that "peer review is an imperfect process."

In a February interview in The Guardian, Bateson argued: "Scientists are under enormous pressure these days, and many are reluctant to give the time to [peer review]. Sometimes what happens is that the paper gets passed to a graduate student who then delivers a damning critique." He stated further: "We are all aware that some referees' reports are not worth the paper they are written on. It's also hard for a journal editor when reports come back that are contradictory, and it's often down to a question of a value judgment whether something is published or not."

The Royal Society Working Group has established an aggressive time frame for generating two reports by September. One of the committee's charges is to determine best practices for peer review and consider alternatives such as naming the referees. This system might make referees more responsive and responsible (and perhaps more polite).

A second report aims to help the public interpret scientific results. This could be a particularly compelling document if the working group concludes that the existing peer-review system is in fact fundamentally flawed. It would place the Royal Society in the awkward position of trying to calm public fears about the trustworthiness of scientific research while calling for essential changes in the very framework that underpins it.

If the Royal Society does call for new best practices for peer review, it will be interesting to see how or if the research community embraces them.

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Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line - Stanford

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>>Subject: Re: SDI's Ray Stanford Interview On-Line

Hello list,

If you have been keeping up with this exchange begun by Richard Hall and responded to by me, then back and forth, you may have wondered why Richard became so super charged in the first place, upon a few complimentary remarks about my book by a couple of intelligent and, IMO, discerning list members who have read the book, who did not even mention the matter of the metal analysis.

If the first place, those of you who have read the book will know that I never accused Hall of being responsible for taking all the metal off the rock (rather than the portion agreed upon), nor did I accuse him of being involved in issuing a claim that the initial analysis was all a mistake. The only thing I advocated was that he should not have accepted the cover-up statement by one of Frankel's subordinates, or that at least he should have consulted analytical chemists as did I. To date, I have received no statement from Hall that he ever even bothered to inquire, as did I, into the plausibility of what, to this day, I am confident was a cover-up. So, who is the real investigator, and who was willing to accept an implausible statement from the government without investigation? Clearly, Hall was the credulous one in this case.

Yesterday, Hall mentioned pages 351 through 358 in his important and excellent book, UNINVITED GUESTS. If you don't have it, Bob Girard of Arcturus Books can probably provide it: (RGirard321@aol.com or 772-398-0796 during office hours, eastern time, U.S.A.) One might get the idea Hall thought that I had not even read that, but I had done so soon after the book came out because I have appreciated all of Hall's writings except his comments against my book. Dick would seem to be suggesting that in publishing the CIA letter to him and the CIA memo on NICAP and himself, that he shows he has nothing to hide concerning the CIA or his and/or NICAP's possible compliance with their requests, but please read those documents very discerningly. Without further comment, I leave it to the reader to analyze. In saying that, I am not implying that Dick is a CIA agent or operative. But was he was just helpful to them at times? Read the documents and decide for yourself.

I get the impression from Hall's letter of yesterday that he expects me let him get me excited and, resultantly, throw a trump card out on this 'table'. But, I'm saving my cards for a face-to-face debate at a MUFON symposium. But I say, "Lots of luck, Dick, in your wishful thinking. I shall withhold it until it can be presented in the context mentioned." However, in the event that Dick refuses such a debate, and in the event that his death should precede mine, I shall consider releasing it upon

his death, thereby preventing him further frustration or embarrassment, such as he seems to be saying this matter has already caused him.

If anyone wishes to examine whether I have treated Hall's opinion fairly and objectively, don't take Hall's word for it. Please read the book or even go to <http://www.soundwaves2000.com/rense/> and on the 4-8-03 listing for Peter Davenport (on the Jeff Rense radio show), click on Server 1 to begin hearing my interview of Tuesday night. I name Hall and tell all I know of his side of the story. Then if you feel so inclined, report back here as to whether I was fair or unfair to him. Peter Davenport of the National UFO Reporting Center www.UFOCENTER.com has just recently read my book and you will also hear his glowing review of it on the Jeff Rense radio show archive.

Now, to some points of Hall's letter of yesterday that I have not already covered:

>Once you get past Stanford's game-playing and persiflage, the >real issues are these: (1) What really happened in regard to his >alleged metal samples that we arranged to have analyzed at NASA- >Goddard, and (2) who is the more credible in this dispute (and >in general)?

>>>Previously I had thought that Stanford was honestly mistaken. >>>Now I am not so sure anymore.

>>I stand by what I said in the book, which tells both sides of >>the story. If I am mistaken, so was Hynek, and the analytical >>chemists who commented on the matter.

>No, it tells only one extremely subjective and self-serving side >of the story. And here we come to the crux of his latest totally >unsupported (and probably unsupportable) claim that Hynek agreed >with him and said I was wrong, and again, that I was sort of >stupid and naive. No letter, Ray? Oh, you have witnesses who >heard him say so. Well, then, produce them right now and stop >your BS and macho posturing.

Unsupported?!!

Hall has already been preempted on this challenge. See my most recent post identifying three of the witnesses.

>>So, List members, if you feel inclined and it is acceptable to >>Errol Bruce-Knapp, please proffer your opinions as to whether a >>MUFON symposium would be a fair venue for such an event. I >>think it would be a great opportunity for a large audience and >>the media to hear both sides of the issue, first-hand, from both >>the primary witnesses to those 1964 happenings.

>This is not game-playing?

What's the matter, Dick, don't you believe in democracy? :)

>>If the facts are on Hall's side of the debate, one might expect >>him to accept this chance to 'strutt his stuff' and make me out >>as the victim of delusion. From the tone of his posts on this, I >>should think he would relish the opportunity.

>I'm not into show biz like you are, Ray.

I think that's a bit non sequitur, Dick.

If the meaning behind that statement is that you fear I am a better public speaker and would win over a MUFON symposium audience, I must declare, having heard you speak a few times, that you do a nice and distinguished job at speaking. It's true that I tend to speak rapidly, while your speech is more slow, but it is intelligent and thoughtful. Maybe you would come across better than would I, in a debate.

However, if Hall is trying to avoid a public debate in favor of some written piece solely authored by him or one of his friends, so that he or they can rave on about issues unrelated to this one, such as the fact that in my teens I co-authored a very subjective book entitled Look Up!, in which I unfortunately (in teenage zeal) interpreted some well-documented (including police affidavits) and very well-witnessed close encounters with UFOs

as ESP-induced "contacts", then I'm pre-empting them on that:

As evidence that I have never tried to hide that fact, just a few years back I released to Bob Girard a bunch of copies of that book. Each copy contained a post-publication, stamped-in statement to the effect that both authors now repudiate the subjective interpretations we made concerning UFO close encounters that were, themselves, quite real events. If anyone on this list would like to draw me out on this, please do so, as I welcome the opportunity. It was my eventual disgust with that 'contactee' mentality that was a primary force in my moving into the most absolutely objective side of UFO research, the instrumented study of UFO images and of their other optical, magnetic, and gravitational properties. For years, I have publicly provided evidence exposing the contact hoaxes of George Adamski and Daniel W. Fry, and will do so again if it becomes broadly requested and seems permissible in this forum. I suspect, however, that most listers are knowledgeable enough that they already know the facts of those cases and neither need nor want to hear more.

Or, maybe, to avoid the real issue, Dick, would like to go figuratively screaming it from the publication roof top that I worked as a psychic for many years with the Association for the Understanding of man, Incorporated, a non-profit organization. Well I doubt that would be news to many on this list. Does he think I am ashamed of that and would like to hide it? I am not, and I quit doing psychic work in the 1980s, in part because I got sick of people thumping readings that came from me as though they were Christian fundamentalists thumping the Bible. As announced many times before in diverse venues, and quite recently on Errol Bruce Knapp's interview with me, I repudiate giving psychic readings, following psychic readings (even when they might seem to have a veritcal ESP-derived content), and the kind of mentality that I believe led me and leads others to undertake them, as well as the mentality that leads people to seek and follow them. (To any 'metafizzlers' who might be lurking on this list: Please don't shout at me for speaking my heart of that. I've been tought that stuff, and I know its pitfalls.)

I had begun doing psychic readings, including medical readings, in the very early '60s, at about age 23, I guess. Even during the periood that I gave readings from an altered state of consciousness, I constantly insisted that on the occassions when allegedly independent 'personalities' discoursed, that I did not (and still do not) believe they were necessarily from other than my own psyche masquerading as independent beings. My interviews during the period clearly state that, always. But, don't take that statement wrongly. Not all my 'readings' contained only figurative B.S.. In my opinion and that of many others, there were some clearcut demonstrations of precognition, mind-reading from over a thousand miles away, and medical clairvoyance. But that does not, IMO, justify giving such readings or following them, except as pure research into the reach of the human psyche, which some of them were. If this were a list for the study of psychic phenomana, I would describe those things, name names, and document what I've said, but this list is for UFO studies, so let's get back to the issues at hand.

I suspect some might say something to the effect that with the above discussions, "Ray is coming clean is only because he doesn't want Dick Hall to reveal it on his terms, when such things might be taken to reflect upon Stanford's critical judgement in the Socorro sample affair." If any wishes to think that way, I have no objection. If my former involvement in contacteeism as a teenager or former involvement in psychic studies is the only evidence against my credibility that Dick might bring to this 'table', then I see why he wants to avoid debating publicly with me.

Let's remember, Dick, that neither you nor I that should be 'on trial' here. It is the government's seeming cover-up statement's veracity that should be in debate.

Dick, I'm pre-empting these potential side-track issues in hopes of inducing you to deal with the real cover-up issue (by the government, not by you) in public debate, which you have hitherto refused to do.

So, answer me, for the 'Nth time', Dick.: Answer us all,

please.: Have you bothered to ask a metallurgist or analytical chemist if the alleged mistake you insist was made holds water in the context of X-ray diffraction analysis? I have divulged my result in doing exactly that. One might suspect you haven't bothered to thus investigate and report in such a way. If such an expert has taken your side on this, you'd better be ready to name him or her, as did I in my book (naming the professor of chemistry to whom I immediately talked).

And if you haven't consulted an expert (or several, as did I), I recommend you immediately do so and report, or have the courtesy to keep out of this matter because, otherwise, you are just preaching unfounded opinion and asking others to believe it just because you have contributed subsatantially to UFO history. One does not necessarily follow from the other. I give credit where it is due, but only there.

I truthfully and accurately reported:

>>As a matter of fact Allen Hynek sent me several letters
>>discussing Socorro. But he also (while visiting our project in
>>Austin, Texas) made a statement in front of witnesses concerning
>>the fact that he rejects the cover-up explanation, declaring,
>>"If I were you, I would just forget the silica dioxide story and
>>accept the original report of a zinc-iron alloy. The X-ray
>>diffraction pattern of silica dioxide can't be mistaken by an
>>expert for that of a zinc-iron alloy."

>>Then, Allen chuckled, adding, "That explanation was nothing
>>short of silly!"

>>Aside from me, there were at least six other witnesses to that
>>statement by Hynek.

I hope that Dick notes that in Allen Hynek's statement to me and at least six others (three of whom have now been identified) he did not even mention Hall, as he (Hall) seems to feel should have been done. Is Hall so important that any conversation between Hynek and Stanford concerning the Socorro metallic evidence need involve him? The issue was X-ray diffraction, not Hall. I hope Dick gets the point, this time.

>All right, now we are down to the nitty gritty. I just contacted
>three people who were closely associated with Allen Hynek at the
>Center for UFO Studies (Mark Rodeghier, Jerry Clark, and his
>former research assistant Jennie Zeidman). None of them recall
>him saying any such thing about the NASA-Goddard analysis of
>alleged metal samples. What have you got to say about that, Ray?

I would say that it is irrelevant. None of them were down in Texas with us that day.

As to why Allen may have said nothing about this to those colleagues you mention, would you like me to use psychic ability to tell you why? :o) Otherwise, how should I know? It was not my responsibility to monitor Hynek's conversations with those good people.

>Don't you think that if he was aware of any such conclusion as
>you claim that he would have made it known to his closest
>associates?

See the above. I don't care what he did or didn't tell them. I know Hynek was a fairly complex man, and the reasoning of such people can sometimes be a bit difficult to follow. I only know for sure, and report, what Hynek told us that evening in Texas. What more would you expect of one who wants to keep this debate fact based? (I will not speculate.)

>Also, when the Center for UFO Studies was formed
>following the 1973 UFO sighting wave, Allen Hynek personally
>phoned me and invited me to be involved with CUFOS in some
>capacity, and I have been a Contributing Editor ever since.

Good choice on Allen's part, but why should he have done otherwise? He knew that the government coverup of the metallic evidence from Socorro was not your fault. Certainly he was clear on that from contact with me, if not from his contact with Frankel long before Hynek and I talked about it.

>He never raised any issue with me or asked me any questions about

>the NASA-Goddard analysis either...

I suspect that's because he knew I was right and knew what your comeback would be. If, as he told us, he knew that my side of the issue was correct, why waste his very busy day getting a second opinion?

>You claim to have witnesses who heard him say otherwise. Well, >then, the burden of proof is on you. Either produce them ...or >back off.

Well, I did that for this List even before Dick asked. I didn't back off. I repeat: three of the witnesses were Christopher d' Etremont, John M. Lucas, and my wife.

Really, though, Hynek's positive opinion of my conclusions should not be the final 'tea leaf reading' as to whether there was a cover-up at Goddard. Professional metallurgists familiar with X-ray diffraction analysis should be the jury. Shall we assemble a panel of such experts? In that way, Dick could avoid the debate with me and we would have a truly expert jury.

Would you consent to that, Dick? If not, face up to the debate or forever hold your peace.

Hall says that I backed down on certain issues mentioned in my book. I don't recall doing so, but if I did, it was only because I felt he was right on something and that I felt I was wrong. But I never backed down in this issue. Period. So, what does that (however it may have been) have to do with this?

Gentlemen and gentlewomen will admit their error. Others seldom do so.

>Okay, macho man, play your trump card. And I hope the probably >bored observers of this donnybrook will at least have the >courtesy to insist that you produce something meaningful, or get >off the pot. Courtesy to me who has no apologies to make for my >contributions to this field and only wishes that noisemakers >like you would shut up and go away.

Maybe other Listers are bored by now (Sorry, gals and guys.), but Hall doesn't seem to be.

Come to think of it, since I'm nearly 65 years of age and loosing a lot of my 'testostreronal jump-start', his calling me "macho man" makes be feel really good!

Thanks, Dick!

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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Directions for building interstellar spaceships. 'Anti-gravitational' method of propulsion.

An ancient manuscript written in the 4th Century BC Discovered in Tibet and Lhasa by the Chinese. The frontiers of what is possible in science are being stretched.

While the world is busy launching spacecraft into the unknown universe the Chinese discover something in the mountains of Tibet and Lhasa. They are a bundle of strange Sanskrit documents!

The documents are sent to Dr. Ruth Reyna, University of Chandigarh, for translation and special comments. Dr. Reyna's findings are eye-opening. She declares that the manuscripts contain the following:

1. Directions for building interstellar spaceships with a method of propulsion that are essentially anti-gravitational. The method was similar to that of laghima, the power of man's ego. It is described as 'a centrifugal force strong enough to counteract all gravitational pull'. Hindu Yogis claim it is a man's laghima that allows for his body to levitate (rise defying gravity).
2. These machines are called astras!
3. The text also contains claims that ancient Indians could have sent detachments of men onto any planet.
4. The secrets of antima (cover of invisibility) and of garima (method of making one's body as heavy as 'a mountain of lead') are revealed. The Chinese are including certain parts of this data in their space program research and study.
5. It has mention of a planned trip to the moon.

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I've Had My Phil, And Other Stories

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Subject: I've Had My Phil, And Other Stories

Okay, folks. "I've had my Phil" with the noxious smoke clouds being emitted by Ray Stanford, and intend to move on to other, more constructive, things. I have called in a few chips from long-time friends and colleagues, and should they submit anything relevant, I will post it. Otherwise, I think his post of today will supply discerning readers with all they need to evaluate his claims. If not, I suggest they do some homework. He has a long track record of believing three impossible things before breakfast. He certainly does not lack imagination.

The "I've had my Phil [Klass]" in the subject line refers to a private paper that Jim McDonald sent to me after Klass had engaged in serious character assassination against him that resulted in a loss of Navy research contracts. The full title was "A Klassic case, or I've had my Phil." Jim had a great sense of humor.

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Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 19:29:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 05:27:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Stanford

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2003 14:21:44 EDT
>Subject: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003

>From Filer's Files # 15:

>DR HERMAN OBERTH FATHER OF ROCKETRY SAYS UFOs EXIST

>"We find ourselves faced by powers which are far stronger than
>we had hitherto assumed, and whose base is at present unknown to
>us. More I cannot say at present. We are now engaged in entering
>into closer contact with those powers, and in six or nine months
>time it may be possible to speak with some precision on the
>matter."

Fellow Listers,

Don't hold your breath waiting, Herman Oberth died over a bit 13
years ago.

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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Ann Druffel's 'Firestorm:...'

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 21:06:30 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 05:32:16 -0400
Subject: Ann Druffel's 'Firestorm:...'

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 21:32:21 +0000
>Subject: I've Had My Phil, And Other Stories

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DOI/BLM Falls On Its FOIA-Processing Sword

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 19:37:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 05:34:48 -0400
Subject: DOI/BLM Falls On Its FOIA-Processing Sword

[Q: Which U. S. agency qualifies as the "Most Bureaucratic Organization in the History of the Republic"?

A: Nope, it's NOT the U. S. Postal Service!]

TO: Larry W. Bryant

FROM: Donna Vogt
Office of the [DOI] Secretary (FOIA Office)
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20240

DATE: April 8, 2003

Dear Mr. Bryant:

Your May [sic] 7, 2003, letter sent to the Secretary, FOIA Manager, and the General Counsel, U. S. Department of the Interior has been forwarded to the Office of the Secretary FOIA office for processing. It is the Office of the Secretary's understanding that you want us to:

"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."

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on April 4, 2003, and assigned control number OS-2003-00559. Please cite this number in any future correspondence or communication with the Office of the Secretary regarding your FOIA request.

With respect to your request:

1. As you are, no doubt, aware, the FOIA is not free. Under our regulations, individuals filing requests for access to agency documents are required to specify the fee category into which their requests fall: commercial, news media, noncommercial scientific institution or other (43 CFR 2.17(a)). Additionally, requesters filing requests for access to agency documents are required to specify the maximum amount of fees that they are willing to pay for processing their requests.

According to our regulations (43 CFR Part 2, Appendix C), the Department charges the following fees for the processing of Freedom of Information Act requests: Clerical search/review time: \$4.60 per 1/4 hour; Professional search/review time: \$8.00 per 1/4 hour; Managerial search/review time: \$11.60 per 1/4 hour; Photocopying: \$.13 per page.

2. We have classed your request as an "other-use request." This means that we have determined that it is neither a "commercial-use request" nor one placed by a member of the news media or a representative of an educational or noncommercial scientific institution. As an "other-use requester," you are entitled to receive 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of duplication of

responsive records without charge, before being asked to pay for document search and reproduction. Additionally, the Department of the Interior does not bill requesters for FOIA fees incurred in processing "other-use requests" when their fees do not exceed \$30.00, after the subtraction of their entitlements, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected.

Given what you have asked for in your request, it is possible that the cost of processing your request, after subtracting your entitlements, will exceed \$30.00. Insofar as you have not agreed, in writing, to pay the costs that will be incurred in the processing of your request, we cannot begin its processing at this time. Under our regulations, an other-use request that does not include a statement that the requester is willing to pay the fees likely to be incurred in the processing of his/her request may be deemed to have been "not received" by the agency receiving it, for the purposes of the 20-working day processing limit mandated by the law. You may provide us with your written assurance of payment in one of several ways:

a. You may provide us with an upper limit of what we are to incur, on your behalf, in processing your request. In this instance, should the actual cost of processing your request reach this limit, we will contact you before proceeding to incur any additional costs to your account, provide you with our best estimate of the total cost of processing your request, and contact you to obtain your approval before completing the processing of your request.

b. You may reduce the scope of your request, so as to limit the amount of search time and photocopying that would be required to process your request, such that your fee does not exceed \$30.00.

c. You may ask us to prepare an estimate of the amount that you would be likely to incur should we process your request to completion, at this time. Be advised, however, if you ask us for a fee estimate, first, without agreeing to pay any given amount, we cannot begin processing any portion of your request until after we provide you, in writing, with the estimate, and receive written assurance of your willingness to pay this amount. This will add still more time to the processing of your request.

d. You may withdraw your request altogether.

If we do not hear from you in 20 working days of the date of this letter, we are closing our file on your request. (43 CFR 2.18(d))

If you have any questions regarding what we are asking you to provide, you may contact me by phone at 202-208-3552, by fax at 202-219-2374, by e-mail at osfoia@nbc.gov, or by mail at U. S. Department of the Interior, MS 1413 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Alternatively, you can provide us with a phone number at which you can be reached, along with the time of day that you prefer to be contacted, and we can attempt to contact you, at our expense, to answer any questions that you might have, regarding your request. Within the Office of the Secretary, we are committed to providing you, our customer, with the highest quality of service possible.

PRIVACY ACT Notice: Before you choose to contact us, electronically, there are a few things you should know. The information you submit, including your electronic address, may be seen by various people. We will scan a copy of your request into our electronic OS FOIA administrative/image file. We will key the information that you provide to us into our electronic OS FOIA tracking file. We may share it with other individuals, both within and without the Department, involved in Freedom of Information Act administration. You may be contacted by any of these individuals. In other limited circumstances, including requests from Congress or private individuals, we may be required by law to disclose some of the information you submit. Also, e-mail is not necessarily secure against interception. If your communication is very sensitive, or includes personal information like your bank account, charge card, or social security number, you might want to send it by postal mail, instead.

Cc: John Livornese/BLM FOIA Officer;
William W. Wolf, FOIA Appeals Officer

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Re: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails -

From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 20:57:45 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 06:03:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails -

>From: Steve in Bama <sdol@mynra.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 09 Apr 2003 23:42:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails

>>From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2003 14:07:33 -0700
>>Subject: Press Release - Frivolous Litigation Fails

>>UFOWATCHDOG.COM PREVAILS IN COURT
>>Frivolous Litigation Fails To Silence Website

>><snip>

>>>On April 1, 2003, Myers was notified of Judge Nishimoto's final
>>>ruling, which was in favor of UFOWATCHDOG.COM. In a two-page

>I hope you are aware that Morton was on George Noory's Coast to
>Coast a couple weeks ago declaring that the suit was one that he
>was going to win with no problem...

>Congratulations! Keep up the great work, Royce!

Yes, this is the same Coast To Coast AM that Mr. Morton falsely
accused me of "attacking" his mother, wife, and family. There
were no attacks made and I also enjoyed the fact that Mr. Morton
didn't say whom he was suing and that Coast To Coast host George
Noory didn't say it either.

One of the claims made by Mr. Morton was that he worked on Star
Trek with Gene Roddenberry. That claim is well refuted by four
people that either worked for or were very close to Gene
Roddenberry. One of those people was Roddenberry's official
biographer, David Alexander.

Mr. Alexander sent an e-mail and a fax to Bell refuting Morton's
claims. Of course, Mr. Alexander never heard back from Bell.
Same thing with George Noory - Mr. Alexander sent an e-mail and
did not receive a response. The following was sent to George
Noory by Mr. Alexander:

Mr. Noory,

I am the authorized biographer of the late Gene Roddenberry.
Gene chose me to tell his life story which resulted in "Star
Trek Creator: The Authorized Biography of Gene Roddenberry,"
published by ROC an imprint of NAL/Dutton.

I write because I understand that Sean David Morton continues to
claim a relationship with Gene Roddenberry. Morton has made
claims of being Gene's "protege", and others, such as working on
various Star Trek projects.

In the nearly three years I was friends with Gene (the last
three years of his life), during the two and one-half years I
spent researching and writing his biography which included an
examination of his personal archive, the Star Trek Archive in

the Special Collections Department of UCLA, and over 150 interviews of friends, associates, co-workers, colleagues, not once did I ever hear the name Sean David Morton.

In addition to this, Richard Arnold, Gene's long-time archivist at the studio and Susan Sackett, Gene's secretary for nearly twenty years, never heard of Morton either. To their knowledge Morton never visited Gene in his office, never worked on the film or films he claims, never was associated with Gene Roddenberry in any manner whatsoever. In addition, Gene's widow, Majel Barrett Roddenberry doesn't know who Morton is, either.

In an exchange of e-mail with Morton a few years ago, I asked him about his association with Gene. What he supplied was out of sync with Gene's life - Morton claimed to have been present when Gene "suffered a nervous breakdown and was escorted off the lot by security" (an event that never happened) or that he was instrumental in Patrick Stewart gaining the role of Captain Picard on Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Robert Justman, Gene's friend and Associate Producer from the original series, took Gene to see Stewart at a local theater. Gene was against having Stewart play the role until Justman championed the unknown British actor. Morton had nothing to do with it. In this I am certain, having heard the story directly from both Justman and Stewart at various times.

Had Morton been associated in any professional manner with Gene there would have been a paper trail, someone would have mentioned his name... certainly those closest to Gene in his many years on the Paramount lot would have known his name or suggested I interview him for my book. His name never came up at any point in the extensive research and many interviews I conducted preparatory to writing Gene's 600-page bio.

From that I can safely conclude that Sean David Morton is not telling the truth about his relationship with Gene Roddenberry and is trying to exploit the memory of a beloved American icon. You do not benefit the public by aiding Morton in his fantasy.

David Alexander
(***) ***-****

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New Programs On Sci-Fi

From: **Tim Edwards** <tedwards@wiredog.com>
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 03:57:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 06:07:54 -0400
Subject: New Programs On Sci-Fi

FYI!

There is a new non-fiction 'documentary' airing on the Sci-Fi Channel beginning Tuesday, April 15th @ 8:00 pm et.

From available description(s) below, it promises to be very interesting!

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SCI FI - Tuesday Declassified - A fascinating new series of original two-hour documentary specials that delve into the truth behind unexplained phenomena, in the spirit of 'The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence', will launch with four groundbreaking investigations that uncover new and explosive evidence using the forensic tools of modern science.

Every Tuesday starting April 15th, our new primetime block of non-fiction programming offers real-world investigations of such topics as UFOs, ghosts and ESP.

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Following are the scheduled airtimes and episode info for April:
[all episodes are listed in Eastern time]

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Tuesday, April 15th

8:00 pm - Tuesday Declassified: UFO Chronicles
Investigative reports of contacts, abductions, landings and sightings through testimony of witnesses, photos and video

9:00 pm - Tuesday Declassified: Alien Gods
Examination of alien cults, from Heaven's Gate to the Raelians cloning group

10:00 pm - Tuesday Declassified: The Secret
Disclosure of government files behind the cover-up of UFO information

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Tuesday, April 22nd

7:00 pm - Tuesday Declassified: Ghost Stories
Hosted by Patrick Macnee, an exploration of famous ghost encounters in history and in modern times

8:00 pm - Tuesday Declassified: California's Most Haunted
Five documented stories of the paranormal, including footage of apparent spirits

9:00 pm - Tuesday Declassified: An Unknown Encounter
Two-hour special featuring actual footage of the infamous San Pedro haunting

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Tuesday, April 29th

8:00 pm - Tuesday Declassified: Miracles
Hosted by Lee Majors, a worldwide look into such extraordinary wonders as spontaneous healings and unexplained life-altering events

9:00 pm - Tuesday Declassified: Crop Circles: Quest for Truth
Two-hour documentary from Academy Award-nominated director William Gazecki (Waco: The Rules of Engagement) featuring never-before-seen footage and interviews with leading researchers and scientists, offering an in-depth examination of prevailing theories about the origin and nature of crop circles and the possible implications for the future of Earth

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There are also additional episodes of Tuesday Declassified airing on May 20th and 27th.

There is additional info available for these programs here:

<http://www.scifi.com/onair/specials/>

As with other series, I expect Sci-Fi.com to add a section for this series to its site soon.

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Also of interest, there are additional upcoming Sci-Fi programs listed here:

SCI FI Gets Real:

<http://www.scifi.com/scifiwire/print.cgi?2003-04/02/13.00.sfc>

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So much to learn and so little time!

DreamScape

<http://tedwards.topcities.com/dreamscape.htm>

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Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 11:14:14 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 19:34:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Ledger

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 21:06:30 -0300
>Subject: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...'

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 21:32:21 +0000
>>Subject: I've Had My Phil, And Other Stories

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>which I am aware. If only he had written his book.....

Hi Dick and Stan,

"Firestorm" sounds very interesting. Dr. MacDonald has been one
of my heros. I hope that the price you quoted, Stan, was in
Canadian funds. As it was I had to take out a second mortgage to
get Dick's "The UFO Evidence II" in Canadian funds.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Request For A FOIA-Fee Waiver From DOI/BLM

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 16:28:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 19:43:24 -0400
Subject: Request For A FOIA-Fee Waiver From DOI/BLM

TO: MS. Donna Vogt
Freedom of Information Officer (MS 1413 MIB)
Office of the Secretary of the Interior
Headquarters, U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20240

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

DATE: April 11, 2003

Referring to your letter to me of April 8, 2003 (by which you acknowledge receipt of my March 7, 2003, FOIA request No. OS-2003-00559 (initially misidentified by you as "MAY 7, 2003")), I hereby contest your arbitrary labeling that request as an "other-use request."

Please note that I've submitted the request in my capacity as a member of the UFO-awareness press (mainly as a columnist for the Internet website of <http://www.ufocity.com>, which is operated by Central Park Media in New York City; and as a contributor to the website of the public-interest group Citizens Against UFO Secrecy -- caus.org). Of course, I readily can augment my requester status by citing my role as director of governmental affairs for the internationally constituted Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (a "501C(3)" public charity whose chief aim is to help educate the public about UFO reality).

But regardless of how anyone chooses to categorize my status, the obvious public-interest nature of the request outweighs any agency effort to marginalize it via arbitrary pigeonholing.

As you are, no doubt, aware: at least PART of the FOIA-processing system IS "free" whenever an agency chooses to waive records-search/review fees. Accordingly, I hereby ask that your agency waive all such records-search/review fees incident to your fulfilling my FOA request of March 7, 2003. Your granting this fee-waiver request would benefit your department's public image and credibility -- inasmuch as the prompt, full disclosure of the sought-for FOIA-case-file records would, by definition, contribute to the public's understanding (and evaluation) of the DOI/BLM policy/programs/practices inherent in the department's response to controversial FOIA requests.

Should you choose to deny this fee-waiver request, please identify for me the DOI official authorizing the denial, the rationale for his/her decision, and the appeals process by which I may contest the denial and prepare for eventual judicial review thereof.

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

P.S.: By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted request.

Copies furnished to:

Mark S. Zaid, Esq. (Washington, D.C.)

Peter Robbins, Editor-in-Chief, UFOcity.com

Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Information, Management,
and Technology -- U. S. House of Representatives

Chairman, U. S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Director, Public Citizen

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Mysterious Lights In The Sky 02-27-1913

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 22:16:43 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 07:58:06 -0400
Subject: Mysterious Lights In The Sky 02-27-1913

Source: The Guardian - UK

<http://www.guardiancentury.co.uk/1910-1919/Story/0,6051,126427,00.html>

Reported visits of German airships
Reasons for doubt

Thursday February 27, 1913

During the past week scores of persons in various parts of England have convinced themselves that they have seen an airship in the night sky. Most of the reports agree that two bright lights appeared close together, hovered in the air for a time, and then rapidly disappeared. Some of the observers add that they heard the droning of an engine. The reports come from several places on the east coast and also Portsmouth. Based on these facts suggestions are now being made in many quarters and positive assertions in others that German airships have travelled each night over England.

For many reasons such a conclusion should be regarded with grave suspicion. First there is no satisfactory evidence that an airship has been seen. Four years ago several English newspapers spent many days working up an airship scare which in the end feebly frittered out. At that time the evidence was as good as the evidence advanced to-day. No doubt the observers who report the lights act in good faith, but even an expert would find considerable difficulty in making sure of the presence of a dirigible at night. And the observers have not been experts. Moreover, a vessel paying a secret and unwelcome visit to England would have every reason for hiding her lights, which she could easily do. An interesting fact bearing on this point is that the lights have usually been seen in the western sky about the time when the planet Venus, now very bright, is sinking towards that horizon.

<http://www.guardiancentury.co.uk/1910-1919/Story/0,6051,126427,00.html>

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Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Bott

From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 13:54:20 +1200 (NZST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 08:00:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Bott

Greetings Richard and List

Can someone tell me when this will be available for sale, and where someone like myself can obtain a copy (as well as price etc)

I hold some correspondence between Jim McDonald and Harold Fulton at the time of his brief stop-over in Auckland (New Zealand). Harold traveled all the way to Auckland and with two Auckland based researchers hosted Jim McDonald for a day.

Certainly I hope to obtain a copy in due course if someone can tell me where to obtain a copy plus cost etc etc,

Regards

Murray Bott

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Sincere Thanks From ufowatchdog.com

From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 00:15:18 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 08:01:49 -0400
Subject: Sincere Thanks From ufowatchdog.com

Listers,

I want to sincerely thank everyone out there for their support while I dealt with the bogus lawsuit filed against UFOWATCHDOG.COM by self-proclaimed "World's Foremost UFO Researcher" Sean David Morton. As evident by the presiding judge's order to dismiss the lawsuit, Mr. Morton had more than ample opportunity to prove his case in court. Under the law, Mr. Morton only needed to demonstrate that UFOWATCHDOG.COM had made a single false statement regarding him or his claims and he failed to do so.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share the message that was sent to Mr. Morton from me requesting comment from him. To date, the only communication received from Mr. Morton was through the editor of his Delphi Associates newsletter, Melissa Ann Morton, whom stated nothing more than, "Just great..."

Please find my message to Mr. Morton at the bottom of this e-mail. While I have sent a copy to my attorney, I wanted to make sure there was a record of it elsewhere. This is due to Mr. Morton's claim in his court papers that he only found about the UFOWATCHDOG.COM website this past June 2002, of which I have evidence that was submitted to the courts clearly demonstrating Mr. Morton had full knowledge over two-years ago. I just hope that Mr. Morton decides to do the responsible thing and directly comment instead of resorting to a lawsuit.

Thank you again for all of your support and I hope this to be a breaking point where people start taking a hard look at those individuals and organizations that do far more harm than good. I am of the opinion that this field merits serious scientific inquiry, not weird flavored cult entities spreading bunk alien messages and representing themselves as Ufological Authorities.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
UFOWATCHDOG.COM
"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind...or your own two feet in a rush to sue someone over something you didn't have the courage to comment on..."

From: THE WATCHDOG
To: vajra777@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 3:01 PM
Subject: Request For Comment

Sean David Morton,

You are once again directly invited to comment on UFOWATCHDOG.COM's findings regarding your claims. You have been familiar with the website and its contents for over two years now. You've been provided numerous opportunities to respond.

Please feel free to send your comments to

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cc: Law Office of Carol A. Sobel

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A (Buried) Mea Culpa From BLM

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 01:25:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 08:04:30 -0400
Subject: A (Buried) Mea Culpa From BLM

TO: Larry W. Bryant

FROM: Ms. Linda S. C. Rundell
State Director of the New Mexico State Office
of the U. S. Bureau of Land Management

DATE: April 4, 2003

Dear Mr. Bryant:

This is a follow-up response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 7, 2002 (FOIA NM-2003-07). It also serves as a follow-up response to your letter to the Department of the Interior dated February 10, 2003. On March 3, 2003, the Department of the Interior FOIA Appeals Officer advised you that they were not able to process your letter as a FOIA appeal, since your FOIA appeal was filed in excess of the 30-day time limitation. By copy of their letter, they referred your February 10, 2003, letter to our office to be treated as a new FOIA request.

In your initial request dated November 7, 2002, you requested a copy of any and all records pertaining to the Standard Archeological Plan for the excavation of the Roswell UFO-crash-landing debris field (designated as NM site No. 1000000).

On December 11, 2002, we provided you with a copy of the subject document (15 pages). However, specific site location information was redacted from this document without citing Exemption 3 of the FOIA to withhold this information. We apologize for the confusion in this matter.

Enclosed is a copy of the requested record provided on December 11, 2002, with site location information redacted and Exemption 3 cited on the actual document (16 pages [the 16th one being blank so as to represent the redacted map]). We are withholding the specific site location information under Exemption 3 of the FOIA (5 USC 552(b)(3)). Exemption 3 of the FOIA allows an agency to withhold records that are specifically exempt from disclosure by other Federal Statutes, i.e., the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980.

The person responsible for the partial denial for withholding of records under Exemption 3 of the FOIA is the undersigned as the State Director, New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, in consultation with Arthur Arguedas, Field Solicitor, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Under 43 CFR 2.18 (2001), you may appeal this partial denial under Exemption 3 by writing to: Freedom of Information Act Appeals Officer; U.S. Department of the Interior - MS-5312, MIB; 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

Your appeal must be received no later than 30 workdays after the date of this letter. The appeal should be marked, both on the envelope and the face of the appeal letter, with the legend "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." A copy of your original request should accompany your appeal and this letter, along with any information you have which leads you to believe this decision is

in error.

Cost recovery fees are not charged since costs for these records (16 pages) do not exceed the collectible threshold of \$30.00 (43 CFR 2.16(b)(2)) (Federal Register Vol. 67, No. 203, dated October 21, 2002).

Questions pertaining to the enclosed records may be referred to Howard Parman, Roswell Field Office FOIA Coordinator, at (505) 627-0212. Questions pertaining to FOIA matters may be directed to Eileen G. Vigil, State FOIA Coordinator, at (505) 438-7636.

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Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 08:17:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 08:32:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Kaeser

>From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
>To: Updates List <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0926524585/qid=1050149890/sr=1-4/ref=sr_1_4/102-3938016-4093745?v=glance&s=books

Steve

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Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 05:59:24 -0700
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Thanks in advance

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Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 12:07:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 17:59:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Stanford

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
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Larry and List,

In fact, publishers often encourage authors to distribute manuscript copies to well-known colleagues engaged in the same areas covered by a book, in order, hopefully, to elicit positive comments for use in advertising and on the book cover, per se.

In this case, for example, Hall and Friedman are well-known for their contributions to Ufology, and it is reasonable that they should have been invited to comment. I appreciate their alerting us to this very important and (I'm betting on it.) highly interesting and important book, and, responsibly, have pre-ordered a copy via www.amazon.com .

I haven't even read the manuscript, but suspect it may come to be regarded as an important, truly 'landmark', document in UFOlogy.

Jim McDonald's death was a terrible loss to Ufology. Aside from that, he was a very nice person who just happened to be Senior Physicist, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, the University of Arizona, Tucson.

Ray Stanford

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Looking For Bonnybridge Photo

From: Chris Burns <Thurstonoreggae@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 14:54:12 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 18:00:43 -0400
Subject: Looking For Bonnybridge Photo

Hey list,

I was wondering if someone can help me out. I'm looking for a high-res copy/jpeg file of the famous UFO photo from the Polmont Reservoir/Grangemouth area in/near Bonnybridge, Scotland. It was taken by Phil Trevis who used to go by the alias Peter Muir. I'm also looking for any analysis (if it exists) on this photo.

If anyone is not familiar with this photo, it shows an amazingly detailed "craft" taken from directly below it. Now, truthfully, I do not know much about this photo, and it of course could be a hoax. But if it is, the job was absolutely brilliant with the photographer doing his homework about how nocturnal "craft" sightings are generally reported. What gave me pause when I saw the photo years ago is the softness of the lights, which reminded me of the direction Hynek and Vallee gave Spielberg and Douglas Trumbull on how to make the UFOs in Close Encounters appear.

I am very curious to know more about this photo, and to get a good copy to examine.

Thanks ahead of time,

Chris Burns

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Genie Has Escaped The DOI/BLM Bottle - FOIA Appeal

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 17:03:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 18:08:03 -0400
Subject: Genie Has Escaped The DOI/BLM Bottle - FOIA Appeal

TO: Mr. William W. Wolf
Freedom of Information Act Appeals Officer
U. S. Department of the Interior (MS-5312, MIB)
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

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

DATE: April 12, 2003

Referring to the Bureau of Land Management-N.M. state director Linda S. C. Rundell's letter to me of April 4, 2003 (by which she partially denies my FOIA request No. FOIA NM-2003-07, as regards the exact location of the "Roswell Dig" site), I hereby formally appeal that denial on the following grounds:

(1) The denial fails to specify the precise section/paragraph/subparagraph of the National Historic Preservation Act (cum a precise, written DOI/BLM interpretation thereof) that allegedly authorizes the denial. Hence, this erroneously justified denial puts me at a distinct disadvantage in advancing the cause of unfettered public access to the withheld information.

(2) The DOI/BLM original decision to share the sought-for information with at least two other third parties (the University of New Mexico and the USA Cable Network's SciFi Channel) while withholding it from me burdens my rights under the equal-protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. Thus, the initial-denial official has exceeded her authority via this discriminatory action toward suppressing full dissemination of public information.

(3) The denial sets a dangerous, unacceptable precedent for denying full public access to official records and real-time data pertaining to any future case of UFO-crash-landing/retrieval operations -- inasmuch as such a "historic event/site" can be arbitrarily interpreted by your department as warranting nondisclosure to all but certain (secretly) preselected parties. This unintended consequence of the National Historic Preservation Act must be avoided and, should it occur, must be subjected to legal challenge.

(4) My FOIA-requester status as a member of the UFO-awareness press (mainly as a columnist for the Internet website of <http://www.ufocity.com>) entitles me to the full, unequivocal freedom-of-the-press protection afforded by the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. Your agency's unfounded reliance on, and misinterpretation of, the National Historic Preservation Act to censor the sought-for information infringes on my free-press rights and constitutes irreparable harm thereto, thus setting the stage for me to seek immediate declaratory and injunctive relief from federal district court.

Given the heightened public interest in the outcome of this controversy, I ask that you assign a high priority to my appeal, to expedite its processing, and to sustain it with all

deliberate speed. Please note that, by snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

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

P.S.: "Information is PROPERTY, and public information is PUBLIC property." -- The FOIA Genie

Copies furnished to:

Mark S. Zaid, Esq. (Washington, D.C.)

Peter Robbins, Editor-in-Chief, UFOcity.com

Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Information, Management, and
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Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 22:00:34 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2003 18:11:23 -0400
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Edwards AFB 1965

From: **Joachim Koch** <koch@kochkyborg.de>
Date: Sun, 13 Apr 2003 17:35:55 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Apr 2003 22:12:14 -0400
Subject: Edwards AFB 1965

Date: Sun, 13 Apr 2003 17:27:00 GMT
From: lists@kochkyborg.de <Joachim Koch>
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
<ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Subject: Edwards AFB 1965

Hello List,

While dealing with the Incident at Edwards AFB on October 7, 1965, I am wondering about the ranking of this encounter among the UFO community.

Isn't it proof that ET was/is visiting us?

I have updated my website regarding this incident. Once you have entered it, please click on 'News'.

Joachim Koch

More Info: <http://www.kochkyborg.de>

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Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Rubtsov

From: Vladimir Rubtsov <tolimak@mail.ru>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 00:46:21 +0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Apr 2003 22:20:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Rubtsov

Dear Listers,

I am new to the List (even though not so much to ufology -
please see some info at:

<http://www.geocities.com/riap777/vr.html>

- and it is for the last two months or so that I have been following the discussions on the List with attention they do deserve. In particular, the information about the new book by Ann Druffel about Dr. James McDonald is of much interest to me. One little-known detail from the life of this really outstanding scientist is the influence he exercised on the development of ufological studies in the former USSR in the 1960s.

In those years, Arkadiy Tikhonov, an engineer and friend of Alexander Kazantsev's kept up a correspondence with Western ufologists on behalf of a small group of first Soviet ufologists. He communicated with James McDonald as well - and, as he himself told me a few years later, it was Dr. McDonald's approach to the UFO problem that persuaded him of the true scope and importance of this problem.

After the tragic death of James McDonald, Arkadiy Tikhonov gathered all their correspondence in a single file and gave it from time to time (in original - since no Xerox copiers were then permitted in this country) for reading to those persons who displayed interest to the UFO problem. And the reaction was always fully favorable and even enthusiastic.

Unfortunately, I do not know the further lot of this file - nor the lot of the whole Tikhonov's archives - but it would hardly be an exaggeration to say that James McDonald's ideas and mode of thinking have definitely manifested themselves in the best traits of early Russian ufology.

Sincerely,

Vladimir Rubtsov, Ph.D.
Director
Research Institute on Anomalous Phenomena
<http://www.geocities.com/riap777/>

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1965 North Atlantic Radar Case?

From: Ole Henningsen <oleh@post1.tele.dk>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 00:48:18 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Apr 2003 22:28:02 -0400
Subject: 1965 North Atlantic Radar Case?

Hello friends,

I have heard about a possible radar-case in The North Atlantic area in 1965.

Do you in your various files have any references to a possible radar case during 1965 involving radars at Buchan (Scotland?), Faroe Islands, Keflavik (Iceland) connected with scrambling of jetfighters in UK? I have no exact date and only very few details.

I would be very pleased receive any information about such a case or any suggestions where to look for further information.
Best regards,

Ole Henningsen
SUFOI
Denmark

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Secrecy News -- 04/14/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 10:53:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 16:33:35 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 04/14/03

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2003, Issue No. 32
April 14, 2003

** DOE TO REISSUE UNALTERED POLYGRAPH REGS
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** DOJ VIEWS THE NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER
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** SADDAM AND THE CIA

DOE TO REISSUE UNALTERED POLYGRAPH REGS

In a remarkable testament to the stubbornness of the security bureaucracy and its resistance to external criticism, the Department of Energy is proposing to reissue the identical regulations governing polygraph testing that Congress told it to repeal two years ago, despite a withering independent critique from the National Academy of Sciences.

In a Federal Register notice today, DOE argued that although the congressional repeal "would eliminate the existing authority which underlies DOE's counterintelligence polygraph regulations... [it] would not preclude the retention of some or all of those regulations through this rule-making...." So retaining "all of those regulations" is what DOE will do.

Congress had instructed DOE to reevaluate its polygraph policies based on the findings of a polygraph study conducted by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). That study, completed last year, was harshly critical of polygraph testing as a tool for screening of employees and found that it will generate "either a large number of false positives or a large number of false negatives."

DOE did not dispute this, but observed in faint praise of the polygraph that it is not wrong 100% of the time. In some cases, it actually "will identify true positives who are being deceptive."

"Accordingly, DOE does not believe that the issues that the NAS has raised about the polygraph's accuracy are sufficient to warrant a decision by DOE to abandon it as a screening tool," the Federal Register notice explained.

"While fully respecting the questions the NAS has raised about the use of polygraphs as a screening tool, DOE does not believe it can endorse the NAS's conclusion that the tool should be laid down."

DOE invited public comment on its proposal to retain its polygraph regulations in unaltered form. See this April 14 Federal Register notice:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/polygraph/fr041403.html>

CIA VIEWS NORTH KOREAN NUKES

The Central Intelligence Agency last week released its latest unclassified report on foreign countries' acquisition of technology relating to weapons of mass destruction. The new report, however, has some notable omissions.

Oddly, it is silent on North Korea's plutonium program even though the Agency has previously assessed that "the North has one or possibly two weapons using plutonium it produced prior to 1992."

A copy of the new CIA report is posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/bian_apr_2003.htm

An independent assessment entitled "The United States, North Korea, and the End of the Agreed Framework" by Jonathan D. Pollack, to be published in the Summer 2003 Naval War College Review, may be found here:

<http://www.nwc.navy.mil/press/Review/2003/Summer/art1-adv-su3.htm>

DOJ VIEWS THE NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER

The Justice Department Office of Information and Privacy provided its take on the new executive order on classification policy in "Executive Order on National Security Classification Amended," April 11:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2003foiapost14.htm>

ADMIRING PHILIP MORRISON

For over half a century, physicist Philip Morrison has been one of the preeminent figures in the parallel worlds of theoretical physics, nuclear arms control and science education. He was a Manhattan Project physicist and a co-founder of the Federation of American Scientists.

At a March 12 symposium, FAS and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Physics Department jointly awarded him the Hans Bethe Science in Public Service Award. See "Research publication limits won't hinder bioterror, speakers say," MIT Tech Talk, March 19:

<http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/tt/2003/mar19/biomed.html>

Morrison was profiled lately in "A Man Who Thinks Otherwise" by Richard Monastersky, Chronicle of Higher Education, April 11:

<http://chronicle.com/free/v49/i31/31a05601.htm>

SADDAM AND THE CIA

One of many lacunae in the history of cold war intelligence and of Iraq in particular is the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in advancing the career of one Saddam Hussein.

"While many have thought that Saddam first became involved with U.S. intelligence agencies at the start of the September 1980 Iran-Iraq war, his first contacts with U.S. officials date back to 1959, when he was part of a CIA-authorized six-man squad tasked with assassinating then Iraqi Prime Minister Gen. Abd al-Karim Qasim," reports Richard Sale of United Press International. "U.S. intelligence services ... used him as their instrument for more than 40 years."

See "Saddam key in early CIA plot," April 10:

<http://www.upi.com/view.cfm?StoryID030410-070214-6557r>

The CIA would not comment on the matter.

Federation of American Scientists.

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Re: 965 North Atlantic Radar Case?

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 10:24:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 16:35:04 -0400
Subject: Re: 965 North Atlantic Radar Case?

>From: Ole Henningsen <oleh@post1.tele.dk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 00:48:18 +0200
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>jetfighters in UK? I have no exact date and only very few
>details.

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>case or any suggestions where to look for further information.
>Best regards,

Do a google search on the keywords - radar Scotland UFO 1965 -
There are numerous references to that sighting.

Terry

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Problem With EBE-ET Website

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 13:14:16 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 16:37:57 -0400
Subject: Problem With EBE-ET Website

Good day list,

Unfortunately my house was burgled and I lost my computer with all my data. My Inetrnet company had trouble and lost some data of some sites... including the EBE-ET. So I can not upload, but we are trying to recover our information and already creating another site.

We would like to apologise.

Thank you very much

--

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti
Vice-presidente da EBE-ET/RAB
Brasilia/DF
Brasil

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UFO Duck Hunting!

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 13:49:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 16:39:29 -0400
Subject: UFO Duck Hunting!

List,

Perhaps you know the saying "If it looks like a duck..."

Well, in that context, a friend of mine and I recently looked at alleged UFO images on the Rense.com site, and on looking closely at twelve boxed images (scroll down the page) under the heading that says Amorphous Craft (taken by Anthony Woods), we noticed something very interesting!

Please have a careful look at what Woods labels as his "amorphous craft", about the middle of the page at:

<http://www.rense.com/general31/woods1A.htm>

Once you've scrolled down to the twelve images (enlargements from video), please take a 'gander', as the saying goes - Sorry, I couldn't resist! - at some of those images.

Now, tell me that it's not a slightly disfocused duck decoy, rotating around in the air, possibly suspended by thin line from, say, a balloon, higher above!

My friend commented, "I used to do a lot of duck hunting and I'd have to say that thing is suspiciously like the typical molded plastic decoy we used. It has a long rectangular [Look at the lighter rectangle or diamond visible in some of the views.] weighted part on the bottom to hold it upright in the water."

Anyway, my friend and I compared what you see to a photo of a male "redhead duck" decoy. The Woods video might show some other type duck decoy, but a ruddy brown tint resembling that of the red head duck's head is visible in the bottom right image of his 12 close-up frames, on what seems to be the decoy's (?) head.

All of which makes my friend and me wonder whether someone is trying to demonstrate that UFO researchers are all a bunch of wide-eyed 'quacks', and trying to 'goose' us for all we're worth! :)

If you still don't get the picture and insist on believing that's a video of a bona fide UFO, please don't shoot the messenger. Shoot the 'duck', err, DECOY (?) instead!

Well, might my friend and I be onto something 'just ducky', or is it that he and I are all-too-willing to believe three impossible things before breakfast? :)

Ray Stanford

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Argentina: Mutilated Animals Found Near Cuchillo Co

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 13:46:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 16:42:46 -0400
Subject: Argentina: Mutilated Animals Found Near Cuchillo Co

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
April 14, 2003

SOURCE: El Diario de la Pampa
DATE: April 13, 2003

CONCERN GROWS AMONG RANCHERS: Mutilated Animals Found Near
Cuchillo Co

Concern spread among some Pampan cattlemen of the Lihuel Calel department, who expressed their fear at the discovery of several repeated animal mutilations in their rural area.

GENERAL ACHA (Agencia) -- Cattlemen from a broad section of the Lihuel Calel department are concerned by the return of cattle mutilations. In an interview with El Diario, a young rancher whose property is located on Provincial Route 13, 60 km west of Cuchillo Co, and who requested anonymity, remarked that two mutilated cows and a calf were found on his property last year, being similar to the ones which achieved prominence in this and other provinces in 2002. The cattleman noted that there also occurred a case involving the mutilation of a wild boar cub.

Worried by the situation, he stated: "it seems that they've taken against me now, because in 15 days they mutilated six calves, all of them black, plump, weighing between 160 and 220 kg., which were in an open field. The last one was found last Thursday some 500 meters from the street and some 4 kilometers from the house, while I was away in General Acha. The same occurred on Friday with a sheep," he added.

When consulted about the condition in which the animals are found, and the type of mutilation presented, he explained that "some were male and others female, but similar incisions can be found in all of them -- perfectly [even] and cured, as though cauterized. They were missing their tongues, jaws, ears, eyes and hide in a stretch from the front (sic) to the start of the chest. The females were missing their udders and the males their testicles." He later noted that "I turned one of these over to remove its ribs, but one of them, which was under the body, was cracked and was "mashed", as though it had experienced a powerful blow."

"I removed two ribs for the dogs, which eat it, but since it was hanging from a hook in the shed, [it emanated] a strong odor of ammonia and sulfur which became unbearable." He explained that his remaining animals grazed far from the mutilated one.

Upon discussing the hypotheses put forth by the local livestock producers, he stated that "some cattlemen do not believe that natural deaths are involved, nor mutilations by carrion animals and much less by the long-muzzled mouse. This is a subject that deserves far deeper study to put an end to it, as it affects us financially. Scientists from a foreign power could be involved,

performing the mutilations for analysis. We base this on the fact that some "lights" have been seen over the area during the night."

Finally, he recalled that "a rancher from the area found that cow belonging to another pasture had been deposited on his property. For this reason we request whoever is responsible to look into these events and research them thoroughly."

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Translation (C) 2003. Scott Corrales
Institute of Hispanic Ufology
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Re: 1965 North Atlantic Radar Case? - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 19:19:49 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 16:44:33 -0400
Subject: Re: 1965 North Atlantic Radar Case? - Pope

>From: Ole Henningsen <oleh@post1.tele.dk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 00:48:18 +0200
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>Ole Henningsen
>SUFOI
>Denmark

Ole and List,

If a written report on this alleged incident was generated and sent to the Ministry of Defence, it should be in one of two files open for viewing at the Public Record Office in Kew. The references are AIR 2/17527 and AIR 2/17982. But I don't recall having seen reference to any such incident in these files.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Edwards AFB 1965 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 11:22:37 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 16:45:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Edwards AFB 1965 - Hatch

>From: Joachim Koch <koch@kochkyborg.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 13 Apr 2003 17:35:55 +0100
>Subject: Edwards AFB 1965

>Date: Sun, 13 Apr 2003 17:27:00 GMT
>From: lists@kochkyborg.de <Joachim Koch>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
><ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Edwards AFB 1965

>Hello List,

>While dealing with the Incident at Edwards AFB on October 7,
>1965, I am wondering about the ranking of this encounter among
>the UFO community.

>Isn't it proof that ET was/is visiting us?

>I have updated my website regarding this incident. Once you have
>entered it, please click on 'News'.

>Joachim Koch

>-----
>More Info: <http://www.kochkyborg.de>
>-----

Hello Joachim:

Somehow that event fell off my radar screen.

Are you referring to this matter?

<http://www.nicap.dabsol.co.uk/ufoproof.htm>

Thanks

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 15:01:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 16:47:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...' - Velez

>From: Vladimir Rubtsov <tolimak@mail.ru>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 00:46:21 +0400
>Subject: Re: Ann Druffell's 'Firestorm:...'

>Dear Listers,

>I am new to the List (even though not so much to ufology -
>please see some info at:

><http://www.geocities.com/riap777/vr.html>

>- and it is for the last two months or so that I have been
>following the discussions on the List with attention they do
>deserve. In particular, the information about the new book by
>Ann Druffel about Dr. James McDonald is of much interest to me.
>One little-known detail from the life of this really outstanding
>scientist is the influence he exercised on the development of
>ufological studies in the former USSR in the 1960s.

>In those years, Arkadiy Tikhonov, an engineer and friend of
>Alexander Kazantsev's kept up a correspondence with Western
>ufologists on behalf of a small group of first Soviet
>ufologists. He communicated with James McDonald as well - and,
>as he himself told me a few years later, it was Dr. McDonald's
>approach to the UFO problem that persuaded him of the true scope
>and importance of this problem.

>After the tragic death of James McDonald, Arkadiy Tikhonov
>gathered all their correspondence in a single file and gave it
>from time to time (in original - since no Xerox copiers were
>then permitted in this country) for reading to those persons who
>displayed interest to the UFO problem. And the reaction was
>always fully favorable and even enthusiastic.

>Unfortunately, I do not know the further lot of this file - nor
>the lot of the whole Tikhonov's archives - but it would hardly
>be an exaggeration to say that James McDonald's ideas and mode
>of thinking have definitely manifested themselves in the best
>traits of early Russian ufology.

Hello Vladimir,

When I visited your website I noticed that Eddie Bullard is a member of your 'advisory' staff. I would like to ask if there is any active UFO/alien/abduction related research being conducted by members of your group? I would be very interested in comparing notes. I am wondering how many differences or similarities may exist between Russian and American reports of UFO abduction.

You are welcome to 'check me out' with the moderator of this List. I worked closely with Budd Hopkins for five years and I created and maintain the 'Abduction Information Center' online. I would like to be able to communicate and share information with a Russian counterpart if at all possible. Visit A.I.C. at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/default.html>

Welcome to the List.

Regards,

John Velez, Webmaster: Abduction Information Center

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Hickson Recounts His Book On UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 16:59:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 16:59:56 -0400
Subject: Hickson Recounts His Book On UFO

Source: The Sun Herald - Gulfport, Mississippi

<http://www.sunherald.com/mld/sunherald/news/local/5590328.htm>

Posted on Wed, Apr. 09, 2003

Author Recounts His Book On UFO
By Gary Holland
The Sun Herald

GAUTIER - Charles Hickson, who made international news with an account of his encounter with robots and an unidentified flying object, recalled the Oct. 11, 1973, incident at a book signing Tuesday night.

"I have a gut feeling that it won't be many more years until everyone is going to understand there are other worlds out there with life, and I'll be glad when that time comes," he said at the Gautier Library before meeting a roomful of UFO enthusiasts.

Hickson, 72, a Gautier construction contractor, wrote his book, "UFO Contact at Pascagoula," in the 1980s and makes appearances to talk about it.

He doesn't fear the aliens.

"If they come, we shouldn't attack them, thinking they mean harm," he said. "It wouldn't do any good. They could destroy us and this world if they want to."

Hickson's book recalls the afternoon when he and his fishing partner, Calvin Parker Jr., left work at Walker Shipyard and were fishing in the Pascagoula River just south of the U.S. 90 drawbridge. In the account of his encounter, a craft hovered over the bank and three robot-like creatures took them aboard and scanned them with an eye-like instrument, let them go and flew away.

"I don't know anything else to tell you," he said. "That's what happened almost 30 years ago."

He said he had a couple of occasions where he again saw space crafts and through communications, which he doesn't explain, they let him know they would stay in contact.

"I still hear and see things but I don't talk about it. There is no reason to talk," he said.

Hickson thinks the aliens are closer than any distant galaxy. He agrees with psychic Jeane Dixon, who talked with him about his experience, that they came from a small planet just past Jupiter.

"They are a lot further advanced scientifically than we are," he said. "They could come here for a purpose, possibly to help us. I believe they were concerned about a threat of an atomic war between Russia and the United States that could cause a nuclear

reaction that would affect them. The Cold War is over, but there is still the Middle East and North Korea."

Hickson said he is a Christian.

"I believe there is a God, not only the creator of this world but the creator of all of those out there."

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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Source: The Daily Record - Glasgow, Scotland

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/features/featuresfeed/page.cfm?objectid=12838939&method=full&siteid=89488>

THE GUEST SLOT

Apr 12 2003

Bob Rickard, Founding Editor Of The Fortean Times

WHERE else, this weekend, can you get the low-down on decadent saints, Buffy's battle against the Undead, sea serpents, a WW2 death-ray, Bigfoot, the JFK assassination, the infamous "alien autopsy" movie and the world's greatest hoaxes?

It must be this year's UnConvention, hosted by Fortean Times magazine at London's Commonwealth Institute in Kensington.

I founded Fortean Times in 1973 as a fanzine for circulating stories and discussion of strange phenomena.

And over the last 30 years, the magazine has matured into the world's only professional, regular review of weirdness, with nearly 30,000 sales a month.

The secret of Fortean Times' persistence and what distinguishes it from the many rivals it has seen off is its refreshing mix of curiosity and lack of pomposity.

While dedicated to good standards of investigation and writing, it is full of surrealistic conjunctions, humour, strange excitements, obscure knowledge and, yes, common sense. It has managed to become the voice of sensible inquiry into the unknown without losing its sense of mystery and wonder.

We don't call ourselves experts, because there can be no expert in what is Unknown.

Where rival magazines have been too sceptical, or too credulous, FT has kept to a middle path of intelligent inquiry, seeking ever better data, informed by our sound knowledge of the subject matter and a healthy sense of irony and dark humour.

"We see humour and compassion as antidotes to fear of the Unknown," says Paul Sieveking, my co-editor for nearly two decades. "The balance we bring to the debate," adds David Sutton, the current editor, "has won us a hugely loyal and stable readership in a time when magazine sales are declining generally."

We are particularly proud of being among the very first to comment on such subjects as crop circles, social panics such as the "satanic ritual abuse" and "phantom social worker" scares, "psychic" spoon-bending, sea monsters off the British coast and showers of frogs and ice - among many other subjects. When numbers of little fish fell on several locations in east London in 1983, I obtained specimens for identification at the Natural

History Museum and sought a rational explanation.

The best the meteorologists could come up with was that a flight of herons was hit by synchronised vomiting over Canning Town.

FT was also the first to collate the many sightings of Alien Big Cats (ABCs) that have been sighted every year since the famous "Surrey Puma" of 1962.

Paul edits an annual round-up of sightings and points to their diversity - besides cougars, lynxes and wild boars, lions, panthers and bears have been spotted. Such events are balanced by the absurd - in Nottingham a large paper bag fluttering in a hedge was mistaken for a lion and in New Mexico a spontaneous "face of Christ" on the side of a church was found to be a poster for a Willie Nelson concert with a layer of whitewash over it.

Given our huge fan base, we staged our first UnConvention in 1994 at the University of London and kicked off with a fine debate on "spontaneous human combustion". Since then, the event has been held every year (except 2001) at various venues in London, settling on Kensington's Commonwealth Institute. This weekend it will host the finals of the Paranormal Olympics (a series of spoon-bending, scales-tipping and card-guessing tests organised by ASSAP - the Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena).

There are many specialist conventions throughout the year, devoted to single-issue topics such as science fiction, cult TV, UFOs, crop circles, vampires and psychical research while many other paranormal topics are not catered for.

UnConvention brings all these fringe subjects together in celebration of open-minded curiosity.

From alien abductions and lost civilisations to conspiracies and life- after-death, UnConvention has something for everyone, believers and doubters alike.

There is nothing quite like it. Anywhere.

Details about UnConvention can be found at www.unconvention2003.com

[UFO UpDates thanks [www.http://anomalist.com](http://www.anomalist.com) for the lead]

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Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 20:54:54 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 17:14:25 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - King

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I haven't seen any video from Woods but from looking at the frame grabs on that page I would bet most are just balloons. The "Amorphous Craft" usually turns out to be 4+ balloons tied together and revolving around each other. It gives you the appearance of a multi colored blob in the sky.

The problem is most cameras can't identify exactly what the object is unless its very close. If the person would use a 2-5x zoom lense they would see 99% of this type of footage turns out to be balloons and mylars.

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>male "redhead duck" decoy. The Woods video might show some
>other type duck decoy, but a ruddy brown tint resembling that of
>the red head duck's head is visible in the bottom right image of
>his 12 close-up frames, on what seems to be the decoy's (?)
>head.

>All of which makes my friend and me wonder whether someone is
>trying to demonstrate that UFO researchers are all a bunch of
>wide-eyed 'quacks', and trying to 'goose' us for all we're
>worth! :)

That was one of the excuses Mike Hawkins gave out when he was busted for hoaxing UFOs. He would mix in authentic videos with

hoaxed ones to muddy the waters. He claimed it was to pullg the rug out from under MUFON but it was really about making a quick buck off mail-order and UFO conventions.

Tom

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Houston, British Columbia - 04-14

From: **Brian Vike** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 18:27:47 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 06:41:10 -0400
Subject: Houston, British Columbia - 04-14

Hi List

Been a while since I was around on the list. Reports are still coming into me here in northern B.C. and I'm working on many of them. I will be making arrangements to meet with a good number of witnesses soon, to discuss some of the reports they have sent, and I have posted on my site in the British Columbia 2003 UFO reports area.

I also for the ones who may have not heard, have an "excellent" case I am working on. A "possible" abduction case here in Canada, back east. I have samples of clothing in which have been sent off to be tested in Vancouver, B.C. I also received 95 pages of documentation for this case. Now I am not one to jump into a case of this type. "But" I can't pass it up. Just so much information I figured I would look into it. Plus I have a colleague in Ontario who has agreed to also look into it. There has been some other things also which has taken place here which are very strange, and I will report on this as I gather the information.

Houston, British Columbia

Date: April 11, 2003
Time: 8:00 p.m.
4 Witnesses:
Very creditable witnesses:

A fellow stopped me while I was heading out the door of our local grocery store here in Houston, B.C. today (April 14, 2003). He said to me that he had his first UFO sighting the other night. There were four witnesses to this sighting. On April 11, 2003 at 8:00 p.m., which was a Friday evening 4 witnesses were just west of Houston in an area called the Houston Estates. There are a number of homes in the area. One of the witnesses saw something funny and told everyone else to look.

Looking south towards the Morice River, from the Houston Estates they noticed the strangest set of lights. It was very low in altitude, and sitting above the Morice Valley Road. I was told the only thing which could be seen on it were the three colored lights. The witness said it was as if the object was rotating, as the lights kept changing position. The color of the lights were, yellow, blue and red. The strange thing about this sighting is that I was told that the object was witnessed for approx: 10 minutes. Also if one would picture someone making a drawing of a Christmas Tree, (just a simple sketch) this would have been how this object moved. So starting say from the top of a tree, it zipped down and out to it's left, then moved quickly straight back in. (say towards the trunk of the tree). Then dropped a bit and continued doing this until in was noted to have dropped a good distance in height. He told me whatever it was moved extremely fast, then would come to a complete stop. Then once again continuing to move at a high rate of speed making the same maneuvers over and over again. The object would have been approx: 2 miles away from the peoples location. Binoculars were brought out so they could get a better look at

it, I was told all that could be seen was the lights, no shape or body to the object. The object/lights vanished instantly after the 10 minutes of viewing.

Anyway how, this is a raw report and I am in the works of contacting the other three witnesses to gather more information on this sighting.

Take care,

Brian
HBCC UFO Research

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria** <[syiturria@aol.com](mailto:syturria@aol.com)>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 22:52:04 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 06:45:05 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - Yturria

Dear Mr. Stanford,

I was reading your comments about the Sept. 8, 2001 UFO footage taped by Anthony Woods in Bedhampton, England. First of all thank you for your interest in this report and I noticed that this particular footage attracted your attention. Since I made an extensive research for more than a year on the Anthony Woods case and the Bedhampton UFO activity I'm in the position to reply your message with some comments of mine.

The Sept. 8, 2001 UFO footage is indeed a unique video because of the nature and the characteristics of the object witnessed by Anthony and also his wife Samantha. This video was the first that I reviewed when I became involved in this investigation in Sept. 2001 and I think Linda Moulton Howe also reviewed this video before me. The images published in the Rense site are jpgs from the video and don't present the behavior of this object in movement. Seeing the images is very easy to be confused by certain shapes displayed by the object during it's rotating movements. I agree on this and concede the benefit of the doubt.

I myself found similarities with certain known objects like a hat, a beret and yes a kind of duck. But this as result of a definition of the object itself for the research purposes. Of course I was able to review the complete footage that is about three minutes long and I had all the elements for the evaluation supplied by the same Anthony Woods. Unfortunately the footage is not published in the Rense website and therefore this essential element is not available for a proper analysis and evaluation. However I 'm at your disposal to send you the footage to your email address if you want to so you can proceed and make your own analysis and evaluation. Just let me know if you agree and I can send you the video clips (the footage is long so I have to split it in segments for email) in MPEG, DivX or ASF formats you choose. And also a VHS copy if desired.

What I found in this particular video during my research is a good piece of footage meaning that it was videotaped at daylight with cloudy sky and this object was contrasted by these conditions. The object was black with an undefined shape. I know that this sound strange but once you see the footage yourself will know what I mean. The movement of the dark object is very interesting because it was continuously rotating like spinning over it's axe, it never stood still. Anthony Woods made a good tape zooming in and out giving the needed references of distance and speed. The object was noiseless. The audio portion of the footage is also interesting because it captured the spontaneity of the moment denoting the surprise of Anthony and then he calls his wife Samantha to witness also the strange dark object.

I made a computer analysis of the footage from a first generation VHS copy from the camcorder supplied to me by Anthony. All the frames were enhanced with an AVID PRO equipment and processed with several digital filters and we discovered that the object itself was changing shapes while rotating and through a digital slow motion sequence we confirmed this insolite feature and that's when I told Anthony: We have a polymorphic UFO. He later named this object also the amorphous object.

To review and analyze this footage is absolutely necessary to make a proper evaluation. The .jpgs images may fool more than one because of the weird shape displayed as I explained. But once you study carefully the video you will not see wings displayed anytime by the object discarding the duck theory unless this is a mighty duck that don't need wings to fly (or maybe an extraterrestrial duck). Of course seeing the images when zooming out you will see the great distance among the object and the videocamera as well as the altitud discarding also the possibility of a kind of balloon as suggested.

This was certainly a weird shaped object that also took me by surprise and I have not find any similar object in my archive. I still have not an explanation to the posible origin or whereabouts of this dark object and I believe it's a UFO. Of course there's always the possibility of a military experiment or prototype of some kind but I don't think this is the case. I accepted Anthony Woods testimonials and evidences and after certain time of analysis I published a report of this particular case in November 28, 2001 at Rense.com

After almost two years of research on the Anthony Woods case and the Bedhampton UFO wave I have gathered a massive amount of information and evidences and I'm convinced that this is a very real phenomena happening down there, an amazing serial of events still unexplained. I'll be at your disposal anytime.

My best regards,

Santiago Yturria
OVNI Investigaciones
MEXICO

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - McCoy

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@charter.net>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 21:21:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 06:49:42 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - McCoy

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 13:49:26 -0400
>Subject: UFO Duck Hunting!

>Perhaps you know the saying "If it looks like a duck..."

>Well, in that context, a friend of mine and I recently looked at
>alleged UFO images on the Rense.com site, and on looking closely
>at twelve boxed images (scroll down the page) under the heading
>that says Amorphous Craft (taken by Anthony Woods), we noticed
>something very interesting!

>Please have a careful look at what Woods labels as his
>"amorphous craft", about the middle of the page at:

><http://www.rense.com/general31/woods1A.htm>

>Once you've scrolled down to the twelve images (enlargements
>from video), please take a 'gander', as the saying goes - Sorry,
>I couldn't resist! - at some of those images.

>Now, tell me that it's not a slightly defocused duck decoy,
>rotating around in the air, possibly suspended by thin line
>from, say, a balloon, higher above!

<snip>

Hello, all, Ray.

That whole collection of pictures are dubious, but the decoy is
so obvious as one who has done more than a little duck hunting,
well, all I can say is a loud hearty Ouack!

GT McCoy

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Secrecy News -- 04/14/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 10:53:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 06:55:19 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 04/14/03

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** DOE TO REISSUE UNALTERED POLYGRAPH REGS
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DOE TO REISSUE UNALTERED POLYGRAPH REGS

In a remarkable testament to the stubbornness of the security bureaucracy and its resistance to external criticism, the Department of Energy is proposing to reissue the identical regulations governing polygraph testing that Congress told it to repeal two years ago, despite a withering independent critique from the National Academy of Sciences.

In a Federal Register notice today, DOE argued that although the congressional repeal "would eliminate the existing authority which underlies DOE's counterintelligence polygraph regulations... [it] would not preclude the retention of some or all of those regulations through this rule-making...." So retaining "all of those regulations" is what DOE will do.

Congress had instructed DOE to reevaluate its polygraph policies based on the findings of a polygraph study conducted by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). That study, completed last year, was harshly critical of polygraph testing as a tool for screening of employees and found that it will generate "either a large number of false positives or a large number of false negatives."

DOE did not dispute this, but observed in faint praise of the polygraph that it is not wrong 100% of the time. In some cases, it actually "will identify true positives who are being deceptive."

"Accordingly, DOE does not believe that the issues that the NAS has raised about the polygraph's accuracy are sufficient to warrant a decision by DOE to abandon it as a screening tool," the Federal Register notice explained.

"While fully respecting the questions the NAS has raised about the use of polygraphs as a screening tool, DOE does not believe it can endorse the NAS's conclusion that the tool should be laid down."

DOE invited public comment on its proposal to retain its polygraph regulations in unaltered form. See this April 14 Federal Register notice:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/polygraph/fr041403.html>

CIA VIEWS NORTH KOREAN NUKES

The Central Intelligence Agency last week released its latest unclassified report on foreign countries' acquisition of technology relating to weapons of mass destruction. The new report, however, has some notable omissions.

Oddly, it is silent on North Korea's plutonium program even though the Agency has previously assessed that "the North has one or possibly two weapons using plutonium it produced prior to 1992."

A copy of the new CIA report is posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/bian_apr_2003.htm

An independent assessment entitled "The United States, North Korea, and the End of the Agreed Framework" by Jonathan D. Pollack, to be published in the Summer 2003 Naval War College Review, may be found here:

<http://www.nwc.navy.mil/press/Review/2003/Summer/art1-adv-su3.htm>

DOJ VIEWS THE NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER

The Justice Department Office of Information and Privacy provided its take on the new executive order on classification policy in "Executive Order on National Security Classification Amended," April 11:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2003foiapost14.htm>

ADMIRING PHILIP MORRISON

For over half a century, physicist Philip Morrison has been one of the preeminent figures in the parallel worlds of theoretical physics, nuclear arms control and science education. He was a Manhattan Project physicist and a co-founder of the Federation of American Scientists.

At a March 12 symposium, FAS and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Physics Department jointly awarded him the Hans Bethe Science in Public Service Award. See "Research publication limits won't hinder bioterror, speakers say," MIT Tech Talk, March 19:

<http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/tt/2003/mar19/biomed.html>

Morrison was profiled lately in "A Man Who Thinks Otherwise" by Richard Monastersky, Chronicle of Higher Education, April 11:

<http://chronicle.com/free/v49/i31/31a05601.htm>

SADDAM AND THE CIA

One of many lacunae in the history of cold war intelligence and of Iraq in particular is the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in advancing the career of one Saddam Hussein.

"While many have thought that Saddam first became involved with U.S. intelligence agencies at the start of the September 1980 Iran-Iraq war, his first contacts with U.S. officials date back to 1959, when he was part of a CIA-authorized six-man squad tasked with assassinating then Iraqi Prime Minister Gen. Abd al-Karim Qasim," reports Richard Sale of United Press International. "U.S. intelligence services ... used him as their instrument for more than 40 years."

See "Saddam key in early CIA plot," April 10:

<http://www.upi.com/view.cfm?StoryID=3D20030410-070214-6557r>

The CIA would not comment on the matter.

Federation of American Scientists.

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'Pentagram'-Borne Penetration Into UFO Coverup

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 05:13:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 06:59:21 -0400
Subject: 'Pentagram'-Borne Penetration Into UFO Coverup

"Overt UFO-coverup whistleblowers have to think at least twice about their coming forward: (1) they must consider the moral courage of their act as weighed against possible reprisal from their past/current/future employer; (2) they must consider the attack-the-messenger backlash awaiting them from a general public fearful of, and hostile to, their message." -- Larry W. Bryant (April 15, 2003)

Here's a follow-up on the status of my renewed "UFO-coverup-whistleblower" ad campaign to solicit overt accounts and/or "leaked" evidence from insiders knowledgeable of the Cosmic Watergate: the commercial printer of the 'Pentagram' (a weekly military newspaper serving the interests of Army personnel at the Pentagon and elsewhere in the National Capital Region) has scheduled the following classified advertisement for publication in the edition of April 15, 2003:

== 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 703-931-3341 (e-mail: overtci@cavtel.net). Be assured that at least one congressional committee would be interested in evaluating and correlating any evidence you choose to share with us.

[LWB Note: If you readers know of other official UFO-coverup cases whose exposure/resolution might benefit from this ad campaign, I invite you to share a summary of them with me.]

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Tonight On SciFi - 04-15-03

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 10:16:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 10:16:56 -0400
Subject: Tonight On SciFi - 04-15-03

Source: SciFi.com

<http://www.scifi.com/onair/specials/>

Tuesday, April 15, from 8PM - 11PM ET/PT

8PM: UFO Chronicles - Investigative reports of contacts, abductions, landings and sightings through testimony of witnesses, photos and video

9PM: Alien Gods - Examination of alien cults, from Heaven's Gate to the Raelians cloning group

10PM: The Secret - Disclosure of government files behind the cover-up of UFO information [MJ-12]

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 14:59:43 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 11:49:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - King

Jim D. of Village Labs has stated many times that the 10:00 pm lights never moved or dropped.

Please go here and take a look for yourself.

<http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/1000.php>

I have stabilized the city lights from 3 different videos taken on 3-13-97. You can see that these lights do drop downward in a manner consistent with flares. They certainly don't rise up!

Maybe some of those people that wrote books about these sightings can update their products and invest in some white out.

Tom King
www.ufovideo.com

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 10:19:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 11:52:49 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - Hebert

>From: Santiago Yturria <syturria@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 22:52:04 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting!

<snip>

>However I 'm at your disposal to send you the footage to your
>email address if you want to so you can proceed and make your
>own analysis and evaluation. Just let let me know if you agree
>and I can send you the video clips (the footage is long so I
>have to split it in segments for email) in MPEG, DivX or ASF
>formats you choose. And also a VHS copy if desired.

Dear Santiago:

I specialize in the comparison of images (video, stills, photographs, etc.) of identified flying objects (IFO's) with images of unidentified flying objects and would like very much to review an unaltered copy of the footage in question. I will compare images in the original footage to images in the IFO Database:

<http://www.ifo.s5.com>

and other images and attempt, if possible, to re-create similar images using photographic procedures as close as possible to those used by Mr. Woods. (I also specialize in the comparison of images of known military technologies to potential images of UFO's.) I will send a copy of my final report to the UFO Update list, to you, to Mr. Woods and to the Jeff Rense web site.

May I have a copy of the original footage (unaltered, unenhanced, etc.) for my analysis? I would also need to know what photographic equipment was used by Mr. Woods (brand of camera, type), the exact camera settings used during filming and basic details of the event (date, location, time, weather conditions, compass directions, etc.). I will gladly reimburse you for shipping and handling as well as the cost of the VHS tape. In addition, I would like to study the unaltered MPEG clips you have offered and will try to post them on temporary web space for all to review if that would be OK with you and Mr. Woods (if the file size is not too big).

Thank you for sharing the footage for further analysis and evaluation and your devotion to the search for the truth.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 13:38:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 18:26:43 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - Stanford

>From: Santiago Yturria <syturria@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 22:52:04 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting!

<snip>

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>you study carefully the video you will not see wings displayed
>anytime by the object discarding the duck theory unless this is
>a mighty duck that don't need wings to fly (or maybe an
>extraterrestrial duck).

I think Santiago (due to language differences) has misunderstood what I said.

The object appears to be a decoy (a fake, floating duck one puts on water to attract other ducks). We are not saying he filmed a real, live, wings-flapping duck. The seeming duck decoy appears to be whirling suspended from a line, from perhaps a balloon far above. Yes Santiago is correct, it is whirling or rotating, precisely as one might expect of such a decoy suspended from a line far beneath a balloon. One can see the seeming decoy wings beside the seeming decoy body, in more than one of the images on Rense.com.

Santiago, it is kind of you to offer to email me the segments of this video which you have. I will (if you will) leave it Amy Hebert to study and try to interpret what you can provide her of what she asks (and she asks well) in her message of today concerning this, as I am busy working on a series of papers in paleoichnology (the study of ancient traces, being in my case Early Cretaceous tracks and trackways), which is a 'far cry' from UFOs and much more down to earth, in the very literal sense. I look forward to seeing what Amy comes up with, and appreciate her offering to get involved in this. Right now, I just get involved on this list mainly to keep myself abreast of what's going on and what's being said among my fellow UFO researchers, and partly as a diversion to keep earth science from causing my eyes to glaze over. :) That is to say, that I'd rather be monitoring the skies with instruments and cameras, of course.

Let me comment, though, that, as Amy surely knows, shape must be analyzed by stills, not the vagaries imparted by perceived motion as analyzed by viewing sequences of what are each still 'frames'. We must use the sharpest of still frames in shape analysis. We must not allow perceptual dazzlement to confuse and distract us from the single frame images which are most diagnostic in analysis of what shape was actually being video-taped.

At risk of repetition: In analyzing a film or video, it is the shapes shown on individual frames that must be examined for understanding shape and in any analysis of whether the alleged 'morphing' is real or only perceived (as I suspect).

Let me affirm that I am very much aware of reports and films in which allegedly unidentified objects appear to change (very

quickly or even instantaneously) their visible shape. But, at this point, I see nothing in those frame enlargements on Rense.com that demand such an interpretation. Furthermore, in the reports and films that I consider as probably reliable, UFO shape changes are quite geometric and not of an amorphous nature, as Santiago interprets exist of the Woods video.

Santiago said:

>I made a computer analysis of the footage from a first
>generation VHS copy from the camcorder supplied to me by Anthony.
>All the frames were enhanced with an AVID PRO equipment and
>processed with several digital filters...

Santiago, unless you have some awesomely sophisticated software (If so, please define it), you did not make a computer analysis, per se (as such). Bill Spaulding of Ground Saucer Watch used to make that same claim of "computer analysis", but he really only showed us electronically 'filtered' images while often adding ridiculous statements falsely attributed to the computer. You have been far kinder to us, sparing us any such claims while evidently really meaning that you made an intellectual analysis or interpretation based upon what you think you saw in video frames and frame sequences to which various electronic filters were applied.

So, Santiago, am I accurate in correcting your use of words?

But no matter what 'filters' one applies, basic shape will remain the same. Let no one mistake electronic 'filtering' of a pre-existing image as the equivalent of using actual optical filters on the lens. They are NOT the same and do not really achieve the same function. Also, keep in mind that the images we are seeing on Rense.com are clearly slightly out-of-focus, meaning originally out-of-focus and not primarily a copying effect. Thus, Santiago, unless what you can send Amy evidence that Woods could not have been videoing a suspected duck decoy off at a distance, I still declare:

If it looks like a duck and waddles (in this case spins around in the air) like a suspended decoy, then it is probably a duck decoy suspended far beneath a balloon on a string. All electronic filtering aside, at some point in our analysis of what we see on a video or film, discrete common sense is, I think, wisely allowed into our interpretation process.

Yet, if Amy feels she finds something in what Santiago sends her that clearly mitigates against the decoy interpretation, I will be happy to examine her interpretation as reported in this forum or in other contexts as she provides.

Thanks, Santiago, for your very kind offer of images (video sequences) to examine. Your kindness is appreciated, especially in view of the fact that your leanings in this case seem to be quite the opposite of my own.

And, Amy, thanks for grabbing the ball to run with it. I look forward to watching your 'performance on the field'.

Now, back to much more earthy things, 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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Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 13:55:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 18:28:22 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - Stanford

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@charter.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 21:21:41 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting!

<snip>

>...the decoy is so obvious [that] as one who has done more
>than a little duck hunting, well, all I can say is a loud
hearty Ouack!

>GT McCoy

That conclusion is 'just ducky', with me.

Ray Stanford

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From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
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Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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GONE IN SIXTY SECONDS--
SADDAM FLED IRAQ IN
A CYLINDRICAL UFO?

A missing U.S. Air Force F-15 fighter and cylindrical UFOs spotted over Baghdad may provide clues to the puzzle of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's strange disappearance.

"Two U.S. airmen have been missing in Iraq since their F-15E Strike Eagle crashed Sunday," April 6, 2003, "U.S. Central Command said. The airmen, who are part of the (USAF) 4th Fighter Wing at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina went down about 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Officials at Central Command are investigating the cause."

But on Thursday, April 10, 2003, USA Today reported, "Coalition rescue teams were searching for the crew of a U.S. Air Force F-15E fighter jet that went down Monday near Tikrit. The cause of the crash was unknown."

As of this writing, neither the aircraft nor its crew have been recovered by Allied coalition forces.

Tikrit is Saddam's hometown and was the last Iraqi city to fall. Saddam reportedly has a large underground base at al-Ouja, 3 kilometers (2 miles) north of Tikrit, which is where the F-15E was lost.

Also, on Monday, Saddam was photographed taking a stroll in Baghdad's al-Firdos Square, looking cheerful and confident.

(Editor's Comment: I saw that photo and thought Saddam looked almighty chipper for somebody who had half the U.S. Marine Corps on his doorstep.)

Video footage of Saddam and his sons, Uday and Qusay, meeting with top officers of the Iraqi Republican Guard was shot on Monday and aired on Iraqi TV on Wednesday, April 9, 2003. This was the last time they were seen in public.

On Sunday, April 6, 2003, at about 1 a.m. Baghdad time, five cylindrical UFOs were seen hovering over the Khulfafa mosque in the Shebab district, on the east bank of the Tigris River. The faintly luminous cylinders were "caught by a fixed, night-vision camera" and aired live on FOX (which would have been 4 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 2003 in the USA--J.T.)

"My friend Hiba Rashid said there was a UFO sighting in Shebab early Sunday morning, but she provided no details," said Ayesha al-Khatabi, one of UFO Roundup's Middle East correspondents. "I have not heard from her since Baghdad was overrun by the Anglo-American coalition.

She lives in Arassat (a residential area on the south side of Baghdad--J.T.). Her family was preparing to flee across the Tigris to Karada (district) when last I heard from her."

On Monday, April 7, 2003, a USAF B-1 Lancer bomber dropped four 2,000-pound JDAM bombs on a house in Mansur, an upscale residential neighborhood in western Baghdad. Saddam and his sons were seen entering the house just 12 minutes earlier. The house was utterly destroyed, and nine civilians nearby were killed.

"Multiple U.S. intelligence sources put Iraqi President Saddam Hussein inside a Baghdad building before it was leveled by American bombs, U.S. officials said Wednesday."

"Intelligence officials described the information that led to Monday's strike as solid but did not provide details. One source was believed to be an eyewitness who watched Saddam go inside the building."

"Britain's Guardian newspaper quoted an unidentified intelligence source Wednesday as saying Saddam 'was probably not in the building when it was bombed.' The Times of London quoted an unidentified source who said, 'We think he left the same way he arrived in the area, either by a tunnel system or by car.'"

"Ahmad Chalabi, the once-exiled leader of the Iraqi National Congress, told CNN television Wednesday that he had heard from sources inside Iraq that Saddam and his two sons survived the bombing and were in a town northeast of Baghdad when the U.S. Marines arrived."

This was the second "miraculous" escape by the Iraqi dictator. Saddam survived a similar bombing during the early morning hours of Thursday, March 20, 2003, when the war began.

By Wednesday morning, not only had Saddam and his sons dropped out of sight, virtually the entire Iraqi high command had vanished, including Abid Hammoud al-Tikriti, Saddam's cousin and personal bodyguard; Barzan Ibrahim Hassan al-Tikriti, a.k.a. "Uncle Barzan," Saddam's half-brother and leader of the Mukhabarat (Iraqi secret police--J.T.); and Watban Ibrahim al-Tikriti, Saddam's other half-brother and former Minister of the Interior. (Editor's Note: On Sunday, April 13, 2003, Watban Ibrahim al-Tikriti was captured by Allied forces in Rabia while trying to slip across the border into Syria.)

"They just didn't show up for work on Wednesday," a U.S. intelligence source was quoted as saying.

The "hot gossip" in Iraq's UFO community attributes both of Saddam's incredible escapes to a group of alleged aliens hiding out in Iraq. According to this legend, a UFO crash-landed in Iraq during either Gulf War 1 in 1991 or during Operation Desert Fox in 1998. Saddam supposedly granted the aliens sanctuary in Iraq in exchange for technological information that would keep his armed forces on a par with his enemies--the USA, UK and Israel. The aliens were reportedly staying at an underground base in Zarzi or the ancient citadel of Qalaat-e-Julundi, both located in the as-Zab as-Saghir (Little Zab) river valley north of Tikrit.

"Once again, they say the aliens saved the lives of Saddam and his sons," Mohammed Daud al-Hayyat stated.

"They appeared at the Mansur house while the American bomber was enroute. They shined the mysterious beam at the wall, and once again the circle of light, or portal or vortex or whatever it is you UFO Roundup people call it, was created. Saddam, Uday, Qusay and Abid Hammoud stepped into it, followed by the aliens. And then they vanished."

"When Saddam emerged from the circle of light, he found himself at the underground base in Al-Ouja. He discussed the situation with the aliens. Uday was very loud and angry. He demanded that the aliens give his father Drona Parva weapons so they could strike directly at America. The aliens ignored him."

(Editor's Note: The Drona Parva is a book of the ancient Hindu epic, the Mahabharata, describing energy weapons that make nuclear bombs look like Fourth of July firecrackers.)

"The aliens told Saddam that they could not save his regime. However, because he had protected them from the Americans, they would show their appreciation by helping him and his family escape into space. They would not allow Saddam to fall into the hands of his enemies, the

Zionists. A large UFO was summoned to Al-Ouja, and Saddam and his family departed. As to where they have fled, no one can say."

"And another thing--why is as-Zab as-Saghir north of Tikrit the only part of Iraq that has not been invaded, not even after the (Iraqi) 5th Corps surrendered? Why has the Anglo-American coalition cordoned off this region?"

If Uncle Bandar's Mukhabarat agents knew about the presence of the UFOs on Sunday, that might explain Saddam's strange confidence when he was photographed Sunday afternoon.

The critical question here is exactly when the F-15E went down and what its mission was north of Tikrit. Did an AWACS plane pick up the radar image of the cylindrical UFO over Al-Ouja? Did U.S. Central Command vector the F-15E Strike Eagle after this surprise "target?" Did the same UFO that supposedly picked up Saddam shoot down the F-15E?

As of this writing, the final fate of Saddam and his sons is still unknown. (See USA Today for Wednesday, April 9, 2003, "Hunt underway for missing airmen" and "How the strike against Saddam unfolded," page 4A; for Thursday, April 10, 2003, "No one ready to declare Saddam, sons dead," page 4A and "Pockets of stubborn resistance dot the map," page 5A; and the tabloid Globe for April 22, 2003, "Saddam Fakes It!" page 27. Many thanks to Robert Fischer, Ayesha al-Khatibi, Mohammed Daud al-Hayyat, Steve Wilson Sr. and others for this report.)

FIVE UFOs SIGHTED NEAR DIJON, FRANCE

On Saturday, April 5, 2003, at 11:15 p.m., Patrick Combes, 20, and his 30-year-old brother were watching TV at their home in Marsannay-la-Cote, a town near Dijon in the department Cote d'Or in eastern France. Patrick reported, "Then, after the broadcast ended, my brother went out on the terrace to have a cigarette. One minute later, he called me loudly, but I did not react because I thought he wanted to make a joke. He called me again, wanted me to hurry."

"Then I went out very quickly. He asked me to look into the sky in a northerly direction, and then I saw five lights which I consider five identical objects. Because these five 'objects' moved very fast, around each other, mixing them like a swarm of bees. But they remained grouped, going away northwards."

The elder Combes added, "I was smoking my cigarette, then I saw a small light in the sky. At first I believed it was a plane but then I looked at it again. I saw five lights coming from the east, going westward. They moved by jerks, then formed a triangle (formation). During the sighting, we heard no noise. It was the first time my brother and I had seen such a phenomenon."

Dijon is about 200 kilometers (120 miles) southeast of Paris. (Merci beaucoup a Robert Fischer pour ces rapports.)

FORTY PEOPLE WATCH A UFO IN CENTRAL POLAND

On Thursday, March 20, 2003, at 2 a.m., about 40 people working the night shift at a local factory were on break when they spotted a UFO over Kolbiel in central Poland.

"They all watched a large flying object in the shape of a drop-sphere, which was moving without making a sound," reported Polish ufologist Tomasz Wierszalowicz, "The object moved slowly from a high altitude down to the ground. While it was near the ground, the people saw a red circle of light, a kind of halo or glow, moving over the terrain as if the object was shining a spotlight." (Many thanks to Tomasz Werszalowicz of Polish UFO Reports for this news story.)

UFOs SPOTTED IN COLOMBIA AND BRAZIL

According to Colombian ufologist Edgar Arce, on Monday, March 17, 2003, during a UFO watch sponsored by the group Contacto OVNI, "eighty witnesses were present and saw several orange-colored UFOs hovering and performing aerial maneuvers over Mount Juaica, in the Tabio region near the city of Cundinamarca."

"Two days earlier, on Saturday, March 15, 2003, between 10:45 p.m. and midnight, the witnesses had seen orange lights in the distance, which later seemed to dim in intensity. Then, minutes later, they observed small red and blue lights flying up from the ground into space for a period of 10 minutes."

And, in Brazil, "daylight UFOs were photographed as they flew over Ilha Porchat (island) and later Ilha Urubuqueraba (island) in the South Atlantic." The islands are just offshore from Santos, the main seaport of Sao Paulo state. "These objects were of a spherical shape, colored silver, and had small interior lights." (The Colombia report appeared in NotiOVNI for April 6, 2003. Muchas gracias a Daniel Munoz para esas noticias. Por o caso do Brasil, muito obrigado a Pedro Teixeira.)

LARGE BLUE UFO APPEARS IN NORTHERN ARIZONA

On Wednesday, April 2, 2003, Patricia F. and her companions were hiking along the Kaibab Trail at the Grand Canyon in northern Arizona. She reports, "We were taking a night hike and we heard a loud noise in the sky. We did not know what it was. Then we looked up and saw the mysterious mothership. It was glowing bright blue, and we were terrified."

"Then there was a flash of light, and the object split in two. Then the objects headed in different directions. One piece headed west and one east. The initial object was huge, and it was cone-shaped, but the ends were rounded. It was three miles up (5,000 meters) and it was going at 70 miles per hour. We were too scared to even think about it. This is the first time that we've reported it." (Email Form Report)

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCES REPORTED IN ALGERIA

"Desert nomads were reported yesterday (Monday, April 7, 2003) to have discovered an abandoned vehicle and a network of tunnels in a remote region of southern Algeria, thought likely to provide clues about the mysterious disappearance of 29 Western (European) tourists in the Sahara over the past seven weeks."

"Germany's ARD television channel said the off-road vehicles were found in a mountainous district north of the Algerian town of Tamanrasset at the weekend by a camel train (caravan--J.T.) of nomads passing through the region."

"The vehicle was left parked outside the entrance to a complex system of underground caves linked by tunnels. The nomads said they suspected the caves 'were inhabited' although they had not entered the system to find out."

"The nomads' find appeared to be the first clue so far in an increasingly desperate search for the missing tourists, whose number increased to 29 last week after Austria announced that eight of its citizens had disappeared in the region."

"Sixteen Germans, four Swiss and one Netherlander (Dutchman) have gone missing in the Algerian Sahara since the beginning of March (2003)."

"On Sunday (April 6, 2003), a team of five investigators from Germany's Federal Criminal Bureau were dispatched to Algiers to join Algerian and other German police in the hunt for the missing tourists. All 29 were in three groups that were exploring the region independently in off-road vehicles."

"The last evidence of their whereabouts is a photograph taken by a friend of the missing tourists that shows six of the explorers with a car and three motorcycles while taking a break on a pass in the Algerian mountains on February 21, 2003. Two days later, the first group disappeared."

"German and Algerian investigators suspect that the tourists may have been taken hostage by a militant Islamist group known as the Salafist Group for Call and Combat (GSPC), which has links to Al-Qaeda. The GSPC is fighting the Algerian authorities and has been active in the central Sahara for years."

"However, no ransom demand has so far been made."

"We cannot rule out any possibilities. There have been no demands," said a German Federal Criminal Bureau spokesman. He said the search had been widened to include the use of helicopters equipped with heat-seeking cameras." (See the UK newspaper The Independent for April 8, 2003, "Saharan tunnels could solve mystery of missing tourists." Many thanks to Robert Fischer and OVNI Maroc for this newspaper story.)

(Editor's Note: Aside from the possibility of alien involvement in these strange disappearances, the caves of that region have links to the lost continent of Atlantis. For more, see Atlantis Rising No. 39 for May/June 2003, "Atlanteans across the Sahara" by Frank Joseph, pages 38, 41 and 68.)

That's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, paranormal and Fortean 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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Media Notice - 'The Secret'

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <ParadigmRG@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 17:24:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 18:39:51 -0400
Subject: Media Notice - 'The Secret'

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

An important new documentary airs Wednesday, April 15 at 10 pm EDT on the Sci-Fi Channel. Below is a forward of the press release. SB

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

'The Secret' To Air Tonight on the Sci-Fi Channel in USA
April 15, 2003

Broomfield, CO April 15, 2003 - Wood & Wood LLC announces that 'The Secret: Evidence We Are Not Alone' has been licensed and will be aired April 15, 2003 on the Science Fiction channel. Surprisingly, we were just notified of this initial airing. It will be shown again and we should have much better advance notice.

The program was produced by the father and son team of Robert and Ryan Wood, edited by iO Productions of Los Angeles (www.ioproductions.com), and syndicated with Cinamour Entertainment (www.cinamour.com).

"We are excited about The Secret because of its unique perspective in the UFO genre. Besides being an outstanding documentary, the program covers new ground with a hard look at the Majestic 12 documents and their authenticity from multiple expert perspectives," said Ryan Wood, Executive Producer.

The Secret presents the story of how "leaked" government documents prove that the United States has been recovering crashed unidentified flying objects, often known as flying saucers, since 1941, and has been successful in keeping this information from the public. These documents have been examined using forensic techniques and are declared genuine by those who examine the subtleties of paper, ink age, watermark, type fonts, classification stamps and markings. The central basis of the show is the content of the documents and the amazing story they tell - a different approach.

The public is hungry for genuine UFO information, and they are not getting it from the governments of the world. This program is not a rehash of the old Roswell crash scenarios, providing evidence that the first U.S. crash was in Missouri in 1941. A short interview with one of the principal sources of this Missouri crash retrieval can be viewed at:
www.majesticdocuments.com/documentary.html

Not only does this show have some distinguished advocates taking compelling supportive positions, such as Astronaut Ed Mitchell, and researchers Stanton Friedman, Timothy Good, and Michael Lindemann, but some dissenting views are included from skeptical corners.

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

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

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Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 19:27:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 20:10:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux - Maccabee

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 14:59:43 +0000
>Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Redux

>Jim D. of Village Labs has stated many times that the 10:00 pm
>lights never moved or dropped.

>Please go here and take a look for yourself.

><http://www.ufovideo.com/march13/1000.php>

>I have stabilized the city lights from 3 different videos taken
>on 3-13-97. You can see that these lights do drop downward in a
>manner consistent with flares. They certainly don't rise up!

>Maybe some of those people that wrote books about these
>sightings can update their products and invest in some white
>out.

This confirms what I discovered in 1998 by comparing frames when
the lights appeared with frames just before they disappeared.
Lights dropped and moved a bit to the left as they dropped.

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Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Oberg

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 18:40:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 20:15:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Oberg

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2003 14:21:44 EDT
>Subject: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/apr/m10-003.shtml>
>DR HERMAN OBERTH FATHER OF ROCKETRY SAYS UFOs EXIST

>"We find ourselves faced by powers which are far stronger than
>we had hitherto assumed, and whose base is at present unknown to
>us. More I cannot say at present. We are now engaged in entering
>into closer contact with those powers, and in six or nine months
>time it may be possible to speak with some precision on the
>matter."

I've come to appreciate the useful services Filer's cataloguing of raw reports provides, but whenever he ventures into technical fields I'm familiar with, it's obvious how reality-challenged he remains.

This bogus Oberth quote is just another in a long series of phony myths and folklore he's been promoting. Verification can be overlooked when reporting current events, but when old stories -- long debunked and abandoned by real investigators -- are promoted by Filer as 'authentic', he does a disservice to real ufology.

On this 'Oberth quote', I merely offer a bet: there's not a single shred of evidence it is a quote from Oberth, and Filer cannot provide any such evidence - and I'll make a wager that I challenge him to accept.

Here are the stakes: A three-month vow of internet silence by me or him, whoever is shown to be wrong. Provide the evidence, George, and I'll shut up - fail to provide the evidence, and you shut up - but I doubt he'll take the bet, because real evidence and real research isn't what he contributes to the field.

JimO

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Vanished Tourists/Strange Parallel

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 20:18:13 -0400
Subject: Vanished Tourists/Strange Parallel

A story about vanished (presumably kidnapped) tourists appears on Whitley Strieber's Unknown Country today (4-15-03). A "cryptic message" was left etched in the bark of a tree, reading "CROATAN."

This immediately rang a bell. I reached for Ken MacLeod's science fiction novel "Cosmonaut Keep" (which, eerily enough, deals with flying saucers and ETs) and found the following text as the epigraph:

"and one of the chiefe trees or posts at the right side of the entrance had the barke taken off, and 5 foote from the ground in fayre Capitall letters was graven CROATOAN without any crosse or signe of distresse"

Is this a clue?

What am I missing?

Startled,

Mac Tonnies

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria** <syturria@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 08:08:51 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - Yturria

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
<Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 10:19:27 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting!

>From: Santiago Yturria <syturria@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 22:52:04 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting!

>May I have a copy of the original footage (unaltered,
>unenhanced, etc.) for my analysis? I would also need to know
>what photographic equipment was used by Mr. Woods (brand of
>camera, type), the exact camera settings used during filming and
>basic details of the event (date, location, time, weather
>conditions, compass directions, etc.). I will gladly reimburse
>you for shipping and handling as well as the cost of the VHS
>tape. In addition, I would like to study the unaltered MPEG
>clips you have offered and will try to post them on temporary
>web space for all to review if that would be OK with you and Mr.
>Woods (if the file size is not too big).

Dear Amy,

I can send you a VHS copy of the footage for your analysis.

The sighting was taped on August 9, 2001. I mentioned September 8 in my email but I was confused by the video date (9.8.01) but I'm correcting myself now. The hour was 10:14 AM and it was a cloudy morning. Anthony Woods was in his parent's home and the sighting lasted several minutes. The camcorder was a JVC GR-SXM55 VHS-C capable of record in SUPER VHS-C ET tape PAL format and equipped with zoom lens 20X optical and 400X digital.

Anthony used manual focus, no steadyshot and not AE filters.

Sometimes the UFO remained almost static in the sky, rotating on its axis in a vertical manner at certain altitude. It had a dark undefined shape that seemed to change when rotating.

I would like to hear your comments after you review the footage. I have my own opinion and will respect your conclusions.

Yours,

Santiago Yturria

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Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret' - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 20:30:01 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 08:11:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret' - Kimball

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>Lindemann, but some dissenting views are included from skeptical
>corners.

I don't intend this as a post that will dredge up last year's
long "Truth & the Media" strand, but...

Also, in the interests of "full disclosure" I must add that my
company is currently in production on a documentary about
Majestic-12 for Canadian television that will feature, among
many others, Stan Friedman, Nick Redfern, Karl Pflock, John
Greenwald, Bruce Maccabee, and Rich Dolan.

Those caveats aside, into the breach once more.....

I saw The Secret on Space: The Imagination Station (Canada) about two months ago. More "fluff" than "stuff", alas, with some pretty hokey sci-fi type graphics taking away from the issues - why does almost every UFO doc these days seem to be obliged to use cheesy CG to "re-create" flying saucers?

And just where were those skeptical dissenting views? I seem to recall that Karl Pflock had a few seconds of screen time, during which he was made to look like he believed the documents are something other than a hoax. Other than that? Bupkus. Nada. Zilch.

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Paul Kimball
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Re: Vanished Tourists/Strange Parallel - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 19:56:03 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 08:26:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Vanished Tourists/Strange Parallel - Tonnies

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 16:48:02 -0700 (PDT)
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Please allow me to respond to my own message. I read the post on Unknown Country glancingly and transposed the old Roanoke message (which I didn't know anything about) with the Sahara message. Consequently, the post above is rather lacking in lucidity. (That's probably an understatement.)

For anyone interested in just how my train of thought became derailed, the story is here:

<http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com>

My apologies!

=====
>Mac Tonnies
macbot@yahoo.com

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

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'Contact of the Fifth Kind' (Review)

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 21:18:33 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 08:28:19 -0400
Subject: 'Contact of the Fifth Kind' (Review)

CONTACT OF THE FIFTH KIND by Philip Imbrogno and
Marianne Horrigan

review by Mac Tonnies

"Contact of the Fifth Kind," following on the heels of the tantalizing "Night Siege," is a disappointment. Imbrogno and Horrigan relate some potentially interesting phenomena but lose themselves in a disjointed and underdeveloped exploration of interdimensional travel, a particularly credulous recounting of the alleged "Philadelphia Experiment," encounters with channeled alien beings, and a pointless chapter detailing a possible underground UFO base.

"Contact of the Fifth Kind" is mercifully skimpy, and students of the "flying triangle" phenomenon will likely find a few compelling details lurking throughout the text. But Imbrogno and Horrigan's effort is weak on evidence and narrative energy. For dedicated ufophiles only. See also: "Silent Invasion" by Ellen Crystall.

UFO books galore:

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

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Re: Vanished Tourists/Strange Parallel - Spivey

From: **Walt Spivey, Jr.** <MacleodIV@webtv.net>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 00:51:29 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 08:30:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Vanished Tourists/Strange Parallel - Spivey

Mac:

I believe "CROATOAN" was also found carved on a tree at the site of the Jamestown colony, perhaps better known as the "lost colony".

Cordially,

Walt Spivey, Jr.

<http://community.webtv.net/MacleodIV/NCUFOANORTHCAROLINA>

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Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Alevy

From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 01:15:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 08:33:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Alevy

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 18:40:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003

>>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2003 14:21:44 EDT
>>Subject: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/apr/m10-003.shtml>
>>DR HERMAN OBERTH FATHER OF ROCKETRY SAYS UFOs EXIST

>>"We find ourselves faced by powers which are far stronger than
>>we had hitherto assumed, and whose base is at present unknown to
>>us. More I cannot say at present. We are now engaged in entering
>>into closer contact with those powers, and in six or nine months
>>time it may be possible to speak with some precision on the
>>matter."

>I've come to appreciate the useful services Filer's cataloguing
>of raw reports provides, but whenever he ventures into technical
>fields I'm familiar with, it's obvious how reality-challenged he
>remains.

>This bogus Oberth quote is just another in a long series of
>phony myths and folklore he's been promoting. Verification can
>be overlooked when reporting current events, but when old
>stories -- long debunked and abandoned by real investigators -
>are promoted by Filer as 'authentic', he does a disservice to
>real ufology.

>On this 'Oberth quote', I merely offer a bet: there's not a
>single shread of evidence it is a quote from Oberth, and Filer
>cannot provide any such evidence - and I'll make a wager that I
>challenge him to accept.

>Here are the stakes: A three-month vow of internet silence by me
>or him, whoever is shown to be wrong. Provide the evidence,
>George, and I'll shut up - fail to provide the evidence, and
>_you_ shut up - but I doubt he'll take the bet, because real
>evidence and real research isn't what he contributes to the
>field.

Dear Mr. Oberg,

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time to put such a frivolous post in such an out of the way
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At a time when the space program is literally falling around our

ears I can hardly believe that you are hanging around the local
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benches.

Get back to serious work, your country needs you. Save NASA!!!

Gary Alevy

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Re: Vanished Tourists/Strange Parallel - Thompson

From: Paul B. Thompson <MrApol@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 06:10:19 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 08:36:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Vanished Tourists/Strange Parallel - Thompson

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 16:48:02 -0700 (PDT)
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This is all a reference to the "Lost Colony" of Roanoke Island, North Carolina.

In the late 16th century, Sir Walter Raleigh founded a small colony on the Carolina coast. The first child of English parentage born in America, Virginia Dare, was born there. Later, Raleigh's ships sailed away, leaving the colonists to fend for themselves. When they returned much later, the colony was abandoned. No trace of the people was ever found, though there's some evidence they were attacked by local Indians and the survivors absorbed by the tribe. The word CROATOAN was found carved on a tree. That's the name of the local Indian tribe, the Croatans.

Every summer they stage an outdoor drama at Manteo, NC, called "The Lost Colony". Been doing it for decades; it's very famous.

These other, later references sound like fiction to me.

Paul B. Thompson
resident of North Carolina...

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 09:31:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 11:16:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting! - Hebert

>From: Santiago Yturria <syturria@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 19:50:16 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting!

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
><Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 10:19:27 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting!

>>May I have a copy of the original footage (unaltered,
>>unenhanced, etc.) for my analysis? I would also need to know
>>what photographic equipment was used by Mr. Woods (brand of
>>camera, type), the exact camera settings used during filming and
>>basic details of the event (date, location, time, weather
>>conditions, compass directions, etc.).

>Dear Amy,

>I can send you a VHS copy of the footage for your analysis.

Thank you, Santiago. I will send my address to you via private E-mail. I need a copy of the raw footage, if possible (no editing, no enhancements, no alterations, please).

>The sighting was taped on August 9, 2001. I mentioned September >8 in my email but I was confused by the video date (9.8.01) but >I'm correcting myself now. The hour was 10:14 AM and it was a >cloudy morning. Anthony Woods was in his parent's home and the >sighting lasted several minutes. The camcorder was a JVC GR- >SXM55 VHS-C capable of record in SUPER VHS-C ET tape PAL format >and equiped with zoom lens 20X optical and 400X digital.

I sometimes get dates mixed up myself so I totally understand.
<grin>

Thank you for the information. Once I have had a chance to analyze the footage I will explain the reasons for the questions I ask.

>Anthony used manual focus, no steadyshot and not AE filters.

I will review the features of the camera used and include the information in my final report.

>Sometimes the UFO remained almost static in the sky, rotating on >its axis in a vertical manner at certain altitude. It had a dark >undefined shape that seemed to change when rotating.

One aspect I've noticed in reports of UFO sightings is the tendency to describe an object as having an "undefined shape" that seemed to "change". Since it is difficult to determine the actual physical state of an unknown object, especially when sighted from a distance, I find it prudent to acknowledge the possibility the object may have been viewed from alternating, 3-dimensional perspectives due to rotation and movement.

In videos, a rotating object may appear to manifest all kinds of shapes, sizes and colors (especially when frozen in time in

video stills) due to changes in lighting, shadows, altitudes and weather conditions. Digital zoom features (which magnify the pixels as opposed to optical zoom which magnifies the image) can cause all kinds of distortions and may even "morph" the original image into something entirely different (optical zoom alone can also cause distortions of the original image).

As always, I encourage others to take their video cameras (all kinds) and photographic equipment, go outside and experiment by filming/photographing known flying objects at various zoom levels and settings to see for themselves how objects may appear in videos, video stills and photographs. Video and photographic images are not the same as the objects themselves and can sometimes appear dramatically different from the original subject.

>I would like to hear your comments after you review the footage.
>I have my own opinion and will respect your conclusions.

And I respect your opinions and conclusions as well. Above all, I admire your willingness to share the footage and to seek alternate opinions.

I look forward to our continued discussion on this topic.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Sci-Fi's Blitzkrieg Of UFO Lies & Dis-Information

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 11:10:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 11:45:28 -0400
Subject: Sci-Fi's Blitzkrieg Of UFO Lies & Dis-Information

The entire three-hours of SciFi's 'UFO' programming last night was a complete abortion. A collection of the very worst in ufology. If it was 'fringy' or 'out there' it made it into the programs. No mention at all of any serious research or researchers. They avoided mentioning anything serious or credible assiduously.

The first hour was full of explanations about the "Galactic Brotherhood" and 'alien souls' who have "walked-in" and taken over human bodies, complete with Sean David Morton as an 'expert' commentator - who dared to take credit, on air, for "blowing the lid off of the Area 51 story"!

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It was unbelievable. I was incensed.

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It was a 'blitzkrieg' of lies and dis-information about 'UFOs' and ufology. No less than the worst misrepresentation of the phenomenon I have ever seen on television. Or anywhere else for that matter.

'Why Kecksburg' becomes clearer and clearer. Ufology is being systematically trashed in public big-time and it gives every indication of only getting worse. The three hours of programming was the single most horrible trashing that ufology has taken, in the mass media, since NOVA and PBS tackled the subject.

Paul, I'm looking forward to your documentary on MJ-12. I trust we'll get a much more balanced presentation and review than that abortion that was aired on the Sci-Fi channel last night.

John Velez
Pissed

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From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 10:50:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 11:48:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret' - Aldrich

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Paul,

Even-handed? Balanced? Excuse me for skepticism. but your list
of names does not seem much different for Sci-Fi's. Perhaps you
should talk to Tim Good about MJ-12 documents and Cooper's
typewriter.

Perhaps you should look at U. F. O. Historical Revue #3 at

<http://www.cufon.org>

Perhaps you should review how these documents came into ufology
and the other "documents" which came with them which are no
longer discussed.

Nah, that would just get in the way of a good story.

Forget I mentioned it. Much better to not to have negatives in
such an enterprise.

Have to run, I am going out to meet P. T. Barnum for a drink.

Later.

Jan Aldrich

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Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 10:41:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 11:51:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Stanford

>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>To: UFO UpDate <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 01:15:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003

>>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 18:40:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003

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>Get back to serious work, your country needs you. Save NASA!!!

Gary,

Can you give us a reference for your statement:

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>program is that the Space Shuttle may never fly again due to
>fatal defects in the carbon-carbon wing sections.

The reason I ask is that my wife, who is with the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) servicing missions project, just read your statement and says she has never heard anything to that effect.

So, I called the HST servicing missions safety engineer whom I know because his office is just across the hall from my wife's, and he hadn't heard the 'news' that you report. He said he certainly thinks he should have heard it, if it were true.

Also, he commented that even if that should, unbeknownst to him, turn out to be true, it would not doom the shuttle, but only delay it for changes.

Thus, barring a documented revelation that the shuttle is doomed, and that Jim Oberg has been officially contracted into duty explaining the situation to media (which, these days, don't

really seem to know much of anything scientific or technical), I don't think he should be 'yelled at' and accused of being derelict-of-duties to NASA when he corrects what he has reason to believe are inaccuracies that appear here, even if one disagrees with the style of his correction.

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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Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Oberg

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 10:38:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 11:54:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Oberg

>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>To: UFO UpDate <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 01:15:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003

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>ants with Obergian shovels.

Thanks for the upbeat advice, and acknowledgement that Filer's material is -- in this case -- unworthy of belief. My interests do tend to focus on spaceflight-related folklore of all sorts, and someday there even may be a book...

For the Columbia catastrophe, I've signed on as NBC News's chief consultant on the causes, fixes, and recovery from this disaster and the culture which allowed it to occur. See the 'Columbia' section on my home page (www.jamesoberg.com) for evidence that I'm already doing what you have generously and reasonably advised.

Jim O

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Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 13:01:05 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 12:38:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Ledger

>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>To: UFO UpDate <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 01:15:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003

>>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 18:40:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003

>>>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2003 14:21:44 EDT
>>>Subject: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003

>>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/apr/m10-003.shtml>
>>>DR HERMAN OBERTH FATHER OF ROCKETRY SAYS UFOs EXIST

>>>"We find ourselves faced by powers which are far stronger
>>>than we had hitherto assumed, and whose base is at
>>>present unknown to us. More I cannot say at present. We
>>>are now engaged in entering into closer contact with
>>>those powers, and in six or nine months time it may be
>>>possible to speak with some precision on the matter."

>>I've come to appreciate the useful services Filer's
>>cataloguing of raw reports provides, but whenever he
>>ventures into technical fields I'm familiar with, it's
>>obvious how reality-challenged he remains.

>>
>>This bogus Oberth quote is just another in a long series of
>>phony myths and folklore he's been promoting. Verification
>>can be overlooked when reporting current events, but when
>>old stories -- long debunked and abandoned by real
>>investigators - are promoted by Filer as 'authentic', he
>>does a disservice to real ufology.

>>On this 'Oberth quote', I merely offer a bet: there's not a
>>single shread of evidence it is a quote from Oberth, and
>>Filer cannot provide any such evidence - and I'll make a
>>wager that I challenge him to accept.

>>Here are the stakes: A three-month vow of internet silence
>>by me or him, whoever is shown to be wrong. Provide the
>>evidence, George, and I'll shut up - fail to provide the
>>evidence, and you shut up - but I doubt he'll take the
>>bet, because real evidence and real research isn't what he
>>contributes to the field.

>>I have to admit that I was amazed to see that you had taken
>>the time to put such a frivolous post in such an out of the
>>way place as UFO UpDates. That is, the news today from the
>>space program is that the Space Shuttle may never fly again
>>due to fatal defects in the carbon-carbon wing sections.

>>I would think that your great propagandistic skills would be
>>of much more service to the nation over on the Usenet
>>newsgroups, e.g. sci.space.shuttle, Sci.space.policy than

>here killing UFO ants with Obergian shovels.

>At a time when the space program is literally falling around
>our ears I can hardly believe that you are hanging around the
>local UFO bus station mugging the local denizens asleep on
>their benches.

>Get back to serious work, your country needs you. Save
>NASA!!!

It seems to me that the rot in the upper echelons of NASA is in greater need of repair than the Space Shuttle - and by rot I don't necessarily mean the staff, but rather the inability of various ranks to communicate with one another or various levels of expertise to interrelate with one another without the class system getting in the way. It doesn't look like the leading edge slipper problem is unsolvable-far from it. But that's only if the reason it failed [fastenings or material defects or insufficient material] and what product externally could make it fail is identified.

I don't mean to be crass but what if we treated airline travel fatalities in the same manner as we do the flight of the shuttles, airliners in that case would be grounded forever. Between 100 and 200 times more people are killed every year in airline crashes and 5,000 times more people are killed in car accidents in the United States alone. I don't think those killed on airliners or in cars are any less important than the crew of the shuttle. At least not to thier respective families. NASA is exploring space. Danger and the possible loss of life during this exploration is a given. It should be expected and then perhaps wondered about when it doesn't happen. But it will happen.

As for Oberg's big shovel and we ufological ants. I'm not buying that at all. From pilots sightings from the astronauts down to the pilot in a J-3 Cub there are thousands of pilot UFO/UAP reports as yet unexplained. I'm sure even JimO will admit to that. As for the Oberth quote - is there or is there not a genuine source for this?

Don Ledger

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From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 12:40:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's Blitzkrieg Of UFO Lies &

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 11:10:19 -0400
>Subject: Scifi's Blitzkrieg Of UFO Lies And Dis-Information

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They don't call it the Sci-Fi channel for nothing.

Terry Groff
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From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 12:27:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 12:42:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's Blitzkrieg Of UFO Lies &

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<snip>

>It was unbelievable. I was incensed.

>Then came the 'topper'; the Wood's making a case for MJ-12
>without any opposing point of view or comment. If the Sci-fi
>channel is out to sabotage and destroy the credibility of all of
>ufology, this first concerted attack was as destructive as any.
>As damaging as anyone could intentionally put together.

<snip>

>John Velez
>Pissed

A resounding Amen!, John.

Ray Stanford
Crapped!

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Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 09:25:40 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 16:02:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 -- 2003 - Gehrman

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>Thanks for the upbeat advice, and acknowledgement that Filer's
>material is -- in this case -- unworthy of belief.

James,

You are correct; it was Von Braun, not Oberth who should be credited with the quote:

According to UFO authors Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour, von Braun told West German newspapers that a 1958 malfunction of a US Juno II rocket had been "deflected" off-course by an unnamed and presumably extraterrestrial source. The following year he elaborated to Neues Europa that "we find ourselves faced by powers which are far stronger than we had hitherto assumed, and whose base of operations is at present unknown to us. More I cannot say at present. We are now engaged in entering into closer contact with these powers and in six or nine months' time it may be possible to speak with more precision on this matter."
[10]

<http://www.disinfo.com/pages/article/id900/pg2/>

10] Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour. Flying Saucers Are Hostile, New York: Universal Publishing and Distributing Corporation (Tandem), 1967, p 68.

But Oberth did make other UFO statements such as the following:

Dr. Herman Oberth, the father of modern rocketry, is quoted as saying in 1954, "UFOs are conceived and directed by intelligent beings of a very high order, and they are propelled by distorting the gravitational field, converting gravity into useable energy. There is no doubt in my mind that these objects are interplanetary craft of some sort. I and my colleagues are confident that they do not originate in our solar system, but we feel that they may use Mars or some other body as sort of a way station. They probably do not originate in our solar system, perhaps not even in our galaxy."

Years later he was quoted as saying, "We cannot take the credit for our record advancement in certain scientific fields alone. We have been helped." When asked by whom, he replied, "The people of other worlds."

<http://www.rense.com/ufo/famousquotes.htm>

Perhaps you could comment?

Ed

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RSecrecy News -- 04/16/03

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Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 16:04:09 -0400
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CRS ON "SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED"

One of the more challenging developments in government information policy is the renewed emphasis on so-called "sensitive but unclassified" (SBU) information. This refers to information that is normally withheld from public disclosure but which can be shared throughout the government without the burden of formal classification procedures.

While the notion of SBU is responsive to the imperative of improving information sharing within government, it is troublesome from a public access point of view because it lends itself to indiscriminate withholding. This is particularly problematic in an Administration that is predisposed to official secrecy.

The challenges posed by SBU are examined in an impressive new report from the Congressional Research Service by CRS analyst Genevieve J. Knezo.

Ms. Knezo traces the genealogy of SBU as far back as a 1977 Presidential Directive that used the term "unclassified, but sensitive" and up to the present day. She examines ambiguities in the definition of SBU and how it has been employed differently by different agencies. She explains why the concept has been criticized over the years, and by whom. And she lays out a spectrum of policy options for addressing concerns about the use of SBU.

The 48 page report, which is abundantly footnoted to diverse source documents, is the best work on the topic to date.

See "'Sensitive But Unclassified' and Other Federal Security Controls on Scientific and Technical Information: History and Current Controversy" by Genevieve J. Knezo, Congressional Research Service, April 2:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL31845.pdf>

SUNSHINE IN IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

There has been an unseemly tendency in the Bush Administration to award contracts for Iraq reconstruction on a sole-source basis, i.e. without a competitive bidding process. The contracts themselves are occasionally classified.

To correct this offensive practice Sen. Ron Wyden, along with Senators Collins, Clinton, Byrd and Lieberman, introduced the "Sunshine in Iraq Reconstruction Contracting Act" (S. 876).

"Contracts to rebuild Iraq should be awarded in the sunshine-- not behind a smokescreen," said Sen. Wyden. He explained the problem with "closed-door contracting," and described his proposed solution, in an April 10 floor speech introducing the bill. See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s876.html

ISRAELI SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT PROFILED

The counterterrorism operations of Israel's internal security service known as the Shin Bet were profiled in a lengthy feature in the Israeli newspaper Ma'ariv on April 11.

The article, which was subject to military censorship, nevertheless provides the kind of first-hand operational detail that is not readily available elsewhere, and is presented in an engaging way. ("If you are discovered in the casbah, no one will come to your rescue.")

See "Missions of Shin Bet Special Operations Unit Viewed" from an article by Amit Navon, Ma'ariv, April 11, translated by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service:

http://www.fas.org/irp/world/israel/shin_bet/specops.html

SEARCHING FOR NOAH'S ARK

The Washington Times' Insight Magazine has published an update of its inconclusive Freedom of Information Act "investigation" into the presumed location of remnants of Noah's Ark on Turkey's Mount Ararat, which is predicated on a reference in Genesis 8:4 ("And the ark rested ... upon the mountains of Ararat").

The CIA released some records under the FOIA, but the Agency has "claimed" that it has no spy satellite photographs of the Mount Ararat site, Insight reported archly. Other records may be held by the Navy.

While anyone is free to use the FOIA to ask for anything, anyone else is free to criticize the legal hijacking of the FOIA process to pursue a private obsession. That seems to be the case here.

See "Update: Noah's Ark Investigation" by Timothy W. Maier, Insight, posted April 15:

<http://www.insightmag.com/news/417077.html>

New archeological data indicates that biblical texts may not be inconsistent with the historical record in every respect. Carbon dating links a site in northern Israel to an invasion by the Egyptian Pharaoh Shoshengq I around 925 BCE. He appears as "Shishak" in I Kings 14:25-26 and II Chronicles 12:3-4.

See "Carbon-14 Dates from Tel Rehov: Iron-Age Chronology, Pharaohs, and Hebrew Kings" by Hendrik J. Bruins, Johannes van der Plicht, and Amihai Mazar in Science, April 11, 2003, pp. 315-318 (not available online to non-subscribers).

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Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 13:36:10 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 16:06:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's Blitzkrieg of UFO Lies &

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 11:10:19 -0400
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>Paul, I'm looking forward to your documentary on MJ-12. I trust
>we'll get a much more balanced presentation and review than that
>abortion that was aired on the Sci-Fi channel last night.

John:

I always strive for balance. Whether one achieves it or not is, in the final analysis, in the eyes of the beholder. Rest assured that I have not made my mind up about MJ-12, and that I will be seeking out both sides of the argument. I intend to put the info and views on the table, and let the viewer make up their own mind.

As an aside that may amuse or infuriate - in Canada, most funding for film and television comes from the federal and provincial governments. We producers have to apply for that money - its a very competitive process. One of the criteria for the Canadian Television Fund (the federal agency) is that the film has to be about subject matter that is relevant to Canadians. Chris Rutkowski, Stan Friedman, Don Ledger et al may be interested to know that the federal government has just rejected our application for funding for "Do You Believe in Majic?" on the grounds that the topic of UFOs does not meet the relevancy test.

I am appealing that decision. The film will go on regardless.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
www.redstafilm.com

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From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 13:48:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 16:09:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's Blitzkrieg Of UFO Lies &

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 11:11:13 -0500
>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's Blitzkrieg Of UFO Lies & Dis-Information

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Terry, John, Ray, et al-

I wholeheartedly agree that the programs aired last night by the
Sci-Fi Channel as "Non-Fiction" would seem to indicate that they
don't have a good grasp of what that means.

I found the first hour on abductions to be yet one more series
of anecdotal abduction tales by individuals who honestly
believe they've been touched by the pheonomon. Perhaps they
have, but certainly the presentation last night wasn't designed
to prove it, one way or the other.

The second hour, Alien Gods, I found to be interesting from a
sociological perspective, but had little to do with a scientific
quest to identify unknown craft in our skies. I did not get the
impression that the Sci-Fi Channel was presenting this as fact,
or trying to convince the audience that this was true. Perhaps
it's important that we understand that these groups exist and
have some understanding of their beliefs. Whether we like it or
not, they help to define us in the eyes of those who not
familiar with the genre.

The third hour was self-promotion by Wood and Wood LLC, which
allowed them an hour of air time to promote their theories and
as a result, their publications. One should perhaps question who
paid who for the air time..... <g>.

Just think... this was the beginning of a weekly series of
programs, and next Tuesday it doesn't involve UFOs or
abductions:

7PM: Ghost Stories
8PM: California's Most Haunted
9PM: An Unknown Encounter

All this being said, I think it's important to keep this in

perspective. The programs that aired last night were apparently "in the can" for a while, and were certainly selected for their entertainment value and not the veracity of the information they contained. After all, as others have pointed out many times, the Sci-Fi Channel is in the business to entertain.

The question of whether or not researchers should work with the network has been raised both publicly and privately, and the programming last night has re-ignited that question. IMO, the field must be very careful to distance itself from this type of programming (even though it can't seem to distance itself from some of the "researchers" who appeared on the shows last night). On the other hand, such programming will be produced whether good researchers are involved or not, and perhaps it's better that they at least have access to more credible information in hopes that they'll use it. The alternative is to ignore them in hopes that they'll go away, and that just isn't going to happen as long as UFOs make for good entertainment.

Steve

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Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 13:48:48 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 16:11:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret' - Kimball

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 10:50:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret'

>>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 20:30:01 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret'

>>>From: Stephen G. Bassett <ParadigmRG@aol.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 17:24:30 -0400
>>>Subject: PRG Media Notice - 'The Secret'

Jan:

<snip>

>Paul,

>Even-handed? Balanced? Excuse me for skepticism. but your list
>of names does not seem much different for Sci-Fi's. Perhaps you
>should talk to Tim Good about MJ-12 documents and Cooper's
>typewriter.

I intend to talk to all sorts of people, from both sides. The
ones listed in my original post (Dolan, Friedman, Maccabee,
Pflock and Greenwald) are merely the ones I've had a chance to
talk to already, while in New Mexico a couple of weeks ago for
the wonderful Aztec Symposium.

>Perhaps you should look at U. F. O. Historical Revue #3 at

><http://www.cufon.org>

Already have.

>Perhaps you should review how these documents came into ufology
>and the other "documents" which came with them which are no
>longer discussed.

Part of the plan.

>Nah, that would just get in the way of a good story.

A good story and the truth are not mutually exclusive. If the
documents are real, it's a great story; if they're a hoax,
that's still a great story. Either way, it's an important story.

>Forget I mentioned it. Much better to not to have negatives in
>such an enterprise.

Somebody obviously got up on the wrong side of the bed today.

>Have to run, I am going out to meet P. T. Barnum for a drink.

Say hello.

Seriously, though, if you - or anyone out there - have suggestions as to where you think we might want to head in our research, let me know. You might not think we take this stuff seriously, or that we will be objective - on what evidence you may have drawn those conclusions I have no idea - but I can assure you that we do.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilm.com

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Re: Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret' - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 10:47:34 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 16:13:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret' - Warren

Hello All,

Kudos to the Wood's for a "well presented, and most informative program." Sci-Fi's decision to lump "The Secret" in with the two previous programs that aired before it, however, was not a wise move in my opinion . Yes, I am biased, and yes the Wood's of course are proponents of the authenticity of the "MJ-12 documents," and dare I say it, "it shows!" You know what though, I don't care! The "bias" that is usually broadcast in UFO documentaries goes the other direction, and the one's that seem to offer a "pro stance" are wrapped in smoke and mirrors and "spooky music." I felt "The Secret" was a breath of fresh air in comparison to what I've watched on the "History Channel" lately.

For the critics and skeptics that feel the Wood's have broken some "unwritten rule" in making a documentary, it's obvious that they did not set out to "debate" the subject. Personally I don't have a problem with that. I felt that they stated their position clearly, and supported it with the documents themselves, as well as explaining the authentication process along with commentary from the guests that appeared on the show. I might point out however, that all throughout the show, the guests from Michael Lindemann to Stan Friedman were always careful to put an "if" in the sentence in regards to the authenticity of the documents, and made it clear when they were stating their own opinions. Pflock, who commented on the abundance of evidence in support of the UFO phenomenon, pointed that the authenticity of the MJ-12 docs was a separate matter.

I personally enjoyed the old footage of Major Donald Keyhoe, the infamous broadcast of Major General Samford as well as the shots of the Enola Gay.

Regardless of our independent views of the program, I believe the end result will have the "layperson" asking intelligent questions, and to that end I applaud the Wood's efforts!

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret' - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 16:27:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret' - Friedman

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 10:50:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret'

>>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 20:30:01 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret'

>>>From: Stephen G. Bassett <ParadigmRG@aol.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2003 17:24:30 -0400
>>>Subject: PRG Media Notice - 'The Secret'

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>>>'The Secret' To Air Tonight on the Sci-Fi Channel in USA
>>>April 15, 2003

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>>>The program was produced by the father and son team of Robert
>>>and Ryan Wood, edited by iO Productions of Los Angeles
>>>(www.ioproductions.com), and syndicated with Cinamour
>>>Entertainment (www.cinamour.com).

>>>"We are excited about The Secret because of its unique
>>>perspective in the UFO genre. Besides being an outstanding
>>>documentary, the program covers new ground with a hard look at
>>>the Majestic 12 documents and their authenticity from multiple
>>>expert perspectives," said Ryan Wood, Executive Producer.

>>>The Secret presents the story of how "leaked" government
>>>documents prove that the United States has been recovering
>>>crashed unidentified flying objects, often known as flying
>>>saucers, since 1941, and has been successful in keeping this
>>>information from the public. These documents have been examined
>>>using forensic techniques and are declared genuine by those who
>>>examine the subtleties of paper, ink age, watermark, type fonts,
>>>classification stamps and markings. The central basis of the
>>>show is the content of the documents and the amazing story they
>>>tell a different approach.

>>>The public is hungry for genuine UFO information, and they are
>>>not getting it from the governments of the world. This program
>>>is not a rehash of the old Roswell crash scenarios, providing
>>>evidence that the first U.S. crash was in Missouri in 1941. A
>>>short interview with one of the principal sources of this
>>>Missouri crash retrieval can be viewed at:

>>>www.majesticdocuments.com/documentary.html

>>>Not only does this show have some distinguished advocates taking
>>>compelling supportive positions, such as Astronaut Ed Mitchell,
>>>and researchers Stanton Friedman, Timothy Good, and Michael
>>>Lindemann, but some dissenting views are included from skeptical
>>>corners.

><snip>

>>Given that the film was produced by two of the biggest
>>proponents of the veracity of the documents, that's hardly
>>surprising, but to suggest that the film is even-handed (I can
>>see certain Listers cringing at the mention of the term "even-
>>handed") is disingenuous. A better way of putting it would have
>>been "Longtime MJ-12 proponents Robert and Ryan Wood make their
>>case", which, on its own terms, would have been fine. But let's
>>not pretend it's an independent, objective documentary.

>>Majestic-12 is a subject crying out for a major, balanced
>>(cringe again) documentary, where both sides of this very
>>controversial subject receive a full and fair airing, and the
>>viewer can make an informed judgment. Unfortunately, in this
>>regard, The Secret doesn't hit the mark.

>Paul,

>Even-handed? Balanced? Excuse me for skepticism. but your list
>of names does not seem much different for Sci-Fi's. Perhaps you
>should talk to Tim Good about MJ-12 documents and Cooper's
>typewriter.

>Perhaps you should look at U. F. O. Historical Revue #3 at

><http://www.cufon.org>

The above referenced article by Barry Greenwood has a lot of information. However, it is quite misleading for it to be referenced and not my much more recent 9000 word review of Kevin Randles "Case MJ-12" (January 2003 and now on my website www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html) which deals with a host of the objections to MJ-12.. none of which stand up. Equally useful, for those interested in a balanced review of the controversy, would be my MUFON 2000 paper "Roswell and the MJ-12 Documents in the New Millennium".I demonstrate that a number of the Tim Cooper documents are emulations of other documents by presenting the originals for comparison. But why act as though all the documents came from Tim Cooper? They didn't. I could find no reason to accept any of them, but many reasons for accepting the EBE, TF, CT memos. Guilt by association (if any MJ-12 documents is a fraud, all are???) is hardly science especially considering the several different sources involved.

We in Canada don't get the US Sci-Fi Channel. But I did see (and was in) The Secret a few months back. My negative comments about the Tim Cooper documents were not included. But frankly bias is a two headed sword. Many of the opponents have been just as one sided.

>Perhaps you should review how these documents came into ufology
>and the other "documents" which came with them which are no
>longer discussed.

>Nah, that would just get in the way of a good story.

>Forget I mentioned it. Much better to not to have negatives in
>such an enterprise.

>Have to run, I am going out to meet P. T. Barnum for a drink.

>Later.

Yes, there has been much bunk published about the Majestic 12 documents as I point out in the above referenced papers and several others. But research by proclamation is hardly a substitute for research by investigation, on both sides of the fence. As a matter of fact, several claims made by the Archives, as noted by Barry Greenwood in his article, were changed after I pointed out the errors by providing factual materials. They reissued their corrected list.. which seems to be ignored by the critics who would prefer to believe them. I am still looking for admission that not all TOP SECRET Documents had registration numbers and that TOP SECRET RESTRICTED was a valid security marking. I won't hold my breath.

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Filer's Files #16 -- 2003

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 18:44:54 -0400
Subject: Filer's Files #16 -- 2003

Filer's Files #16 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.
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WORLDWIDE UFO SIGHTINGS CONTINUE BUT SLOW IN US

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. UFOs reported over Iraq. Dr. Herman Oberth the Father of the Space Age says UFOs exist, Russian Pravda reveals attacks on UFOs and Soviet KGB UFO Research Centers, Maryland - blinking lights, Florida - Marine has missing time, Ohio - amazing photographs, Texas - miniature UFO saucer flies up to witness, Canadian - newspaper article about Brian Vike says and UFOs, Columbia - UFOs seen by eighty witnesses, Argentina cattle mutilations return, England - blue sphere crashes toward earth, New Zealand disc with colored lights, and UFO Disclosure survey results poll

THE MAJOR FIGHTING IS OVER IN IRAQ AFTER UFOs SEEN

NAJAF -- According to Joseph Trainor editro of UFO Roundup, on March 27, 2003, an oblong luminous UFO hovered over the holy city of Najaf located about 60 miles south of Baghdad not far from the ancient city of Babylon. A photo showing the unknown object, with a G.I. of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division pointing at it with his forefinger, appeared in the newspaper Euronews. UFO Roundup correspondent Mohammed Hajj al-Amdar stated, "The UFO's appearance caused great excitement among the Shiites who saw it. They said it had come from Allah's Gardens of Bliss to protect the Tomb of Ali." Najaf is a holy city to Shiite Muslims because of the golden-domed mosque that stands over the grave of Ali, the son-in-law of the prophet Mohammed. Babylon and ancient Babylonia are located in present day Iraq. The looting of the museums is a great tragedy and every effort should be made to recover the lost artifacts..

Did God help Coalition forces win a stunning three week victory? The last book of the Bible predicted the fall of Babylon. After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! It has become a home for demons, a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every foul and hateful bird; for all the nations have drunk the wine of her impure passion." Revelation 18.

On Sunday, April 6, 2003, UFO Roundup reports that about 1 AM, Baghdad time, five cylindrical UFOs were seen hovering over the Khulfafa mosque in the Shebab district, on the east bank of the Tigris River. The faintly luminous cylinders were "caught by a fixed, night-vision camera" and aired live on FOX TV(which would have been 4 PM, April 5, 2003 in the USA- Thanks to Joseph Trainor- Volume 8, #16, April 16, 2003.)

Jerry Rowles MUFON Washington writes, "Sometimes I do trust God has His hand directly in human affairs and provided God's speed and protection to our troops. jblackwe@apci.net writes: "When things didn't seem to be going well, mom would say, "It's an ill wind that blows no good." Well, this story tells how an ill wind blew a lot of good! I am sure that all of you heard about the sandstorm in Iraq Tuesday and Wednesday (the worst in 100 years some say) and the drenching rain that followed the next day. Our troops were bogged down and couldn't move effectively. The media was already wondering if the troops were in a "quagmire" and dire predictions of gloom and doom came from the left wing media. What they didn't report was that yesterday, after the weather had cleared, the Marine group that was mired the worst looked out at the plain they were just about to cross. What did they see? Hundreds if not thousands of anti-tank and anti-personnel mines had been uncovered by the wind and then washed off by the rain. If they had proceeded as planned, no doubt, many lives would have been lost. As it was, they simply drove around the mine fields and let the demolition teams destroy them." Thanks to Jerry Rowles

DR HERMAN OBERTH FATHER OF SPACE AGE SAYS UFOs EXIST

Editor's Correction: Last week, I gave a quote attributed to Professor Oberth, stating "We find ourselves faced by powers which are far stronger than we had hitherto assumed, and whose base is at present is unknown to us..." Although he said something similar to this in an interview with MUFON's Antonio Huneeus, I was unable to reach Antonio to verify the exact quote. Therefore, I stand corrected, however, Oberth specifically stated for publication, "It is my thesis that flying saucers are real and that they are space ships from another solar system. I think that they possibly are manned by intelligent observers who are members of a race that may have been investigating our earth for centuries. I think that they possibly have been sent out to conduct systematic, long-range investigations, fir of men, animals, vegetation and more recently of atomic centers, armaments and centers of armament production" "Flying Saucers Come from a Distant World" The American Weekly, October 24, 1954.

In Paris Flammond's book, "UFO Exist!" Oberth is quoted as saying, "These objects (UFO) are conceived and directed by intelligent beings of a very high order. They do not originate in our solar system, perhaps not in our galaxy." From a Press Conference in Innsbruck, Austria June 1954.

Ole Henningsen writes from Denmark, "Professor Hermann Oberth was a strong believer in UFOs =3D spaceships and he attended UFO-conferences and held lectures about his belief. I personally heard two of his lectures, one in 1966, in Denmark arranged by SUFOI, and one in Germany in 1967, arranged by Karl L. Veit. Close to Nueremberg, Germany, there is a museum devoted to him and his "rocket-life". According to my files, Hermann Oberth stated (translated from his Danish lecture manuscript dated May 1, 1966): "Regarding the UFOs, there is only one explanation, which until now has not been refuted, namely the Major Keyhoe-hypothesis, that UFOs are spaceships from other planets." But he always in his lectures strongly supported a scientific approach to the UFO-phenomenon. His first appearance with an UFO-lecture was at the DUIST- conference in Wiesbaden, Germany, in 1960, as far as I know. Mr. Karl L. Veit from the German organization DUIST used in some way Hermann Oberth and his celebrity to promote DUIST and UFO-Nachrichten. Oberth appeared in more DUIST-conferences during the sixties. I had a short correspondence with Hermann Oberth in 1987. He answered my question, but he also told that due to his age and weakness he was not any more able to devote any time to UFOs.

He died on December 29, 1989, at the age of 95. His most widely recognized contribution to space-travel was his book published in 1923, "The Rocket into Planetary Space." He later on published books on other topics. Hermann Oberth joined the Wernher von Braun-team at the V-2 rocket complex in Peenem-FCnde, Germany, during WW II, and thereafter the U. S. Army's Ballistic Missile Agency in Huntsville, Alabama. A short period Von Braun was his assistant during the 1930's. Oberth retired in 1958 to the town of Feucht, in Germany. I visited his museum: http://www.oberth-museum.org/museum_e.htm. Thanks to Ole Henningsen SUFOI Denmark

PRAVDA REVEALS ATTACKS ON UFOs AND KGB RESEARCH

In the April 1, edition of Pravda, Russian journalist Dimitri Sudakov claims that the attacks mounted by the military against UFOs are always unfruitful. In his article, UFOs Impossible, Sudakov reviews at least five real and documented incidents of attacks by military aircraft against UFOs, where they suffered no known damage. The journalist indicates that the first incident took place in October of 1944 in Europe. US Air Force pilots encountered several ball-like UFOs in the airspace. Pilots decided that they saw new secret Nazi weapon, which was rumored a lot back in those days. Americans opened fire on those balls, although no bullet managed to cause any damage to them. Sudakov offers in its article concrete evidence that guarantee the reality of these facts, including the commission opened by Sir Winston Churchill in England in 1952 to investigate to the UFOs. Apparently, he was worried because no military weapons could damage the extraterrestrial craft.

Pravda also reports the KGB ordered 4 million soldiers to watch the sky in search of UFOs until the dissolution of the KGB and the Soviet Union in 1990.. Yuri Andropov, leader of the Ex-Soviet Union's KGB showed an acute interest in the UFO and ordered the creation of a program that lasted 13 years that forced each soldier to monitor the Russian sky in search of sightings. Igor Sinitsin, who worked with Andropov for six years in the Politburo, revealed that the Soviet leader maintained a file on the UFOs in his daily agenda. Sinitsin added that the KGB controlled what was published on this subject in many other countries. Both military and civilian UFO research centers were created under the direction of the KGB. Thanks to:

<http://english.pravda.ru/society/2003/04/01/45389.html>

MARYLAND BLINKING LIGHTS

BALTIMORE -- The witness reports, "I was driving home from the night club where I work on April 3, 2003, at about 3:05 AM, when I saw lights coming towards me from an unusual direction." As I exited onto I 695 east and drove east for two miles the object which looked like dull white car headlights hovered. As I approached the Francis Scott Key Bridge, I also saw two pulsating smaller white lights blinking on opposite sides. There was no sound coming from the object and the smaller light next to the road was only 30 feet off the ground. As I slowed my truck to get a closer look the lights were in a round pattern. The object was just to my right over Fort Smallwood and 200 feet high. As I slowly approached the bridge the still stationary object disappeared from my sight as I went onto the bridge and when I got to the other side of the bridge the object had disappeared. This object was not moving and didn't make any sound. I never have been scared of visible lights like this before especially for me to pull over close to underneath the object and get a closer look. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]www.UFOCENTER.com

GEORGIA STRANGE LIGHTS IN THE CAR

MERIWETHER COUNTY -- On Sunday, April 13, 2003, my brother and his wife were driving in my Ford Explorer on a Highway 41. We left the town of Warm Springs, and headed northwest to Greenville on a two lane road that is very isolated rural road. At the "blink of an eye," a hoard of bright red lights manifested inside my SUV. I panicked initially, and slowed my speed to around 30 miles per hour. I felt some sense of security as I had two passengers with me. My sister-in-law yelled out, "Pull over, are those police lights?" There was no police car and no other activity. It was 9:15 PM, there were hundreds of extremely erratic small red strobing lights. Some had short laser-like beam qualities as might be seen in some high-end disco club. All three of us announced we were all experiencing this event. I felt this was not of this World! My sister-in-law was in a panorama of bright red lights, in the back seat, but none of the lights were in the trunk area. The same lights were on my brother's feet and legs, the floor board was a hue of red. I looked out the window and over the dash board onto the hood and did not see any activity outside. This event lasted about 20 seconds and ceased, as quick as the onset, when a vehicle appeared in the distance. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]www.UFOCENTER.com

FLORIDA MARINE HAS MISSING TIME

MIAMI-- John Burch writes, I served in the Seventh Marines in Korea and when I returned to the US, I had guard duty for President Truman. They don't let crazy people stand next to President with a loaded 45 revolver on his hip, so here is my story.

"In October of 1952, I was on liberty in Miami and was sitting on the lawn swing with my girl friend about 9 PM in her backyard. Not more than five minutes passed when I had the feeling that I had blinked out, and was back on the swing in a millisecond. As I sat wondering I realized our conversation had suddenly stopped and above our heads something was starting to illuminate. About six hundred feet above us was a disk shaped craft the size of a dish plate at arm's length. It was motionless, but the perimeter was illuminated by a faint blue light that appeared to come from the top center. The light started to brighten as if turned by a rheostat. As the light around the perimeter brightened the craft started to slowly rotate up to the southwest and as it rotated the light glow was changing from blue to a bright orange red. The glow of the light was like a source of energy as opposed to illumination. It sat motionless for about ten seconds than shot into the sky and disappeared among the stars in a split second. I couldn't

While I tried to grasp the wonder of what just happened, my girlfriend started crying hysterically and jumped out of the swing. She cried, "We just saw a flying saucer!" She insisted we call the Miami Herald to report it, but their were not other reports. Just then her parents came home and we told them the story. They acted like I had drugged their daughter, and looking at the clock they suggested I leave, because it was after midnight. We had three hours of unexplained missing time. I was a confused young man because I know we had been on the swing for just five minutes. I retired in 1988, and have had six sightings since then. Thanks to John Burch, JonJon@cyberstreet.com

OHIO - AMAZING PHOTOGRAPHS

During the last several years, George W. Ritter has taken numerous photographs of various types of flying cigars, saucers and strange looking craft. These are almost always moving at high speed and difficult to determine their exact size and dimensions. Similar vehicles have been captured on video indicating the UFOs are moving at tremendous speed. The foreground remains in focus indicating this is not caused by camera movement. Photos can be seen in views: [<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/files/2002/index.php>] Filer's Files UFO Center Views

TEXAS - MINIATURE FLYING SAUCER

COLLEGE STATION -- Erik writes, "I had a UFO encounter in 1965, with a flying saucer that was only 18 inches wide and a few inches high. I saw it flying over a field of grain near the New Braunsfels River. I was near a field with many steers and was not too far from Texas A & M. University. The saucer was flying over the grasses and came toward me and then stopped abruptly only two feet from me. I stood there stupefied in awe. I tried to grab it sneakily, but it sensed my intention within a second or more of my attempt and took off like a shot and left the area. Thanks to Erik Ekstrom.

CALIFORNIA UFO SIGHTINGS

SACRAMENTO -- Hi, my name is Spencer and I had a UFO sighting on January 14, 2002 at 7:01 PM, on the Garden Highway going to a King's game. The shape of the ship was an acute triangle moving about 20 MPH. It had four lights, one on each corner and one big blue one in the center. Thanks to Spencer

LOS ALAMOS -- The witness reports seeing two F-16's pursue a cigar-shaped object in the skies over Los Alamos, on April 5, 2003, at 12:15 PM. The witness says, "I was outside when I heard the roar of jet engines from Vandenberg Air Force Base, but these were unusually loud. I looked up and saw two low and fast flying F-16's in pursuit of a small cigar-shaped object that was ahead of them by about 500 feet. I watched as they continued to chase the object until they went over the mountains. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>] www.UFOCENTER.com

CANADA HIWAY 16 MAGAZINE ARTICLE ABOUT BRIAN VIKE

BRITISH COLUMBIA -- He's not weird and he does not sleep with a tinfoil cap on his head, although some of his friends do cower and point to the sky when they see him. Houston resident, Brian Vike began his interstellar interest as an amateur astronomer, an attraction that would lead him to become one of B.C.'s leading UFOlogists. Today he is the Director of HBCC UFO Research. He is a weekly guest on radio talk shows across North America, has been filmed and interviewed for Canada's Life Network and has been contacted by CBC TV for a future interview. Retiring from a job at the local Houston mill due to a back injury in 1982, Brian found himself with lots of spare time on his hands. Three years ago, he decided to create a web page, one that expressed his own curiosity about unsolved mysteries in the world. The site includes pictures of strange events he wants to share with others and encouraged people to call with their stories. Good timing for Brian. In 2002 Houston became a virtual "interstellar hotbed" of unexplained bright, moving lights, large, hovering "disk or cigar-shaped objects" and over one hundred witnesses willing to report their experiences. It was a record number of sightings, putting Houston B.C. in 4th place on the Canadian UFO Survey's Top Ten list. There were 483 sightings for all of Canada, with 173 of those in B.C., and 100 of those just from the North. Brian tells me, "B.C. usually is the hot spot every year." Heads up, I say! As a volunteer field investigator, Brian receives calls at his home in Houston. He keeps a list of quick questions beside his phone to ask the caller. Size, altitude, flight directions, color, sound, distance, an couple in Smithers reported 2 objects floating over Hudson Bay Mountain, Brian used the computer program Heavens Above to discover that what they saw were planets. "They said they felt stupid," says Brian, "but I told them, 'Oh, no! This is great. We've solved something here'."

<http://www.hiway16.com/magazine2/pages/Debi/ExTerr/ExTerr1.htm>

HOUSTON -- Brian Vike writes, "Boy do I have a case in my hot little hands. I received a large parcel today in the postal mail. This looks like a possible abduction case. Or from what I have here, it is 95 pages of documented goodies. Plus samples of clothing to be tested. I think this could be one of the biggest cases I have had yet!"

TERRACE -- A witness contacted Brian saying, "When I read the Terrace Standard Newspaper April 2, 2003, on an article called: Was there a mass UFO sighting?, I said to myself that is what I saw. In the middle of March 2003 between 7:30 PM and 8:00 PM, I was out in my backyard and saw this bright glowing object moving around in a fast downward movement. The object was falling between the backyards of 4800 Block Tuck Ave. or McConnell Avenue. It was falling down fast like a shooting star or a meteor and I was waiting to hear an explosion. I didn't hear anything and read the article about the UFO sighting in the Terrace Standard, I knew I saw something that night. It was down low and glowing. Thanks to Brian Vike HBCC UFO Research Editor: Canadian Communicator Toll Free Canadian UFO Hotline: 1-866-262-1989 Email - hbccufo@telus.net,

COLUMBIA - UFOs SEEN BY EIGHTY WITNESSES

JUAICA MOUNTAIN -- Edgar Maple reports that during a UFO watch, several UFOs of orange color were sighted in the Tabio region of Cundinamarca. The Contact UFO Group made up of eighty people and directed by investigator William Ch=Elves saw UFOs during a watch on Saturday, March 15, 2003, from the 22:45 to 00:20 hours. They initially observed orange lights, then later from same location smaller lights were caught on video magnetic tape. Minutes later it was possible to observe small bluish lights like currents rising from the ground. In a space of ten minutes smaller inner lights changing form and size were seen. The eyewitnesses were overwhelmed by the sight. Thanks to Edgar Maple.

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ARGENTINA MUTILATIONS RETURN

CUCHILLO CO -- TV producer Francisco FAZIO, reports there are many animals being mutilated in Cuchillo-Co, La Pampa. Some farmers and producers of the town of Lihuel Calel are upset by the repeated bovine animal mutilations on their farms. A young producer who has her field near Provincial Route 13, says, "I have had cattle mutilations since April 2002, right up to April

13, 2003, of this year without interruption." All Argentinean provinces have cattle mutilations with the same characteristics. In 15 days I had six fat young black cows mutilated in a very good field with last occurring on Tuesday only 500 meters from the street and 4 kilometers from my house. On Friday, in General Acha there were similar mutilations. They have perfect cauterized cuts of the testicles and vagina. Its very strange because there are strong shocks on the body, similar to a hot fire. These are no natural disease causes, no dogs, no native people of La Pampa, no mice, or natural disease, causing this economic damnation. Its a big problem, say the farmers. By: Francisco Fazio. ufoargentina@yahoo.com.ar Tel=fono: 00(54)(9)(2345)659644

ENGLAND - BLUE SPHERE CRASHES TOWARDS THE EARTH

LONDON -- Driving eastbound at 8 PM, on the 401 towards London on April 4, 2003, the witness saw a blue sphere appear in the sky, that accelerated towards the ground behind the treeline. There was a visible blue streak which trailed the sphere that appeared to crash. Following this, the area of the sky where the object 'crashed' was illuminated in a blue light for several seconds. It could very well have been some type of meteor, but the fact that there was this blue light associated with the object and the illumination of the sky made the event quite strange. This event occurred during a barrage of freezing rain, which hampered visibility. I seem to only remember two or three other cars on the road at the time. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]www.UFOCENTER.com

BRIXHAM, DEVON -- We saw something weird over my sister's house on April 5, 2003, while sitting outside drinking and chatting. It was dark, but very clear at 9:20 PM. We were spotting planes and satellites going over. I noticed something moving south - so I said, "There's another one, but that's not a satellite," -- It grew in brightness gradually over a period of ten seconds, becoming brighter than Jupiter, which was also in the sky. This phenomena lasted for five more seconds before it gradually faded in brightness and shot upwards at great speed in a Star Trek warp style. Andy, Charlie and Mother saw it too. Thanks to Nick nickrdavies@btopenworld.com

NEW ZEALAND DISC WITH COLORED LIGHTS

GISBORNE CITY -- On Saturday April 12, 2003, Laurence Fleming reports that around 11: 50 PM, there was occasional cloud cover. My wife had been outside our home and spotted this object and watched for about 15 minutes. The object displayed a red to green, and yellow color pattern, alternating frequently to blue as well. The object was very bright in appearance and hovered in one particular part of the sky. My wife called me, and I grabbed my new 10 X 50 binoculars focusing in on this very distinct multi color light in the sky. I told her, "That thing's some sort of craft". A spaceship or whatever was hovering in close proximity, at low in altitude, with a very distinct shape. After several minutes of observing this craft, it suddenly vanished and then to our amazement, suddenly reappeared further away in the sky in less than a second!! I haven't seen anything like that before! There was something rotating on this object. The craft eventually was lost from our vision by cloud cover. Regards Laurence Fleming.

John Colaw -- Membership Director of Skywatch International ended his survey poll April 9, 2003, contacting 740 participants with interviews from 24 different news teams and radio shows from all over the world, which helped keep the poll from being skewed to only UFO lists. The results:

- 1) Have you ever seen a UFO?
Yes (384) 53% No (191) 26% Possibly (147) 20%.
- 2) Do you know anyone who claims a UFO sighting?
Yes (549) 76% No (171) 24%
- 3) Do you believe some UFO reports are extraterrestrial space vehicles?
Yes (607) 85% No (111) 15%
- 4) Do you believe there is a UFO coverup within the US government?

Yes (588) 82% No (76) 11% Not sure (55) 8%

- 5) Have you read any books or magazines about UFOs?
No (77) 11% One or Two (147) 20% Three or More (495) 69%
- 6) Do you believe all UFO reports are mistaken or hoaxed?
Yes (79) 11% No (642) 89%
- 7) Do you believe in Angels?
Yes (444) 63% No (261) 37%
- 8) Do you believe in Demons?
Yes (365) 52% No (333) 48%
- 9) In your opinion, does the Bible mention UFOs?
Yes (345) 48% No (99) 14% Possibly (223) 31%
Probably not (48) 7%
- 10) Do you believe aliens are benevolent?
Yes (47) 7% No (30) 4%
- 11) Do not believe in aliens (51) 7%
Some good, some bad (363) 51%
Not sure, but let's be careful (227) 32%
- 12) If UFOs and Aliens are visiting, should the public be told
what governments know?
Yes (587) 82% No (14) 2% Depends (116) 16%
- 13) Do you believe there is a connection between Aliens and
Angels or Demons?
Yes (176) 25% No (226) 32% Maybe (241) 34%
- 14) Do not believe they exist (73) 10% 14) Do you suspect you
may have been abducted?
Yes (154) 21% No (459) 64% Maybe (105) 15%
- 15) Do you want to know the truth regarding UFOs/Aliens?
Yes (687) 95% No (21) 3% Not sure (12) 2%
- 16) Do you have an open mind regarding the UFO/Alien question?
Yes (695) 94% No (46) 6%.

Thanks to all those who contributed to this effort, including Bill Hamilton and Cliff Capers of Skywatch, Filer's Files, John Hayes of UFO Roundup. <http://www.skywatch-International.org>
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New Look At Mystery Flashes Reported By Astronauts

By Robert Roy Britt
Senior Science Writer

16 April 2003

When Marco Casolino flies on commercial airliners, he always hopes he'll see things, just like the astronauts do. So far he's had no luck. But a new study he led helps explain what it is he's looking for.

Since the Apollo 11 mission, and perhaps before, astronauts have been seeing things in space: colorful dots, streaks and flashes spotted when their eyes were closed or when the inside of the spacecraft was dark. During one trip to the Moon, astronauts observed a flurry of activity, in green, which they described as being like a St. Patrick's Day display.

Some scientists scoffed at the ghostly observations and at the prediction from the pre-Apollo era that such a phenomenon could occur.

Nobody is scoffing now. New results from Casolino, of the National Institute of Nuclear Physics at the University of Rome, Tor Vergata, move scientists closer to understanding how cosmic rays apparently generate these mysterious light flashes, as they are called.

Cosmic rays are highly energetic, charged particles -- mostly protons -- that originate throughout the galaxy when stars explode, scientists believe. They constantly bombard astronauts. They can penetrate a spacecraft and the human body. Earth's atmosphere and magnetic field, however, mostly protect the planet from this perpetual onslaught.

Before anyone ever went to space, Cornelius Tobias, a Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory expert on the biological effects of radiation, suggested in 1952 that cosmic rays might interact in some way with the human visual system, which is designed to perceive photons, not protons. He later tested the idea -- on himself and colleagues -- using a particle accelerator, but the tests were discontinued because of health concerns.

"You see visual flashes," Tobias later said, prior to his death in 2000. "It is an exhilarating sensation. It is as though you are looking into the universe itself."

The eye turns out to be a more amazing detector than anyone but Tobias imagined.

"To our knowledge, light flashes are the only way that a human can 'see' elementary particles directly, without the use of

instruments," Casolino told SPACE.com in an e-mail interview describing his new research.

Close your eyes and watch

To learn more about the strange phenomenon, Casolino and his collaborators outfitted cosmonauts aboard the Mir Space Station (before it was de-orbited in 2001) with special helmets that contained built-in particle detectors. The cosmonauts measured particle rates while recording the number of flashes they saw. The work builds on similar but inconclusive experiments conducted aboard Apollo missions.

The frequency of flashes aboard Mir did not correspond to the numbers of protons, suggesting another process was also at work, Casolino and his colleagues will report in tomorrow's issue of the journal Nature. The researchers conclude that rarer cosmic ray particles -- the nuclei of helium, carbon, nitrogen and oxygen -- are also involved.

The flashes can originate through direct interactions with the retina or the optic nerve, Casolino said, or nuclear interactions in the eye that in turn affect the retina, where normal images are received after light passes through the eye's lens.

There are no known health dangers associated with light flashes. But cosmic radiation in general is hazardous. Reactions can destroy cell nuclei and put astronauts at increased risk for cancer and make them more susceptible to other diseases, researchers believe.

Present knowledge of light flashes, Casolino said, suggests that merely monitoring radiation might not give a complete picture of the effects of cosmic rays, and a detailed understanding of the flashes could improve efforts to safeguard future space travelers.

Casolino's team is now analyzing data from a more sophisticated test conducted last year on the International Space Station. In addition to monitoring incoming particles, the study used an electroencephalograph to monitor brain activity during light flashes.

Do you see what I see?

For anyone on the ground who sees things and has been wondering if cosmic rays might be to blame, Casolino can't be sure, but he has doubts.

The observations of flashes are extremely subjective and vary from one person to another, he notes. But few cosmic rays survive the trip through Earth's atmosphere. Most decay into other particles, such as muons, which provide little or no opportunity for generating flashes.

Further, Casolino said, the brain may well dismiss flashes as unimportant, not even allowing us to notice them. Other physiological conditions, such as differing blood pressure, might cause similar apparent perceptions.

Jet passengers above much of the atmosphere ought to have a better opportunity, however, to get a taste of the odd visual experience astronauts describe.

"I try to look for light flashes when I'm on a plane, but up to now I have seen nothing," Casolino said. "The problem is that it is difficult to know what you are looking for."

* Airline Pilots Report a Different Sort of Flash:

http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/planetearth/red_sprites_991208.html

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Why Life Could Not Have Come From Outer Space

by Harun Yahya
16/04/2003

When Darwin put forward his theory in the middle of the nineteenth century, he never mentioned how the origin of life, in other words the first living cell, came to be. Scientists looking for the origin of life at the beginning of the twentieth century began to realize that the theory was invalid. The complex and perfect structure in life prepared the ground for many researchers to perceive the truth of creation. Mathematical calculations and scientific experiment and observation demonstrated that life could not be the "product of chance," as the theory of evolution claimed.

With the collapse of the claim that coincidence was responsible and the realization that life was "planned," some scientists began to look for the origin of life in outer space. The best-known of the scientists who made such claims were Fred Hoyle and Chandra Wickramasinghe. These two cobbled together a scenario in which they proposed that there was a force which "seeded" life in space. According to the scenario, these seeds were carried through the emptiness of space by gas, dust clouds or by an asteroid, and eventually reached the Earth, thus initiating life on this planet.

Nobel Prize winner Francis Crick, co-discoverer with James Watson of the double helix structure of DNA, is one of those who had sought the origin of life in outer space. Crick came to realize that it is quite unreasonable to expect life to have started by chance, but he claimed instead that life on Earth was started by intelligent "extraterrestrial" powers.

As we have seen, the idea that life came from outer space has influenced prominent scientists. The matter is now even discussed in writings and debates on the origin of life. The idea of looking for the origin of life in outer space can be considered from two basic perspectives.

Scientific Inconsistency

The key to evaluating the "life began in outer space" theory lies in studying the meteorites that reached the Earth and the clouds of gas and dust existing in space. No evidence has yet been found to support the claim that celestial bodies contained non-earthly creatures that eventually seeded life on Earth. No research that has been carried out so far has revealed any of the complex macromolecules that appear in life forms.

Furthermore, the substances contained in meteorites do not possess a certain kind of asymmetry found in the macromolecules

that constitute life. For instance, amino acids, which make up proteins, the basic building blocks of life, should theoretically occur as both left- and right-handed forms ("optical isomers") in roughly equal numbers. However, only left-handed amino acids are found in proteins, whereas this asymmetric distribution does not occur among the small organic molecules (the carbon-based molecules found in living things) discovered in meteorites. The latter exist in both left- and right-handed forms.¹

That is by no means the end of the obstacles to the theory that bodies and substances in outer space gave rise to life on Earth. Those who maintain such an idea need to be able to explain why such a process is not happening now, with the Earth still being bombarded by meteorites. However, study of these meteorites has not revealed any "seeding" to confirm the thesis in any way.

Another question confronting the defenders of the thesis is this: Even if it is accepted that life was formed by a consciousness in outer space, and that it somehow reached Earth, how did the millions of species on Earth come about? That is a huge dilemma for those who suggest that life began in space.

Alongside all of these obstacles, no trace has been found in the universe of a civilization or life form that could have started life on Earth. No astronomical observations, which have picked up enormous speed in the last 30 years, have given any indication of the presence of such a civilization.

What lies behind the "extraterrestrial" theory?

As we have seen, the theory that life on Earth was initiated by extraterrestrials has no scientific basis to it. No discoveries have been made to confirm or support it. However, when the scientists who put forward the suggestion began to look in that direction, they did so because they perceived one important truth.

The truth in question is that a theory that seeks to explain life on Earth as being the result of chance is no longer tenable. It has been realized that the complexity revealed in the life forms on Earth can only be the product of intelligent design. In fact, the areas of expertise of the scientists who sought the origin of life in outer space give a clue as to their rejection of the logic of the theory of evolution; both are world-renowned scientists: Fred Hoyle is an astronomer and bio-mathematician, and Francis Crick a molecular biologist.

One point which needs to be considered is that those scientists who look to outer space to find the origin of life do not actually make any new interpretation of the matter. Scientists such as Hoyle, Wickramasinghe and Crick began to consider the possibility that life came from space because they realized that life could not have come about by chance. Since it was impossible for life on Earth to have begun by chance, they had to accept the existence of a source of intelligent design in outer space.

However, the theory put forward by them on the subject of the origin of this intelligent design is contradictory and meaningless. Modern physics and astronomy have revealed that our universe originated as a result of a huge explosion some 12 - 15 billion years ago known as "The Big Bang." All matter in the universe came about from that explosion. For this reason, any idea that seeks the origin of life on Earth in another matter-based life form in the universe has to explain in turn how that form of life came into existence. The meaning of this is that such a suggestion does not actually solve the problem, but takes it one step further back. (For more detail, see Harun Yahya's books *The Creation of the Universe and Timelessness* and *The Reality of Fate*).

As we have seen, the thesis that "life came from outer space" does not support evolution, but is a view that reveals the impossibility of evolution and accepts that there can be no other explanation for life than intelligent design. The scientists who suggested this began with a correct analysis but then went down a false road, and started the silly search for the origin of life in outer space.

It is obvious that the concept of "extraterrestrials" cannot

account for the origin of life. Even if we accept for one moment the hypothesis that "extraterrestrials" actually exist, it is still clear that they could not have come into being by chance, but must themselves be the product of intelligent design. (That is because the laws of physics and chemistry are the same everywhere in the universe, and they make it impossible for life to emerge by chance.) This shows that God, Who is beyond matter and time, and possesses infinite might, wisdom, and knowledge, created the universe and everything in it.

The author, who writes under the pen-name Harun Yahya, has published many books on political, faith-related and scientific issues. Some of the books of the author have been translated into English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Albanian, Arabic, Polish, Russian, Bosnian, Indonesian, Turkish, Tatar, Urdu and Malay and published in the countries concerned., has published many books on political, faith-related and scientific issues. Visit his website at www.harunyahya.com or contact him at info@harunyahya.com

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April 16, 2003

3 Cows, Bull Calf Mutilated Patrol Says

by Paul Hammel
World-Herald Staff Writer

VALPARAISO, Neb. - Three cows and a bull calf were killed on two separate nights in what officials are calling cases of cattle mutilation.

The animals were found the mornings of April 5 and April 7 in the same pasture about three miles west of Valparaiso on Nebraska Highway 66.

Two cows and a bull calf were found after the first incident. A teat was removed from one of the cows, and the rectum and testicles were cut from the bull calf. Two mornings later, one cow was found dead. An attempt had been made to cut off a teat.

A veterinarian who examined the cattle ruled that they had died from electrocution, said Jay Petersen, a Lincoln-based investigator with the Nebraska State Patrol.

Petersen said tire and boot tracks were found after the second incident, which occurred during a heavy snowstorm. There were few other clues.

"People talk about this being a cult-type activity, but that's really hard to say," he said. "I don't like to speculate about things like that.

"But it's hard for me to imagine a cult going out in a raging snowstorm doing something like this, or even a prankster doing this during a snowstorm."

Petersen said it was the first cattle mutilation case he has worked in five years as an investigator, although there was a report of a similar mutilation in the Valparaiso area in 1994.

Officials with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska Cattlemen said they hadn't heard of a cattle mutilation case in the state for several years.

"This is the first one I've heard of in I can't remember how long, thankfully," said Mike Fitzgerald, a spokesman for Nebraska Cattlemen.

Several Internet sites contain information about cattle mutilations and speculate that UFOs or cults may be the cause.

In Montana, between June and October of 2001, 15 cases of cattle mutilations were reported.

Such cases are expensive. Three cows and a calf are worth around \$2,000. That makes the crime one of felony criminal mischief, Petersen said.

Dr. James Weiss, animal epidemiologist with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, said it wouldn't be that difficult to electrocute a cow. Occasionally, he said, electrical shorts in water heaters for stock tanks can kill an animal that takes a drink.

Petersen said the mutilations probably happened during the early morning of April 5 and 7.

Anyone with any information about the incidents is asked to call the patrol's Crime Stoppers number, (800) 422-1494.

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Processing FOIA Request 03-21-03 To ICAF-NDU

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FROM: Larry W. Bryant
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DATE: April 16, 2003

In our phone conversation today about my freedom-of-information request sent on March 21, 2003, to ICAF commandant Maj. Gen. Howard Mashburn, you advised me that you had not queried the general about the subject matter's inclusive dates as to any impending records search in your fulfillment of my request - saying that I, not he, have the burden of specifying those dates.

Accordingly, having refined my research into the history of this controversy, I hereby request that your records search encompass all ICAF-NWC-NDU responsive records generated and received during the period of Dec. 1, 2002, through April 16, 2003.

In our conversation, I suggested that, in order to facilitate and expedite your records search, you might wish to follow the example set recently via an FOIA lawsuit against the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency: simply dispatch to the entire ICAF-NWC-NDU staff and faculty an e-mail message calling for these personnel to gather, and to forward to you, all responsive records (including e-mail, sent and received).

Should any of those forwarded records be dated outside the above-cited timeframe, I of course would expect you to include them in your fulfillment of my request.

In the meantime, in case you reject my suggestion, I'm preparing the following advertisement for placement in a forthcoming edition of the "Pentagram" newspaper:

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ICAF-NWC-NDU personnel desiring to assist my recent FOIA quest about the controversy over "academic freedom"/1st Amendment restrictions as regards your dissent over presidential decisionmaking may do so by sending a copy of all relevant records to: Larry W. Bryant, 3518 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302 (e-mail: overtci@cavtel.net).

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Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret' - Aldrich

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>Subject: Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret'

>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 10:50:42 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Media Notice - 'The Secret'

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>>Even-handed? Balanced? Excuse me for skepticism. but your list
>>of names does not seem much different for Sci-Fi's. Perhaps you
>>should talk to Tim Good about MJ-12 documents and Cooper's
>>typewriter.

>I intend to talk to all sorts of people, from both sides. The
>ones listed in my original post (Dolan, Friedman, Maccabee,
>Pflock and Greenwald) are merely the ones I've had a chance to
>talk to already, while in New Mexico a couple of weeks ago for
>the wonderful Aztec Symposium.

>>Perhaps you should look at U. F. O. Historical Revue #3 at

>><http://www.cufon.org>

>Already have.

>>Perhaps you should review how these documents came into ufology
>>and the other "documents" which came with them which are no
>>longer discussed.

>Part of the plan.

>>Nah, that would just get in the way of a good story.

>A good story and the truth are not mutually exclusive. If the
>documents are real, it's a great story; if they're a hoax,
>that's still a great story. Either way, it's an important story.

>>Forget I mentioned it. Much better to not to have negatives in
>>such an enterprise.

>Somebody obviously got up on the wrong side of the bed today.

>>Have to run, I am going out to meet P. T. Barnum for a drink.

>Say hello.

>Seriously, though, if you - or anyone out there - have
>suggestions as to where you think we might want to head in our
>research, let me know. You might not think we take this stuff
>seriously, or that we will be objective - on what evidence you
>may have drawn those conclusions I have no idea - but I can
>assure you that we do.

Paul,

I personally do not see MJ-12 as being anything to do with UFOs. However, my grumpiness on this issue stems from the Sci-Fi Channel's presentation and of the names you mentioned.

The name Barry Greenwood is conspicuously absent from the list nor are any of the signers of the statement on SOM 1-01. There is a further list we might discuss off line. There exist very extensive files on the subject of MJ-12.

On SOM 1-01 I did a brief examination of the document a number of years ago and found over 50 obvious problems with it. Most of these problems have not been answered, and the criticism has held up well over the years, Ryan Wood's claims to the contrary, I have not seen any serious attempts to take these on by proponents.

I suggest further discussion off line.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Velez and List,

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Chris Burns

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>'expert' commentator - who dared to take credit, on air, for
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Gosh, with Sean David Morten their we have the pillar of
accuracy who checks and rechecks the facts... :)

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>cults as if they represented some kind of 'mainstream' in
>ufology. It was insanity piled on insanity. A relentless
>compilation of pure junk and bombastic lies presented as
>'representative' of ufology.

Any wacko cult or bunch of fruitcakes that have UFO connected to
them seems to be billed as mainstream, although I view them as
the sick, circus side show.

>It was unbelievable. I was incensed.

>Then came the 'topper'; the Wood's making a case for MJ-12
>without any opposing point of view or comment. If the Sci-fi
>channel is out to sabotage and destroy the credibility of all of
>ufology, this first concerted attack was as destructive as any.
>As damaging as anyone could intentionally put together.

One wonders if we discussed Tim Coopers typewriter, or was that
Bills typewriter..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Stan Friedman

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Hi

Isn't there another explanation? This is supposedly a quote from
a West German newspaper. It is therefore a *translation*.
Imagine that Von Braun responds to a story about a rocket going
off course in some such terms as these:

"We're having to control energies we haven't had experience
with, and the basic principles are still being worked out. What
can I say? We're doing our best to analyse the stresses involved
and in six or nine months' time I might be able to tell you what
went wrong."

Seems to me you need to ask where the translation came from and
find the original German.

Regards

Martin Shough

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UFOs & Wars?

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Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 14:33:02 -0400
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From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
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Even the most ardent believers in flying objects of extra-terrestrial origin will usually concede that most reported 'sightings' can be traced back to one of these sources. But it is that unaccounted two per cent that makes enthusiasts cling tenaciously to their conviction.

I cannot account for the mysterious two percent, either. But a lifetime spent with testing of guided missiles has taught me to be extremely careful with eye-witness accounts on rocket firings running into some in-flight trouble. Of three experienced observers questioned after a typical mishap, one swore that he clearly saw a part coming off before the rocket faltered; a second hotly denied this but claimed that the missile oscillated violently before it veered off the course; while the third trained observer saw neither a part coming off, nor an oscillation, nor anything veering off course but insisted that the rocket was flying perfectly steadily until it was abruptly ripped apart by an internal explosion.

Such contradictions in the eyewitness accounts of old rocket men are by no means an exception; we are almost invariably confronted with this situation. Yet we are dealing here with experienced observers who not only had seen many firings, but who had the great advantage of being mentally prepared for the imminent test.

For this reason I am highly skeptical about the objective of any 'sighting' report of a fleeting, mysterious object in the sky submitted by an equally surprised and unexperienced observer. And those unaccounted two per cent of U.F.O.'s absolutely fail to raise my blood pressure. To me, ninety-eight per cent is a might good batting average. I wish we could account for ninety-eight per cent of what we observe in many other fields of human endeavour! Yet, ever since the Middle Ages it has not been customary for science to call on ghosts and witches - or little green men from Mars - whenever we are confronted with a phenomenon for which we do not have a satisfactory answer.

To those who, either through personal observation or through hearsay based on other people's accounts, still insist that objects of extra-terrestrial origin are roaming through our atmosphere, I can only say that I have never seen such an object and cannot believe in their existence until I do."

Odd that Steiger and Good chose to ignore the words of the man himself!

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I've seen references to Alexander The Great being aided by, and
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Can anyone tell me the original source of those stories?

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Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 11:55:08 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 18:39:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003 - Gehrman

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 15:28:30 -0500
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 09:25:40 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003

>>You are correct; it was Von Braun, not Oberth who should be
>>credited with the quote:

<snip>

>>10] Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour. Flying Saucers Are
>>Hostile, New York: Universal Publishing and Distributing
>>Corporation (Tandem), 1967, p 68.

>Does Filer agree with you? Nobody seems to know. Well, there's
>lots of reasonable reasons why he hasn't been in touch - like
>most of us, he has a real life and a normal sense of priorities.

He understands and I think he also understands your criticism
and cheap shot over a trivial matter. Why didn't you simply
correct George's understandable mistake, or direct the list to
your previous research on the quote?

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/nov/m25-007.shtml>

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I smelled a fix and seemed to recall that this quote had been
discussed before so after a simple Google, I found your previous
research on the subject. (See above link) I'll pass on the bet.

Ed

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Re: UFOs & Wars? - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 14:38:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 18:41:20 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs & Wars? - Groff

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <<thiagolt@opengate.com.br>>
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>Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 11:03:54 -0300
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Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003 - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 17:30:49 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 18:46:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003 - Friedman

>From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
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>I'll wager this is bogus.

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Re: Sci-Fi's Blitzkrieg Of UFO Lies &

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@charter.net>
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 20:52:08 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2003 06:55:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Sci-Fi's Blitzkrieg Of UFO Lies &

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 11:10:19 -0400
>Subject: Sci-Fi's Blitzkrieg Of UFO Lies And Dis-Information

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>programs. No mention at all of any serious research or
>researchers. They avoided mentioning anything serious or
>credible assiduously.

<snip>

>Paul, I'm looking forward to your documentary on MJ-12. I trust
>we'll get a much more balanced presentation and review than that
>abortion that was aired on the Sci-Fi channel last night.

Hello, all, John.

Absolutley spot on, John. I couldn't stand it, and turned it
off.

GT McCoy
equally P.O.ed

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CI: Iraq and Cydonia: Two New Posts

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Fwd Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2003 06:59:58 -0400
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Cydonian Imperative
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A Brief Note Regarding "Iraq Body Count"...
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 37)

There has been some minor objection to the inclusion of the "Iraq Body Count" banner that appears on this site. Specifically, it has been interpreted as a political gesture. It is not. The Cydonian Imperative is nonpartisan and I've avoided any mention of the Iraq conflict in its pages. I have included the Iraq Body Count simply because it is an accurate assessment of real events. For those interested in the methodology used to arrive at the "minimum" and "maximum" civilian casualties, a careful look at the site should suffice.

Given that the Iraq Body Count figures are not alarmist fiction, what bearing do they have on a site about Mars exploration and discovery? As revealed in the essay "Will We Survive the Next 1,000 Years?" (above), I think the human race's trajectory as a technological species demands careful assessment and mutation. To date, over \$20 billion have been spent on the Iraq conflict: more than enough to finance a meaningful human presence on Mars. Whether one agrees with the politics behind the war in Iraq or not, this is a sobering figure.

Coupled with the documented loss of life - civilian and otherwise - one is prompted to wonder if we (a planetary "we," not a short-term nationalist "we") are creating a future amenable to future discovery in space.

The Enterprise Mission's New "Discoveries" by Mac Tonnies

While the Enterprise Mission's examples of "Cydonian" architecture in Iraq are spurious, the Middle East is rich in enigmatic artifacts such as this earthwork in Iran.

Richard Hoagland's Enterprise Mission website has posted a series of photos that appear to document parallels between Iraqi architecture and anomalous features on Mars. In my opinion, readers have every reason to be skeptical that these parallels are meaningful in any sense.

In the first image, titled "Another Tale of Two Cities - Baghdad... and on Mars," an overhead image of Baghdad is compared to reticulated terrain on Mars vaguely suggestive of a terrestrial-style city. My question: Why the comparison to Baghdad? While the Martian grid is indeed interesting (although hardly "proof" of extraterrestrial intervention), it could just as easily be compared to New York, Kansas City or Toronto. Is there supposed to be a reason for the specific comparison to Baghdad? If so, why isn't this made clear in the image?

The second image is called "Further Tales of Two Cities - Baghdad... and Cydonia, on Mars." The argument above is again applicable. There are no corresponding features between the alleged Martian structures and the structures seen in Baghdad, only a basic rectilinear motif characteristic of virtually all modern cities on Earth.

Secondly, and equally damaging to those who would have us think there is some exotic architectural connection between Iraq and Cydonia, the Mars image in question is the infinitely disputed false-color "underground city" image discussed previously. There is very little reason to think this image is a faithful reproduction of actual buried structures. The image itself is almost certainly irrelevant. The supposed correspondence to Baghdad is infinitely more so.

[image]

Viking frame 70A13.

The third image is "The Strange 'Saddam Airport Face'", an interesting but utterly unpersuasive comparison between Viking frame 70A13 and a blurry portion of an Iraqi airport in which a crude, face-like visage can be made out. There is indeed a superficial similarity to 70A13, and the apparent implication is that this is not a coincidence. But if Saddam Hussein's architects had information concerning the Face on Mars and were instructed to incorporate it into the airport's design, why must we look to a low-resolution image of the Face taken in the 1970s to see the resemblance? New, high-resolution images of the Face reveal a formation with notable differences, including a truncated (damaged?) eastern "mouth" and alleged feline characteristics.

It is strange that the Enterprise Mission uses 70A13 when better imagery exists. In any case, the blurred nature of the Saddam Airport photo invites the question: does the face-like appearance vanish when seen in greater clarity? Better images of the so-called "Saddam Airport Face" are needed to mount a proper investigation.

Lastly, we come to "Saddam's 'Tetrahedral' Saucer," which features a monument from Hussein's regime that incorporates a tetrahedral element. Readers of the Enterprise Mission site realize that tetrahedrons are vital cornerstones in Hoagland's fascinating "tetrahedral message of Cydonia." While I agree with Hoagland that certain formations in Cydonia appear to represent tetrahedral geometry (an element of Hoagland's controversial "hyperdimensional physics"), the presence of a tetrahedron on Earth proves nothing - least of all a Martian connection.

Tetrahedrons are the simplest of the Platonic solids. There is nothing intrinsically strange or esoteric about them. Unsurprisingly, they are commonplace in art all over the world. This doesn't imply a connection with Cydonia. The Iraqi monument is merely another example of a human artist utilizing a geometric lingua franca to produce a pleasing effect, not evidence of a legacy of hidden knowledge.

[image]

A rare photo of a pyramid in Iran.

None of this is to say that the Middle East has nothing to teach us about the apparent structures on Mars. Iraq, situated between the Tigris and the Euphrates, is indeed the birthplace of recorded history. If there is a terrestrial connection, however ancient, it would be foolish to condemn the possibility of finding it buried in the dust of time. But at the same time, we must beware the ever-present Will to Believe.

-end-

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Alexander The Great & UFOs - Mancusi

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>Can anyone tell me the original source of those stories?

I had an e-mails exchange in 2001 with a Macedonian historian,
Aleksandar Donski, about this tale. We found the following
references:

1. Frank Edwards, 'Stranger than Science', Pan, London 1963, p.
198 (1st US edition: 1959):

"Spies In The Skies

(...)

Alexander the Great was not the first to see them nor was he the
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that dived repeatedly at his army until the war elephants, the
men, and the horses all panicked and refused to cross the river
where the incident occurred. What did the things look like? His
historian describes them as great shining silvery shields,
spitting fire around the rims... things that came from the skies
and returned to the skies."

Unfortunately, there is no reference.

2. Alberto Fenoglio, "Cronistoria su oggetti volanti del passato
- Appunti per una clipeostoria", 'Clypeus' #9, 1st Semester
1966, p. 7:

"L'assedio di Tiro

Durante l'assedio di Tiro nell'anno 332 a. C. sono stati notati
degli strani oggetti volanti. Giovanni Gustavo Droysen nella sua
opera "Storia di Alessandro il Grande" volutamente non lo cita,
ritenendolo parto di fantasia dei soldati macedoni.

La fortezza non cedeva, le sue mura verso terra erano alte una
quindicina di metri e costruite cos=EC solidamente che nessuna
macchina d'assedio era in grado di danneggiarle. I tirii
disponevano dei pi=F9 grandi tecnici e costruttori di macchine da
guerra del tempo e intercettavano per aria le frecce incendiarie
ed i proiettili scagliati dalle catapulte sulla citt=E0.

Un giorno, all'improvviso, comparvero sul campo macedone i misteriosi oggetti; questi scudi volanti, come erano stati battezzati, procedevano in formazione a triangolo con in testa uno molto grosso; gli altri erano pi=F9 piccoli di circa la met=E0. In tutto erano cinque. Narra l'ignoto cronista che girarono lentamente su Tiro, mentre migliaia di guerrieri delle due fazioni stavano a guardarli stupiti. Ad un tratto, dal pi=F9 grosso degli "scudi", part=EC come un lampo che colp=EC un tratto delle mura e queste si sbriciolarono, altri lampi seguirono e mura e torri, come se fossero solo state costruite di fango, si dissolsero, lasciando via libera agli assediati che si rovesciarono come una valanga dalle brecce. Gli "scudi volanti" volteggiarono sulla citt=E0, finch=E8 non venne completamente espugnata, poi velocissimamente sparirono in alto, confondendosi in breve con l'azzurro del cielo."

(See English translation by Drake below.) No reference, too.

3. Gordon Creighton, "A new FSR catalogue - The effects of UFOs on Animals, Birds and smaller creatures - Part 1", Flying Saucer Review, vol. 16, No. 1, Jan-Feb 1970, pp. 26-28:

THE CATALOGUE-(i) B.C. TO 1946 A.D.

1. Middle East (_Reign of Alexander the Great_, 356-323 B.C.) A historian of the reign of Alexander the Great allegedly tells of two strange craft that dived repeatedly at his army, until the war elephants, the men, and all the horses panicked and refused to cross the river where the incident occurred... The historian describes the objects as "great shining silvery shields, spitting fire around the rims... things that came from the skies and returned to the skies." Frank Edwards: 'Stranger Than Science' (See notes.) (Pan Books, London), p. 198.

The notes are on p. 28:

NOTES

Case 1: This story has been related by Frank Edwards as well as by other writers, but so far I have seen no indication as to which classical author is responsible for it. It certainly sounds good... se non =E8 vero =E8 ben trovato. I hope that if there is a Greek or Latin text somebody can tell me where to find it. Meanwhile, let us keep the story as a fine introduction... "

As usual, Creighton wrote a very good commentary.

4. W. Raymond Drake, 'Gods and Spacemen in Greece and Rome', Sphere, London 1976, pp. 115-116:

"Frank Edwards, the noted American UFO reporter, quoting some source unfortunately not disclosed, states 'Intelligent beings from outer Space may already be looking us over.' He exasperates us by claiming

'Alexander the Great was not the first to see them nor was he the first to find them troublesome. He tells of two strange craft that dived repeatedly at his army until the war elephants, the men, and the horses all panicked and refused to cross the river where the incident occurred. What did the things look like? His historian describes them as great shining silvery shields, spitting fire around the rims... things that came from the skies and returned to the skies.'119

This remarkable incident was apparently paralleled by an equally fantastic visitation during the Siege of Tyre by Alexander in 332 BC. Quoting Giovanni Gustavo Droysens Storia di Alessandro il Grande, the erudite Italian Alberto Fenoglio, writes in CLYPEUS Anno 111, No 2, a startling revelation which we now translate

'The fortress would not yield, its walls were fifty feet high and constructed so solidly that no siege-engine was able to damage it. The Tyrians disposed of the greatest technicians and builders of war-machines of the time and they intercepted in the air the incendiary arrows and projectiles hurled by the catapults on the city.

One day suddenly there appeared over the Macedonian camp these

"flying shields", as they had been called, which flew in triangular formation led by an exceedingly large one, the others were smaller by almost a half. In all there were five. The unknown chronicler narrates that they circled slowly over Tyre while thousands of warriors on both sides stood and watched them in astonishment. Suddenly from the largest "shield" came a lightning-flash that struck the walls, these crumbled, other flashes followed and walls and towers dissolved, as if they had been built of mud, leaving the way open for the besiegers who poured like an avalanche through the breaches. The "flying shields" hovered over the city until it was completely stormed then they very swiftly disappeared aloft, soon melting into the blue sky.'120"

Strangely, Drake interpreted Edwards (ref. 119) and Fenoglio (120) versions as two different cases! And he didn't understand that Fenoglio DOESN'T quote Droysen.

5. There are also some websites like http://www.ufon.org.uk/ufo_history.html (this link seems to doesn't work anymore):

"329 BC:
Alexander the Great, via his historians: told of 2 strange objects in the sky that dived repeatedly at his army as they were attempting a river crossing. (Jaxartes River). The action so panicked his elephants, horses, and men they had to abandon the river crossing until the following day. They were described as great silver shields, spitting fire around the rims.
Contributed by Thon"

There are two new informations here: year 329 BC (not 332) and the name of the river. According to Donski, this name (Jaxartes) is correct, but "our" battle might happened near the river Indus. And always no reference given...

So this story remains very dubious.

Regards

Bruno

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From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2003 19:03:40 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2003 16:03:28 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: Iraq and Cydonia: Two New Posts

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
><ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2003 10:58:20 -0300
>Subject: Re: CI: Iraq and Cydonia: Two New Posts

>Hi Mac,

>Since you brought it up and to keep it in
>perspective why don't
>you show Hussein's Iraqi body count beside the war
>count?

>Don

Hi Don,

I would love to, but I haven't been able to find one. I'd settle for a general "Pointless Death Meter." I imagine it would look something like a stock ticker, except much more rapid.

=====
>Mac Tonnies
macbot@yahoo.com

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (updated daily)

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Re: CI: Iraq and Cydonia: Two New Posts - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2003 19:16:35 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2003 18:48:48 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: Iraq and Cydonia: Two New Posts - Tonnies

>From: Eric Adams <ek.adams@virgin.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2003 00:19:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: CI: Iraq and Cydonia: Two New Posts

>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
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>>suffice.

>It certainly is not accurate and the skewed methodology is
>shown for any that care to view.

Obviously, calculating a civilian "body count" is tough. As one
of your links points out, the fog of war is thick.

I chose the IBC because, precise or not (and I think its
estimate is actually close to the truth), its methodology is
laid bare for inspection on the organization's site.

Our military doesn't tally civilian casualties. The IBC is, I
think, an honest attempt to do what others are reluctant to do.
I don't think it represents the faction that "wants" civilian
casualties to justify its condemnation of the Iraq strike.

That said, I hope even its "mimimum" figure is somehow
grotesquely inflated.

Mac Tonnies

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Re: Alexander The Great & UFOs - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2003 21:30:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2003 18:57:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Alexander The Great & UFOs - Groff

>From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto (<ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2003 17:15:08 +0200
>Subject: Re: Alexander The Great & UFOs

>>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2003 07:05:46 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Alexander The Great & UFOs

><snip>

>>Thank you Bruno. Do you have any idea who "his historian" was?
>>It seems he would have recorded this account somewhere.

>No, sorry.

>Bruno

A little digging and I found his name was Callisthenes, nephew of Aristotle.

He is credited with writing "The Deeds of Alexander" but apparently it hasn't survived. There are references to it by other authors but it seems that if Callisthenes had really written about "Silvery Discs", the original writings are gone and are therefore unverifiable.

Terry Groff

UFO Tools - www.terrygroff.com/mufon

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Re: Alexander The Great & UFOs - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2003 01:12:57 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2003 19:01:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Alexander The Great & UFOs - Hatch

>From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo@swissufo.ch>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2003 11:53:05 +0200
>Subject: Alexander The Great & UFOs

>>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 14:38:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFOs & Wars?

>>>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <<thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 11:03:54 -0300
>>>Subject: UFOs & Wars?

>>>I am writing article about the UFO sightings during wars -
>>>Vietnam, Korea war, World Wars I and II, The Gulf War and even
>>>previous wars - and would like to know if you can help by
>>>sending informations, links or articles.

>>I've seen references to Alexander The Great being aided by, and
>>harassed by, "Silvery Discs" during his March to India.

>>Can anyone tell me the original source of those stories?

>I had an e-mails exchange in 2001 with a Macedonian historian,
>Aleksandar Donski, about this tale. We found the following
>references:

>1. Frank Edwards, 'Stranger than Science', Pan, London 1963, p.
>198 (1st US edition: 1959): "Spies In The Skies

<snip>

>Unfortunately, there is no reference.

>2. Alberto Fenoglio, "Cronistoria su oggetti volanti del passato
>- Appunti per una clipeostoria", 'Clypeus' #9, 1st Semester
>1966, p. 7:

>(See English translation by Drake below.)
>No reference, too.

<snip>

>3. Gordon Creighton, "A new FSR catalogue - The effects of UFOs
>on Animals, Birds and smaller creatures - Part 1", Flying Saucer
>Review, vol. 16, No. 1, Jan-Feb 1970, pp. 26-28:

<snip>

>"Frank Edwards, the noted American UFO reporter ..
>.. He exasperates us by claiming ..

<snip>

>.. One day there appeared over the Macedonian camp these
>"flying shields" ..

<snip>

>Strangely, Drake interpreted Edwards (ref. 119) and Fenoglio
>(120) versions as two different cases! And he didn't understand
>that Fenoglio DOESN'T quote Droysen.

<snip>

>So this story remains very dubious.

Hello Bruno, Chris, Terry, Thiago ...

Dubious? I'd use a stronger word than that.

After a hard week of work, I'm not at my best [burp!] but one thing shouts out at me.

Unless I have this wrong (the chronology or sources is important here) most everyone copied one another, with embellishments perhaps, and without any creditable ancient historian who can be researched.

Worse yet, the name Antonio Fenoglio keeps coming up. This alone should set off alarm bells. Here are some of the jewels attributed to Antonio Fenoglio:

1790: Alencon, France. See details on my Discredited List:
<http://www.larryhatch.net/DISCRED.html>

1961: Mothership and scout craft disable entire Russian missile site:

<http://www.space-2001.net/html/russia.html>

[Scroll down to Air Alert]

1940s: Nazi UFOs all over the place. Source? Why its Pinocchio, I mean Fenoglio again:

<http://www.naziufos.com/NEWSCL/BELLUZZO.HTM>

Biblical Times: King of Ninevah treated to a UFO ride. [in French]

<http://archie.homelinux.net:8080/archives/000239.html>

The UFO Roundup version reads:

"According to Italian ufologist Alberto Fenoglio, In excavations in Nineveh there was discovered in the library of King Assurbanipal clay cylinders on which is described a voyage to the sky. It narrates how King Eitan, who lived about 5,000 years ago, called 'The Good King,' was taken as an honoured guest on a flying ship in the form of a shield (i.e. circular--J.T.), which landed in a square behind the royal palace, rotating, surrounded by a vortex of flames.<< "

Here's are some more Fenogliditas:

in Italian:

http://www.edolimpia.it/lev_1/mistery/ufo/ufo_cover.htm
<http://www.ufoitalia.net/libri.htm>

in German:

<http://www.acolina.de/content/ufo/ufopsych.htm>

.. and the list goes on.

I found these in a quick Google browse using the two words Fenoglio and UFO. I didn't go looking for "ancient astronauts", its getting late.

How much evidence does it take to convince people that Fenoglio is a pathological fabulist? If he presented his stories as fiction he could be credited with a good imagination. But, he

doesn't.

Dubious? How about 'shot to sh**' ?

I better cool off with another beer. I have some nice cold Pilsner Urquell, and some Grolsche to wash it down with.

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: I also have some good English stuff just in case.

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Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2003 02:28:30 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2003 19:04:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003 - Hatch

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2003 11:44:33 -0300
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2003 09:29:41 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003

<snip>

>>>Here is an extract from Wernher von Braun's book "First Men to
>>>the Moon" published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston of Canada in
>>>1958:

>>>"Question: What is your opinion on U.F.Os?"

>>>"Answer: There is a rational and rather straight-forward
>>>explanation for the great majority of sightings of unidentified
>>>flying objects or 'flying saucers', as they are more familiarly
>>>called. During the last ten years, official U.S. investigators
>>>have tabulated about six thousand sightings. They could account
>>>for all but two per cent as belonging to any of the following
>>>categories: [burp!]

>Hi Bruce,

>I suspect the 2% figure was used to support the oft toted idea
>that the unidentifieds or true unknowns just needed real
>investigation to prove that they too were misinterpretation of
>known phenomena. It's a nonsense figure as many of us have
>discovered. To me it appears to be closer to 25 % where some
>such as Brad Sparks have placed it higher at 30% or over-at
>least in the Blue Book cases. In this case then it's easier to
>say that the "2%" were probably identifiable but there just
>wasn't enough data or resources to prove that. It's a crap
>figure, and really unsupportable.

>Don Ledger

Hello Don:

I have a tolerant, if somewhat bitter view of the 2% figure.

My shoot-from-the-hip guess is that somebody tossed out the 2%
(as unidentified) figure rhetorically, i.e. also shooting from
the hip.

Its quite possible that von Braun simply took that figure and
borrowed it, without really looking into UFO matters. My gut
feel is that von Braun simply had no real input or interest in
UFO matters.

I don't see glaring signs of conspiracy etc., just a sort of
cosmic laziness and disinterest. VB had a manuscript deadline to
meet after all. He was probably pestered to death with UFO

questions. He wanted it off his desk like most any AF General would. Business as usual.

Best wishes

- Larry

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Magonia Exchange

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2003 19:16:29 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2003 19:07:42 -0400
Subject: Magonia Exchange

Dear List,

We are currently setting up a pre-1947 UFO discussion/information exchange list. Subscription is open, but strictly limited, to those willing to contribute information (cases) to a common database.

To join, please send a message to the following address:

magoniaexchange@yahoo.com

Once the list and database has been created you will receive notification of your membership.

Regards,

Chris Aubeck

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DOI Digs Its FOIA Grave Even Deeper!

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2003 03:02:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2003 19:12:59 -0400
Subject: DOI Digs Its FOIA Grave Even Deeper!

TO: Mr. Larry W. Bryant
Director, Washington DC Citizens Against UFO Secrecy
3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 223023 [sic]

FROM: Ms. Sue Ellen Sloca
Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20240

DATE: April 16, 2003

Dear Mr. Bryant:

On March 7, 2003, you filed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request OS-2003-00559, asking 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."

On April 8, 2003, the Office of the Secretary FOIA office acknowledged your request, advised you of your fee status under the FOIA, advised you that the FOIA is not free, and asked you to supply written assurance of your willingness to pay the full billable cost of processing your FOIA request should your entitlements as an "other-use requester" not be sufficient to cover it.

On April 11, 2003, you wrote "contesting your arbitrary labeling [of] that request as an "other-use request" and asking for a waiver of all FOIA processing fees:

(1) "Please note that I've submitted the request in my capacity as a member of the UFO-awareness press (mainly as a columnist for the Internet website of <http://www.ufocity.com> , which is operated by Central Park Media in New York City; and as a contributor to the website of the public-interest group Citizens Against UFO Secrecy -- caus.org). Of course, I readily can augment my requestor status by citing my role as director of governmental affairs for the internationally constituted Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (a "501C(3)" public charity whose chief aim is to help educate the public about UFO reality)."

(2) "But regardless of how anyone chooses to categorize my status, the obvious public-interest nature of the request outweighs any agency effort to marginalize it via arbitrary pigeonholing. As you are, no doubt, aware: at least PART of the FOIA-processing system IS "free" whenever an agency chooses to waive records-search/review fees. Accordingly, I hereby ask that your agency waive all such records-search/review fees incident to your fulfilling my FOIA request of March 7, 2003. Your granting this fee-waiver request would benefit your department's public image and credibility -- inasmuch as the prompt, full disclosure of the sought-for FOIA-case-file records would, by definition, contribute to the public's understanding (and evaluation) of the DOI/BLM policy/programs/practices inherent in

the department's response to controversial FOIA requests."

After a review of the additional information provided in your April 11, 2003 letter, we find no compelling reason to revise our classification of your request as an "other-use request." You have not provided us with documentation attesting to your employment by an organization that is organized and operated to publish or broadcast news. You have also not provided us with documentation sufficient to establish your credentials as a "free-lance journalist." Under our regulations (43 CFR 2.3(k)), "free-lance journalist means a representative of the news media who is able to demonstrate a solid basis for expecting publication through a news organization, even though not actually employed by it. A publication contract or past record of publication, or evidence of a specific free-lance assignment from a news organization may indicate a solid basis for expecting publication."

We also find that your request does not qualify for a waiver of all FOIA processing fees. The Department of the Interior's regulations state that "bureaus will waive fees (in whole or part) if disclosure of all or part of the information is in the public interest because its release (1) Is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the Government; and (2) Is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." (43 CFR 2.19(b)) However, your request does not contain sufficient evidence to support these criteria.

The Department considers the following factors when determining if disclosure of information is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the Government:

(1) Does the record concern the operations or activities of the Government?

(2) If a record concerns the operations or activities of the Government, is its disclosure likely to contribute to public understanding of these operations and activities? Is the focus of the requester on contribution to public understanding of the operations or activities of the Government?

(3) If there is likely to be a contribution to public understanding, will that contribution be significant? A contribution to public understanding will be significant if the information disclosed is new, clearly supports public oversight of Department operations, including the quality of Department activities and the effect of policy and regulations on public health and safety, or otherwise confirms or clarifies data on past or present operations of the Department.

Although the documents that you requested concern the operations or activities of the Government, insofar as they deal with the Government's processing of a Freedom of Information Act request, their disclosure to the public would not be likely to make a significant contribution to public understanding of these operations or activities for the following reasons:

(A) Despite the fact that you described yourself as a "member of the UFO-awareness press (mainly as a columnist for the Internet website of <http://www.ufocity.com> . . . and a contributor to the website of the public-interest group Citizens Against UFO Secrecy," we have no documented reason to believe that you have the ability to ensure the dissemination of the documents requested to the public at large or a reasonably broad audience of persons interested in the subject. We could find no evidence either of prior publication of your written work by any of the organizations cited on their websites nor of future, forthcoming publications based on your current request for documents.

(FOOTNOTE: On accessing the website UFOcity.com, we found the following message: "We are sorry to report that we have had a catastrophic computer crash and lost a tremendous amount of data, most of which we will be unable to recover. This includes our member lists and passwords." On accessing the website of the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, we found the following message: "The CAUS set [sic] site is no longer being updated.")

(B) The documents that you requested are of a routine nature, relating to the processing of an ordinary FOIA request and appeal. We have no reason to believe, nor have you articulated a

reason for us to believe, that their disclosure would contribute anything of interest to the public with respect to public oversight of Department operations, including the quality of Department activities and the effect of policy and regulations on public health and safety.

For these reasons, your request fails to meet our base requirements for granting a fee waiver. (FOOTNOTE: Because we have no reason to believe that disclosure of the documents requested would make a significant contribution to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, there is no need to determine if you have a commercial interest in their disclosure.) Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied.

Cindy Cafaro, Attorney-Advisor with the Office of the Solicitor, was consulted in reaching this decision. Sue Ellen Sloca, Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer, is responsible for making this decision.

If you believe that the decision to deny your request for a fee waiver is incorrect, you may file an FOIA appeal by writing to the FOIA Appeals Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary -- Policy, Management and Budget, U. S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 5312, MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Your appeal letter must be received no later than 30 calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) after the date of our response (this letter.) Your appeal letter must be marked, both on its envelope and at the top of its first page, with the legend "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." Your appeal letter must be accompanied by a copy of your original FOIA request (a copy of which is enclosed with our response, for your convenience,) and a copy of this letter, along with a brief explanation of why you believe that this decision is in error.

Insofar as our regulations require that we not start processing a FOIA request until all fee issues have been satisfactorily addressed, we will close our file on your request unless we receive written assurance of your willingness to pay the fees that are likely to be incurred in the processing of your FOIA request, should your entitlements as an "other-use requester" not be sufficient to cover it, in 20 working days from the date of this letter. (43 CFR 2.18(d))

If you have any questions regarding any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact me by phone at 202-208-6045, by fax at 202-219-2374, by e-mail at osfoia@nbc.gov, or by mail at U. S. Department of the Interior, MS 1413 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Alternatively, you can provide us with a phone number at which you can be reached, along with the time of day that you prefer to be contacted, and we can attempt to contact you, at our expense, to answer any questions that you might have, regarding your request. Within the Office of the Secretary, we are committed to providing you, our customer, with the highest quality of service possible.

[LWB Note: Not that, from here deep within the FOIA briar patch, I absolutely need the help of individual readers to persuade the DOI folks to retract their red flag and to exercise some rationality and justice -- but you might wish to help speed up matters by expressing your views direct to them as to the value of my past/current/future UFO-research-related writings and my continued status as a member of the UFO-awareness press. Try this e-address: osfoia@nbc.gov ; and direct your concerns to Mr. William W. Wolf, DOI FOIA Appeals Officer. Please feel free, ofCAUS, to "CC" your message far and wide. Meantime, my own appeal letter to Wolf is being prepared even as this update hits the cyberfan.]

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To be truly non-political, the "body count" should include not only a disclaimer regarding the methodology utilized to arrive at the claimed figures, but also figures from "the other side."

There should also be a "body count" of the number slain by the former regime in Iraq, in the Iranian war, and in the Kuwait conflict, and an estimate of future expected casualties had the regime been left in place based on past numbers.

This is another example of the serious reasons why Ufologists should separate their political views from their science.

Political views and the over riding desire to be correct are what lead Richard Hoagland so far from reality.

If we could set aside our politics, perhaps we could inspire our current leadership to proclaim Mars as a target in much the same way that President Kennedy directed us to the Moon. I doubt spurious claims about the Operation in Iraq will prompt any desirable action regarding Mars. The adage about honey and flies comes to mind.

--

"They dug them up with their hands, and raced the sun."

<http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>

- Steve Owens, Constable -- Mobile, Alabama -

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Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003 - Aldrich

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Fwd Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2003 19:19:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003 - Aldrich

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>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2003 11:44:33 -0300
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #15 - 2003

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>>(From an FBI document dated July 29, 1952.)
>>See also page 232 of 'The UFO-FBI Connection'.

>I suspect the 2% figure was used to support the oft toted idea
>that the unidentified or true unknowns just needed real
>investigation to prove that they too were misinterpretation of
>known phenomena. It's a nonsense figure as many of us have
>discovered. To me it appears to be closer to 25 % where some
>such as Brad Sparks have placed it higher at 30% or over-at
>least in the Blue Book cases. In this case then it's easier to
>say that the "2%" were probably identifiable but there just
>wasn't enough data or resources to prove that. It's a crap
>figure, and really unsupportable.

Statistics! Statistics! They are wonderful.

I have written on this to almost no effect a number of times.

First what is a UFO case? If someone can point to a consistent
criteria for this in the AF files, you have more imagination
that any ET believer.

Observer to Filter Center: Can you tell me what time Mars rises?
That is a UFO case according to the Air Force. Mars

Did you have a radar sighting of a UFO? No, but we sometime get
the get reflections from surrounding mountains. Radar case
explanation reflection of radar.

Sometimes a two paragraph news clipping is a UFO case while an
intelligence report with extensive checks of the environment,
conditions and possible explanations witnesses were trained
intelligence personnel correctly and properly filled
intelligence forms out forms, submitted to the proper channels
are not a case "information only."

Bull butter!

Second, Fudge Factor: Insufficient information (II). What is an
II case? Why the definition is so flexible and changes due to
circumstances. It is like the Mad Hatter. II means anything we
say it means. One witness case, II, didn't get within five,
seven, whenever days, II. That would be fine if this was applied
with any consistence. This category seems to inflate or deflate
as necessary to get the percentage of unknown down to zero. The
application of this category make a Gilbert and Sullivan

operetta look like a sober scholarly affair.

Possible, Probable, Known. If an aircraft or a balloon is any where near the sighting area it is a probable explanation. Case closed. So a weather balloon which was launched and tracked to bursting is suddenly an explanation for a pilot who dives on a descending UFO and is out distanced by it. Who cares if the tracked balloon did not such maneuvers. Possible is in more offensive. Glib little notes like not inconsistent with a balloon, aircraft, etc., etc. is considered explained. "Do the children wear glass?" Explained!

I love this explanation: Conflicting information. Yes, really, and what is one of the functions of intelligence officers, resolve conflicting information!

I helped Brad Sparks review a large number of UFO cases in the Air Forces files. Many of the explanations applied were plucked from the air. As Hynes put it, II should read Insufficient Investigations. My evaluation, based on 16 years in field meteorology, with thousands of balloon trackings is that every balloon explanation in the Blue Book files should be viewed as suspect unless it is rechecked. It is not that the majority of cases are not listed as balloons were not balloons, it is just that there are a significant number of such cases in which the balloon explanation would not apply.

Air Force investigation suffered from various defects identified over and over again by other agencies, the CIA in 1952, critics like Hynes who criticized it internally and externally and the Air Force itself. In 1958, ATIC did a self- assessment of the UFO program. The picture was pretty bleak. Efforts were made to upgrade the process. Without much success.

As for the application of statistics here any introductory class student who applied statistics the way the Air Force did to UFO cases and explanations would get a F-.

The Air Force can give you meaningful important statistics on just about every aspect of its operations, maintenance failure rates, how many aircraft will reach the target in an opposed environment, how much ordnance can expect to hit the target and with based on numerous factors. But with UFO statistics these are just not meaningful nor applied with any consistency.

Both the Air Force and the Condon investigative techniques left much to be desired. See important factors in UFO case investigations by Brad Sparks at:

<http://project1947.com/howto/index.html>

The Condon investigative matrix at:

<http://project1947.com/howto/levine.html>

was a great idea. Too bad it wasn't followed. I have an interview with Paul Norman in which he tells how he generally decides which cases to investigate based on the a few questions. Does that ensure that the cases selected will be significant or worth investigating. No it is simply the application of a decision process to find cases which might contain important, complete, or significant information.

The Air Force statistics uses what I term "the garbage can approach." While scientists constantly quote AF statistics, most use similar methods to their own work. Scientists, intelligence officers, or even police obtain huge amounts of raw data. In most cases, huge amounts of the data received is discarded in a winnowing process. So if you read an article on ball lightning you will know that the cases discussed there are not all the cases received some of which are hoaxes, religious experiences, illusions, misidentifications of other phenomena, etc. The authors of such papers never discuss how many of their cases went into the garbage can. However, with the Air Force statistics the garbage can becomes the prime argument that no scientific, intelligence or law enforcement operation would use.

Finally, the Blue Book unknowns. These are not necessarily the best cases nor the most interesting cases. Again, the review of cases made by Sparks and myself reveals a number of well investigated cases done by intelligence officers and others who

definitely knew how to approach the problem, took the initiative in checking as many possible avenues of approach as possible and submitted coherent, well written reports which generally were ignored at Grudge/Blue Book when they decided what the explanation was. However, even during the Grudge era small number of cases were submitted to outside experts for analyses. Here there also appears another failure. While some cases had necessary information to determine approximate size, distance, speed, etc., since these qualities could not be determined with certainty, the analyses were just discarded. No one has heard of calculus? There were upper and lower limits which could be applied, yet the people doing the analysis apparently were so negative on UFOs that it never occurred to them or unfortunately the AF intelligence officers to use such analyses.

Ruppelt's sneers and incompetent handling of the General Mills aerographers situation made sure he got no more data rich material from them. He left them with the impression that the Air Force investigation was useless. Much of the public relations battle in the media did the same to highly qualified observers.

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FOIA Appeal Of DOI-Denied Fee-Waiver Request

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FROM: Larry W. Bryant
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DATE: April 20, 2003

Your FOIA officer Sue Ellen Sloca's fee-waiver-denial letter to me of April 16, 2003, has all the flavor of a Hobson's choice, and as such not only disserves the good faith and efficiency of your department but also reinforces my conviction that your whole system for processing FOIA requests needs the scrutiny and reform that only an outside authority can undertake (e.g., the U. S. General Accounting Office). As I work toward that goal, I now tender this letter as a formal, written appeal of her ill-advised, erroneous decision.

In the first place, my various free-lance writing's publication credits (which date back to February 1964 with my (paid) article for Fate magazine, titled "A Hard Look at UFO News Management") have paralleled and complemented my full-time career as a writer-editor, culminating in my civil-service duty as an associate editor for the Army News Service during the period January 1981 -- June 1994. The Army News Service functions as the Department of the Army's equivalent to the Associated Press -- by electronically dispatching news stories, features, and commentaries to several hundred post newspapers worldwide.

Those 13 years as a practitioner of the craft of news-writing and news-gathering have helped me hone my knowledge and skills as a UFO researcher/writer, and vice versa.

For about 40 years, then, my free-lance UFO-related publication credits have included articles in such wide-ranging media as the Newport News, Va., Daily Press, the Baltimore Sun's Sunday magazine, the newsstand magazine called FACT, the newsstand magazine called Flying Saucers, the NYC newspaper called The News World, the newsstand magazine called The Realist, and several UFO-related newsletters/journals (including the MUFON UFO Journal, which used to carry my column "UFO Secrecy Update"). Back in the late seventies, the newsstand magazine US solicited (and published) an article from me profiling a then-famous police chief.

As time passed, and as a number of these periodicals perished, I've concentrated most of my spare time on the activism for which I'm most noted: pursuing, at my own expense, greater UFO freedom of information and accountability from officialdom.

This continuing role as a researcher-activist-writer has included my pursuit of several First Amendment and FOIA lawsuits against certain agencies knowledgeable of and/or complicit in

the so-called official coverup of the UFO-E.T. experience. One of the results of this pursuit is my book "UFO Politics at the White House: Citizens Rally 'round Jimmy Carter's Promise" (February 2002; published by <http://www.invispress.com>).

Because of my sustained activism, I've been the guest of numerous radio/TV talk shows (including, several years ago, a live appearance on a program called "Politics Today," broadcast by Canadian Television during their coverage of the U. S. Air Force's "final solution" report about the Roswell Incident). An excerpt from one of my lawsuits (Petition for a Writ of Mandamus) appeared in the "Readings" section of Harper's magazine for October 2000.

With the advent of the speedy, wide dissemination of news/information afforded by the Internet, my contemporary writings have reached a growing international audience via all the hundreds of UFO-related websites sharing links with such sites as CAUS.org and UFOcity.com. Whoever Ms. Sloca tasked to review the CAUS site has failed the task: with just a few button clicks on his computer, any visitor to the site can view at least the following six essays/reports/articles published there from me:

* <http://www.caus.org/guestcomments/gc081400.shtml> -- "Showdown at the OK(la.) Corral: UCGJP v. IAPCOD" (re a proposed grand-jury probe into the Roswell Incident).

* <http://www.caus.org/guestcomments/gc032300.shtml> -- "The Love-Hate Relationship between Whistleblower Philip J. Corso and the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

* <http://www.caus.org/commentary/cc081999.shtml> -- "Yes, Virginia, We're Being Invaded."

* <http://www.caus.org/guestcomments/gc051800.shtml> -- "Petition for a Writ of Mandamus...."

* <http://www.caus.org/guestcomments/gc020701.shtml> -- "The UFO Attack of Oct. 19, 1959: Echoes of the Shot UNheard 'round the World."

* <http://www.caus.org/guestcomments/gc011901.shtml> -- "UFOpolitik at Edwards Air Force Base."

Although the CAUS site functions now as a static library/information resource, its director, Peter A. Gersten, publishes an associated online newsletter called "PAG E-News Service," which routinely receives submissions of update items from me (as a consultant to that service).

As to the UFOcity.com site, which now has resumed operation after the massive computer crash of several days ago, I remain a columnist there (via "LWB Chronicles"). To view some of my material published on that site in recent months, simply visit the site called VirtuallyStrange.net, whose "UFO Updates" section catalogues and archives my latest contributions to both sites, at the following URL:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/cgi-bin/search-email.cgi?index=/ufo/updates/&key=overtci>

If and when this fee-waiver dispute ends up in federal court, I expect to solicit from both Peter Gersten and Peter Robbins a written declaration as to my role as a periodic "content provider" for their respective websites/news services. I also expect to provide the court with ample hard evidence (e.g., photocopies/printouts) of my publication credits cited above.

To even the most casual observer, this evidence should be overwhelming in its confirmation of my status as a past/current/future "journalist" (i.e., in dictionary parlance: a person who writes for publication in newspapers and periodicals). How many proofs-of-publication will satisfy the court's determination that I finally have justified my existence? That's analogous to asking, "How many roses/rose buds must a gardener observe (and for how long?) amidst the branches of a given bush before she concludes she's obviously dealing with a bonafide rose bush?"

Accordingly, why must your agency continue to spend taxpayer money in stonewalling my request at an expenditure level that quite likely will exceed the records-search/review fees incurred

in the processing of my request? Perhaps the answer lies in your agency's (correct) assumption that several other FOIA requests will ensue from me as the BLM-UNM Roswell-excavation project progresses to a conclusion, thus causing your agency to have to account for what it knows, and when it knew it, about the origin, purpose, and technological exploitation of certain Roswellian artifacts. That assumption alone counters Ms. Sloca's contention that my FOIA quest for full, swift, accurate accountability from DOI/BLM officials can't (or won't) contribute significantly to public understanding/oversight of government operations or activities. Were my FOIA request to pertain to the price of tea in China, I could understand her decision to label my request as trivial. But I can think of no federal judge who would consider insignificant the ramifications of the Roswell UFO coverup once enough coverup whistleblowers come forward with additional confirmatory evidence.

What's more, your agency's unconscionable, unjustifiable, and unacceptable stonewalling of my request merely serves to fuel the public perception that your agency considers itself beyond reproach despite its having been caught red-handed with failure (in my case) to follow its own FOIA-processing regulations/procedures. That official attitude deserves the spotlight of full public inquiry, discussion, and reform; and Ms. Sloca as a public servant must cease standing in the way of that accountability.

Because of the inherent public-interest nature of this appeal, of the maltreatment of my original FOIA request (Nov. 7, 2002), and of the prospect of additional related FOIA requests from me, I ask that you expedite the processing and granting of this appeal.

Please note that, by snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

LARRY W. BRYANT
Director, Washington, D.C., Office of
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Cattle Mutilation - Electrocution

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Last week, there was an article posted on UpDates about the mutilation of three cows and a young, bull calf in Nebraska. Linda Howe, despite what has been said about her investigative techniques and motives, still manages to get the interviews with the first hand witnesses in many current cases and issues in the UFO/paranormal/ health and science departments. I'll give her credit for that.

Here:

Earthfiles.com

<http://earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=512&category=Environment>

she interviews the veterinarian who examined the dead animals who were apparently electrocuted.

My main reason for posting this concerns the methods of electrocuting 1200 lb. animals in the field. I'm not even going to speculate as to why someone would want to do this, but wonder just how difficult this would be.

Certainly, a car battery would be insufficient, but would a home sized, portable generator do the trick, and even so, how would you get the animals in position for "old sparky?"

Just wondering...

Note: In the Omaha Herald article, the examiner states that the animals died of electrocution. In LMH's interview, he states that there were burn marks on the roofs of their mouths which could have been caused by electricity or "microwaves."

Regards,

Chaz

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Re: UFOs & Wars? - Garcia Blanco

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Fwd Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2003 19:38:15 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs & Wars? - Garcia Blanco

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>Subject: UFOs & Wars?

>Hello List,

>I am writing article about the UFO sightings during wars -
>Vietnam, Korea war, World Wars I and II, The Gulf War and even
>previous wars - and would like to know if you can help by sending
>informations, links or articles.

Hi Thiago,

I wrote an article about UFO sightings during Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). You can read it (in Spanish) at:

<http://www.mundomisterioso.com/article.php?sid=411>

Regards,

Javier Garcia Blanco
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Russian UFO Films And Photographs

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Subject: Russian UFO Films And Photographs

Dear Colleagues,

A documentary producer in the USA has recently been in contact with me to see if I know of anyone that can supply either UFO film/video clips or still photographs from within the former USSR. The producer in question is interested in making a documentary on UFOs in the former USSR but cannot put this proposal to the various networks until he has a few samples of UFO videos/photographs.

I'd therefore like to ask that if you have access to any such material to please let me know and I will gladly forward it on to the producer in due course. Alternatively, if you know of anyone who might have such material, please feel free to forward this message on to them.

Thank you very much for your cooperation with this request.

Regards,

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Strange Animal Caught In Chile

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SOURCE: La Nueva Provincia.com
DATE: Sunday, April 20, 2003

STRANGE ANIMAL CAUGHT: THE "CHUPACABRAS"?

SANTIAGO DE CHILE (EFE) -- A bizarre animal caught in a small community of southern Chile was immediately associated by local residents with the enigmatic "Chupacabras", since dozens of birds who died by exsanguination were found in that area some time ago.

According to police reports, the black, catlike animal - showing considerable differences in its ears and hind legs - was captured by residents of the Pinchulao settlement in the commune of Lautaro, 690 km. south of Santiago.

The "Prensa Austral" newspaper from Temuco, a town adjacent to Lautaro, specified that the strange beast was caught in the process of exsanguinating a hen.

The animal will be examined by local veterinarians and analyzed to determine the species it belongs to.

Every so often, the legendary "Chupacabras" becomes a news item in Chile. It is accused of slaying and sucking dry goats, pigs, rabbits, chickens and other animals, although its existence has never been verified.

In late May 2000, residents of the northern city of Calama and nearby communities blamed the U.S. space agency, NASA, for the Chupacabras's manifestations and attacks. In that year, the predator's inroads caused havoc among the area's farm animals as well as in other parts of Chile. At the time, residents of [Calama], located 1584 km north of Santiago, claimed that U.S. scientists were in the area and "lost control of at least three genetic experiments", only managing to recover two of them.

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Another Abduction Question

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According to a short note in the MUFON UFO Journal # 127 (August 1978) by Dave Kissinger, the VISIT group (Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team) had designed a questionnaire dealing with the space vehicle engineering systems, medical examination and instruments used, physiology of the beings, and the physiological aftereffects of the abductees.

I am very interesting in getting a copy of such a questionnaire and/or contact with any member of this old Texan UFO group

Can anybody help?

Luis R. Gonz=Ellez Manso

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UFO REPORTS IN THE NEWSPAPERS

The amount of space devoted to UFOs in the Italian newspapers has returned to normal in March, following the uproar provoked by the shocking announcements made by the Raelians regarding their assertion that they had cloned human beings.

In fact, levels have returned to normal levels during this period (a total of forty or so clippings per month) for data relative to UFO stories reported in dailies and other periodicals in our country levels which, in January, reached instead a peak typical of the summer months, doubling in number as compared with previous years.

Such are the revelations from the data published, as in every month, by the Italian Center for UFO Studies on its Website (www.arpnet.it/ufo/ecotot.htm), based on clippings gathered for the CISU by the specialized newsclipping agency "L'Eco della Stampa" (Press Echo).

[Communication by Gian Paolo Grassino]

CAN WE BELIEVE A WITNESS?

"Can We Believe a Witness?": This is the question posed on the cover of a book just published by Mulino Publ. in Bologna, beside the "unmistakable" profile of a "grey" alien and the subtitle: "Testimony and the Traps of Memory".

It's not a UFO book, but a volume that is indispensable nonetheless for those who wish to research UFOs in a serious manner. In fact, the publication refers to memory, recollections and testimony, i.e., the raw material the UFO investigator performs his work with.

Indeed, one chapter is dedicated to alien abductions (as well as to satanic rituals and child abuse, some features of which might be correlated with these).

The author of the volume (221 pages, 12.80 Euro) is Giuliana Mazzoni, professor of psychology at Seton Hall University (New Jersey) and an author of various other articles and books on the subject, as well as a consultant on matters of forensic psychology.

[Report by Paolo Toselli]

UFOS & HUMAN SCIENCES

Just as with psychology, sociology and anthropology, the human sciences in more general terms represent an area of studies that has been increasingly examining the UFO subject, over the last twenty-five years.

A little more than twenty years after the 1982 international seminar that the journal UPIAR organized in Austria on "Human Sciences and UFO Phenomena", a Spanish ufologist is now making reference to what scientific literature, from a humanistic standpoint, has been produced about the theme. Ignacio Cabria has penned a book just published by Fundacion Anomal=EDa (www.anomalia.org) and entitled "OVNIS y ciencias humanas Un estudio tem=Eltico de 50 a=Flos de bibliograf=EDa ("UFOs and the Human Sciences - A Thematic Study of a Bibliography Spanning Fifty Years").

The volume is being distributed in Italy by UPIAR book service, with the usual discounts for members of the Italian Center for UFO Studies.

Collaborators on this edition were:
Gian Paolo Grassino and Paolo Toselli.

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Russian UFO Crash?

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Hi Listers,

One more for the KGB UFO Files... someone sent it to me and I thought I'd pass it along. Sounds more like a military craft than a UFO...

UFO CRASHES IN RUSSIAN HARBOR IN SIGHT OF BALTIC FLEET, ENTIRE CITY WATCHES

by
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KLININGRAD, RUSSIA (Friday, April 18, 2003) -- The entire Russian Baltic Fleet and a large number of residents of Kaliningrad (formerly Koenigsburg), a city of over 3 million inhabitants, in the Russian Baltic enclave on the Baltic Sea, watched in awe as a "flying wing" shaped Unidentified Flying Object winged over rapidly and plunged into Kaliningrad Harbour at approximately 6:17 pm. Local Time.

The event was caught on videotape by a local RTR Russian State Television news crew, which was present on the massive naval base, filming a documentary segment on the fleet for airing on Russian television. The Unidentified Flying Object, described as a "Flying Wing", with two elongated, dome like protrusions on top, and three similar structures, underneath, was overflying the Baltic Fleet, which lay at anchor in Kaliningrad Harbour. According to a Russian Naval Commander, who wishes to remain anonymous, the craft was apparently caught, accidentally, within the sweep patterns of ship mounted search radars, which came on to track it's progress, causing some sort of malfunction which resulted in the crash.

"It was traveling at a tremendous rate of speed" he said to RTR reporters, on the scene. "It was very low, not more than 1,500 meters (approximately 5,000 feet) above the surface of the water. When our radars came on, it simply winged over, and dove into the water, as if it has lost either power, or control". The light gray colored craft, with no apparent "seams" or rivet patterns visible, was estimated by onlookers to be approximately the size of a small airliner, or light transport aircraft, and traveling at speeds in excess of Mach 2 (twice the speed of sound), was absolutely quiet as it passed, but made a "tremendous noise" as it plunged into the water, causing a geyser of steam and water, mixed with small debris, which shot an estimated 500 meters (1500 feet) into the air.

"It appeared" one witness, a civilian onlooker, said, "that whoever, or whatever was in control of the craft made a deliberate effort to take it away from the naval ships and the shoreline before it went into the harbor". One Sovremini Class Destroyer was lightly damaged by flying debris, but, so far, no casualties have been reported. Radiation levels at the site, are high, but the source of the radiation, as well as it's nature, have yet to be determined. Russian authorities, from the Ministry of Health, are quick to point out that the radiation

levels are not dangerous, simply "higher than normal". So far, debris recovered have been small, averaging less than a meter (just over three feet) in diameter, at the largest. Most debris recovered, to date, have been what appear to be "skin material" of an unknown alloy, and interior bracing and piping, composed of a very high grade and extremely pure aluminum. All metal debris have been dispatched to various institutes and universities for analysis, including the prestigious Bauman Institute of Engineering, in Moscow, and the Moscow State University School of Metallurgy.

Owing to the speed at which the object was traveling, it is considered highly doubtful that any significant remains of crew, if, in fact, the vehicle was piloted, will be recovered. "This looks like your basic 'hair, teeth and eyeballs' situation, one Russian Navy diver said, somewhat grimly. It is interesting to note that, in spite of the high speed at which the craft was traveling, and it's extremely low altitude, there was no characteristic "sonic boom" associated with it's approach, and no noticeable vibration on the ground. This has led many observers, especially those associated with the Russian military establishment to speculate that the propulsion system of the craft was based on some sort of "anti-gravity" device.

"Whatever it was", said one Russian Naval Captain, "it was certainly not one of our craft, and I am also not aware of anything of this sort being present in the West". The immediate area of the crash will be dredged, as soon as a Naval dredge, also attached to the Baltic Fleet, but currently on assignment several hours away, can be brought into position. Dredging operations are expected to begin within the next two to three days, at the latest. The entire episode is noteworthy in that it was not only captured on videotape by an RTR newscrew, but was instantly aired, not only on RTR, but on all major Russian Network television, via a live feed from the RTR crew, in Kaliningrad.

Updates have followed on each regular news broadcast, since the initial downing. Russian Government officials are quick to point out that the downing was, in fact, accidental, and not a "shoot down". Kaliningrad police have cordoned off a two block section of waterfront, near the crash site in order to facilitate the arrival and departure of heavy transport and emergency vehicles and the support facilities necessary for divers who are working in the area. Water temperatures are still extremely low, in the Baltic, and special equipment has been brought in. Divers, however, report that the water in the vicinity of the crash is, in fact, noticeably, several degrees warmer than normal. The water surrounding the crash site is, understandably, reported to be "murky" with extremely poor visibility. This leads many of the divers and supervisory personnel to speculate that at least one relatively large fragment might exist.

Wintersteel enjoys a very good relationship with the Russian Navy, as well as with the mainstream Russian media, and will be posting photographs of the site, and debris recovered, as soon as they become available. We will also be following updates on the situation, and will post such as become available to our site, at www.wintersteel.com, as well as including them in our newsletter, and in any supplementary material that may become necessary to distribute.

*Due to the sensitive nature of the ongoing investigation, names of all quoted witnesses are being omitted, at the request of the interviewed parties, and, in the case of serving military personnel, at the request of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation. The Russian Ministry of Defense assures WinterSteel, and all other media outlets, that a full disclosure of the names of witnesses, examining experts and vessels involved, will be made as soon as recovery operations are complete. *Ongoing television and radio coverage of this incident is continuing, as of this writing (5:20 pm Moscow Standard Time, 19 April, 2003.

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Could Chilean Chupacabras be a Yaguarundi?

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IS CHILEAN CHUPACBRAS A YAGUARUNDI?

** Animal similar to the Yaguarundi was caught in an area in which dozens of birds lost lives**

The strange legend of the "Chupacabras" is not discarded: the animal found yesterday is quite similar to a cat, or more precisely, the Yaguarundi of the Chaco region. It was immediately associated with the "Chupacabras" by the locals, since some time ago dozens of birds died from exsanguination in that region.

According to the police report, the black-furred animal resembling a cat, but with notable differences in its ears and hind legs, was captured by leaseholders of the Pinchulao settlement in the commune of Lautaro, 690 km south of Santiago.

[...]

The creature appears to be a wild cat. However, it continues to inspire songs and magazine features. Throughout its existence it has fed the fires of popular culture and speculation. Like the Loch ness monster, it has been named in the tales of various countries and cultures.

Other creatures are described as half-man/half-animal, while others seemed to be predecessors of the Chupacabras, the Yeti's tropical kinsman (sic). These beings were never given a name, although the propular press dubbed them "Cangodrilos".

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NEVADA-CARSON CITY - April 17, 2003 - A federal appeals court has refused to open confidential documents that might reveal if substances handled at the secret Air Force Base at Area 51 were hazardous.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals this week upheld the decision of U.S. District Judge Philip Pro, who released transcripts of hearings but with classified information blacked out.

Five workers and the widows of two former employees filed suit saying they were exposed to toxic fumes at the base.

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Anomaly Sighting, Scots Bay, Nova Scotia

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Subject: Anomaly Sighting, Scots Bay, Nova Scotia

Errol took me to task for not following up on this report to CANUFO Saturday night on SDI. It follows on a similar report several weeks ago by a pilot, his wife and perhaps two other witnesses in New Brunswick as reported in the same time period to Stan Friedman.

Here it is.

Don Ledger

Date: April 11, 2003
Time: 9:05 PM ADT
Location: Scots Bay, Nova Scotia
45:17:00 North
064:23:00 West
Witnesses: 1
Conditions: Clear skies

The witness [an adult male] lives in Scots Bay on the Bay of Fundy between Fundy and Minas Basin a hook of land curling westward ending at Cape Split and west of Cape Blomidon in Nova Scotia.

At about 2105 hrs on the evening of April 11th of 2003 he observed something quite odd, a very bright object [as bright or brighter than Jupiter] traveling at great speed from west to east across the horizon. At first he thought it may be the ISS, although wasn't sure it would be visible that night.

"Then, to my amazement, it seemed to slow down and then STOP near the constellation Corvi. I watched for 30 seconds as it stayed motionless in relation to the brightest/"top" star in that constellation. I ran inside and grabbed my binos [right by the door...about 10 secs] and re-acquired the object with the naked eye. It seemed to dim and when I looked at it again with the binos it continued dimming and then started heading NORTH. It continued North until I finally lost sight of it as it neared my horizon of view."

The witness stated:

"Now...it could be that it was the Space Station and then I mistakenly confused it with another satellite that happened to be passing through Corvi heading North when I looked again. But, the first light slowed and then stopped... and I am certain I was looking in the same spot as the bright star in Corvi was a great benchmark." But: A later check with the official NASA site on the ISS's location at:

<http://liftoff.msfc.nasa.gov/temp/StationLoc.html>

indicated that the Space Station was near Antarctica at the time of the witness's sighting.

I asked:

1] How long did the light take to cross from east to west?

A] I watched it moving from West to East for about 20 secs. When I first observed it it was an arm length "West:" -and lower in the sky by about the elevation of Jupiter. Its path was almost directly West to East, and its elevation about halfway from my observed line of Horizon to the Ecliptic [Jupiter and the Moon]. It stopped, as I mentioned, just about the top star in Corvi.

I have watched satellites in the sky before [mostly north/south orbits] and this moved about 2-3 times faster. It was also faster than the planes which traverse the sky along that flight path.

It is harder for me to gauge speed as it moved North. I was looking through binoculars as it started to dim and my perspective was skewed because of this. I would estimate that it took about 30 secs to disappear from view.

It stayed relatively motionless near Corvi for about 15 secs before it started moving North.

2] Were there clouds present. If so did the object cross in front of any of them?

A] Clear night. No clouds at all.

3] Did the object [light] twinkle or was its a well defined orb?

A] Looked quite round and steady. Larger than Jupiter. Some twinkling. Perhaps more so than Jupiter

4] What would you describe the color of the light as?

A] White with a bluish tint.

5] It's elevation above the horizon? [In Moon diameters]

A] Its trajectory was flat as far as I could see. If you have a "star chart" program you could check the elevation of the top star in Corvi for a more accurate reading than my "halfway from the horizon to the ecliptic" It was just slightly above the top star in Corvi. About two and one half to three Moon diameters above the horizon.

6] Are you an amateur astronomer, pilot or sailor? You seem to have good knowledge of the sky.

A] I am a very amateur astronomer and was an officer in the military 10 years back. Army though...not a pilot.

A check with the usual radar resources and towers turned up nothing that could account for this object/light. Nor did they have evidence on radar of this anomaly.

I sent an email to Stan Friedman to see if he had any reports that evening [the object would have been going toward Moncton when it left in a northerly direction from the witness in Scots Bay] but Stan must be away as he did not reply.

Submitted by Don Ledger

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Cattle Mutes Spur Memories Of '70S, '80S Outbreaks

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Cattle mutilations spur memories from '70s, '80s outbreaks
By Margaret Reist
Lincoln Journal Star

Mike Benes has been in the cattle business all his life, lives on a farm just a pasture away from his dad's place.

And he's never seen anything like what happened two weeks ago, no more than 100 yards from his house near Valparaiso.

He's heard about such things over the years -- cattle lying dead in a field, organs removed with surgical precision.

In fact, in the late 1970s and '80s cattle mutilations became a social phenomenon of sorts. Law enforcement agencies in dozens of states, including Nebraska, were inundated with such reports.

There were federally funded investigations and theories varying from satanic cults to animal predators to aliens.

But Benes had never seen it. Certainly not in the rolling green hills where he raises a small but quality breeding stock.

"We've lived here 17 years on this place," he said. "This is the first time we've had any problems or anything with our livestock."

But what Benes found on a Saturday morning on his way to do chores -- and then again the next day despite a spring snowstorm that blanketed the farmland -- is a problem. A very strange one.

On April 5, Benes walked out of his house and saw one of his 50 Simmental cows dead in the pasture. There was another about 100 yards away, and about 300 yards from the house, a dead calf.

"I saw the calf right away because the other cows were all around it," he said.

The calf's testicles and scrotum had been removed. Benes said meat from its hindquarters was gone as well.

"There was no blood in the pasture," Benes said.

A teat on one of the 1,200-pound cows had been cut off. But it appears the culprits couldn't get to the teat of the other cow because of the way the animal fell, Benes said.

Initially, Benes thought the animals had probably been poisoned. But his veterinarian showed him the injuries and did an autopsy that showed something even more odd. It appears the cows had been electrocuted.

To make matters worse, Benes found another dead cow on April 7.

This one also had been electrocuted, one teat left hanging, not completely cut off. Somebody had come back, Benes said, in the middle of a spring snowstorm to kill the third cow.

This time, the culprits left footprints but little other evidence, said Saunders County Sheriff Chuck Lacey Sr. and Nebraska State Patrol Investigator Jay Petersen.

"It's kind of mind-boggling," said Benes. "It's not the monetary value of the cows. Of course it's a concern but it's nothing compared to the violation of our property that we felt when these people came in while we were sleeping and stalked our cows around a 10-acre pasture."

Nobody in the family has gotten a full night's sleep since, he said.

Benes estimated the loss at about \$6,000, but said that's conservative. The cows were going to replace older breeding cows, he said. And the calf was genetically bred to be a good seed stock bull.

"It was sad they had to take him," Benes said. "He was real tame, he was one that would come up to you."

The calf, Petersen said, was knocked out rather than electrocuted, but the insides of the cows' mouths appeared to be burnt, as did their meat and muscle. He sent tissue samples to a veterinarian with the animal sciences diagnostic lab at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Among the puzzling questions is how were the animals electrocuted. Benes is confident investigators will find out, and he's put up an undisclosed amount of reward money to help in the process.

The reward, which the Saunders County Crime Stoppers and local cattle associations have also contributed to, is one of the larger rewards. Lacey declined to name the amount but said it was large "and growing."

Petersen said he's tracking down similar incidents, such as one that occurred in 1994 within five miles of the Benes place. In that case, news reports said, the cow may have been electrocuted. Its lips, teats and anus had been removed.

Lacey said his father was the Johnson County Sheriff in the 1970s and remembers deputies getting similar reports.

"They were talking aliens back then," he said.

Back then, reports of such mutilations kept law enforcement officers busy.

Steve Stanec, executive director of the Nebraska Brand Committee, found a 3-inch stack of files in storage on the subject. The brand committee is in charge of brand inspections in the western two-thirds of Nebraska and investigates livestock crimes.

"In the last 20 years it's been very infrequent," he said of such reports. "In the late '70s, early '80s, it was a hot issue."

In 1975, the governor of Colorado called the killings "one of the great outrages in the history of Western cattle industry" and ordered a statewide investigation.

But Stanec said reports eventually determined that most of the mutilations could be attributed to predators that could make precision-like cuts and would be drawn to the soft tissue often found missing. An ex-FBI agent issued a 297-page report in 1980 saying that, with a few exceptions, the deaths and wounds were of natural origins.

But there are those who find mutilations mysterious. Petersen has gotten calls this month from a Las Vegas pathologist and a woman who has written books on the subject.

Colm Kelleher, administrator of the National Institute for Discovery Science in Las Vegas, said the institute has studied

cattle mutilations for seven years, although none from Nebraska. Scientists there concluded that a sharp instrument, not predators, was responsible in some cases. Scientists also have found evidence of a chemical that could be a sedative.

"Our research has kind of convinced us that (some cases) cannot be explained just by predators. You really have to get to the stage where coyotes are packing scalpels," Kelleher said.

But the scientists haven't drawn any conclusions about who's committing the crimes. And it appears the rash of mutilations in the '70s and '80s went unsolved.

"We have absolutely no idea who's doing it," Kelleher said.

As for the latest incident, Benes put up money for a reward because he thinks it is important the culprits be found and prosecuted.

"This kind of killing and mutilation, ... it's been going on for years in Nebraska off and on, and it's tragic to any cow-calf operation," he said. "There's just no value to it in my mind."

Investigators say they don't have suspects yet but they're going on the assumption the culprit is of the earthly variety.

"I ain't got no answer but I know it's not aliens because aliens don't leave tracks," Lacey said.

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Hastings Making A Case For UFOs

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Making A Case For UFOs
By: John Andrews April 17, 2003

Area UFO buffs and those with just mild curiosity got an opportunity Tuesday to judge for themselves the legitimacy of unidentified flying objects.

Robert Hastings, an independent researcher and lecturer, presented "UFOs: The Hidden History" to a packed Volstorff Ballroom at South Dakota State University.

"I am not a missionary," Hastings told the audience. "I am not seeking to convert skeptics into so-called believers.

"What you're about to see and hear may seem like science fiction, a paranoid delusion, or perhaps an elaborate practical joke. I assure you, it's none of those things. The only ticket of admission this evening is an open mind."

He began by showing a 30-minute film, written and produced by Hastings himself. The film used newspaper accounts and other declassified government documents outlining a history of UFO sightings over the past 50 years. Events in the "hidden history of the UFO phenomenon" included:

- * The first massive wave of UFO sightings in April 1947. UFOs were reported in every state but Georgia and West Virginia. The government explained them as being solar reflections, meteors, or flattened hailstones.
- * The launch of Project Sign in 1948, a government investigation into the UFO sightings.
- * UFOs that hovered above and in restricted air space over Washington in 1952. The Pentagon said it was the result of an atmospheric illusion.
- * The establishment of JANAP 146, outlining the procedure pilots were to follow in reporting UFO sightings.
- * The first report of alleged contact with aliens in 1961. A New Hampshire couple recalled their contact with aliens following a session of time-regression hypnosis.
- * A rash of sightings in 1975 over nuclear weapons sites in the upper Midwest.

After the film, Hastings showed other declassified government documents that have been released to researchers through the Freedom of Information Act.

He shared a memorandum sent in January 1949 to the former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover. The document discussed secret conferences that had been

held for the purpose of discussing recent UFO sightings above Los Alamos, N.M., a large nuclear weapons laboratory.

An August 1950 FBI memorandum talked about the alarming increase in UFO sightings above not only the nations nuclear weapons facilities, but over other top secret areas as well.

Hastings said it was obvious to him that these flying objects began to express an increased interest in the nation's nuclear weapons program. And, justifiably so, he said, the government became deeply concerned and began debunking the UFO theories.

"At least initially, the secrecy, the censorship, the denial of the existence of all this was the appropriate course of action. Until our leaders could determine that this did not represent a genuine threat to the national security, I think the secrecy and the falsehoods that were publicly presented about UFOs were entirely appropriate and justifiable. But decades ago, the secrecy should have slowly but surely ended. People should have been made aware of the reality of all this. This is not science fiction, this is not Hollywood, this is not the funny papers."

Hastings asked how many of those in attendance had ever heard of UFOs reported at nuclear weapons sites. A show of hands indicated that about 20 of the 300 people there had.

He also showed released Air Force documents that outlined the sighting of UFOs by multiple people over a Montana base in 1975. It reported a red, orange and white object hovering overhead, then subsequently ascending rapidly, so officers on the ground could not distinguish it from the stars.

Finally, he presented one FBI memorandum that many UFO researchers term the "smoking gun." It's dated March 22, 1950, and addressed to Hoover. It discusses the recovery of saucers in New Mexico as well as the recovery of "bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall."

Hastings said the extent of his research has also included interviews with many retired military and government officials, most of whom, he said, tell him they haven't spoken of their experiences in 30 years. Those sources tell Hastings they believe that someone out there is trying to tell us about the dangers of nuclear weapons.

He also reassured audience members that if they wanted to, they could get the same documents he had shown them. He provided the audience with two websites that could be used to access many of these documents. He said that eventually, the public would be made aware of what's been going on over the last half century.

"It is simply a question of time. It may be tomorrow; it may be another 50 years. But all of this will be out in the open. I think we're all in for a very interesting future."

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>saying they were exposed to toxic fumes at the base.

Hello All,

These people lost family members while they were working in service to their nation and now they are being left to dangle in the wind by the very same government institutions that their loved ones sacrificed their lives serving.

What an amazing reward for service above and beyond the call of duty.

One of Bill Clinton's last presidential acts before leaving office was to make sure that anything connected to Area 51 remained sealed and out of public view. It was this very same lawsuit by the families of the former employees of Area 51 that prompted it.

Man, what a load of hokum and underhanded, back-stabbing on the part of our government. The 'right hand' doesn't have the foggiest notion what the 'left hand' is doing. For the longest time they 'officially' denied the existence of Area 51 while at the very same time Bill Clinton was off issuing presidential decrees/ orders that no information regarding this 'non-existent' base is to be revealed to the public. If it wasn't all so very sad it would be hilarious.

My empathy and support goes out to these poor families who, like so many UFO witnesses, are being denied access to vital information. The 'truth' would probably help them to win their legal case and... to open the doors for others to question the doings at the old Skunkworks - especially UFOwise.

All this blasted secrecy is destroying us as a nation and as a democracy. Between all the secrecy and the unbelievable amount of media control, there is little difference between America circa 2003 and the USSR/Pravda circa 1953.

I only wish there was something we could do to help those poor

families in their quest for justice. They deserve to be compensated for their tremendous personal and irreplaceable loss.

Regards,

John Velez,
'with liberty and justice for none!'

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>Subject: Russian UFO Crash?

Dear Colleagues,

This piece of information entered my mailbox today. I am therefore trying to verify its accuracy. Can you help ? If not perhaps you could provide me with a reputable media source in Russia that could assist. Perhaps a journalist or TV producer for example. The story simply sounds too good to be true. If anyone can help or provide a contact telephone number of someone in Russia where we might follow up this story, please contact me direct at:

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Regards,

Philip Mantle

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Re: Russian UFO Crash? -Gehrman

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I thought listers might want an update on the Kaliningrad Harbour UFO crash.

http://www.wintersteel.com/UFO_Crash_Ru.html

Baltic UFO Crash Raises Questions

KLININGRAD, RUSSIA (Monday, April 21, 2003) The entire Russian Baltic Fleet and a large number of residents of Kaliningrad (formerly Königsburg), a city of over 3 million inhabitants, in the Russian Baltic enclave on the Baltic Sea, watched in awe, last Friday, as an ultra-silent Unidentified Flying Object, moving at estimated super-sonic speeds, winged over rapidly and plunged into Kaliningrad Harbour at approximately 6:17 pm. Local Time.

The event was caught on videotape by a local RTR Russian State Television news crew, which was present on the massive naval base, filming a documentary segment on the fleet for airing on Russian television. It would now appear that some questions are being raised as to the origin of the craft, which was described as a "silver coloured flying wing".

While divers and a massive dredging operation have, as yet, failed to recover debris larger than approximately one meter in size, the recovery effort, continues. Divers at the scene report elevated water temperatures near the suspected impact site, which lead to speculation that a major portion of the craft might well be intact. Also noted are elevated levels of background radiation, although these are not reported, by the Russian Navy, or Russian Ministry of Health as being in the "dangerous" range.

At the time of the crash, minor damage occurred to one Sovremini Class Destroyer, but no casualties have been reported. The craft appears to be a near total loss, and, as yet, no bodies have been found, or recovered. The craft was overflying the base of the Russian Navy's Baltic Fleet. It is assumed that fleet radar interfered with the craft's guidance system. Naval personnel categorically deny that the craft was shot down, or in any way deliberately interfered with.

As stated, by all witnesses present, the craft was completely silent, and even at speeds estimated at well in excess of Mach 2, did not create the characteristic "sonic boom" which accompanies all known aircraft at such speeds.

Questions arose as to the nature of the craft, when several e-mails were received regarding its behaviour and appearance. Richard Garner, of WJTV in Atlanta, Georgia, forwarded the following response to his own inquiry, from Dennis XXXX, a source known to him, and considered to be "very reliable". The letter to Garner was headed "Importance High".

"Hi, Rick, The "flying wing" is actually an experimental spy plane belonging to the US. When it lost control it ditched into the water which will destroy all the electronics and gear inside the plane (security feature). This plane actually flies faster

than the Aurora. Dennis".

For those who are unaware, "Aroura" is the "code name" for a supposedly secret "next generation" stealth fighter prototype, currently being produced by Boeing and Lockheed, and employing what is thought to be advanced anti-gravity technology.

Further correspondence was received by WinterSteel, directly, through it's forum, from a reader in Sweden. Mr. Kenneth XXXX states, "Dear Sirs, What is going on in the Kenigsberg harbour!? s it Virginia desinfo because the US is about to go on the road again, this time towards Damascus... or maybe a desperate Russian counter-measure in full panic? Or is it just a bloody hoax? Anybody got some substance to give us? Regards, Kenneth".

One must wonder exactly what is being said in the Western media about the Russian Federation. Why, would the report of a downed Unidentified Flying Object, in a remote Russian harbour, have anything to do with the current war that the United States is waging in the Middle East? What kind of "counter measure" would Russia be attempting in a "full panic"? Since the policy of the Russian Federation, in the current Middle Eastern conflict has been, and continues to be full and impartial neutrality, there is simply nothing to "counter". Russia is not at war with anyone, and has no intention of going to war with anyone, until, or unless it is directly attacked. There is, nor has there been any "panic", although the curriosity level surrounding this event is, in fact, rather high, causing continued coverage on both the RTR and NTV television networks.

With the current level of satallite intellegence gathering, and the state-of-the-art in that particular field of technology, one would certainly question the wisdom of any nation, particularlyly the United States, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom or any other technologically advanced nation, overflying the base of primary fleet assets of a friendly, and neutral power, with completely undisclosed, extremely high-technology aviation assets. Stranger things, however, have been done.

Still, even the possibillity of the craft being of terrestrial, rather than extraterrestrial origin, leads to some interesting questions, with regard to the development of current aviation technology, in general. While one may examine the "standard" type aircraft, and see it's clear resemblance to aircraft of the past... all the way back to the original Wright Flyer of a century (this very year) ago, such a comparrison is difficult with regard to aircraft such as the F-117 "Stealth" Fighter, the Russian MiG 32 and the Boeing B-2 (lovingly called the "Bat Plane") "Stealth" Bomber.

None of these aircraft bear any aerodynamic or design similarity to any "accepted" form of aircraft. Much less so, the Northrop "UCAV", the X-47A Pegasus UAV, or allegedly, the "Aroura" and Boeing F-3 "anti-gravity" project. There has, and is still much speculation surrounding the idea that all of these designs, which are fundamentally un-aerodynamic, and should be quite difficult to keep airborne and controlable, already employ some form of "anti-gravity" evicce to compensate for what wold appear to be chronic underpowering. Of course, any aeronautical engineer will say, without reservation, that a brick can be made to fly, given enough power... however, there is no evidence that any of these designs have sufficiently powerful engines to keep them airborne and maneuverable under what would be considered to be the accepted laws of physics.

Therefore, the question remains, regardless of the origin of the Kaliningrad craft, or any other craft of this nature, where, in fact, did the technology, itself come from? It certainly bears no resemblance to any known aircraft to this point in time.

The Russian Federation has a long and illustrious history of openness, with regard to Unidentified Flying Object research. Traditionally, reports of Unidentified Objects are treated quite seriously and investigated, immediately, with the results being open and available to the public. Pravda .ru, recently reported on an incident, occurring on October 9th, 1998 at 8:02 p.m. A pursuit plane with an experienced crew of two pilots encountered a red ball not far from the Misava base. As soon as pilots prepared to attack the object, the radio contact with the plane was lost. A rescue team managed to find a part of the wing and some documents on the water surface. The pilots of the plane are

still considered to be missing.

In May, 2001, an RTR State Television crew recorded a "triangular" shaped Unidentified Flying Object flying over the White Sea coast, broadcasting live feed on a nationwide basis, as a "Special Report. Reconnaissance aircraft, dispatched to photograph the craft, approached within ten kilometers, at which point the craft increased speed and "shot straight upward" in the words of one of the pursuing pilots.

Likewise, in October, 2002, a news crew covering military exercises on the Dagistani border tracked and filmed an Unidentified Flying object for over half an hour, including a fly-by by Russian Air Force MiG 29 reconnaissance aircraft.

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TEN DAYS OF UFOS ON ITALIAN TV

Although the war in Iraq has taken over television sets, this has been an unusually "hot" beginning of the month when it comes to UFOs on TV.

Maurizio Baiata came to blows on 6 April on Raidue TV during the morning slot of "In famiglia" ("In The Family") with physicist Antonio Zichichi and anthropologist Cecilia Gatto Trocchi; Marco Morocutti dismissed the revelations by the KGB's dossiers on UFOs on the broadcast "Top Secret" on Wednesday, 9 April, on Rete 4; and last but not least, Paolo Toselli will be the guest on TG2 Rai "Net Young" on Saturday, 12 April.

Meanwhile, on the fiction side, after the UFO segment of the Japanese cartoon "Hamtaro" on Italia 1 TV (where the purported "Little Men from Space" were meant to abduct the hamster character), there aired on the night of 1 April on the same network an old 1964 segment of the cult series "The Thunderbirds", entitled "Martians on the Earth" and inspired by the celebrated "Socorro Case": it featured the standard flying saucers landed in the desert and arrival of the police to observe the presence of "green men." On Italia 1 TV once again during the previous evening, in the meantime, there occurred the TV debut of the movie "The Flintstones - Viva Las Vegas", with its opening, plot and action obviously "ufological" in theme.

[UFO-Italia, 8 and 9 April; reports and collaboration by Marco Bianchini, Antonio Blanco, Gildo Persone', Giuseppe Stilo and Paolo Toselli]

ANNOUNCEMENT TO CISU MEMBERS

On 9 April, a meeting was called of the the Italian Center for UFO Studies Council of Directors.

Among the topics discussed: notification of the Members Meeting for approval of the budget and the appointment of the new directors; the date, location and theme of the 18th National UFO Conference; the candidacies for the 2002 Alberto Lazzaro Award and for a number of corporate appointments; the participation of the CISU in some national events; upcoming publications; and ratification of a variety of decisions already taken informally.

Full members will receive the meeting minutes, and a summary will be sent to all members.

[Collaboration by Gian Paolo Grassino]

NEW SPACE JOURNAL FROM PINOTTI

On newsstands now is a new periodical from Roberto Pinotti.

Its name is "Spazio futuro" ("Future Space"), and it's actually the same quarterly "Gli speciali dei misteri" ("Mystery Specials") which accompanies the monthly "Ufo Notiziario" ("UFO Newsletter") with monographic special editions. The first issue which appeared in January and was entitled "Oltre l'ignoto" ("Beyond the Unknown") was devoted to the paranormal, while this second one focuses on mysteries connected with astronautics and astronomy: from supposed Soviet cosmonauts predating Gagarin to the various mysteries of Mars, from SETI to the tenth planet of the solar system, and from space stations to the Hessdalen phenomena.

Its price is 5 Euro for 96 pages in color.

Collaborators on this edition were:

Marco Bianchini, Antonio Blanco, Gian Paolo Grassino, Gildo Persone', Giuseppe Stilo and Paolo Toselli.

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Man Phoned At Home To Go UFO Hunting

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11:44 Tuesday 22nd April 2003

An alien hunter says he has caught a UFO on camera with a police helicopter chasing it.

Chris Martin, 42, was telephoned at home by his sister, Patricia Roberts, who was watching events unfold from her back garden at around 9.30pm.

He rushed to Prince of Wales Road, Blackheath, near Mrs Robert's Lochaber Road home, where he says he saw a flying object being tracked by the chopper nearby.

Mr Martin, of Patrick Connolly Gardens, Bromley-By-Bow, says he filmed the helicopter focusing its searchlight on a light-emitting flying object.

The father-of-one told News Shopper: "I can't say what it was, but it should not have been there, and was definitely a UFO.

"The police helicopter seemed to be chasing it and shining its searchlight onto it. I believe they were sent out to intercept the craft."

Martian-mad Mr Martin gave up his job as a session guitarist to study UFO sightings and suspected alien visits full-time in 1997. The extraterrestrial enthusiast, who had a book on the subject published in 2000, says the aliens do not come here just to see the sights.

He said: "I believe in life on other planets and I believe they visit us regularly in their alien craft.

"They come to collect information and gather genetic material by abducting humans and animals."

Mr Martin added: "The aliens are using their advanced technology to create hybrid species."

But police have denied any knowledge of UFOs in the area and have told News Shopper the helicopter was tracking a less unusual target on April 8.

A spokesman for Greenwich police said: "A police helicopter was in the air, in that area and at that time, because of a traffic collision.

"A person was seen running away from one of the cars involved and a helicopter was sent up to help in the search for the man who was never traced.

"We were not responding to any reports of UFOs in the Blackheath area."

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HabStars: Speeding Up In the Zone

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HabStars: Speeding Up In the Zone
by Astrobiology Magazine staffwriter

Jill Tarter and Margaret Turnbull have a wish list.

To maximize the search for extraterrestrial technological signals, the SETI researchers know where the next generation radio telescopes should start pointing.

Their HabCat, or Catalog of Nearby Habitable Systems, was created from what is known about habitable stars, or 'habstars', near our sun. Seventy-five percent are within 140 parsecs, or around 450 light years. These Sun-like, habitable stars have just the right distance, constancy, and light to qualify in a forthcoming enlarged radio search.

A former list of 2000 targets guided the search for Project Phoenix, a privately funded All-Sky-Survey that continued NASA's High Resolution Microwave Survey (HRMS). In 1993, that mission commenced to search for continuous and pulsed radio signals from extrasolar civilizations. Each year, the Phoenix Project buys three weeks of telescope time to observe 200 stars using the world's largest capable dish, the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico. All that is about to change in the next two years.

Tarter and Turnbull are preparing for much bigger and faster searches. In 2005, a joint effort by the SETI Institute and the University of California-Berkeley expects to increase the speed of this search by 100 times or more (~20,000 stars per year). But even without their help, this faster search would begin to exhaust nearby habstars.

The new shortlist of habstars has grown nearly 9-fold.

Their article, "Target Selection for SETI: I. A Catalog of Nearby Habitable Stellar Systems," published in the *Astrophysical Journal*, identifies 17,129 potentially habitable hosts for complex life. The co-authors plan a follow-up article that will prioritize which habstars to target first.

The creation of the Catalog of Habitable Stellar Systems was motivated by the ongoing and rapid development of a network of 350 radio antenna dishes. Called the Allen Telescope Array (or ATA), the network ties together 6.1 meter (~20 foot) diameter dishes for a total surface area as large as eight football fields. In 2005, the telescope will be completed using commercial satellite dishes and be located 290 miles northeast of San Francisco.

Tarter and Turnbull winnowed down about 120,000 Hipparcos stars to those that could be habitable to life as we know it for observation during the first few years of ATA operation.

In evaluating Sun-like targets as suitable hosts for

communicating life forms, one recurring theme is defining habitability. At the very least, candidate stars need terrestrial planets. For life to develop on Earth, liquid water and certain heavy atomic elements like phosphorus were also needed. Stars with very low metal content probably formed from a cloud that did not have enough heavy metals to make planets or life forms. These needs refined the HabCat list to only those stars exceeding a lower limit on stellar metallicity, about 40 percent that of the sun.

Planets and water might be enough for simple life, but stars also must remain nearly constant in brightness over billions of years for complex life to have time to develop. On Earth, single cells may have developed after only 800 million years or so, but the fossil record indicates that it took another 3 to 4 billion years before multi-cellular life flourished.

The authors write that accurate luminosities are "perhaps the most important information we use in determining the habitability of nearby stars" for complex life, because luminosity indicates which phase of life the star is in, and that in turn dictates how long the star will remain stable.

Our own sun follows an 11-year, "bright and dark" cycle (the sunspot cycle), yet its luminosity fluctuates over that time by only 2 parts per 10,000 (0.02 percent). A drop in solar radiance of half a percent or less locked terrestrial life into the coldest years of the Little Ice Age (1550-1700 A.D.).

Turnbull and Tarter took on the daunting task of evaluating 118,218 nearby stars, using membership criteria of constant luminosity and potential habitable zones. A database search gave them their first cut, which they call the "Celestia sample." If a star fluctuated by 3 percent in its luminosity, the level of variability detectable to Hipparcos, complex life would be imperiled.

Stars that Don't Twinkle

A star's twinkle in the night sky is due to the distorting effects of our atmosphere. If stars like our sun actually varied or twinkled that much, life as we know it would cease to exist.

For that reason, Tarter and Turnbull are not interested in sifting through what they term, "the cataclysmic, eruptive, pulsating, rotating, or X-ray" stars. If those stars had planets, their climate would prove a quick killer. Such stars are relatively common, so after eliminating such stars from the search, the Celestia sample totaled about half of the original list, or 64,120 candidate stars.

The remaining stars could be narrowed down even further based on mass, color, and age. The final list of candidates needed to have just the right size and composition. If, for example, a habstar expanded or shrank over the required 3 billion years for complex life to develop, then orbiting planets would experience ice ages and runaway greenhouses.

Another two-thirds (64%) of the HabCat candidates fell off this wish list because, while it may be possible for advanced life to survive, the stars posed a threat to well-known biological sensitivities. For example, the excessive ultraviolet (UV) radiation of a star could cause DNA to fragment or mutate. However, Tarter and Turnbull note that these assumptions may change in the future with additional data.

The scientists also excluded young star systems. Young stars typically have high rotations, they emit soft X-rays above and beyond their estimated temperatures, or they haven't burned through enough light elements to produce metals (heavy elements like iron).

The survivors in the catalog at this point numbered only one in six stars, or 20,814 potential candidates.

Favorable Stars As Loners

After eliminating the variable, low metallicity or very young stars from HabCat, Turnbull and Tarter took on the binary and multiple star systems. As disquieting as a dual sunrise and sunset might prove to our own biorhythms, there are a great

number of multiple star systems where such broken days occur. The fraction of solar-type stars in binary or multiple systems has been estimated to be two out of every three stars. These stars have fewer stable orbits for hosting planets with liquid water, and planets would have a higher danger of either spinning out of the system (ejection) or spiraling into one of the stars (accretion). Very elliptical orbits also cause climatic chaos.

Turnbull and Tarter examined the "habitable zone" (where liquid water can exist on an Earth-like planet) around each potential habstar that was part of a binary or multiple system. By eliminating systems where the habitable zones were not stable, about 2200 of 3500 stars in binary or multiple systems were kept in the HabCat.

The HabCat inventory was nearly finished, their final cut done.

It Takes a Planet to Feed a Village

Even if a star is classified as "habitable", the orbiting planets might not be. Our neighboring planet, Venus, has a surface hot enough to melt lead. Presumably, any carbon-based intelligence capable of communication needs some solid ground from which to broadcast.

In 1993, Project Phoenix began looking at 2,000 candidate stars for signs of life. Since then, a revolution in astronomy has taken place. Scientists have discovered and catalogued an ever-increasing number of extrasolar planets.

Of the 17,000 or so habstars in our neighborhood of the galaxy, 55 harbor already-discovered planets. Owing to the challenges of detecting a relatively tiny pale blue dot, all of these planets are hugely massive. The least massive one identified so far (HD 49674), is about a tenth the mass of our own Jupiter - a so-called gas giant.

Gas giants are unlikely to support Earth-like life. Cutting the stars whose giant planets interfered with the habitable zone (which could otherwise contain habitable terrestrial planets), the final HabCat was ready for press. It includes 17,129 habstars, all ready for investigation with the Allen Telescope Array.

As Turnbull and Tarter note: "Despite the broad array of data used to assemble this catalog, this exercise has forced us to admit that we are defining habitability from a position of considerable ignorance...For SETI this humbling situation is amplified when we consider that we have no indisputable definition for life itself, to say nothing of the precise conditions that are necessary and sufficient for life to evolve into a technological civilization detectable by a SETI search program."

Turnbull and Tarter took time from their busy preparations to outline for Astrobiology Magazine the highlights of how they built HabCat and what they plan next.

Turnbull (Steward Observatory, Univ. Arizona, Tucson) and Tarter (SETI Institute, Mountain View, California) broadly described their insights into galactic habitability.

Interview with Margaret Turnbull and Jill Tarter

Astrobiology Magazine (AB): How did work on the new HabCat begin?

Jill Tarter (JT): This paper [Target Selection for SETI] is part of [Margaret's] thesis in Astrobiology at the University of Arizona. The need for a larger target list is driven by the desire to do simultaneous radio astronomy and SETI observing at the same time.

AB: What was the primary motivation-- to expand the 2000 Phoenix targets to 17,000 HabCat targets for the Allen Telescope Array (ATA)? Does this derive in part from the enhanced search capabilities expected from the new array?

Margaret Turnbull (MT): Absolutely. Whereas Project Phoenix has been observing about 200 stars per year, the ATA will be capable of observing 10,000 or more, at three times the frequency

coverage and four times the spectral resolution of Project Phoenix.

Observing this many targets annually means that HabCat will have to be supplemented by even larger target lists, and currently we are assembling a list of about 100,000 stars from the Tycho-2 catalog. Such a list will not be nearly as "refined" as HabCat due to a severe lack of parallax and spectral data, but we will do our best to keep our targets on the main sequence.

JT: With 6-meter telescopes, the primary field of view of the array is about 3 degrees across at 1 gigahertz, but it shrinks by factor of ten at 10 gigahertz, so to have enough targets to always find one or more in the preferred field of view requires very large lists. The lifecycle of the ATA will be long, and we'll start at lower frequencies where the beamsize is larger.

AB: Where is the Allen Telescope Array in its current development timeline?

JT: ATA completion is probably 2005.

MT: The Prototype Test Array at Hat Creek now has three antennas. Ultimately it will consist of 350 individual 20-foot antennas, providing a larger total collecting area than the Green Bank Telescope in West Virginia and higher resolution than the Arecibo dish.

AB: How did the target list prioritize its selections for HabCat?

MT: We are currently working on a prioritization algorithm for all of our SETI targets, including several subsets of objects not included in HabCat, to be published in a second paper.

AB: Your first paper weights candidate stellar systems for X-ray luminosity, rotation, spectral types, kinematics, metallicity, and Str=F6mgren photometry, correct? That's the long equation for acceptance.

MT: For the HabCat stars, inclusion in the catalog was based on the X-ray and other data you mentioned, but priority will be assigned based on location in the color-magnitude diagram [CMD] and on distance. A plot of the CMD score would look like a bull's-eye centered on the sun's absolute visual magnitude and B-V color, with the highest score at the center. The distance scoring will go as the inverse square of distance, or the detectability of a given signal.

We are still considering how to weight these two factors, but most likely the distance score will dominate within a certain distance. One idea is that, given the first terrestrial transmissions of a century ago, HabCat stars within the possible ETI [extraterrestrial intelligence] response distance of 50 light years should have scores dominated by distance.

AB: What is the significance of excluding, or annotating the catalog with, binary and ternary stellar systems? Is this because an orbital instability is incompatible with habitability criteria?

MT: In fact, we included in HabCat approximately 2,200 stars that are members of known binary or triple systems, and each of these systems has passed our test for dynamical stability of the habitable zone. For 3,500 candidate habstars in multiple systems, we mapped out the location of the habitable zone according to work done by Kasting, Whitmire and Reynolds [1993, Icarus, 101,108].

To determine if that location is dynamically stable in the presence of the companion stars, we used the stability criteria developed by Holman and Wiegert [1999, Astrophysical Journal, 117, 621]. It turned out that many binary and triple systems were habitable, including 21 tight binaries where the habitable zone encompasses both stars.

AB: So what's planned in forthcoming projects?

MT: This work falls within the broader themes of, first, the overall habitability of the Milky Way, and, second, the remote sensing of biosignatures. My dissertation work includes topics

such as characterizing the Earthshine signal, including spectral signatures of life; constraining the fraction of habitable stars in the solar neighborhood; identifying suitable targets for the Terrestrial Planet Finder mission; and examining the concept of a habitable belt in the Galaxy.

JT: We were sorry to see FAME [Full-sky Astrometric Mapping Explorer] cancelled, since it would have provided 40 million parallaxes [or star positions].

[To further refine HabCat], in FAME's absence we'll have to use reduced proper motions and color-color relationships from the Tycho-2 Catalog while waiting for SIM [NASA's Space Interferometry Mission] and GAIA [European Space Agency's Galactic Census Project].

Editor's Note: For HabCat the current best set of stellar distances comes from what astronomers call Hipparcos parallax measurements which give values accurate to ~ 1 milli-arcsecond. Several new astrometric satellites are now being planned to measure star distances.

The most ambitious planned star cataloguing projects are NASA's Space Interferometry Mission and ESA's Galactic Census Project, or GAIA mission, which may yield large numbers of parallaxes with precisions better than ~ 10 micro-arcseconds. SIM is scheduled to operate from 2006 to 2011 while GAIA, if accepted by ESA, could launch in 2009 with a 5 year lifetime.

SIM would provide astrometric measurements of 10,000 stars and GAIA would measure around 10 billion positions. The next scheduled astrometry mission, however, was the now cancelled FAME (Full-sky Astrometric Mapping Explorer), which was scheduled to be launched in 2004.

What's Next

Conservatively as catalogued so far, the preferred habstars must be 3 billion years old, stable, and support liquid water on the surface of whatever planets are properly distanced. These planets reside in a habitable zone, satisfying the precondition for complex life to develop. Three out of four reside within a communication neighborhood spanning around 450 light years.

When the Allen Telescope Array turns on in 2005, its transmitter powers will be comparable to the Arecibo planetary radar (1 megawatt) and thus could search to the farthest of 17,000 habstars, just beyond 300 parsecs. For those search distances, an electromagnetic communication, if detected, would have begun broadcasting a millennium ago, just about 1000 AD on a terrestrial calendar (a transmission 978 light-years old).

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CI: Hexagon in Cydonia?

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2003 20:44:50 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 07:23:47 -0400
Subject: CI: Hexagon in Cydonia?

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by Mac Tonnies

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To view Kelly's animation, see the URL below:

<http://www.electrobus.com/wordsmith/hex>

Thanks to Mark Kelly and Chris Joseph.

-end-

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Re: Russian UFO Crash? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 01:12:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 07:30:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian UFO Crash? - Maccabee

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2003 11:18:44 -0700
>Subject: Russian UFO Crash?

>I thought listers might want an update on the Kaliningrad
>Harbour UFO crash.

>http://www.wintersteel.com/UFO_Crash_Ru.html

>Baltic UFO Crash Raises Questions

>KLININGRAD, RUSSIA (Monday, April 21, 2003) The entire Russian
>Baltic Fleet and a larg number or residents of Kaliningrad
>(formerly Koenigsburg), a city of over 3 million inhabitants, in
>the Russian Baltic enclave on the Baltic Sea, watched in awe,
>last Friday, as an ultra-silent Unidentified Flying Object,
>moving at estimated super-sonic speeds, winged over rapidly and
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>Time.

I'll believe this when I see "hard" data of high credibility.

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Re: CI: Hexagon in Cydonia? - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 10:13:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 13:37:17 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: Hexagon in Cydonia? - Stanford

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Hexagonal and quasi-hexagonal craters are by no means rare in the solar system, including on earth, on our moon, and a bunch of other places. They seem to form as some kind of impact excavation and ejection phenomenon as yet not (to my knowledge) analyzed, but because of their abundance, they seem to be purely impact-substrate related and definitely not a product of 'intelligent' construction.

I am not 'talking off the top of my head' about this, but have examined this ejection phenomenon for over twenty years, studying examples published many places including in the journal Meteoritics and Planetary Science, and never entertaining the idea of intelligent construction, but pondering what caused the impact excavation-ejection to leave a hexagonal crater. I suspect chaotic interactions to be a causative factor, but am not enough of a mathematician to be able to try and 'model' the phenomenon.

It seems that I even recall seeing, somewhere, where artificial impacts into certain types of substrate have replicated the hexagonal impact cratering effect, but do not recall where I read about it. If or when I can find it, I will send a reference to this list.

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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Houston British Columbia Report 04-23-03

From: **Brian Vike HBCCUFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 02:09:55 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 13:42:27 -0400
Subject: Houston British Columbia Report 04-23-03

Houston, British Columbia

Date: April 21, 2003
Time: 11:45 p.m.
Weather conditions: Clear
Witness: 2
Local call:

I had a local call today from a Houston resident who asked if I was free and if I would be able to drop by his home. I jumped into the car and drove the 2 kilometers east from Houston to his home, where they have a large farm. When I arrived I was greeted by the fellow who asked if I would come in and listen to a story of a strange event that took place April 21, 2003, at 11:45 p.m..

We sat down and he explained that he was walking home from his bothers place, (which runs along highway #16). As he got to where their driveway meets the highway, he saw a large blackened object (craft) flying very low over top the tree line and across the highway heading in an easterly direction coming from the west (?). He told me what caught his attention to the object was that being a completely clear night and gazing up at the stars there was a large part of the sky in which no stars were visible, but only the outline of something huge and dark in color. As we watched it a number of rolls of lights came on, which scared him darn near out of his pants. He told me he ran the short distance to their home and yelled to his mother to come out and look at what he was watching. Both of them stood looking at this massive object "slowly" fly by. All of a sudden the lights that were visible which had just came on, went out. Due to the farm having a great deal of trees around it, they soon started to lose sight of what ever it was that was flying by. (HBCC UFO Note: I asked if they could give me a rough idea what the shape of this object looked like. Both said it looked as if it might have been triangular in shape. How they came to this idea was due to the lights which came on. The witnesses said the rolls of lights on the underside of the craft seemed to sweep back from a point on an angle. (direction the craft was heading - so the front of it) Or to give a better idea may be if one was looking at a flight of geese in a V formation. The main colors of the lights were white, with some green/red also in the mix. They also reported that it looked as if there were three large rolls of the lights on the underside. I also asked if they could tell me the rough size of it. They both said it was "massive", then looked at one another hoping, I guess one would come up with a better description of just how big this was. They said it had to have been close to the size of a large jet airliner, or a bit larger.

The sighting lasted approx: for 10 to 12 seconds before they lost sighting of it, after looking around the area where they live I figured that would have been a long time to view this due to so many trees which would have started to block their view of the object. "No" sound was heard what so ever. They also have a large dog in which seemed to be disturbed as the craft flew on by so they said. The fellow said the object was approximately 400 to 500 feet above the tree tops, which was pretty darn low. (HBCC UFO Note: I wondered if the object had made some kind of

change in it's flight path before the witness caught sight of it. These folks live right below Mount Harry Davis, so if it came from over top the mountain it would have had to drop approx: 1500 feet to arrive at the height the people reported seeing it at. Or I wondered if the object had flown from the south, which would have taken it over, or close to the town of Houston, B.C. and then made it's turn easterly. Another strange thing they mentioned. (a little sketchy here), but their impression of it was that it had a large body to it. Meaning it wasn't so much flat, but more raised at the top of it. (Bulging at the top, but curved if one had blown up a balloon - They could not be completely sure of this, but as I mentioned, it was their impression of how they saw it).

The Mom said she hardly slept that night just thinking about it, the fellow didn't seem to have a problem with it after it was all done and over with. But I could certainly hear the excitement in their voices when they spoke about this event.

(HBCC UFO Note: Last year for all of 2002, as many of you know I dealt with a large amount of reported sightings. But I did not have many, or any come to think of it, these triangle sighting. This year, 2003 I have had a number of reports of these types of objects flying around my area here in the north, plus sightings from the lower mainland. I am starting to scratch what hair I have left on this bald head wondering what the heck is going on up here. I still am getting reported sightings from local residents, from Houston, Telkwa and Smithers of military vehicles which were running around the area after the July 29, 2002 sighting. Actually the first week in August 2002 when everything started showing up. Also what is interesting is, that more folks are coming forward telling me of all the flights that took place in the first week of August 2002 around these areas. Unmarked aircraft, both fixed wing and helicopters. And folks I can confirm a lot of this as I saw many of these aircraft myself. And they all were flying right over the tree tops, just as if they were looking for something. If that the case or not, I don't really know. But I have no doubt in my mind something major has, and still is taking place around the pacific northwest here in British Columbia. The witnesses, or most of them I can say are good reliable folks. Matter of fact even a few of the reports have come from people in positions of authority of different kinds. I also know I am only receiving a small fraction of the reports, as every week I hear of another sighting coming from a second or third party member. I don't bother to report these as I want the actual witness to step forward to give their account of what they saw. But there are still so many who are not wanting to come forward.

There has been a few other strange things that have taken place along Highway #16 throughout all the communities and I am working on an article on this as well. Why this area is anyone's guess. I know one thing for sure, there has been a "ton" of lights/objects seen flying south up over and through the Morice River Valley (or road). Now this may be reaching for the stars, but I am trying to think of everything I can to give me a clue to why so many sightings. Why so many being seen heading in the Morice area. Someone brought up an idea to me, saying that the government had closed a part of the Telkwa mountain range down because they transplanted some Caribou a few years ago to the area. Made me "think". It may be just that, not wanting the snowmobiles frightening the animals which I certainly can understand, but then again is there possibly another reason. (See the old brain is still working. -:))

Anyway, there you have the short version of things, also working on a case out of Humboldt, Saskatchewan which took place on April 19th, 2003. So I will see what I gather out of that one as well and I will post any results I receive on it.

Take good care everyone.

Brian
HBCC UFO Research

BTW - If folks head over to visit my site these days,

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

on my home page there is some text which tells of a new site that I am building up through the server I am with now, Telus.

They give everyone ten mbs of free space, and with no pop up ads. So I am still keeping the site I have now, and it will be updated all the time, but my new site will contain only Canadian UFO reports and other Canadian information/material. It is a simple site, really fast loading and all reports will be posted there as well. Keep in mind I am still working on it and adding a little everyday until I have moved all I am going to move from the website I am on now.

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New INEXPLICATA Site

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Fwd Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 13:46:10 -0400
Subject: New INEXPLICATA Site

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
April 23, 2003

Dear Friends of INEXPLICATA,

I am pleased to report that the Institute of Hispanic Ufology's new website is up and running. The new issue (#11) is available for your perusal at:

www.inexplicata.us

Kindly note the change of address in your bookmarks and web browsers.

Regards and thanks,

Scott Corrales
Institute of Hispanic Ufology (IHU)

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Subject: UFO Buzzes Chilean Pickup Truck

SOURCE: Terra.cl
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- I was driving along very calmly. Some 15 minutes from Temuco, I saw a strange white light on my right that was matching my speed. I thought it was the train, but it wasn't.

- And what was it?

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- It must have been the shape of a football. But I don't think it had a defined body - it was pure light.

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- And no one else witnessed the light?

- I think several other cars behind me must have seen it. I didn't have any time to ask. The time was around 22:00 hours.

- Were any prints left behind on the pickup truck?

- No. The first thing I did the next morning was check to see if it had any prints or marks, but there were none. At times I

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Argentinean "Bigfoot" Discussed On Radio Show

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Subject: Argentinean "Bigfoot" Discussed On Radio Show

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[Report received from Argentina's Proyecto CATENT, dated Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at 16:46 hrs. concerning a radio broadcast appearing on Radio 10, Buenos Aires]

[...]

"The station conducted a phone interview with Ezequiel Alvarez, Chief of the Volunteer Fire Brigade of Rosario de la Frontera. He stated that he himself had seen the strange beast for over 8 minutes through his binoculars. He added that the creature appeared "hyperkinetic", emitting powerful screams.

He added that the creature had killed three dogs, apparently using its claws. Amid a report in which journalist Jorge Jacobson and another mocked the fire chief, the latter added that the animal customarily walks on two legs although he has also seen it running on all fours.

Reference was also made of the schoolteacher from San Antonio de los Cobres whom along with another person had found a cub of this animal dead on the side of the road. According to the witnesses, the creature had genitalia similar to humans. They did not put it aboard their vehicle and just left the area as soon as they could. The fire chief said that the carcass is being looked for, but these efforts have thus far been fruitless.

He added that judge Di Lascio is involved in the summary proceedings, having opened the investigation out of a fear that residents of Rosario de la Frontera may be in jeopardy, particularly their young ones, since the creature prowls the urban area near the garbage dump and appears at night.

Elements of the police and fire departments are constantly on guard, but are surprised that the creature moves so quickly and through different parts of the city. He reiterated that the creature has the shape of a "hairy ape" standing 1.80 meters tall.

He added that they have bite marks, hair and print samples of the creature, adding that an analysis of the prints was conducted without offering any further details. He added that an article had appeared today in "La Gazeta de Hoy" (newspaper)."

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Re: CI: Hexagon in Cydonia? - Tonnies

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Fwd Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 17:38:19 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: Hexagon in Cydonia? - Tonnies

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My experience with studying craters comes from peering at Malin
Space Science Systems' online Mars catalogue. I've noticed a
variety of geometric forms, a few of which are in my "gray
basket" as possible engineering works. But as you relate, most
appear decidedly natural.

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Re: UFO Buzzes Chilean Pickup Truck - Hall

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Fwd Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 17:39:54 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Buzzes Chilean Pickup Truck - Hall

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Scott,

Thanks for translating this case. Can you tell me what the
source "Terra.cl" means? Who asked the questions (pretty good
ones)? Any background information would be helpful.

I am compiling a report on 2000-2003 UFO sightings that display
typical UFO patterns as in the past, and am particularly
interested in learning of any South American, European, Asian,
Middle Eastern cases that haven't made their way into the
English-language literature.

- Dick Hall

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Filer's Files #17 -- 2003

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Filer's Files #17 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.
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WORLDWIDE UFO SIGHTINGS CONTINUE BUT SLOW IN US

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. Europa is covered with a layer of water, Maryland - incredible sighting, North Carolina - egg video, Maryland - blinking lights, Georgia Synchronicity, Florida - chevron shaped lights slowly moving north, Ohio - flying triangle report, Michigan - possible UFO Landing, UFO Wisconsin reports low flashing lights, California - boomerang, Washington - photos continue, /Canadian - UFO sightings increase, France UFO near tankers, , and unconfirmed reports from Russia indicate a UFO crashed into Kalingrad Harbor.

JUPITER'S EUROPA IS COVERED WITH A LAYER OF WATER

What we find in these pictures," says Michael Carr of the US Geological Survey in Menlo Park, California "is pretty good evidence there is water at fairly shallow depths on Europa."
From various observations, both from Earth and passing spacecraft, scientists have concluded that Europa is covered with a layer of water probably 50 to 100 miles thick, surrounding a rocky core. The surface is undeniably solid ice, though fractured and blistered into a ball-of-string appearance. The question: is there, beneath the ice, any liquid water? The friction caused by the gravitational pull of Jupiter, as well as its sibling moons of Io and Ganymede, might be enough to heat Europa's inside.

Another tantalizing observation: Europa's surface, unlike the other moons of Jupiter, is relatively clean of craters. Perhaps eruptions of water from below had filled them in. Carr's group examined in detail one particular slice of Europa's surface. Galileo's images, some 40 times more detailed than the Voyager spacecraft had taken 17 years earlier, allowed the researchers to piece together the fractured patterns almost like a jigsaw puzzle, seeing how the pieces used to fit together. "These icy crusts have broken apart into rafts that have moved, rotated and tilted," Carr says. "Everywhere we look, we're finding evidence for this kind of breakup. This is a pretty good indication there is a mobile layer down there."

FIVE MILE WIDE DOMES OF ICE - Another group, headed by Robert Pappalardo and James Head of Brown University in Providence, RI, assert in a separate article in Nature that while there may once have been water below, it has now frozen. As evidence, they point to dome-like structures, some 5 miles wide, that dot the surface of Europa. These domes, they say, are much younger than the cracks and fissures. "We see evidence," Head says, "that Europa has undergone a change in its tectonic evolution." In this picture, beneath the icy crust is yet more ice, but warmer and able to stretch, twist, and flow much as glaciers do on

Earth. The warmer ice (still heated by tidal friction) would expand and push upwards towards the surface. "Rising like a lava lamp, essentially," Head says.

Paul Geissler, a senior research associate at University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, and his colleagues find indirect evidence that the outer crust is rotating slightly faster than the rocky interior. Other measurements of Europa's gravity hint that the rotation of the rocky interior is precisely locked into the 3=BD-day orbit. A completely solid Europa would rotate as one piece. For the icy crust to slide over the inner core requires the equivalent of planetary motor oil in between. "It doesn't actually prove there is an ocean on Europa," Geissler says, "but it is consistent with that." But, he adds, it's also consistent with the ice-flow model of Head and Pappalardo.

Search for Life - If the answer is indeed liquid water, then there may be life in the ocean. Europa is much too far away for sunlight to warm it. But it is conceivable that the tides could rub the rocks hot enough to give rise to underwater volcanoes. And that environment would resemble the volcanic rifts that lie at the bottom of the Earth's ocean, an environment now known to teem with exotic organisms. That's the big question," Sqyres says. "We don't know the answer to that. The answer is 'maybe.'" Thanks to Kenn/eth Chang ABCNEWS.com

MARYLAND - INCREDIBLE SIGHTING:

BALTIMORE -- Bill Bean writes, "I had an incredible sighting on April 22, 2003, at 3:45 PM, as I was turning onto Quarterfield Road in Severn about a mile and a half from BWI Airport. He says, "As I waited for traffic to clear so I could turn, I noticed a Southwest Airlines Plane rising in altitude from take off, and I was stunned to see a silver object about one third of the size of the plane, traveling directly under the wing section." This object was very close to the underside of the plane and seemed to be perfectly moving with the plane. I grabbed my camera and got two shots. [I will post the photos on my site, and send you some copies, when I get them processed]. www.ufomani04.com Thanks to Bill Bean

NORTH CAROLINA EGG VIDEO

CHARLOTTE -- The home of the witness is located about one mile (*) northwest of Charlotte Douglas airport. He states, "While sitting on my back porch at 3 PM, watching clouds and airport traffic on April 11, 2003, I noticed an egg/orb heading north to south very slowly at about 10,000 feet. At one point it seemed to briefly pause and continue. It was shiny and hard to see without my polarized glasses. I happened to have my camcorder with me and I got a little footage of it but I couldn't see it in the/ viewfinder, only on playback could I see it and the few seconds was poor but there. The clouds at that time were moving west to east. I'll keep watching. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]www.UFOCENTER.com

GEORGIA SYNCHRONICITY

Tom Sheets, State Director of MUFONGA writes, "Synchronicity is more important in our lives than most folks realize. It has entered my life at different points and amazed me with the results. I have an associate that has experienced similar mind boggling events that tend to remind one of the "Twilight Zone." Jung devoted much of his research to this phenomenon, and even published a ground breaking study on synchronicity. Anyhow, enough of that...now to the point.

There are many reports of credible UFO investigators and researchers that have experienced apparently anomalous incidents while in the pursuit of their work. Examples would be the many national conferences during which unknown objects have appeared to the attendees individually or before a group of them, this has happened on MORE than one occasion OR I would simply write it off as being a minor coincidence, mistaken aircraft etc. This has been described as occurring during lunch breaks, enroute to variou/s places after the day's activities cease, or during the morning commute, etc., also in relation to the routine investigation of other cases in the field. MUFONGA's Olivia Newton and some of her FPR investigators had their encounter in the rural counties east of Atlanta a couple of years ago

("String of Pearls" event); yours truly experienced the dramatic aerial display in 1997 in Jeff Davis County when enroute to interview the local police officers about multiple UFOs they had been encountering on night /patrol.

While returning from Clarkesville on Saturday night, this writer had a minor experience that MIGHT have been meteor related, but it DID NOT look like a meteor. Like most in our group that have attended the several recent Leonids Skywatches, this writer has seen thousands of meteors, in their every type and style, combine that with an active interest in astronomy going back to the school years. At 10:33 PM, I was southbound on I-285 approaching its intersection with I-20 on the west side of Atlanta. Speed about 60 mph, vehicle a Jeep Wrangler with a substantial rectangular windshield, the sky was clear. Suddenly a small round orb-like glowing light, about the size of a BB held at arm's length, entered my field of vision from the upper left area of the windshield, traveling at a slight angle downward to the right (actually more parallel than downward). This light was definitely smoothly ROUND with a moderate white glow. It was visible for about 2-3 seconds, possibly going behind some trees or terrain. /It covered about 40 degrees of arc in the 2-3 seconds of being visible. There was NO apparent trail or streak common to most meteors. It did NOT appear to be burning out, the intensity appeared to be constant during the short period of observation, color was a moderate glowing white, which gave me an impression that it might appear to be even a glowing pale blue if larger or closer.

Some meteors only streak, with no specific identifiable head that is visible since most are the size of a grain of sand, this thing had a definite ROUND structure, even though tiny like a BB at arm's length. The only thing this object had in common with a meteor is that it too came down out of the sky and was hauling butt! The objective is this, any other MUFONGA personnel that have experienced unusual or interesting episodes that MIGHT be related to our travels/activities in this business, PLEASE let me/ know. Just send an email. That old cosmic trickster is always at work! Seriously, if what the enlightened researchers say is true, that this "intelligent force" does exist, and can intrude on our reality at the most unusual times, then we should look more closely at events considered to be synchronistic. Best and Semper Fi! Tom Sheets, SD MUFONGA

FLORIDA - CHEVRON SHAPED LIGHTS MOVING SLOWLY

PENSACOLA -- The witness was out in his porch finishing a cigarette on April 10, 2003, and watching the low lying moving clouds when I noticed a triangle pattern of dull white lights moving south to north at 11:15 PM. There were approximately 9 total lights in a triangular formation or "V" shape with another semi triangular row behind the front row of lights. The second row of lights appeared to move about slightly but stayed in a general formation with the front row. The lights moved overhead just above/e the lower lying thin layer of clouds with no sound whatsoever. I looked for light tracer beams from below to see if it was possible beams of light from the ground but there was no trace. These lights appeared to be relatively low and just above the lowest strata of cold-front clouds in the night sky and moving in the opposite direction of the clouds. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]www.UFOCENTER.com

OHIO - PILOT REPORTS TRIANGULAR LIGHTS IN OHIO

Frank Reams writes: "I am a UFO Investigator and State Section Director for Ohio. I recently sent in an investigation report to MUFON about a case I had just east of Columbus, Ohio on March 7, 2003. This was a slow moving silent flying triangle with bright lights at the corners. It was only 300 feet above the witness at about 2:30 AM. The case you have in your Filer's Files in the April edition of the MUFON UFO Journal by a pilot at 0515 on March 7, 2003, is very likely the same object reported by my w/witness less than three hours earlier. I was unable to find any other witnesses on the ground, but this is too big a coincidence not to be the same object. Please let me know if you can give me that information. Also, if you would like a copy of my report from that night, I would be glad to send you a copy. Thanks to Frank Reams freams@mail.com

UFO WISCONSIN REPORTS - LOW FLASHING LIGHTS

WISCONSIN RAPIDS -- Kelly reports, "As I was driving home from work at about 10:30 at night on April 9, 2003, I saw through the trees a bright light flashing." There were two of them flashing, one low and then one up and to the right. They would flash alternately. I drove a little bit further to where the trees were lower and I could get a better view. There were about 5 pairs of these lights flashing all over the southern sky. I looked around and to the northeast I saw two orange lights. From my van/tage point they looked about a foot apart. They didn't move, and they just faded away, one after the other. When I got there, there were no more flashes. It was kind of freaky. They were really bright, kind of like strobe lights, but not blinding, or as fast as strobes.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS -- On Thursday night April 9, 2003, Bobbi B. says, "A little after 11:00 PM, I took my dog outside and looked up into the southeast sky and noticed two bright lights moving steadily, one going north and one going to the south." I thought at first they were planes, but then they started flashing. At first, the flashing was bright white but then they started flashing blue, green, and red. The light on the left then swooped down and up very quickly. It (*) looked like a bug swirling in/ the air, that's how quick it was. Then I saw the light on the right come to a stop. The flashing stopped and then it was just one big bright light again. It then started moving STRAIGHT down. Very slowly. That's when my heart started pounding and I thought, "What does that?" While I was watching these two lights, I noticed smaller white lights circling around them quickly. I got my boyfriend to come and see and we saw them move fast past the front of our house and out of sight. He reminded me then/ while he was looking up in the sky about what he told me he'd seen about 6 months ago. When he was on his way home from Wausau, he saw a large comet-looking thing heading straight for the ground. He said it was very large and bright green. Scary! Thanks to Wisconsin UFO sightings: [<http://www.ufowisconsin.com/>] <http://www.ufowisconsin.com/>

MICHIGAN - POSSIBLE UFO LANDING

Vicky Weagle, reports, "Last night, April 22, 2003, I was told about a sighting where a UFO was landing in the field near a witnesses house in Michigan. He saw a green flashing light move closer to his position and apparently land. He ran to the top of a nearby hill and down below there was a flashing green beam, from some type of object and apparent footprints heading towards his home. He asked me what he should do? I told him it was important to secure the site, pending investigation, and warned him /about the possibility of radiation. He seemed scared and I felt he should be contacted by a field investigator. I was shocked to find out that there is no state contact information on the website anymore. Thanks to: Vicky Weagle

Editor's Note: If this is a verifiable real case, it may be significant.

CALIFORNIA - BOOMERANG

FRESNO -- Two witnesses saw a boomerang with lights floating across the night sky on April 5, 2003, at about 7 PM. The observers said, "It was like a boomerang shape but changed fluidly and had lights that dimly flashed in succession to one another." It moved slowly across the crystal clear night sky without making a sound even though I was close enough to hear any aircraft engine. It flew south quickly and disappeared. I know we have nothing human made that can move and hover like it did. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>] www.UFOCENTER.com

WASHINGTON - PHOTOS CONTINUE

SPOKANE -- For over a year an important judge who lives high on a mountain overlooking the city reports seeing and photographing strange lights. Jeff Sainio, photo analyst for MUFON, indicates preliminary analysis of these photos show flight patterns and lighting changes not usually present with traditional or known aircraft. The judge states, "I can tell you that in forty some years of watching the night skies and aircraft, I have never before seen what I have been observing since February. I do not p/resume to know what these lights and craft are, or where they come from. They may very well be of terrestrial origin, but then again, they may not. I have been in contact with a number of

organizations in an attempt to get someone with credentials and expertise to investigate this ongoing flap. See [<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/files/2002/index.php>]Filer's Files UFO Center Views

COEUR D' ALENE LAKE -- On March 10, 2003, an unusual amount of activity was noted on the west end the Coeur D' Alene Lake. Many sightings have been reported in the area over the years. Loud, rumbling, deep low motor noise but like something being dragged but not screeching, anyway. 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."

CANADIAN SIGHTINGS CONTINUE

HALIFAX NS -- My name is Sydnie Douglass and I am 12 years old. On Easter April 20, 2003, a group of my friend's and I went to fly kites and at a big field called "the pit". When we got there we saw a funny looking object in the sky. When we got home we went to your web site and found something that we thought sounded like what we saw. It had a triangular body, with a fat short rod coming from the nose. When it flew over us, at about 20, 000 feet altitude, it didn't make a noise. It was painted blac/k (or a very dark color). By the way it happened around 7:30 PM.- Thanks to Sydnie Douglass syddouglas0@hotmail.com,

LONDON BLUE SPHERE CRASHES TOWARDS THE EARTH

CORRECTION -- The "London" sighting referred to in Filer's Files last week was in Ontario Canada, not England. There's definitely no Highway 401 in the UK Highway 401 is the main superhighway running the length of Ontario, right past London.

LONDON, CANADA -- Driving eastbound at 8 PM, on the 401 towards London on April 4, 2003, the witness saw a blue sphere appear in the sky, that accelerated towards the ground behind the treeline. There was a visible blue streak which trailed the sphere that appeared to crash. Following this, the area of the sky where the object 'crashed' was illuminated in a blue light for several seconds. It could very well have been some type of meteor, but the fact that there was this blue light associated with the ob/ject and the illumination of the sky made the event quite strange. This event occurred during a barrage of freezing rain, which hampered visibility. I seem to only remember two or three other cars on the road at the time. Thanks to Peter Davenport: [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

HOUSTON -- A fellow stopped me while I was heading out the door of our local grocery store. He told me, theat he and three others, who were witnesses, to a sighting on April 11, 2003, at 8:00 p.m. in the Houston Estates. Looking south towards the Morice River, they noticed the strangest set of lights at very low altitude, above the Morice Valley Road. I was told the only thing which could be seen on it were the three colored lights. The witness said it was as if the object was rotating, as the lights/ kept changing position. The color of the lights were, yellow, blue and red. The strange thing about this sighting is that was that it flew like it was making a simple sketch of a Christmas tree. So starting from the top of a tree, it zipped down and out to it's left, then moved quickly straight back in towards the trunk of the tree. Then it dropped a bit, moved extremely fast, and came to a complete stop. Then once again it continued to move at high speed making the same maneuvers over and over again, like it was drawing a tree in the sky. The object was about two miles away. Binoculars were brought out but no shape or body to the object was observed. The object/lights vanished instantly af/ter ten minutes.

TERRACE -- A gentleman called to report a sighting on April 11, 2003. He put his girlfriend on the telephone and she explained, "She and her boyfriend were burning off the grass from around their garden, when she looked up and noticed two very bright lights. One of the lights was heading to the northeast towards Kitwanga and the other flew in the opposite direction. The "lights" were at a very high level and lasted for only a second or two. The color of the lights was silver/white.

WILLISTON LAKE, MCKENZIE, BC -- Brian Vike HBCC reports, "A single witness, a logging truck operator, was coming back from

picking up a load of logs on March 19, 2003, when he saw a bright flash of white light directly in front of him at a fairly high altitude heading northwest. He thought he had seen a meteor but before the light disappeared it changed direction. After this change in its flight path, it just vanished. The sighting lasted 3 to 4 seconds. It was the size of a pea at arm's length. No sound was heard.

TERRACE, BC -- At 10:55 PM, two witnesses, just about a 1/2 kilometer west of Terrace watched an extremely large object fly very low in overcast skies over the Skeena River on April 3, 2003. They reported seeing a huge dark colored object in the shape of a flying cross. The witness says the body of the object was certainly longer than the wing span. It moved very slowly without sound. The bottom of the object had six panels of colored lights. They were unable to see the height or the thickness of the fuselage. It was just too dark, and with the colored lights being so bright on the bottom of it, it obscured the view. This sighting lasted almost ten seconds before they lost sight of it due to the tree line blocking their view. The object was the size of a 737 jet airliner, but it had no flashing lights. Brian Vike says in 2002, "I received a very similar sighting report.

HOUSTON, BC -- Brian Vike reports, "A witness called to say while driving home from Perow, BC to Houston at about 11:20 PM, on April 14, 2003, she and a friend saw a single red light flying very low and rather quickly west." She told me that the red light was flying just over the top of China Nose Mountain. As she watch it almost reach China Nose Mountain it rose up rather quickly to get over the peak and continued on at the same altitude until she lost sight of it. This sighting lasted 5 to 6 seconds.

(HBCC UFO Note: If a small personal aircraft flew that low among the mountains it would have been very dangerous. Thanks to Brian Vike HBCC UFO Research, Editor: Canadian Communicator (Paranormal Magazine) hbccufo@telus.net, Paranormal Magazine Canadian UFO Hotline: 1-866-262-1989, [<http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo/home.html>] Canadian Communicator <http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo>

FRANCE UFO NEAR TANKERS

MARSEILLES -- Paul Harman's writes from the Netherlands, "In 1974, I was a seaman aboard the 70,000 ton oil tanker "Diloma" owned by Shell-tankers. We were dry-docking in Marseilles, France. About October 17, 1974, eight crew members were on the aft deck waiting for water to fill the dry-dock. It was about 1:30 PM with a clear blue sky and a bright light was hovering above the city. It was flying at 150 meters in altitude and one or two kilometers from the dry-dock. The light was as bright as a star and /had a diameter 1/4 of the full moon. We didn't hear any sound coming from that strange light so it was unlikely to be a helicopter that can easily be heard at that distance. Our nautical officer was quite sure this light was neither a star nor a planet. After thirty minutes the light was still in the same position and we saw a smaller light that moved slowly out of the city towards the big light. On approaching the big light the small light reduced speed and very slowly it entered into the big light. W/e were all stunned. Five minutes later, the light flew at incredible speed straight up and disappeared in space. I was a 17-year-old boy and I knew nothing about UFO's. After my sighting I started reading a lot about UFO's and I became a real and strong believer. I saw so I believe! Read more about my sighting and UFO's on <http://www.ufowijzer.nl> Thanks to Paul Harmans the Netherlands

UFO CRASHES IN RUSSIAN HARBOR NEAR BALTIC FLEET

KLININGRAD, RUSSIA -- Skywatch International Inc. reports that James L. Choron provided information regarding a crash of an unknown craft on Friday, April 18, 2003. The entire Russian Baltic Fleet and a large number or residents of Kaliningrad (formerly Koenigsburg), a city of over 3 million inhabitants, in the Russian Baltic enclave on the Baltic Sea, watched in awe as a "flying wing" shaped UFO winged over rapidly and plunged into Kaliningrad Harbor at 6:17 PM, local time. The event was caught on videotape by a local RTR Russian State Television news crew, which was present on the massive naval base, filming a documentary segment on the fleet for airing on Russian

television. The UFO, described as a "Flying Wing," with two elongated, dome like protrusions on top, and three similar structures, underneath, was over flying the Baltic Fleet. According to a Russian Naval Commander, the craft was apparently caught, accidentally, with in the sweep patterns of ship mounted search radar's, which came on to trac/k it's progress, causing some sort of malfunction which resulted in the crash. "It was traveling at a tremendous rate of speed" he said to RTR reporters, on the scene. "It was very low, not more than 1,500 meters (5,000 feet) altitude, when our radar's came on. It simply winged over, and dove into the water, as if it has lost either power, or control." The light gray colored craft, with no apparent "seams" or rivet patterns visible, was estimated by onlookers to be the size of a small airliner, and tra/veling at speeds in excess of Mach 2 (twice the speed of sound), was absolutely quiet as it passed, but made a "tremendous noise" as it plunged into the water, causing a geyser of steam and water, mixed with small debris, which shot an estimated 500 meters (1500 feet) into the air.

A civilian onlooker, said, "That whoever was in control of the craft made a deliberate effort to take it away from the naval ships and the shoreline before it went into the harbor." One Sovremini Class Destroyer was lightly damaged by flying debris, but, so far, no casualties have been reported. Radiation levels at the site, are high, but the source of the radiation, as well as it's nature, have yet to be determined. Russian authorities, from the Ministry of Health, are quick to point out that the radiat/ion levels are not dangerous, simply "higher than normal." So far, debris recovered have been small, averaging less than a meter (just over three feet) in diameter, at the largest. Most debris recovered, to date, have been what appear to be "skin material" of an unknown alloy, and interior bracing and piping, composed of a very high grade and extremely pure aluminum. All metal debris have been dispatched to various institutes and universities for analysis, including the prestigious Bauman Institute of Eng/ineering, in Moscow, and the Moscow State University School of Metallurgy. It is considered highly doubtful that any significant remains of crew, if, in fact, the vehicle was piloted, will be recovered. "This looks like your basic 'hair, teeth and eyeballs' situation, one Russian Navy diver said, somewhat grimly. It is interesting to note that, in spite of the high speed at which the craft was traveling, and it's extremely low altitude, there was no characteristic "sonic boom" associated with it's approa/ch, and no noticeable vibration on the ground. This has led many observers, especially those associated with the Russian military establishment to speculate that the propulsion system of the craft was based on some sort of "antigravity" device. "Whatever it was," said one Russian Naval Captain, "it was certainly not one of our craft, and I am also not aware of anything of this sort being present in the West." The immediate area of the crash will be dredged, starting in the next several days.

The entire episode is noteworthy in that it was not only captured on videotape by an RTR news crew, but was instantly aired, not only on RTR, but on all major Russian Network television, via a live feed from the RTR crew, in Kaliningrad. Updates have followed on each regular news broadcast, since the initial downing. Russian Government officials are quick to point out that the downing was, in fact, accidental, and not a "shoot down."

Divers, however, report that the water in the vicinity of the crash is, in fact, noticeably, several degrees warmer than normal. The water surrounding the crash site is, understandably, reported to be "murky" with extremely poor visibility. This leads many of the divers and supervisory personnel to speculate that at least one relatively large fragment might exist. Wintersteel enjoys a very good relationship with the Russian Navy, as well as with the mainstream Russian media, and will be posting photograph/s of the site, and debris recovered, as soon as they become available. Thanks to Skywatch International and James Chorton, Wintersteel,
http://wintersteel.homestead.com/UFO_Crash_Ru.html.

Editor's Note: It seems a crash of this magnitude would be reported world wide. It seems that if we wanted to obtain intelligence on the Russian fleet, satellites would have been used rather than a low flying craft. The Russians and the US are thought to own craft of this description.

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I'm looking for any comments you guys might have about her case. If anyone has read Budd Hopkins book "Witnessed" "The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge Abductions" You might notice her account seems to lend support to the "Baby Ann" Theory of this book. Let me know if you came to the same conclusions as I did.

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Hello Listerions,

I was reading a review of a particular book and it had a link to the book's publisher, Carolina Academic Press. After reading the promotion for the book I was interested in I decided to see what other titles they publish. Within the anthropology titles I came across the book "Supernatural Enemies". It was a surprise and I have not read it but I wonder if it may be of use to those who are studying abductions.

Josh

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In view of the present fascination with the supernatural and with visitors from outer space, *Supernatural Enemies* offers a timely, wide-ranging study of supernatural enemies in artistic, literary and popular traditions. Its coverage ranges from beliefs of the Ancient World and the lore of the Middle Ages in Europe to modern traditions about killer clowns among Scottish children, sightings of the Black Dog in East Anglia, and beliefs in supernatural abduction. *Supernatural Enemies* contains sections on Gods, Demons and Ogres, Animals and Monsters, Witches and Deceivers, and Pursuers and Abductors.

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Greek Ufologists?

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Fwd Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 23:18:01 -0400
Subject: Greek Ufologists?

Does anyone have e-mail addresses for Greek researchers?

Thank You

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Russian UFO Crash Photo?

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Re: Russian UFO Crash Photo? - McCoy

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Fwd Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2003 07:41:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian UFO Crash Photo? - McCoy

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>Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 01:58:49 -0300
>Subject: Russian UFO Crash Photo?

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Hello, all.

The first photo could not have been taken in 1940. The Tank in the picture is a late model T-34, darn good tank, but not of the 1940 vintage, the manhole cover, or voga hubcap is suspect too.

My late father in law, had seen a T-34 in action in the Balkans. He was glad he didn't have to fight it with the Sherman. This was in late 1944.

GT McCoy

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Re: Russian UFO Crash Photo? - Gutierrez

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Fwd Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2003 09:32:59 -0400
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>Subject: Russian UFO Crash Photo?

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Hi all, hi Eustaquio,

I don't know about the first photo, but I can tell you the 2 photographs with the caption "Another UFO crash in Russia, but in 1967", are taken from a document made by the French documentary maker Jean-Teddy Philippe few years ago, and released on the French TV Arte (our cultural tv).

It was supposed to be the demonstration that anybody could make a film like the famous Roswell autopsy film, and it was shown during a TV show about extraterrestrial life (mainly about the SETI program). The guests were Pierre Lagrange (French sociologist), Jean-Jacques Velasco (I guess you know him!), Henri Broch (French mediasceptic), etc.

The 2 photographs on this website are from the beginning of this hoax-movie. The main part is about pieces of alien corpses, shoot on a table in a tent, in the middle of the forest, with some unammed Russians around it.

Jean-Teddy Philippe is known in France for his wonderfull little "Forbidden Documents", a bunch of so-called real amateur videos about paranormal phenomenon: a baby with psychic powers, a human-like alien filmed by the US secret service, in a house, while Apollo is landing on the Moon, a mysterious sorcerer in a desert, some strange diver able to stay below water for 30 min., cyborgmen in an old Russian military base forgotten by their hierarchy, etc.

<http://www.cri.ch/di/default.html>

Regards,

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Re: Russian UFO Crash Photo? - Aldrich

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Fwd Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2003 09:34:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian UFO Crash Photo? - Aldrich

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Do you have an uncropped photo? My first guess is that this is a piece of Soviet military engineering equipment shown from an unusual angle. In any case, the the quality of the photo is so poor it proves nothing.

Did you know that Attila the Hun had a crashed saucer? From the superior technology he was able to glean from it, he beat the Roman Empire! After that, he flew to South America in his balsa wood and metal saucer with the tricycle landing gear and became king of the Incas and later retired to a small estate on Planet X.

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Statements Against UFOs By Scientists

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Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2003 02:14:58 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2003 11:02:30 -0400
Subject: Statements Against UFOs By Scientists

To All:

Do you know of anyone who has collected statements by scientists against the reality of UFOs? (Such as the usual bigotry of Carl Sagan, Isaac Azimov, etc.)

I have collected about 200 quotations of this type, but it has taken more than ten years to do so, and I would appreciate help in finding more.

Any advice you may offer will be welcome.

Ken Kelly

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Re: Court Ruling Keeps Documents Confidential -

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2003 6:49:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2003 11:08:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Court Ruling Keeps Documents Confidential -

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2003 12:40:27 -0400
>Subject: Re: Court Ruling Keeps Documents Confidential

>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2003 16:11:09 -0300
>>Subject: Court Ruling Keeps Documents Confidential

>>Source: The Washington Times

>><http://washingtontimes.com/national/20030417-69509372.htm>

>>NEVADA-CARSON CITY - April 17, 2003 - A federal appeals court
>>has refused to open confidential documents that might reveal if
>>substances handled at the secret Air Force Base at Area 51 were
>>hazardous.

>>The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals this week upheld the
>>decision of U.S. District Judge Philip Pro, who released
>>transcripts of hearings but with classified information blacked
>>out.

>>Five workers and the widows of two former employees filed suit
>>saying they were exposed to toxic fumes at the base.

>These people lost family members while they were working in
>service to their nation and now they are being left to dangle in
>the wind by the very same government institutions that their
>loved ones sacrificed their lives serving.

>What an amazing reward for service above and beyond the
>call of duty.

>One of Bill Clinton's last presidential acts before leaving office
>was to make sure that anything connected to Area 51 remained
>sealed and out of public view. It was this very same lawsuit by
>the families of the former employees of Area 51 that prompted
>it.

<snip>

>All this blasted secrecy is destroying us as a nation and as a
>democracy. Between all the secrecy and the unbelievable amount
>of media control, there is little difference between America
>circa 2003 and the USSR/Pravda circa 1953.

<snip>

Hi John,

I agree this is a sordid little episode. The US government may
have good reason to keep certain things about the substances
used at Area 51 secret. At the very least the govt ought to
provide treatment and other help without admitting liability. I
don't expect that to happen.

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Re: Russian UFO Crash Photo? - Stanford

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I would call it an outright fake photo. It seems to me that if anything that interesting were nearby, the photographer would have pretty well centered the crashed object in the field of view, not off to one side.

There appear to be other problems with allegations that the photo is genuine, but I don't have time for an in-depth treatise just now.

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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Raelians On Cloning & UFOs

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<http://www.dailycardinal.com/news/423634.html?mkey=323350>

Raelians discuss cloning, human life

By Andrea Forgianni and Maeghan Killeen

Speaking to an audience of more than 300 at Memorial Union Tuesday evening, representatives of the Raelian Movement and Clonaid explained the science behind human cloning, the beliefs of the Raelians and UFO evidence that supports the beliefs of the Raelians and human cloning work done at Clonaid.

According to the Raelians, the Elohim, "the people who came from the sky," created all life on earth and whose messengers include the founders of some of the world's major religions. The founder of the movement, Rael, claims to have spoken with the aliens in 1973 when they told him to spread their message and build an embassy for their return.

"They created humans in their own image. They sent us messengers to guide us through the ages," said Marc Letournau, a Raelian representative.

Clonaid is the human cloning company that, on Dec. 27, 2002, announced the birth of the first cloned baby. Thomas Kaenzig, vice president of Clonaid, announced they have produced five cloned children and 20 more are on the way. One of the cloned children was created from bone marrow cells taken from a donor that had died four months earlier, according to Kaenzig.

"Yes, we are playing God, us scientists on Earth," Kaenzig said.

The two groups claim to be separate entities, but have similar interests. The Raelians believe eternal life can be achieved through transferring memories and personality to a clone that has undergone an accelerated growth process.

"It's going to happen much faster than people think," said Kaenzig.

Once their memory transfer process is perfected, the Raelians plan to establish life on another planet with humans in their own image, according to Letournau.

"The human beings we create will think we're gods," Letournau said.

Audience members showed a mixture of skepticism and interest in what Kaenzig and Letournau had to say. A question-and-answer session in which the Raelians' beliefs and Clonaid's practices were challenged followed the presentation. Discussion continued in small groups with the speakers after the question-and-answer session.

Some UW-Madison students who donned aluminum foil hats remained unconvinced.

"I think it's likely that there are extraterrestrials, I just haven't seen any evidence," graduate student Luke Jasenosky said. "I was coming here to see if they could have a sense of humor about what they were doing. They both seemed like they were just going through the motions."

Others expressed optimism, but remained skeptical of the philosophies.

"It was like your basic 12-year-old mentality," said graduate student David Peal. "Being scientists, we all have a spark in us that wants to believe."

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