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>>Subject: STS-48 Video Revisited

>>STS-48 Video Revisited: "Proof" Of Its Prosaic Nature Maybe
>>Isn't Proof

>>Mark Carlotto has posted an article I wrote concerning what I
>>think are some new insights into the STS-48 video, gained by
>>directly confronting what Jim Oberg presented as the best
>>evidence for a prosaic explanation. The paper is at:

>><http://www.newfrontiersinscience.com/index.shtml>

>Thanks for the opportunity to look over your study on why a few
>seconds apparent discrepancies in events occurring at 8 km/sec
>on a manned spacecraft should be considered evidence for a
>planned sunrise ETI encounter in orbit.

><http://www.newfrontiersinscience.com/Members/v02n02/a/NFS0202a.shtml>

I don't recall stating that as a conclusion in the paper.
Perhaps Mr. Oberg is confusing what I wrote with something else
he read somewhere.

>I believe that you either misunderstood - or I did not explain
>adequately - a number of key points which leads me to conclude
>that your mathematical manipulations were a waste of time.

Nobody can fault Mr. Oberg for his mastery of verbal
manipulations; they should be enough to convince anyone of the
correctness of his theory -- as long as they don't bother to
read what I wrote beyond what he cut and pasted into his reply.

>"Oberg argues that the coincidence is sufficiently close to
>establish a causal relationship between the rocket firing and
>the movement of the objects; only small debris close to the
>spacecraft could be affected by the rocket exhaust."

>Beyond that, I drew attention - but perhaps not in documents
>that Mr. Fleming had access to - to the compelling coincident
>that one of the drifting objects (not the 'main' object) that
>'appeared' at the computed sunrise time REMAINED IN VIEW
>CONTINUOUSLY and then zigged its direction of moment at the
>precise time of the RCS thruster firing. It thus forms a causal
>bridge between 'become-visible-at-local-sunrise' and 'shuttle-
>emits-exhaust-plume' - or it beggers the appeal to coincidence
>even further.

Over half the article was concerned with explaining why there is
no evidence that the rockets fired at the "precise" time that
flash of light occurred, and no object made any radical changes

in course until after it did. I don't know what Mr. Oberg means by "precise," since he's never written anything that suggests he did any precise measurements on the video. Did he use a frame-grabbing program so he could run the video frame by frame like I did? He never has said. I get the impression that he just popped the video into his VCR, maybe ran it in slow-motion, and then decided his "coincidences" were close enough for government work.

Orbital sunrise was a process that takes over 30 seconds, the time being doubled by atmospheric refraction. There were no objects visible until after the 30-second long process of sunrise was completed and therefore no causal connection between sunrise and the appearance of the objects. It's a very shaky bridge Mr. Oberg wants people to cross.

>"According to Oberg, a momentary imbalance in the oxidizer and >propellant mixture could have briefly caused the otherwise >invisible rocket exhaust to appear as a flame visible to the >video camera when the exhaust gases entered its field of view. "

>Not exactly - I don't recall using the word 'flame' and if I >did it was inappropriately. The visible flicker is interpreted >as incandescent exhaust PLUME, a feature of RCS thrusters that >is very commonly observed - and videotaped - at night on STS >missions. For Mr. Fleming to argue (below) that this particular >flicker was of some DIFFERENT nature than the hundreds of other >flickers that I and my MCC colleagues routinely observed is not >credible, especially as he makes no mention of the existence of >all of these other plume-cause-flickers.

I'm curious as to what difference Mr. Oberg thinks exists between an "incandescent exhaust plume" and a "flame." To the ignorant layman, they are the same. The only difference I can discern is a layer of technical jargon. It seems a little late in the season for this much snow. A flame from a downward-pointing thruster is not going to contribute to lens flare caused by sunlight reflecting off an antenna on the opposite end of the spacecraft. Mr. Oberg needs to explain why an "incandescent plume" would.

>"Oberg's case appears undeniably strong, but it is completely >dependent on how accurately NASA personnel set the video >camera's clock. To date, there has been nothing offered to >verify this clock's accuracy. "

>Here is an example of a classic 'argument from ignorance' - >that is, to say that since the author himself does not know a >fact, he is free to assume a different fact as equally likely to >be true. The timing signals on STS come from special equipment - >- the Master Timing Unit - and there is no requirement that >some human has to manually set a clock. This is a fact that Mr. >Fleming could easily have ascertained - that he chose NOT to do >so, but to use instead a convenient 'assumption', weakens his >argument considerably.

I'm afraid that it's Mr. Oberg who argues from ignorance of what's clearly presented in the paper, which he apparently didn't read very carefully. The time display I used was a VIDEO CLOCK DISPLAY that increments fractional seconds by 1/30 of a second. It was certainly not the Master Timing Unit, unless NASA uses a video camera for its time-keeping needs. Oberg avoids addressing the problem of the dual time display altogether, I see. The other time display shows fractional seconds in decimal format and incremented in milliseconds. That looks more like it could have been a readout from some master timing unit. If I wanted to make assumptions that favor my "preferred" conclusion, I would have assumed that the decimal time display was the correct one and was from the Master Timing Unit, accurate to the millisecond. The light flash occurred two seconds prior to the thruster firing if that clock is to be believed.

Unless Mr. Oberg is making the extraordinary claim that effects can precede their causes in time, the decimal clock display would have been proof that the light flash and the response of the objects to it were not caused by any thruster firing. It certainly would have saved me going through trouble of demonstrating that the video clock display was probably inaccurate. I chose that video clock display over the more precise-looking decimal clock because assuming the video clock was the more correct one favors Mr. Oberg's theory, not any

theory of mine. I made all my assumptions exactly opposite to the way Mr. Oberg falsely accuses me of making them.

There are two time displays that don't agree with each other on the video copy that NASA sent to me. They differ by over two seconds with each other. Rather than tossing out false accusations, Mr. Oberg should tell us which of them we are supposed to believe is the "correct" one. Or does the video copy he has show yet another time that doesn't agree with either of the times displayed on the copy that I have?

>"Developing a method to accurately compute the setting times of
>stars viewed from the vantagepoint of STS-48 was by far the most
>time-consuming and difficult verification task. "
>
>It's impressive, truly, the amount of effort used for this, but
>there is one glaring omission to the activity. Once Mr. Fleming
>had obtained an algorithm whose results he apparently liked, he
>shows no process by which he validated the accuracy of that
>algorithm against checkable data. He found the algorithm to be
>internally consistent, but showed no external consistency with
>real data.

Good grief! I spent a huge amount of time boring people with all the different ways I tested the validity of the algorithm against "checkable data," including a recent TLE for the International Space Station. Apparently, Mr. Oberg doesn't like the results I got, so feels that more checking is necessary.

>"This difference cannot be attributed to the effects of the
>collision avoidance maneuver, which according to Adamo, was
>accomplished by a thruster firing that changed the shuttle's
>velocity by only two feet per second (0.61 m/s). The time
>elapsed between the Orbit 44 sunrise and the collision avoidance
>maneuver was 4.2 hours. Assuming that the shuttle was at the
>downtrack position predicted by the Orbit-36 vector at the time
>of the collision avoidance maneuver, the error in the shuttle's
>position at the time of Orbit-44 sunrise predicted by the Orbit-
>46 post-burn vector should be about 9 km. "

>Mr. Fleming seems to have made the assumption that an orbiting
>satellite's change in position relative to its former flight
>path is linear, based on a change in velocity. That is, a change
>in speed of 1 ft/sec would result in it being 3600 ft away from
>where it otherwise WOULD have been, an hour later, if it hadn't
>made the maneuver. But this is far from true, because the
>satellite is in orbit, not on a flat frictionless surface, and
>the laws of orbital mechanics apply - not the simplifying
>assumptions that Mr. Fleming would like to substitute.

I think I made it clear that was just an approximation. Mr. Adamo's TLE is inconsistent with the officially-released TLE. The predicted shuttle position based on the Orbit-36 vector was no more than 5km away from the position at which it would have been based on a prediction for a TLE closer in time to the events. If it were farther away than that, a new vector would have been issued. Those are the rules as I understand them, at least. And as I pointed out, there was little difference between the pre-burn and post-burn vectors compared to the large disagreement between the vector Adamo computed eight years after the fact with both of the officially-released vectors. I'm not an expert on orbital mechanics, so I'll have to assume that the official vectors are correct and Adamo made a mistake unless proven otherwise.

>"An analysis by the author indicated that stars of Polaris'
>magnitude should have been visible in the STS-48 video at
>altitudes greater than about 13.4 km under normal conditions,
>leaving most of the video time differences between the video
>times of star disappearances and predicted horizon transits
>unaccounted for. Under normal circumstances, the stratosphere,
>which begins above 16 km, is quite transparent in comparison to
>the lower atmosphere. "
>
>These appear to be assumptions that support the 'consequent',
>the point to be proved, without any independent verification
>they actually coincide with reality.

Mr. Oberg's response here is meaningless and the accusation is false.

>"What did cause it [the 'flicker']? It may seem difficult to
>imagine what else besides flames from a thruster entering the
>camera field of view could have created a flash of light in the
>vacuum of space... It seems very unlikely that the "back-
>splashed" flame from the small attitude control thrusters
>proposed by Oberg could be responsible."

>Again, I don't think 'flame' has anything to do with it - I
>think the flicker here is of the same nature of the hundreds of
>flickers seen on STS video, and that is, glowing plume.

Before it was an "incandescent plume," and now it's just
"flicker." But Mr. Oberg still doesn't explain why a plume,
flame, or flicker, should have anything to do with lens flare.

>"Figure 7. Sketch of approximate lighting geometry that produced
>the lens flare seen in upper left corner of the STS-48 video. "

>My own geometric assessment shows an entirely different relative
>alignment of the sun and the shuttle.

Then Mr. Oberg needs to publish an illustration that explains
why there's any significant difference from the alignment I
surmised that would transmogrify an exhaust plume/flame/flicker
into lens flare.

>"Quite apart from the objects seen in the video, this light
>flash remains an unexplained and remarkable anomaly. "

>Hundreds and hundreds of them? I don't think so.

Hundreds and hundreds of lens flare events created by thrusters?
I don't think so.

>"The shuttle attitude rate-error chart obtained by Oberg
>indicates that there were 5 thruster firings in a 6-minute time
>span that includes the light flash --one firing every 120
>seconds on average. "

>These were not 'equal' trials, because they were thruster
>firings on different regions of the shuttle and were not visible
>from this camera.

Oberg's pin-ball machine theory of bouncing thrust doesn't make
a very compelling case that the particular thrusters in question
(pointing 90 degrees away from the camera's line of sight) are
any more likely than any others to produce lens flare by
reflected light from an antenna mounted on the opposite end of
the shuttle. A thruster firing at the front end would actually
be more plausible, since they'd be by the antenna that
supposedly reflected the sunlight (although not very much more
plausible).

>"A similar video sequence taken on the STS-80 shuttle mission
>was, if anything, even more remarkable."

>And I've published a report that shows it is identical in terms
>of lighting - sunrise, shadowing, etc - with STS-48. I agree
>the two phenomena are related.

Yes, but the difference is that the STS-80 video shows a
symmetrically structured object that does not tumble like a
debris particle likely would but does move around in a
remarkable fashion that would be even harder to explain by any
sort of rocket thrust than the objects in the STS-48 video. Mr.
Oberg is aware of this object's existence, but prefers to
concentrate on the STS-48 video, which doesn't show any objects
large enough to be resolved by the camera. The flaws in his STS-
48 theory seem slightly fatal, in my opinion. The degree of
fatality is even greater for the STS-80 video.

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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

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Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 00:18:17 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 07:41:40 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

I am disappointed that Mr Hale and Mr Burns have focused on my comments as a personal attack on UFO Magazine UFO investigator of the year Sharon Larkin.

There may be substantial evidence of this UK ufologist being caught red-handed in several attempts to gain noteriety in the ufological domain via the common falsehood of the imaginary witness or pure X-FILES fantasy and fabrication.

The ETH DNA..

...and I`m sure Mr Adamski , Mr Menger and Mr Meier were jolly nice chaps who would delight in remeniscing their X-files experiences.

Regards,

Chris Parr

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Goldstein

From: **Josh Goldstein** <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 06:28:49 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 07:48:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Goldstein

>From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
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>Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2003 20:12:14 -0700
>Subject: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>More on the so-called Russian UFO crash.....

><http://www.coasttocoastam.com/shows/2003/04/29.html#ufo>

>Please...

>In the meantime, enjoy the last addition to the UFO Hall of
>Shame and welcome the latest inductees Rael, Linda Howe,
>Nancy.Lieder, and others...

><http://www.ufowatchdog.com/hall5.html>

Hi Royce.

I was going to e-mail you yesterday to see if Dennis Bossack is unworthy enough to grace a gallery in your museum. I next saw this post of yours.

As I've told you a few times in the past, thanks for doing a great job nailing UFO poseurs born with faulty genes who were/are damaging what is left of the study of UFOs and bilking those poor folks in the public who are born with chronic gullibility illness.

Your new website design is also great. You now have five galleries and this version of the whole site is a step up overall.

Bravo!

Man, you are creating a MAJOR MUSEUM.

One highlight for me was reading your "The Aliens" story again. It's been a long time and I certainly enjoyed it once more.

This time I experienced a jolt of my Kundalini and a new idea was born in my brain. The lightbulb in my head has not burned out because it suddenly lit up with the visual candlepower of standing between two surplus 60" WWII anti-aircraft searchlights. One was pointing in each eye with the mating of the carbon rods emitting a total of 2 zillion candlepower.

What if the real reasons for there being so many wacky people in this field is something not yet discussed here?

What if it is more than faulty genes or brain damage?

We have spoken about how our own government has used a plan of debunking by making the UFO issue appear worthless and ridiculous. What if has not been them alone?

What if the aliens have a very good cover to hide their real presence here on earth. What if they are the ones to stir up

trouble and make Ufology look silly? Could it be THEM?

Maybe their only real way of connecting with humans is through performing abductions. Their ships sometimes get seen but it is a limited risk you have to take to in order to grab a human subject. They are only _so_ advanced.

What if the government refuses to disclose the evidence that aliens advanced ahead of us earthlings would already know how to barbecue on their ships? Maybe the parts from cattle mutes are a delicacy at the top of the alien BBQ menu?

Who knows how it started? Maybe an alien ship once came and accidentally started inhaling BBQ smoke. The good stuff, the sweet and intoxicating aroma of Mesquite charcoal.

Maybe that is when the aliens developed the equipment in the ship? It also was probably the first time they tasted salsa on top of nacho chips with a San Miguel dark beer inside the saucer.

As someone once asked a great sage:

on his knees

Oh Great Sage, why are the aliens here?

It's the food, stupid!

Have you seen the skinny bodies on those grays?

When they first started to receive television from Earth, from the USA, they saw how fatter and happier the American people were getting to be. They first sent probes that used their strongest sense organs, the proboscis with the sense of smell. The food all over the world smelled pretty good. That led them to come here to Earth and to study who these creatures were who could concoct so many aroma orgies.

So began the abductions. I have heard from a disreputable source that Mc Donalds has a special school at Area 51 where aliens are being trained in how to run franchises on their home planets. It is just like we will be doing with the Iraqis.

Do you want to get rich? Over time both Iraq and Iran will pass through their transitions and will become franchise heaven. If you jump on it now you can gobble up spots in Baghdad. I can't do it because I am Jewish but think about this>You could buy some property now at depressed prices throughout Baghdad. You can be the one to open the first franchise in Baghdad along with many franchises. Then you can let it run itself, pick your island and new girlfriend. Divide your life in equal parts Ufology and Intersteller lovemaking.

We who are the most committed can together make saucer shaped UFO Lambburgers within round pita bread plus all kinds of goodies on top. Together we can take off rapidly as these Iraqis have no conception of franchising

If you are willing to live within a small discipline and regiment your lives you can be first. I have perfected a method so you can be the first to arrive at your own island. I can personally teach this method to the _one_ person who first shows enough commitment. You can be the first person who has a crack at an island. The first person who can demonstrate enough commitment to send a course fee of a modest \$10,000 will have the course personally taught by me, the messenger.

- single women - photos required
plus airfare and food

There are many islands in these new uncharted oceans of capitalism emerging within Iraq and later Iran. As with anything else in life, the faster you stake your claim the more you get. With the GI's, all the western aid groups people, the foreign UN folks, Iraqis wanting food, they are so hungry for franchised food as something new and hip for the Iraqi people and as reminders from home for all those other people I named. Only I can reveal to you what you need to go there and end up forever on your own island.

Royce, what do you think? Does that stuff off the top of my head sound devious enough? Do I someday have a chance at getting into one of your galleries?

There is a problem. It is that I like myself and enjoy the harmony and happiness of that. To capitalize from that kind of BS I would have to sell my soul. That makes a real hell, splitting yourself with one part hating the other part for going so low. I'll never put myself in that position.

Another thing I liked on "The Aliens" was the alien photo. It is interesting that it is shaded around the alien's top of his neck to conceal the line at the top of the neck where the "alien" headpiece had a seam between it and the top of the neck. The position of the light and the alien's head position preclude such shadowing, as evidenced by the man in the photograph.

Oh well,

Josh

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Strange Memphis UFO Case Still Unsolved

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 08:04:19 -0400
Subject: Strange Memphis UFO Case Still Unsolved

Source: WREG TV - Memphis Tennessee

<http://www.wreg.com/Global/story.asp?S=1258261>

Are We Alone?

Strange Memphis UFO Case Still Unsolved

04/30/03

By: Dennis Turner

Prospect Park - Lamar Todd always thought UFO's were the stuff of science fiction. "As far as UFO sightings and all that, I normally wasn't a believer, no." he said. That is, until he had two 'close encounters of his own in Memphis during the 1970's.

Lamar Todd isn't just any UFO observer either, he's a Memphis police Captain, who served in the elite TACT squad. His first encounter came in about 1973, in South Memphis. He saw a strange light in the sky. "I stopped, stepped out of my car and looked up. I could see the light myself, but there was no helicopter noise..." Todd described. He later learned Memphis Police had grounded it's choppers for the night.

But about that same time, the police radio's crackled with sightings to the north. "advising there are police officers at THP station observing a Unidentified Flying Object." said the dispatcher. "It's trying to land behind Plough incorporated. It's flashing red blue and green looks like it's trying to look for a landing area." said an unidentified officer on the scene at Jackson and Warford.

The sighting faded into memory until 4 years later. Again, Todd, this time with partner Jerry Jeter see something at night along 240 and Norris. "My partner Jerry Jeter took a scoped rifle out of the truck we were driving, and pointed at it so we could get a better look and the craft moved off to the north." Todd explained.

Three other TACT squad officers saw the same thing over power lines near the north precinct.

Lots of people see things they can't explain, but for it to happen to a group of highly trained police officers... well that IS unusual. Even now, no one can explain what the officers saw, nor can they explain how the object disappeared just as suddenly as it appeared in the first place.

Scientists say they can easily explain many UFO sightings . "So far as we know, these are the only alien visitors the earth has had?" I asked as we looked over the collection of meteors at the Pink Palace Museum. They say meteors, weather balloons and even crash test dummies can explain many sightings. Besides, they argue, such tentative sightings just don't make sense. "It would have to be a major event for them come here. I cannot imagine them coming here and walking around and saying 'hey, nice place.' and then leaving... or you know, 'oh, here's supper

Let's take it home!" said Bill Cupo who helped found a Memphis astronomy group.

But all jokes aside, even scientists believe there is life out there... many just doubt aliens have made the trip. Lamar Todd says his sighting 26 years ago made a believer out of him. "Yeah, I'm more of a believer now, than I used to be. I'm not as cynical any more." he said.

Captain Todd says he's keeping an open mind, because even the US government has yet to explain all of even the best documented UFO cases, including the one in Memphis in May of 1977.

Dennis Turner NewsChannel 3.

[UFO UpDates thanks Chaz Stuart for the lead]

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Re: SCI FI Channel Statement - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 02:18:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 12:54:07 -0400
Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement - Groff

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2003 22:15:21 +0000
>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement

<snip>

>Michel, Tom, and Listers:

>Within the past few days I received a letter from an outfit
>called "First Television" in Los Angeles, Calif., stating that
>they were producing a new show called "Unexplained Mysteries"
>which (they said) "is an updated version of 'Sightings'." They
>enclosed a release form which they asked me to sign so they
>could use one (unspecified) of the many "Sightings" interviews I
>did in the past. "Sightings" always treated me fairly, and
>generally did good quality work on their UFO segments.

>I have declined to sign the release on several grounds,
>primarily no offer of compensation and objections to their
>request for carte blanche permission to do anything they damn
>well please with the interview(s) I did 5 or more years ago
>while I have no say whatsoever about which one(s), how they are
>edited, or what context they are placed in. Sorry, I am no
>longer contributing freebies to profit-making outfits who
>exploit me as they please and allow me nothing in return. They
>seem to think that I (we) should be pleased to appear on their
>programs regardless of any other considerations, but they are
>very wrong at least in my case.

I think it's a wise move to decline signing especially since they offered no proof that they were affiliated with "Sightings" in any way. I would wait until they specify which interview they're going to use and the manner in which they will use it. I would also negotiate a "first refusal" right in case they try to use your material in a manner not approved by you.

Terry Groff

<http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>

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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

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Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 20:52:39 +1000
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 12:56:04 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

>From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@ntlworld.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2003 18:01:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

>>From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2003 21:44:34 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

>>I see after my absence that some things do not change. I just
>>wondered if it was the choice of Sharon Larkin as investigator
>>of the year by UFO mag UK that Mr Parr disagrees with?

>Good to see you back on UpDates, no doubt there is a lot of
>reading to do at your end, concerning missed debates <g>!

>Yes, as far as I am concerned, people knocking UFO Magazine are
>more than obliged to do so, but if UFO Mag UK closes, what's
>left, for UFO public reading?

>It just gets me that if someone who is Pro-ETH, wins an award,
>there is hell to pay! But give an award to someone who denies
>all areas of ETH research, then the roses come out, and they are
>patted on the back, as "good old boy's" that they are!

You can purchase the Australasian Ufologist Magazine from Bob Girard of Arcturus Books Inc in Florida. Ph 561 3980796. With contributions from authors and researchers such as Bill Chalker, Keith Basterfield, Bruce Maccabee, Scott Corrales and others, its good reading and worth the cost. Will keep you up to date with whats happening in Australia, New Zealand and the world.

Cheers

Robert Frola

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Re: UFOs Over Cuba? - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 09:10:43 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 12:59:28 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba? - Gevaerd

>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <v.s.o@prodigy.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2003 11:12:08 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba?

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2003 06:49:51 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba?

>>>From: Santiago Yturria <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2003 23:12:48 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba?

>>>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2003 20:05:35 -0300
>>>>Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba?

><snip>

>>I wonder if we could have any Cuban dissident living anywhere
>>else other than the island? Of course, speaking freely about UFO
>>incidents there.

>To all,

>
>I have been collecting Cuban UFO reports & experiences dating
>back to 1932.

>
>Most of them from exiles, like myself, fleeing the Island. Most of
>these reports cannot be verified.

>
>Last month, one of them gave me a copy of a rare UFO documentary
>made on the Island, title: OVNI's en Cuba? (UFOs, in Cuba?),
>1997, by Octavio Cortazar, Armando Linares and Hugo Parrado
>Frances.

>
>The documentary is in Spanish and covers interviews with eye
>witnesses, sightings, UFO landing, hypnotic regression of an
>abduction/missing time case, a robot-entity, aliens, etc.,
>covering the past 10 years of UFO phenomenon on the Island.

>Of course, I already sent some material to Thiago for his
>article.

Dear Dr. Sanchez-Ocejo.

Is there any chance that you may know what is Castro's thoughts
on UFOs and extraterrestrial life? I wonder if he, as a world
leader (despite being a dictator), would have information on the
subject, as I believe that most people in his position would.
And if so, has he ever expressed publicly or privately what is
his views about it?

Also, I remember that when we met in Bras=EDlia, 1983, you gave me
a signed copy of your book UFOs From Undersea, for which I thank

you again. It covers the very interesting Filiberto Cardena's case. I was wondering if has this case any new development or have you any new info about the "people" that visited the man?

The reason I ask is because most Brazilian cases of direct encounters with aliens in late the 70s and early 80s have an on-going situation. Several people taken from 1978 to 1983, or so, have been abducted some other times than the first one. Antonio Carlos Ferreira, for instance, was abducted over than 20 times until the late 80s. Most of his abductions were closely monitored by researchers and doctors.

Thanks for any help!

A. J.

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>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

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>I am disappointed that Mr Hale and Mr Burns have focused on my
>comments as a personal attack on UFO Magazine UFO investigator
>of the year Sharon Larkin.

Hello Mr Parr,

Firstly, I speak for myself, I am sure that Max does also, so
please let us not try to make " teams" out of this debate.

>There may be substantial evidence of this UK ufologist being
>caught red-handed in several attempts to gain notoriety in the
>ufological domain via the common falsehood of the imaginary
>witness or pure X-FILES fantasy and fabrication.

Please publicly put your evidence out to the World UFO
community, I take it you have been compiling this dossier on
Miss Larkin? If you feel that Miss Larkin has done Ufology a
great dis service, then by all means place your cards on the
table, because I am sick to the back teeth of this in fighting,
seemingly brought about by a simple piece of moulded plastic. Or
is this something more deeper?

>The ETH DNA..

>...and I`m sure Mr Adamski , Mr Menger and Mr Meier were jolly
>nice chaps who would delight in reminiscing their X-files
>experiences.

You show a great history and awareness on cases which may or may
not have proved some significant step forward in relation to
contact case studies around the World, one must confess' you
seem quite hung up on target practice with named people? Would
you consider an attack on any sceptic within UFO History, on
which their theories you found just absurd? Or is do you
wholeheartedly agree with all sceptics and their complete
'Pelican & Venus' theories?

Roy..

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Re: STS-48 Video Revisited - Oberg

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 07:50:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 13:08:43 -0400
Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited - Oberg

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2003 21:48:22 -0500
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited

>Over half the article was concerned with explaining why there is
>no evidence that the rockets fired at the "precise" time that
>flash of light occurred, ...

The evidence was the time tag - and Fleming spent practically NO part of his study examining the source of that tag, he merely assumed it was invalid and then took this as a 'given'.

>I get the impression that he just popped
>the video into his VCR, maybe ran it in slow-motion, and then
>decided his "coincidences" were close enough for government work.

Mr. Fleming's 'impressions' are NOT evidence, it shouldn't be necessary to point out - and his treating them as such is more classical 'arguing from the consequent' fallacies. As for the snide comment on 'government work', it's actually not too far off (unwittingly), since the Pitts-Henize-Potter-Mulrooney examination of the video, as restated in NASA Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs Martin Kress's reply to Congresswoman Bentley on November 22, 1991, that the team concluded there was nothing extraordinary about the video: "The objects seen are Orbiter-generated debris, illuminated by the sun.... The flicker of light is the result of the firing of the attitude thrusters on the Orbiter, and the abrupt motions of the particles result from the impact of gas jets from the thrusters," and both Pitts and Potter (whom I have interviewed - I doubt Fleming has) described their own determination of the coincidence of the timing (Fleming shows how it is more easy to reject contrary evidence if you are careful to keep yourself from ever actually seeing it).

>Orbital sunrise was a process that takes over 30 seconds...

While there is certainly a limb brightening which precedes the appearance of the Sun, the illumination it provides is minor compared to the higher levels which begin abruptly when the solar disk clears the horizon. The sun is half a degree across, and the Shuttle's angular motion was 4 degrees per minute, so the full brightening - once it begins - takes about seven seconds. For the purposes of this study - the sudden surge of brightness of an illuminated object - the obvious physical event is the moment the solar disk first becomes visible, not halfway through it (an unmeasurable point from observation of object brightness alone).

>I'm curious as to what difference Mr. Oberg thinks exists
>between an "incandescent exhaust plume" and a "flame." To the
>ignorant layman, they are the same. The only difference I can
>discern is a layer of technical jargon.

Another classic 'argument from ignorance' - to say, "I don't understand this, therefore it can't be true." I rarely have seen such frequent appeals to the support of an arguers inability to understand technical terms as evidence FOR the validity of his

claims. In the classic usage that I employed, a 'flame' is a region of rapid oxidation of a fuel/air mixture, shaped by buoyancy forces in an atmosphere under a one-G acceleration field. An 'incandescent exhaust plume' is a flow field of superheated combustion residue in vacuum, created by combustion inside a thrust chamber and expelled in a mostly ballistic spray pattern determined by the physical shape of the nozzle and any other structure the plume encounters once it leaves the nozzle. I certainly have sympathy for anyone struggling to understand my own theories who openly admits he can't tell these two concepts apart _ but I also consequently give no weight to any deductions they allege, from the basis of this (and other) fundamental misunderstandings.

>It seems a little late in the season for this much snow.

I'm uncertain what Fleming intends this comment to prove, aside from inadvertently revealing his own ignorance about the widespread generation of 'snow', or 'ice crystals' (a careless term - they are rarely crystals, more often just amorphous ice) in the vicinity of space vehicles.

>A flame from a downward-pointing thruster is not going to contribute to lens flare caused by sunlight reflecting off an antenna on the opposite end of the spacecraft. Mr. Oberg needs to explain why an "incandescent plume" would.

It is Mr. Fleming's assertion that the flicker on the left of the screen is a 'lens flare', not mine, so his complaint that I have not provided support for HIS argument is strange, to say the least. As to why a down-pointing thruster can create plume in the field-of-view of the side-pointed CCTV, that is a good question that has confused earlier serious researchers as well. Aside from the answer that 'it often DOES' (as confirmed by other examples at other times and missions), the physical explanation for it is not immediately obvious but is connected with the location of the thruster, high on the aft-mounted 'stinger' assembly. Both theoretical and measured thrust-induced rotation forces from these jets (and I helped prepare the documentation for this exact phenomenon, among many others, while working in Mission Control) shows that the down-pointed jets produce much less vehicle torque than side-pointed or up-pointed jets of equal thrust, mainly because a large portion of the plume (not the 'flame') impacts on shuttle structure such as the body flap, the wing elevon, and an engine bell. The plume bounce-back off these structures subtracts from the rotational force delivered to the shuttle body - and it has the additional consequence of bouncing incandescent plume into the field of view of a side-pointed payload bay camera. This is a physical reality that neither Carlotto nor Kasher were aware of, as far as I can tell. It fully accounts for both the visible flicker on the infamous video, and the change in motion of many - but not all - of the nearby drifting particles seen in that video.

>The time display I used was a VIDEO
>CLOCK DISPLAY that increments fractional seconds by 1/30
>of a second. It was certainly not the Master Timing Unit,
>unless NASA uses a video camera for its time-keeping needs.

A digital time, sourced from the shuttle's Master Timing Unit, along with camera parameters such as power, az/el angles, etc., is digitally encoded on the downlink video, and can be read and displayed in various formats which are not of significance. What is important is that the automated source of the time signal is a high-precision timer, not some fumble-fingered home-VCR setter.

>Oberg avoids addressing the problem of the dual time display
>altogether,

>I see.

True, since it's peripheral - at best - to the question of the ORIGIN and reliability of that time signal.

>There are two time displays that don't agree with each other on
>the video copy that NASA sent to me. They differ by over two
>seconds with each other. Rather than tossing out false
>accusations, Mr. Oberg should tell us which of them we are
>supposed to believe is the "correct" one. Or does the video copy
>he has show yet another time that doesn't agree with either of

>the times displayed on the copy that I have?

I've run into this line of arguing a lot, too. It goes like, 'OK, well maybe I have failed to do the homework required to establish MY argument, but OBERG has an obligation to do it FOR me. Even Carlotto used it in his JSR response to Wieder regarding thruster timing data - somehow his inability to access and present such data became MY failing.

>>Mr. Fleming seems to have made the assumption that an orbiting >>satellite's change in position relative to its former flight >>path is linear, based on a change in velocity. That is, a change >>in speed of 1 ft/sec would result in it being 3600 ft away from >>where it otherwise WOULD have been, an hour later, if it hadn't >>made the maneuver. But this is far from true, because the >>satellite is in orbit, not on a flat frictionless surface, and >>the laws of orbital mechanics apply - not the simplifying >>assumptions that Mr. Fleming would like to substitute.

>I think I made it clear that was just an approximation.

It is not EVEN 'an approximation', as Fleming admits he intended it to be - it is flat out WRONG.

>I'm not an expert on orbital mechanics, so I'll have to assume >that the official vectors are correct and Adamo made a mistake >unless proven otherwise.

This is absolutely priceless. Fleming admits he's not an expert, so he assumes that the real expert -- Adamo - is wrong until somebody proves differently to his satisfaction. Pardon me while I pick myself up off the floor....

>Before it was an "incandescent plume," and now it's just >"flicker." But Mr. Oberg still doesn't explain why a plume, >flame, or flicker, should have anything to do with lens flare.

The 'flicker' is the term I use for the optical effect, and 'incandescent plume' is the hypothesis I offer to explain the image - that's the difference, I tried to be cautious and precise in describing two different manifestations of what I argue is the same thing. As for my explaining what it has to do with a lens flare, my answer is, 'nothing' - that's Fleming's theory, which I believe is bogus.

>Then Mr. Oberg needs to publish an illustration that explains >why there's any significant difference from the alignment I >surmised that would transmogrify an exhaust plume/flame/flicker >into lens flare.

No, Mr. Fleming is not allowed to merely 'surmise' an alignment, he must publish an argument based on known orbital orientation and geometry, and shuttle pointing angles at that time, so provide PROOF for the authenticity of his claimed alignment. I see no evidence he has a clue to even begin going about this analysis.

>>Hundreds and hundreds of them? I don't think so.

>Hundreds and hundreds of lens flare events created by thrusters?

>I don't think so.

Nor does anyone else - these are hundreds and hundreds of flickers on video screens caused by plumes. That's the reality of space flight operations. Lens flares have nothing to do with it.

>Oberg's pin-ball machine theory of bouncing thrust doesn't make >a very compelling case that the particular thrusters in question >(pointing 90 degrees away from the camera's line of sight) are >any more likely than any others to produce lens flare by >reflected light from an antenna mounted on the opposite end of >the shuttle. A thruster firing at the front end would actually >be more plausible, since they'd be by the antenna that >supposedly reflected the sunlight (although not very much more >plausible).

It's not "MY" theory, it's the accepted interpretation of thruster data used as reference in space shuttle mission planning and on-console Mission Control operations - and again

Fleming tries to force the facts to his 'lens flare' theory with careless wording. And as I've argued, Fleming's arguments about what is 'plausible' to him are based on ignorance, often self-induced and deliberate, about the realities of space flight technology and operations.

Re STS-80:

>Yes, but the difference is that the STS-80 video shows a
>symmetrically structured object that does not tumble like a
>debris particle likely would but does move around in a
>remarkable fashion that would be even harder to explain by any
>sort of rocket thrust than the objects in the STS-48 video.

This is a 'conclusion', not a piece of raw evidence. I trust Story Musgrave's views on such general observations, too - normal shuttle-generated debris lit by the sun, exactly post-sunrise as with STS-48.

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Re: SCI FI Channel Statement - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 11:09:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 15:49:33 -0400
Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement - Velez

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2003 22:15:21 +0000
>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2003 01:11:20 -0400
>>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement

>>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2003 18:04:13 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement

>>>If I see any more sleezy shows like what I saw on Sci-Fi last
>>>week then I'll put Sci-Fi on my national "Do not call list"
>>>along with TLC, DSC, and any other network that burnt bridges
>>>all over the UFO community.

>>>That show on Tuesday was the worst piece of garbage ever put on
>>>TV in the history of television. It certainly made 'Plan 9 From
>>>Outer Space' the 2nd worst production of all time. I thought
>>>there were standards for putting shows on TV. The two images
>>>dissolved over each other made me want to puke. Even cable
>>>access TV would have turned down a terrible production like
>>>that. It is sad to see the Bionic Man stoop to such low levels
>>>to make a buck.

>>>Productions on Sci-Fi can only get better from here after they
>>>hit rock bottom.

>>>Why don't Sci-Fi bring back Sightings and Tim White?

>>I concur with Tom.

>>Bring back 'Sightings' and Tim White... the most top-notch and
>>un-paralleled reporting on the subject ever done on television,
>>so far... it's my all-time favorite "documentary" program.....

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>exploit me as they please and allow me nothing in return. They
>seem to think that I (we) should be pleased to appear on their
>programs regardless of any other considerations, but they are
>very wrong at least in my case.

Hi Dick,

Consider yourself lucky that they asked/consulted you at all!
Last month I was watching a series of UFO programs, one of which
was about abduction. Lo and behold, there I was. A five year old
videotaped interview had been transplanted from the original
program it had appeared in into this 'new' production.

Nobody asked my permission or even notified me. They just went
ahead and did what they pleased. My mistake was, I never took
the time to read the 'small print' (who does!) so I can't tell
you if I signed away the right for them to use those images in
that one production, or in perpetuity. They may have us all by
the short hairs if that is the case.

I respect the stand you have taken and I fully support you in
it. We all need to draw the line somewhere with these
exploitive nincompoops.

Regards,

John Velez

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Secrecy News -- 05/01/03

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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 15:52:36 -0400
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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2003, Issue No. 37
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It is not exactly a surprise, but it is now official: Domestic U.S. government surveillance of suspected foreign intelligence and terrorist targets under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) reached an all-time high in 2002.

According to the latest FISA annual report from the Department of Justice, "all 1228 applications presented to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court in 2002 were approved."

The report, from Attorney General Ashcroft, notes that two applications were initially denied in part but then later upheld on appeal to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review.

In 2001, 934 applications were approved.

The text of the April 29 letter report, released today under the Freedom of Information Act, is here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fisa/2002rept.html>

NEW ARCHIVAL RELEASES

New releases from the Public Record Office of the United Kingdom include "the Special Operations Executive (SOE) personnel file on Hardy Amies, former dressmaker to the Queen, and correspondence between Prime Minister Edward Heath and US President Richard Nixon on Vietnam." See:

<http://www.pro.gov.uk/releases/april2003/list.htm>

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Re: The Origins Of Biblical Tales - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 09:19:47 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 15:54:39 -0400
Subject: Re: The Origins Of Biblical Tales - Gehrman

>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2003 05:00:35 +0200
>Subject: Re: The Origins Of Biblical Tales

>>From: Jason Martell <Jason@Xfacts.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2003 18:26:05 -0700
>>Subject: The Origins Of Biblical Tales

>Of course my ancestors, the Canaanites (later the Hebrews)
>migrated from Ur in Mesopotamia to what is now Israel. They
>adapted many of the stories of the Mesopotamian myths into the
>writing of the old testament of the bible. My ancestors were
>even egotistical enough to claim that there was one God and they
>were the chosen people to receive Moses's covenant with this one
>anthropomorphic male God. Then, if one believes the old
>testament, they went around with that covenant and killed all
>the pagans, including women and children, who did not believe in
>the covenant. Unfortunately they twisted the mesopotamian basis
>of Genesis, Adam and Eve into guilt trips and formed a vengeful
>God to be appeased at all costs.

>Well, I'll be damned. :-) I don't even believe in my own
>religion and I am a happy heathen. Do Gods have to retire at a
>certain age? Maybe that is why they change over time? Do they
>die? Maybe the one God was just some kind of orphan after all
>the Mesopotamian Gods and Goddesses died? Are they buried
>somewhere beyond old clay tablets and old books?

Josh,

Good question:

http://nowscape.com/atheism/dead_gods.htm

H.L. Mencken

Where is the graveyard of dead gods? What lingering mourner
waters their mounds? There was a time when Jupiter was the king
of the gods, and any man who doubted his puissance was ipso
facto a barbarian and an ignoramus.

But where in all the world is there a man who worships Jupiter
today? And who of Huitzilopochtli? In one year - and it is no
more than five hundred years ago - 50,000 youths and maidens
were slain in sacrifice to him. Today, if he is remembered at
all, it is only by some vagrant savage in the depths of the
Mexican forest.

Huitzilopochtli, like many other gods, had no human father; his
mother was a virtuous widow; he was born of an apparently
innocent flirtation that she carried out with the sun. When he
frowned, his father, the sun, stood still. When he roared with
rage, earthquakes engulfed whole cities. When he thirsted he was
watered with 10,000 gallons of human blood. But today
Huitzilopochtli is as magnificently forgotten as Allen G.
Thurman.

.... Speaking of Huitzilopochtli recalls his brother Tezcatilpoca. Tezcatilpoca was almost as powerful; he consumed 25,000 virgins a year. Lead me to his tomb: I would weep, and hang a couronne des perles. But who knows where it is? Or where the grave of Quitzalcoatl is? Or Xiehtecuthli? Or Centeotl, that sweet one? Or Tlazolteotl, the goddess of love? Of Mictlan? Or Xipe? Or all the host of Tzitzimitles? Where are their bones? Where is the willow on which they hung their harps? In what forlorn and unheard-of Hell do they await their resurrection morn? Who enjoys their residuary estates?

Or that of Dis, whom Caesar found to be the chief god of the Celts? Of that of Tarves, the bull? Or that of Moccos, the pig? Or that of Epona, the mare? Or that of Mullo, the celestial jackass? There was a time when the Irish revered all these gods, but today even the drunkest Irishman laughs at them.

But they have company in oblivion: the Hell of dead gods is as crowded as the Presbyterian Hell for babies. Damona is there, and Esus, and Drunemeton, and Silvana, and Dervones, and Adsalluta, and Deva, and Belisima, and Uxellimus, and Borvo, and Grannos, and Mogons. All mighty gods in their day, worshipped by millions, full of demands and impositions, able to bind and loose - all gods of the first class. Men labored for generations to build vast temples to them - temples with stones as large as hay-wagons.

The business of interpreting their whims occupied thousands of priests, bishops, archbishops. To doubt them was to die, usually at the stake.

Armies took to the field to defend them against infidels; villages were burned, women and children butchered, cattle were driven off. Yet in the end they all withered and died, and today there is none so poor to do them reverence .

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Another Collegial Appeal To The DOI FOIA Foilers

From: overtc@cavtel.net
Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 12:34:09 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 15:58:26 -0400
Subject: Another Collegial Appeal To The DOI FOIA Foilers

To: osfoia@nbc.gov
From: Patrick Huyghe <huyghe@anomalist.com>
Subject: My Support of Larry W. Bryant's DOI Appeal No. 2003-151

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN (Mr. William W. Wolf, FOIA Appeals
Officer for the Dept. of the Interior, et al.):

When writer and "UFO journalist" Larry W. Bryant submits freedom-of-information requests to federal agencies, he expects to receive fair, comprehensive, truthful, and timely processing of those requests -- including the granting of appropriate records-search and review-fee waivers. It's what all writers and journalists expect--myself included.

Spanning several decades now, my personal knowledge of Mr. Bryant's writing and news-gathering skills, knowledge, and experience readily convinces me that he deserves your agency's full recognition of, and deference to, his past, current, and future journalistic endeavors in the field of UFO research, analysis, and news dissemination. For example, Chapter 7 of my book "Swamp Gas Times: My Two Decades on the UFO Beat" (Paraview Press -- June 2001) recounts how Mr. Bryant's UFO-litigation efforts have earned him a special niche in the annals of serious UFO research.

Mr. Bryant knows how much I continue to value his intellectual pursuit of this subject, which has too often been plagued by public misunderstanding and by governmental attempts to marginalize both his work and his persona. And now you know, too.

Equipped with this knowledge, you now have the distinct obligation to grant Mr. Bryant's appeal forthwith. Should you fail to do so, please take notice that I encourage him to include this letter as expert testimony on his behalf if and when he seeks redress within the federal court system.

Patrick Huyghe
Editor, The Anomalist

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Re: STS-48 Video Revisited - Oberg

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 12:58:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 16:06:59 -0400
Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited - Oberg

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 07:50:43 -0500
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited

>>Orbital sunrise was a process that takes over 30 seconds...

>While there is certainly a limb brightening which precedes the
>appearance of the Sun, the illumination it provides is minor
>compared to the higher levels which begin abruptly when the
>solar disk clears the horizon. The sun is half a degree across,
>and the Shuttle's angular motion was 4 degrees per minute, so
>the full brightening - once it begins - takes about seven
>seconds. For the purposes of this study - the sudden surge of
>brightness of an illuminated object - the obvious physical event
>is the moment the solar disk first becomes visible, not halfway
>through it (an unmeasurable point from observation of object
>brightness alone).

Correction: This 7 seconds is the minimum time, when the Sun's
apparent motion is perpendicular to the horizon (this
corresponds to an orbital 'Beta Angle' of zero). When it is off
to the left or right of orbital motion, the motion relative to
the horizon is slanted, and consequently the full sunrise can
indeed take somewhat longer.

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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 18:51:27 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 16:09:19 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

>From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@ntlworld.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 13:17:23 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

>>From: Chris Parr <parros@roswelldog.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 00:18:17 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

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>>I am disappointed that Mr Hale and Mr Burns have focused on my
>>comments as a personal attack on UFO Magazine UFO investigator
>>of the year Sharon Larkin.

>Hello Mr Parr,

>Firstly, I speak for myself, I am sure that Max does also, so
>please let us not try to make " teams" out of this debate.

As far as I am concerned whomever wins awards, there will be
some who agree, some will disagree, and some who have no opinion
on the awarded. That's the way it is. It is impossible to please
all of the people all of the time.

>>There may be substantial evidence of this UK ufologist being
>>caught red-handed in several attempts to gain notoriety in the
>>ufological domain via the common falsehood of the imaginary
>>witness or pure X-FILES fantasy and fabrication.

>Please publicly put your evidence out to the World UFO
>community, I take it you have been compiling this dossier on
>Miss Larkin? If you feel that Miss Larkin has done Ufology a
>great dis service, then by all means place your cards on the
>table, because I am sick to the back teeth of this in fighting,
>seemingly brought about by a simple piece of moulded plastic. Or
>is this something more deeper?

Let's see it then?

Max

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Re: SCI FI Channel Statement - Kaeser

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Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 14:50:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 16:11:13 -0400
Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement - Kaeser

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 02:18:45 -0500
>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
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Terry commented:

>I think it's a wise move to decline signing especially since
>they offered no proof that they were affiliated with "Sightings"
>in any way. I would wait until they specify which interview
>they're going to use and the manner in which they will use it. I
>would also negotiate a "first refusal" right in case they try to
>use your material in a manner not approved by you.

I'm surprised that they asked in the first place. I've found that a number of "Documentaries" use older material and often don't bother to ask for permission. That this production company went through the motion of seeking permission shows a certain amount of concern that a number of independent producers apparently don't have.

Unfortunately, the refusal of a few good researchers to allow their material to be used won't stem the flow of others scrambling for the microphone and camera. This genre has no shortage of those seeking publicity and the potential audience won't know the difference.

Steve

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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 16:12:53 -0400
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Hi Chris,

I have no dog in this hunt so to speak. I would observe that the operative phrase seems to be "may be" I would be interested in hearing about this so called "substantial evidence" or whatever tales and stories are being told around.

Cheers,

Robert

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>exploit me as they please and allow me nothing in return. They
>seem to think that I (we) should be pleased to appear on their
>programs regardless of any other considerations, but they are
>very wrong at least in my case.

I know of many people that never turn down TV interviews in
order to keep their face on small screen. If you find out the
production company is in California, or LA, then run like hell.
I have never, and I repeat NEVER dealt with any production
company from LA that is very honest.

I never sign 'the first contract' they send. Its standard issue
'steal the rights to your property' contracts they hope
inexperienced people sign. Always put in a date that expires and
need to be renegotiated to keep your out of syndication. Also
make sure you get copies with their signatures (notarized) so
you can sue them later after they rip you off.

Also if you ask for compensation and they agree or offer it in
writing, place a time when payment is due, listed with interest
and penalties fees for not paid promptly.

I recently had a bad experience with G.R.B., Inc and Kevin
Barry for breach of contract.

Tom

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April 28. 2003

The Truth About The Triangle

There's this new theory.

Let me give it to you just the way I got it:

"English scientists ventured to challenge their world famous country-fellow Charles Darwin. Cambridge University scientists cast doubts on the hypothesis, which says that a human being originated from an ape-like ancestor. Our common ancestor is rather strange-looking, and it does not look like a human being at all. It is an anteater.

"Most likely, this scientific discovery will make the humanity pay a lot more attention to the mammals of the edentate species. To be more precise, it goes about African aardvark anteaters. These animals have a special scientific name, which is very hard to pronounce. It is translated from the Dutch language as a 'ground pig'."

If you got the feeling there might be something not quite...well, English, just for openers, about those two paragraphs, you'd be right. We're reading, my fellow ground piggies, from the pages of a newspaper which was the apple of Leon Trotsky's eye when he founded it in 1908. It's the famous Pravda, which, translated from Russian to English, means Truth. I'm sure Mr Trotsky did not have irony in mind originally, but things change, don't they?

From 1918, it was the Russian state newspaper. In those days, and during the cold war, it was a fairly grim publication. Its lightest moments were when it claimed, earnestly deadpan, that it was Russians who invented the lightbulb, the tank and anything else you can think of, from gunpowder to penicillin. Pravda's presses stopped running with the collapse of the Soviet Union in August, 1991.

But the journalists who worked for Pravda wouldn't let it die, and grabbed the name. Now, there is a newspaper, Pravda, which is published in Russia, and analyses events from the point of view of the interests of the Communist Party, and there is Pravda On-line, a completely different company (in which the story I've quoted above appeared) which appears only on the Internet, and takes a less political approach to its coverage of the news. So much less political, in fact, that the National Enquirer should look to its laurels.

Pravda On-line (<http://english.pravda.ru/>) is a mix of straight news and strange, off-the-wall pieces like the one above, all

written in the kind of imperfectly-translated English that makes it sound like a script being read by Boris Badenov or Natasha, the dastardly Russian characters on one of the finest made-for-television cartoon series of all time, The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle.

So when you read the long rant on their website about the West's favourite Russian, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, having actually been a KGB agent all this time, or about the glorious Volgograd University scientists who have discovered how to create perpetual energy, it's hard to shake off the notion that it's all there for laughs, having been written, perhaps, by a cunning team of parodists from Private Eye.

I used their search engine to see what Russians might think of Bermuda. Not much, was the answer. There were some business stories about company incorporations, one or two bits and pieces that turned out to be a great deal less interesting than they first looked, and a ton of stuff about the Bermuda triangle. Boy, do they love their Bermuda triangle:

"Here it will go about the place, which is traditionally considered to be the most horrible, the most mysterious place of the planet...A thousand of victims over a quarter of a century is definitely way too much. But this does not seem really scary, if you compare it to other facts. The number of car accident victims in Russia on a part of land of the same size made up 15 times as much over the same period of time. It is reasonable to compare the Bermuda and road victims, since the area of the Bermuda Triangle is rather a busy traffic site.

"Needless to mention, that the triangle does not kill every ship or plane that travels there. So, where does this infamous fame come from?"

Infamous fame...wish I'd thought of that.

Pravda tells stories about the Triangle that I, for one, had never heard before.

"An airliner that was approaching Miami once vanished from radar screens and then reappeared again in ten minutes. However, all clocks on board the plane were ten minutes behind the actual time. There was not even a passenger who noticed anything weird about that."

Here's another: "American News magazine published an article, which told the story of an American submarine. The submarine was travelling under the water at the depth of 70 metres (200 feet). Submariners suddenly heard a strange noise overboard. Then they sensed vibration that was going on for about a minute. Afterwards, it was noticed that all members of the crew added some years to their age. When the submarine surfaced, the satellite navigation system showed that the submarine was in the Indian Ocean, 300 miles off the eastern coast of Africa and about ten miles off the Bermudas. However, making any conclusions about this story is a premature thing to do. The US Navy never confirmed or rejected that information."

I guess they must have been busy (they will be, still, is my guess) trying to figure out how you can be ten miles from Bermuda, in the Indian Ocean and 300 miles off the eastern coast of Africa all at the same time, or even one after the other at any kind of speed.

It is also good to learn, from Pravda, that "the phenomenon of the Bermuda Triangle occurs in the Baltic Sea, as well".

Apparently, two fishing boats in 1979 went to a "fishing zone" about 70 kilometres off the port of Hel (I wouldn't make that up) in Gdansk.

"The fishing started," Pravda says. "Suddenly, several red balls appeared in the sky right above them. Although one of the fishing boats performed a zigzagged move by order of its captain, one of the red balls repeated all the manoeuvres of the boat; at that, the ball always remained ahead of it and exactly before the rostrum. Soon, members of the crew were gripped with unexplainable fear, and they had headaches and nausea; it was difficult to breathe. Simultaneously, all electrical appliances on the fishing boat stopped functioning.

"All of a sudden, after numerous changes of the boat's course, the red ball soared upwards and disappeared. At that very moment, the electrical appliances started operating. Both fishing boats veered and headed for the port of Hel. Members of the crew were immediately examined by doctors of the naval base; however, the doctors found only nervous disorders and exhaustion."

The story ends with these intriguing reflections.

"One of Poland's leading UFO experts, Robert Lesnjakewic, thinks that UFOs have a connection with similar tragedies in the Baltic Sea (as well as in the Bermuda triangle). The tragedies probably developed the following way: A UFO hovers over the boat, it emits its energy, which paralyses the boat's crew and puts all technical appliances out of operation. The ufologist thinks that one of the following variants may occur:

"The boat is carried into the time-space dimension of some other world.

"The boat is carried away to some other planet or to an internal underground world of the planet (this is in accordance with the hypothesis saying on the existence of the city states of Agarta and Shambala underground);

"UFO pilots take people from the boat and sink the boat itself;

"UFO pilots take the crew off the boat and don't touch the boat itself; the latter turns into a Flying Dutchman drifting without any visible damage."

But if you think that's strange, get a load of this, under what has to be one of the greatest headlines of all time: They live in their underwater cities and sometimes frighten people.

"Everybody knows about UFOs. And what about UOs? I mean, Unknown Underwater Objects? The Poseidon (sic) kingdom sometimes surprises sailors with fluorescent heads, devil circles and other miracles. Explorer Fedor Gard recorded evidence of sailors who had seen a strange phenomenon: June 18, 1845, the vessel Viktoria crew saw in Mediterranean Sea three dazzling disks emerging. The disks seemed to be five times bigger than the Moon, and they were linked with each other with some thin fluorescent pivots..."

"So what are these objects? Nobody can say it. In 19th Century, scientists Adams and Jenkins assumed some intelligent creatures with gills live under water, accustomed to low temperatures and overpressure. Moreover, according to an old legend, in ancient times, there were Poseidonians living in ocean who were the human kind enlighteners. The underwater civilisation representatives were not similar to Apollo.

"Poseidonians are said to have taught Atlantes all science, so they even could travel in space. A woman from the city of Dnepropetrovsk who is said to have contacts with the extraterrestrial, got information about some mysterious civilisation founded by extraterrestrial and called Atsor. Their descendants, who knew Solar System laws, forecasted a monster catastrophe which would put an end to their civilisation. So, they built houses under ocean bottom. They resettled to their new houses before the cataclysm and still live there. While on the earth surface, only their probes can be observed, that above-mentioned underwater objects."

So. Got a taste for the bizarre? Just ask questions at Pravda.ru. The folks at the Department of Immigration should remember that, the next time somebody wants to bring in one of those foreign prophets. There's no need, they should say. All the weirdness you crave is just a click away, and free!

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CCCRN News: New CCCRN Web Site

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

May 1, 2003

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

New CCCRN Web Site - www.cccrn.ca

The CCCRN web site has now moved to new pastures:

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I was in Bermuda a couple of months ago, and there's a bit of Roswell in the otherwise lovely Bermudans - they carry on about the Bermuda Triangle at some of their tourist attractions. For instance, at a fine museum of underwater stuff (fish, geology, oceanography, shipwrecks), there's a hokey pretend underwater ride. You don't really go underwater; you just get sealed into a submarine-imitation space, where monitors and loudspeakers tell you what's supposedly going on. At one point, you're told you've entered the Bermuda Triangle, and weird things start to happen.

Sigh. The museum is otherwise wonderfully scientific and informative - but maybe the Triangle nonsense is what they think tourists expect.

Greg Sandow

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STRANGE HOMINID SIGHTED
AGAIN IN ARGENTINA

"New testimony regarding the presence of a strange hairy biped, sporting long claws and an unusual ferocity, were added to the long list of accounts that the police have gathered in" Rosario de la Frontera, a small city in northern Argentina "after the judge of the Court of Instruction, Mario Dilascio, mandated a final investigation into the subject last month."

"The first reference to the case was provided by a couple in a forested area, Arroyo Salado, two kilometers (1.2 miles) to the west" of Rosario de la Frontera "and which serves as a 'Lovers' Lane.' They claim to have been attacked by a strange entity standing two meters (6 feet, 6 inches) tall, covered in hair, with razor-sharp claws and 'bare buttocks.'"

"But now there is more: a family surnamed Pereyra told authorities that whenever going to the municipal dump in their pickup truck, 'a beast' described as a 'large monkey' crossed their path, climbed over the vehicle's hood, and then lost itself in the thicket, leaving claw marks on the (truck's) chassis."

In another case, "businessman Raul Torres and teacher Hugo Rodas, who teaches in San Antonio de Cobres, told the chief of the volunteer fire brigade, Jose Exequiel Alvarez, that they found something very unusual at El Duraznito."

"A large unknown animal lay by the roadside, apparently run over by a vehicle. They got out of their car to take a look, turned it around using a stick, and were astonished. They had never seen anything like it. It had amazing claws, was like a human, measured 1.5 meters (4 feet)" in length, "had a bearlike snout with enormous fangs and genitals identical to those of a male human."

"Alvarez has led several expeditions to find the animal and claims having seen it through binoculars. 'What I saw resembled a gorilla very closely but,' he asked himself, 'what would an African anthropoid be doing here?'"

"The volunteer fireman added that 'we will be visiting El Duraznito to see if we can find the remains (of the creature--S.C.) reported by those people.'"

"Furthermore, a woman surnamed Galvan claimed having

seen it in Los Banos, behind the mountains surrounding the thermal springs."

"I don't think we're dealing with a single specimen, but with a family of them," Alvarez said.

Rosario de la Frontera is located about 150 kilometers (90 miles) south of Salta and about 500 kilometers (300 miles) northwest of Buenos Aires, the national capital." (See the Argentinian newspaper El Tribuno of Salta for April 16, 2003, "Unknown animal carcass found near Salta." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Mercedes Casas para eso articulo de diario.) (Editor's Comment: Welcome to More Weird Critters of South America Week at UFO Roundup. Things are popping on the other side of the Andes in Chile, as well.)

CHUPACABRA KILLED IN SOUTHERN CHILE

"A bizarre animal caught in a small community in southern Chile was immediately associated by the local residents with the enigmatic Chupacabra, since dozens of birds who died by exsanguination (i.e. all the blood was drained from their bodies--J.T.) was found in the area some time ago."

"According to police reports, the black, cat-like animal--showing considerable differences" from normal felines "in its ears and hind legs--was captured by residents of Pinchulao, a settlement in the commune of Lautaro, 690 kilometers (414 miles) south" of Santiago de Chile, the national capital.

"La Prensa Austral, a newspaper in 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 which species it belongs to."

"Every so often, the legendary Chupacabra becomes a news item in Chile. It is accused of slaying and sucking dry" livestock such as "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" blamed NASA, the USA's space agency, "for the Chupacabra's manifestations and attacks. At the time, residents of Calama, located 1,584 kilometers (950 miles) 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."

"The (weird) animal, found by a local resident, was caught in the act of sucking blood from a chicken's neck."

"The specimen is in the possession of Ricardo Candia, officer in charge of the local television station, USTV, in the city of Toque, who had the creature embalmed in order to preserve it."

"It is worth noting that the animal--measuring some 30 centimeters (12 inches) long--was captured by a resident of the Pinchulao settlement, property of Prof. Luis Mendez, in the Rinconada sector, some 19 kilometers (12 miles) from Lautaro."

"Around 8 p.m. last Wednesday (April 16, 2003), Samuel Cayuman was inside his dwelling in the company of his wife when both heard a strange sound coming from the henhouse. Concerned for his poultry, the worker went outside and headed towards the structure to take a look. He removed his key and unlocked the door to enter a space fenced by barbed wire, but the darkness kept him from seeing anything strange going on within."

"He suddenly siezed one of the hens. Upon taking it outside for a better look, he noticed that a dark and hairy animal was dangling from its (the hen's) neck. He immediately let go of the bird and gripped the strange being that had already drained all of the hen's blood. Cayuman separated it (from the hen--J.T.) and then killed it." (See the Chilean newspapers La Nueva Provincia for April 20, 2003, "Strange animal caught: the Chupacabra?" and Diario Austral de Araucania for April 21, 2003, "Strange animal mystery continues." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y tambien Christian Quintero y Guillermo Gimenez del grupo Planeta UFO para esos articulos de diario.)

TRIANGULAR UFO CRASHES
IN KALININGRAD HARBOR

The Russian Navy has reportedly recovered a large triangular UFO, which crashed in Kaliningrad harbor after overflying a naval base. The crash caused minor damage to a Russian destroyer of the Sovremenny class.

According to ufologist James L. Choron, "an unidentified flying object has crashed at Kaliningrad," a seaport on the Baltic Sea, about 650 kilometers (390 miles) east of Moscow.

"The story is being released gradually, as it was witnessed by the entire Baltic Fleet and most of the citizens of Kaliningrad. Wreckage is being recovered."

"The whole thing was caught on (Russian) television and was broadcast live by a news crew doing a feature on the fleet. The (triangular) craft was seen as a total loss and, as yet, no bodies have been found."

The UFO "was overflying the base," which is the home port of Russia's Baltic Fleet. "It is assumed that the fleet radar interfered with the craft's guidance system. It was not, repeat NOT, shot down."

"The craft appeared to be of a 'flying wing' design and was absolutely silent. It hit the water at what is described as 'a tremendous speed.' No casualties. High levels of radiation present."

The crash reportedly caused "minor damage" to a Sovremenny-class Type 956 heavy destroyer at anchor in the harbor. The Sovremenny is similar to a U.S. Navy Aegis-equipped missile cruiser. The Russian vessel is armed with an onboard anti-submarine helicopter, 48 surface-to-air missiles, 8 ship-to-ship missiles, torpedoes, mines and 12.5-centimeter (5-inch) guns. (Many thanks to James L. Choron and John Hayes for this news story.)

UFO FLAP BREAKS OUT
IN BELGIUM

UFOs were spotted in Belgium during April.

On Friday, April 4, 2003, at 12:15 a.m., Guenther Slachmann "left the city of Huy in my car. I crossed the Pere Pire Bridge over the river Meuse, and took the road which goes up towards Couthuin and Heron."

"Coming out of the valley of the river Meuse, I saw in the sky on my right-hand side a luminous point that could have been a plane in the distance. Two kilometers (1.2 miles) further on, the luminous point lost height (altitude in the USA--J.T.) and continued to fly slowly."

"At first I thought it was a plane landing at Bierset, near Liege, but then I arrived at the crossing with the highway, and the luminous point had come up on my left and became a strange object, whose shape I was unable to discern. But it was characterized by at least six tiny points, or lights, white and blue, some of them blinking."

"I left the valley road to go on Highway E42, in the direction of Namur. The object got closer. It flew at a distance that I identified as being between 500 meters and one kilometer (0.3 to 0.6 miles), and it was at a height of about 200 to 300 meters (660 to 1,000 feet). The brilliant points flashed white and blue."

On Wednesday, April 23, 2003, "between 11:15 and 11:45 p.m., I was in Tamines, near Sambreville" in Belgium when "I saw an object which seemed to be a UFO. The object came from the west and departed to the southwest. There were four sources of light on the object--three white-yellowish lights arrayed in a triangle and one red-orangeish light in the centre. These lights did not flash," the male witness reported.

"The object made some noise, like a plane but much less noisy. It advanced rather slowly, just above us but very high in the sky. Weather conditions were very good--starry sky, not a single cloud, and the object was very visible." (Merci beaucoup a Robert Fischer pour ces nouvelles.)

DAZZLING UFO REPORTED
IN AUVERGNE, FRANCE

On Friday, April 25, 2003, at 10:39 p.m., a dazzling UFO appeared over a farm field on the outskirts of Auvergne, a town in the department of Cher in south-central France, located about 200 kilometers (120 miles) south of Paris.

"My father, a farmer, was in the field after midnight," the source reported, "He then saw something over him. It was made up of more than 30 projections--lights--that illuminated the ground below. The object suddenly went away before coming back."

"When the object had come to within one kilometer of the field, my father noticed it again. After that, he woke my mother, and they went outside and watched this strange object from 12:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. (it was now Saturday, April 26, 2003--J.T.). The object made a very strange run in the sky. It went away and came back always to the same place."

"A resident of a nearby municipality also saw the phenomenon. This witness thought it was a laser from a disco, even though the fact that it did not come from the ground seemed strange to him."

The UFO left Auvergne at precisely 3:30 a.m. (Merci beaucoup a Robert Fischer pour ces nouvelles.)

TRIANGULAR UFO SPOTTED IN NOVA SCOTIA

On Sunday, April 13, 2003, at 1:45 a.m., eyewitness M. Kennedy was outdoors in his hometown of Port Hastings, Nova Scotia, Canada when he saw an unusual light in the sky approaching from the northwest.

"There were about three lights in a triangular pattern, with blinking lights that were constantly changing colours," he reported, "The object itself was black. The lights were flying along in a triangular pattern. They seemed to be lozenge-shaped. They were at 15,000 feet (4,500 meters) and going at about 700 miles per hour (1,120 kilometers per hour)."

Port Hastings, N.S. (population 314) is on St. Georges Bay about 85 miles (136 kilometers) northeast of Halifax. (Email Form Report)

NEW CATTLE MUTILATIONS REPORTED IN ARGENTINA

"Concern spread among some Pampan cattlemen of the Lihuel Carhuel department, who expressed their fears at the discovery of several reported animal mutilations in the rural area."

"In an interview with El Diario, a young rancher whose property is located on Provincial Route 13, some 60 kilometers (36 miles) west of Cuchillo Co," in Argentina's La Pampa province, "and also requested anonymity, remarked that two mutilated cows and a calf were found on his property, being similar to the ones who 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 action against me now, because, in 15 days, they've mutilated six calves, all of them black, plump, weighing 160 to 220 kilograms, which were in an open field.'"

"'The last one was found Thursday (April 10, 2003) about 500 meters (0.3 miles) from the road and some 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) from my house, while I was away in General Acha. The same occurred on Friday (April 11, 2003) with a sheep,' he added."

"When consulted about the condition in which the animals were found, and the type of mutilations presented, he explained that 'some were male and some were 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 to the start of the chest. The females were missing their udders and the males their testicles.'"

"He later said that 'I turned one of them 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 ate it," he reported, but added that the cadaver emanated "a strong odor of ammonia and sulfur which became unbearable." (See the Argentinian newspaper El Diario de la Pampa for April 13, 2003, "Mutilated animals found near Cuchillo Co." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Gloria Coluchi para eso articulo de diario.)

Message From the Editor

Last week, April 23, 2003, there should have been an issue of UFO Roundup, but there was not. Your editor had to make an emergency flight to New England after my mother was taken ill and rushed to the hospital. I was in Massachusetts from April 16 to April 27, when I returned home to Minnesota. I am happy to report that my mother is out of the hospital and is slowly recovering. For those who sent emails offering support during this emergency, I offer my thanks.

We'll be back next week with more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next time!

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Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website

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Subject: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website

CLASSIC CASE NOW ON-LINE

The RAF Lakenheath-Bentwaters 'radar visual' incident of 1956 has long been regarded as one of the classic cases in the annals of UFOlogy.

This is one of the few incidents classified as 'unexplained' by the 1969 Colorado University UFO study commissioned by the US Air Force, which conceded that "the probability that at least one genuine UFO was involved appears to be fairly high."

But the true extent and complex nature of the events in East Anglia have never been fully revealed, and divining the truth from a mass of contradictory evidence has confounded even the most dedicated of UFO researchers.

Now for the first time in UFOlogical history, a website dedicated to an in-depth re-investigation of a classic case is available on-line at:

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/Lakenheath.htm>

The website is the product of three years work by the Lakenheath Collaboration - a team of British researchers that includes Martin Shough, David Clarke, Paul Fuller, Andy Roberts and Jenny Randles. Please remember the site remains under construction, with further documents (including several that are the subject of FOIA requests) to be added in the near future.

Building upon new testimony unearthed by Jenny, since 2000 extensive fieldwork by Clarke and Roberts has uncovered a host of new testimony and documentary evidence. Shough, the author of a detailed analysis of the case published in 1987, has compiled the existing and new material presented on the website.

Our front page opens with a surprise - a photograph dated 1955/56 showing the control console in the tower at RAF Bentwaters complete with UFO graffiti.

Follow the links into the body of the Lakenheath/Bentwaters/Neatishead incident of 13/14 August 1956. The Collaboration have gathered together all the available evidence, including new material relating to the RAF's response to the incident that has slowly emerged since 1996.

The re-investigation did not set out to debunk the case, but rather to look closer at what might have happened, with surprising results for both 'believers' and 'skeptics.' We present the evidence and take care to separate facts from speculation. We provide no resolution as it emerges that Lakenheath-Bentwaters is a far more complex and multi-layered mystery than was ever suspected in 1969.

All five contributors, despite having differing approaches and opinions, agree this is an instructive case and its re-investigation has brought to light information that not only overturns all previous accounts, but provides the sort of data that scientists claim has been previously lacking in the field

of UFOlogy.

The site contains more than 270 text and image files, including, in addition to the original USAF intelligence reports and other Blue Book documents:

22 new official British Royal Air Force and Ministry of Defence documents;

36 new interview transcripts and statements from pilots, ground personnel and operations staff;

23 web-pages of in-depth commentary and analysis, fully interlinked;

14 pages of meteorological data, with detailed tables, charts and analysis;

14 pages of detailed radar and avionics specifications;

30 archived letters between investigators and principal witnesses between 1975 and 2001;

Plus much more, with numerous links and bibliographical references to research material.

The Lakenheath Collaboration would be pleased to receive your comments, criticisms and contributions to what we hope will be a on-going peer review process of our evolving case file.

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Re: STS-48 Video Revisited - Fleming

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>Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited - Fleming

>Adamo gave a time of 1:30 AM for the collision avoidance burn
>that he took into account in computing his state vector. He
>apparently "back-propagated" from the Orbit-46 TLE through a
>collision avoidance burn that hadn't actually occurred yet. It
>seems that his memory 8 years after the STS-48 mission, though
>not his expertise, might have been somewhat faulty. No big deal

On going back to the mission status report, I see that they are all labeled CDT, although the body of the report says only that the collision avoidance maneuver occurred at 8:30 "central time." Apparently, the report means 7:30 Central Standard Time, so the time that Adamo used was correct. However, I still don't see any reason why the computed sunrise time arrived at using his vector differs so much from the time using the official vectors. Oberg wants to appeal to authority here, but according to the rules, the space shuttle should have been no more than 5 kilometers from the position computed using the Orbit-36 TLE because a new TLE would have been issued if it were at a distance greater than that.

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Re: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website - Anthony

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Fwd Date: Fri, 02 May 2003 15:04:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website - Anthony

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><http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/Lakenheath.htm>

Hi Martin and list,

Martin, a big thanks for posting news of the developing web site and mass of relevant Lakenheath information.

After spending more than four hours poring over much of the material it seemed more than appropriate to state unequivocally; that I've learned more about the Lakenheath case during those four hours than piecing together various literature references and other bits and bobs for the last 18 years or more.

Even though it's taken time to present, 'Ufology' owes yourself and the Lakenheath collaboration a well deserved pat on the back - the site has something for everyone, even if you are hung up on titles like 'believer' and 'sceptic'. The amount of material so far amassed and little disparate and then converging twists and turns demonstrate beyond doubt the enormous complexity and task involved in trying to clearly piece together and understand a classic case like this.

I'll be watching for the further additions and elucidation to appear on the site. Thank you for all your efforts. Meanwhile listers, if you have had a long time vested interest or curiosity about the famous Lakenheath case, follow Martin's link the site needs UFOlogy's feedback.

Best Regards

Gary Anthony

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Re: The Truth About The Triangle - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Fri, 02 May 2003 13:15:56 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 May 2003 15:08:33 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About The Triangle - Ledger

>>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com> To:
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>>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 17:53:00 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About The Triangle

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>>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>>>Date: Thursday, May 01, 2003 4:26 PM
>>>Subject: UFO Update: The Truth About The Triangle

>>I was in Bermuda a couple of months ago, and there's a bit
>>of Roswell in the otherwise lovely Bermudans - they carry
>>on about the Bermuda Triangle at some of their tourist
>>attractions. For instance, at a fine museum of underwater
>>stuff (fish, geology, oceanography, shipwrecks), there's a
>>hokey pretend underwater ride. You don't really go
>>underwater; you just get sealed into a submarine-imitation
>>space, where monitors and loudspeakers tell you what's
>>supposedly going on. At one point, you're told you've
>>entered the Bermuda Triangle, and weird things start to
>>happen.

>>Sigh. The museum is otherwise wonderfully scientific and
>>informative - but maybe the Triangle nonsense is what they
>>think tourists expect.

>Hello, all, Greg,

>Both the North Pacific and the Cascade Mountains have had
>more disappearances of both ships and aircraft than the famed
>triangle. One of our local Cessnas just vanished without a
>trace last month. usually they are found, during hunting
>season.

>There are numerous Sea Stories that rival the Triangle. Most
>of it related to weather, incompetence, incapacity or all
>three, which is likely the reasons for -most -of the
>triangle's fame.

Hi Greg and GT,

The Triangle thing is a lot of hooey if you ask me. Pick a spot
where you get occluded fronts and 100 mph nor'easters like off
Nova Scotia and you'll get lots of disappearances, ships and
aircraft. One of the hardest things to find in a wooded area is
a light aircraft and I have it from personal in CARS [Civil Air
Rescue Services], in BC that the giant Douglas Firs and Cedars
of the Pacific Northwest make it even worse. Many light aircraft
go into the treetops, sheer off their wings then go straight
down 150 feet plus. That's still a killer. The same happens here
in NS with our little spruce trees at 40 to 60 feet.

For 7 years I was the "Zone Commander" [sounds more important
than it was] for Halifax District CASARA [Civil Air Search and
Rescue Assoc.] like the CAP in the states. We'd get a missing
aircraft or lost hunter or kid for example and if the hunter or
kid was still moving around it was easier to spot them than a
bloody Cessna 172 with a 36 foot wingspan and a 180 square foot
area wing, down in the trees. Rather than look for the aircraft

you looked for clues, like ground trauma and freshly clipped off tree tops. 9 times out of ten the ELT didn't go off so no help there. We were trained by the military SAR as to how to search, a method I still use to spot things in the sky when needs be or on the ground.

As for ships. Ore carriers and container ships begin to leak in heavy seas due to the hull cracking while suspended over the wave troughs. Usually of Liberian registration. It fills and rolls over and sinks or just sinks. Sometimes in a few minutes. The Coast Guard handles emergencies and rescues on a daily basis here. If the weather is foul and you can't get aircraft aloft [Sea King or P-3 Aurora] to look for ships in distress, then there's a good chance they'll disappear without a trace, usually in the same area as the Titanic. 2 and 3/4 miles straight down. Sometimes a few days later while doing coastal crawls we'd [CASARA] spot wreckage along the windward shore from a disaster at sea, but more likely not. The Swissair MD-11 [flight 111] left a trail pointing to her entrance point. The CASARA spotters ,I was out by then, said there was a styrofoam trail that looked like a couple of million styrofoam cups trailing off to the northeast of Peggys Cove.

The Perfect Storm took place right off Nova Scotia. We get a lot of "perfect storms" around here [if you don't like the weather-wait a minute]. My flying buddy Kevin a Canadian Coast Guard operator for Halifax Marine Radar Approach [ships] worked that vessel, the Andrea Gail, featured in the Perfect Storm. There were some 35 vessels out there at the same time in the same predicament. Most bigger or not in the wrong place to get hit by a suspected rogue wave.

The thing is, it happens a lot here. But no one writes books about it or attaches any significance to it.

But what the hey, it worked for Charles Berlitz and Bill Moore.

Don Ledger

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Two NIDS 'Day After' Surveys

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Subject: Two NIDS 'Day After' Surveys

Two NIDS "Day After" Surveys on Response of the Public to Extraterrestrials.

Comparison of a Nationwide Roper Poll with an Online Survey that Asked Identical Questions.

In 1999 NIDS contracted the Roper organization to conduct a nationwide survey of opinion that focused on the response of the public to extraterrestrials. The Roper organization polled 1,971 demographically weighted people and the results of the poll were published in 1999. As a comparative exercise, NIDS subsequently asked the identical questions via an online questionnaire. 2,046 people who were demographically uncontrolled submitted answers in the allotted time. There is widespread agreement that Internet surveys, especially those conducted on specialty web sites, are wildly inaccurate in sampling public opinion. The purpose of this exercise was to evaluate the extent of the difference in attitudes to extraterrestrials between the public at large and the visitors to the NIDS web site. The actual wording of the survey questions can be found in the pie-chart presentations in the Whats New section of the NIDS website:

http://216.128.67.116/pdf/internet_vs_ropers.pdf

The complete statistics and some analysis of the original 1999 Roper survey can be found at:

<http://www.nidsci.org/news/roperdayafter.html>

Some predictable differences and some surprises emerged from this comparison:

In response to question 1: "ETs landed and you could choose who should make first contact?" a huge majority (86%) of the online responders chose either scientists (42%) or a private organization that has planned for such a contingency (44%). In contrast, only 49% of the public at large chose the scientists (29%) or a private organization (20%). Fully 20% of the public at large preferred the military to make first contact, while 4% of online responders preferred the military.

In response to the question regarding "What are UFOs?" a surprisingly high percentage of online responders answered "I don't know" (41%), higher than the public at large (32%). Equally surprisingly, exactly 25% of both the public at large and the online responders answered that UFOs are alien spaceships. Given the assumption that the people who visit the NIDS web site might have a greater interest/knowledge of UFOs than the general public, it surprised us that such a high percentage of the web site visitors answered that they did not know what UFOs are. This may be attributed to open-mindedness. Further, since the words "UFO" and "alien" are almost interchangeable in most media treatments of this topic, it surprised us that such a low percentage (25%) of people in BOTH surveys thought UFOs were alien spaceships.

In response to the question: "If I believed that an advanced extraterrestrial life form had been discovered, how would it change my life style?" 16% of Roper nationwide respondents

answered "Who cares", while predictably, 2% of NIDS web site online people answered "Who cares".

Question 4 asked how much the respondents trusted the US government to disseminate information about advanced extraterrestrial life if they discovered it. Both surveys indicated a large majority of respondents who did not trust the government. A combined 71% respondents to the Roper survey said that the United States government would classify the information, move to suppress civilian sources from obtaining knowledge, or both. A combined 74% of the NIDS web site respondents said the same thing. There was a significant difference in the degree of suspicion between the Roper respondents and the online visitors: only 23% of the Roper respondents said the government would classify AND suppress, while 47% of the NIDS web site respondents said the government would do both.

A large majority (75%) of NIDS online responders were "fully prepared to handle" undeniable evidence of the existence of advanced extraterrestrial life, while only 32% of the general public were that confident.

25% of the public at large thought that others would "totally freak out and panic" if undeniable evidence of extraterrestrial life were confirmed. Only 8% of the NIDS web site responders thought this. NIDS web site responders displayed either greater trust, greater confidence or greater complacency in their answers to these two questions than did the general public.

The survey questions plus side-by-side comparative graphical representations of the two survey results can be found in the "Whats New" section of the NIDS web site:

<http://www.nidsci.org>

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http://www.thisislocallondon.co.uk/news/headlines/display.var.725081.Headlines.ufo_abduction_possible

12:04 Friday 2nd May 2003

UFO Abduction Possible In UFO Case

From The Hounslow Guardian

The oddest case dealt with so far by the new head of the RSPCA's team of animal welfare officers in south west London was a butchered cow in Osterley Park.

Until his promotion, Mark Buggie, 35, was an RSPCA inspector and worked for eight years in Woolwich and five years in Brixton.

Before joining the RSPCA, he was in the army and worked as a search dog handler. He and his dog were mainly on Royal duties, hunting out explosives and drugs.

Mr Buggie, who lives in Upper Norwood, said: When I left the army it seemed a natural progression to join the RSPCA as it is the leading organisation, working with animals which had a career structure.'

Mark is married to Jade who works at the RSPCA's call centre. The couple have a seven-year-old daughter Emily and a four-year-old son Alexander.

In his new role Mark will be in charge of seven inspectors and ten ambulance drivers.

He said: I am delighted with my new role and I am really looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead. We have an excellent team and I hope to continue and build on the high standard of service we provide to animals and residents.'

Mr Buggie revealed that the team is currently very busy. He said: It goes in fits and starts but currently we are busy dealing with a spate of complaints about dogs left on balconies.

Genuine cruelty cases are few and far between. We dealt with one last week where a man kicked a dog to death, but most cases are due to ignorance rather than cruelty. A lot of it is ignorance. People do not take their animals to the vet to get them treated and we also deal a lot with of care in the community people.'

One of the oddest cases Mr Buggie has had to deal with was a cow butchered in Osterley Park.

He said: It was absolutely bizarre. The cow had been butchered and all the meat taken, but whoever did it would have to have caught the cow, because it was not hand tamed, and then walk for at least two miles with the meat. It was just bizarre and looked as though the cow had been sucked up by UFOs, the meat stripped

off and the carcass dropped down again. ''

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UFO Festival Probes Possibility Of Alien Life

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Little Green Men And Big Cold Beers

Annual UFO Festival Probes The Possibility Of Alien Life

Tara Merrill
April 30, 2003

Something unusual happened near McMinnville, Ore., during the early evening hours of May 11, 1950.

Evelyn Trent was outside feeding her rabbits when she noticed a disc-shaped object hovering in the sky. She called out for her husband, Paul, who was able to take two pictures of it. When the film was developed, several weeks later, word of the sighting made its way to local media.

Before long, the story had spread nationwide. Many publications deemed the pictures to be the first authentic UFO evidence published. And now, more than 50 years later, the story lives on with McMenamins' Hotel Oregon's 4th Annual UFO Festival, the second largest gathering of its kind in the nation.

Believers, skeptics and party-seekers alike will converge in McMinnville from May 8-10 to immerse themselves in all that is related to the phenomenon of the unidentified flying object. Events range from talks by nationally renowned experts to an alien costume ball. (See sidebar for complete schedule.)

"People are there to have fun," said McMenamins' marketing director Renee Rank. "You get people dressed up in crazy outfits, which makes it all the better. But you get those who are more serious, too."

Among the highlights of the festival will be well-known nuclear physicist and "ufologist" Stanton Friedman, who will deliver the keynote address. In addition to lecturing for the past 35 years, Friedman has written hundreds of papers and articles, and appeared on several TV shows, including "Unsolved Mysteries" and "Larry King Live."

"He has been referred to as the Elvis Presley of the UFO world," said Amber Lindsey, copy editor for the McMenamins' marketing department.

Also featured will be Peter Robbins, columnist for UFO Magazine and editor-in-chief of ufocity.com, who will host an alien abduction workshop.

"The speakers are respected in their field," Lindsey said. "It really adds an air of legitimacy to the event to have these guys here."

The 4th Annual UFO Festival takes place Thursday, May 8, through Saturday, May 10, at McMenamins' Hotel Oregon, 310 N.E. Evans

St., in McMinnville. For more information, visit www.ufofest.com.

Fun fact: According to the Oregon UFO Review, there have been 12 reported UFO sightings in the state this year.

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Why We Are Not Like ET

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Wednesday, 30 April, 2003

Why We Are Not Like ET
By Ivan Noble
BBC News Online science staff

There is a good reason why the DNA of living things on Earth is not like that of Steven Spielberg's ET, researchers believe. Steven Spielberg's ET

Samples of DNA taken from humans, animals, plants, microbes and viruses have one thing in common: they form a double helix structure held together by four different chemicals called bases.

And scientists from New Zealand and Sweden have now built a computer model to show that organisms are unlikely to evolve if their "life code" is written using more or fewer bases.

The work could help our understanding of what to expect from alien lifeforms - if we ever come across them.

Copying errors

Reading along the double helix, the sequence of the bases can be read off as a genetic code made of four letters - A for adenine, C for cytosine, G for guanine and T for thymine.

This code carries the instructions for creating and maintaining life, but why not use two letters, or six or eight?

ET in the famous Spielberg film was said to have six-base DNA and, on the face of it, Earth-bound life could have, too.

The reason why not turns out to be in the way a prehistoric relative of DNA began to protect itself against copying errors.

Paul Gardner, and colleagues at Massey University, New Zealand, and Uppsala University, Sweden, used a computer model to try to explain why four turned out to be the magic number.

Evolution by supercomputer

It is not entirely clear how life first began on Earth, but many biologists believe that before our current DNA-dominated world, there was an environment known as RNA World.

RNA is a similar chemical to DNA but it is much less stable and so much less suitable for holding the blueprint information for building complex organisms.

Supporters of the RNA World theory believe that RNA evolved from simpler chemicals and only later evolved into DNA.

RNA would have existed in a constantly changing and reactive soup.

Gardner and his colleagues built a computer model to show how RNA in RNA World would have evolved into DNA.

Getting stuck

They instructed their supercomputer to examine how RNA might have developed had it had two, six or eight bases, as well as the standard four.

They found that four- and six-base RNA molecules were the most efficient at evolving into DNA.

But four-base RNAs were the ones which were best suited to overcoming RNA's fundamental weakness: its susceptibility to making errors as it copies itself.

The two- and eight-base RNAs seem to get stuck somewhere along the evolution process, Gardner told BBC News Online.

But six-base RNAs could have survived if they had evolved a way of putting right the errors introduced by mutation.

Alternative scenarios

The research poses the question of what kind of DNA extra-terrestrial life might have if a similar process of evolution had taken place on a similar planet elsewhere in the Universe.

"We found the margins between four- and six-letter alphabets to be low, so a percentage of independent lifeforms might incorporate six, or a different four.

"But it is likely that the same principles that life on Earth are based on will be used elsewhere," Gardner said.

If RNA-based lifeforms on other planets had developed the error-correcting techniques needed to repair the damage to their genetic code caused by mutation and degeneration, they may well have developed into something with six-base DNA.

"I'd love to meet an organism with a six-letter alphabet. However, they'd probably take a lot longer to sequence," he said.

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 16:43:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 May 2003 18:57:41 -0400
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>From: Royce J. Myers III - The Watchdog <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 20:04:00 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

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>>Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 06:28:49 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

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>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2003 20:12:14 -0700
>>>Subject: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

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Ian Rogers

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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studie -

From: Dave Sadler <sadlebone@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 07:33:38 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 08:18:41 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studie -

I can understand Chris Parr's accusations and thoughts on the matter's concerning Sharon Larkin and Graham Birdsall..

Although the publication UFO Magazine is of a high standard, has achieved commendable success and is one of the only paranormal types available on UK news stands, it seems you have to be part of the 'Birdsall clique' awarded with any mention within its pages.

Many individuals including myself have forwarded information and articles of a good quality to the magazine's hierarchy, only for the information to obviously be dismissed. The same names continue to be used. Many British ufologists, of high standing outside of the magazine and who are currently involved in some radical experiments, research and documentation, are disregarded as unsuitable.

Should not a publication be impartial and offer its pages to all within our realm?

Regarding the Sharon Larkin 'UFO investigator of the year awrd 2002'

Please explain to me the reasoning behind this? Why was such an honour bestowed? Do not such names as McGonnagal, Robinson, Kellett, Smith, or Mera deserve such an award more so? These people who are attempting to unite our Ufological community, who spend more hours than they have available in search of the answers we desire?

Dave Sadler

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Re: STS-48 Video Revisited - Oberg

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 15:59:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 09:54:37 -0400
Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited - Oberg

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 21:18:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited

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>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 07:50:43 -0500
>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited

>>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2003 21:48:22 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited

Entire Fleming post at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/may/m02-003.shtml>

>I wonder why Mr. Oberg thinks this ludicrous and deliberate
>misrepresentation would sway any rational person to his point of
>view. I know Oberg is a smart guy, but most people aren't
>as stupid as he seems to think they are.

It's time to step back from such obvious opportunities for more
pointed rhetoric and ask:

1. Is anybody else at all interested in the facts here, or is it just entertainment?
2. Why doesn't Fleming address the issue of the actual witnesses?
3. More to the point, for a guy who lives within a half-hour drive of the Johnson Space Center, why hasn't Fleming learned more about the factual and technical background of the material he believes he has important and credible opinions about?
4. Why publish this work in front of UFO enthusiasts who might be expected not to be familiar with the details, and not offer them for discussion among space flight professionals?
5. >>As for the snide comment on 'government work', it's actually >>not too far off (unwittingly), since the Pitts-Henize-Potter->>Mulrooney examination of the video, as restated in NASA >>Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs Martin Kress's >>reply to Congresswoman Bentley on November 22, 1991, that the >>team concluded there was nothing extraordinary about the video:

>I did a quick google search and couldn't find anything about >this study. A civil person might provide some sort of reference, >but I suppose that's too much to ask of Oberg.

Jim's comment: I gave the date of the letter and its author, and Fleming can obtain its text from NASA or from Kasher or from me, if he asks. The fact that apparently he has never SEEN this letter speaks volumes about the shallowness of his research.

Doing 'a quick google search' and then giving up and whining, does not testify to Fleming's research ability.

6. The level of Fleming's confidence appears inversely proportional to the demonstrated level of his understanding of the subject matter, as follows:

>I'd be interested in seeing this analysis, because right now
>I'd have to conclude it was wrong and probably incomplete.
>There is ZERO evidence of any thruster firing in the video. The
light flash was the result of intensified lens >flare. That's
not a theory; it's a fact.

OK, have it your way, you've declared the game over and made it clear that NO response from me will alter your views - I've got no problem with that.

7. I'm not just 'appealing to authority' here, I'm depending on the expertise and accuracy of men I've worked side-by-side with for many years on highly complex and high pressure situations where integrity and accuracy were essential, and they came through. To even receive certification to sit at such consoles requires the equivalent of a Masters Degree in study and laboratory work, and then you actually have to perform properly. Yes, I trust such people. So that's why I found the following comment so humorous:

>>>This is absolutely priceless. Fleming admits he's not an expert,
>>so he assumes that the real expert -- Adamo - is wrong until
>>somebody proves differently to his satisfaction. Pardon me while
>>I pick myself up off the floor....

>So Oberg has found something trivial that he can gnaw on. I had
>misgivings about putting that in the article before I sent it to
>Carlotto, but it seemed fairly obvious that SOMETHING was wrong
>with Adamo's vector, so I left it in. Oberg could have mentioned
>to me that my approximation left something to be desired prior
>to publication of the article if he had wanted to. To be
>courteous, I sent him a copy of the paper two weeks ago. A
>courteous person would have pointed out perceived flaws in the
>paper in private email communication. But I figured that since
>this was Oberg I was dealing with, he would probably be
>discourteous and wait to pounce on any flaws he could find until
>after the paper had already been published. On that prediction I
>wasn't WRONG at all.

Once again, any errors in Fleming's paper turn out to be my fault - in his opinion.

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UFO 'Detector'

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 19:12:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 09:59:04 -0400
Subject: UFO 'Detector'

I want everyone on this List to 'fess up. You own one of these, don't you :-)

Not being strong in electronics I'm gonna go out on a limb and presume that there are a myriad of events that could set this thing off.

<http://www.ufo-detector.com/>

Terry

<http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>

[I'm sure Birnes & The Cooper-Eckers will thank you for boosting the hits on the Ad. too --ebk]

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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

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Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 10:02:43 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

The principle issues appear to have been side-tracked in the direction of my comments regarding the spurious ufological claims by UFO Magazine UFO Investigator of the Year for 2001/2002 Sharon Larkin. The focal point of the major issue was meant to pinpoint the manipulation of UK Ufological studies. Quest International Editor, Graham Birdsall, had expressed his resounding acknowledgement to the "most deserving" winner of UFO Magazine's Investigator of the Year.

At the Leeds Conference 2002 Birdsall, in the presence of Stanton T Friedman and the entourage of Quest devotees, promoted the Ufological endeavours that merited Sharon Larkin to be UFO Magazine's premier UFO researcher in regard to her world exclusive revelations pertaining to a UFO connection contributing to the tragic 1994 MOD Chinook disaster whilst conducting a field investigation on the boundaries of RAF Machrihanish in August 2002.

Without ignoring and trivialising the moral issues of the potential distress that may have been inflicted on the grieving families of this 1994 tragedy, UFO Magazine choose Sharon Larkin and her research to be of superior value than the genuine contributions to Ufology by Doctor David Clarke, Andy Roberts and the many dedicated researchers who have played an enormous role in attempted to solve the mysteries of the continuing UFO enigma.

Sharon Larkin maybe the victim of an unfortunate trend to feed the darkside of Ufology. It is the judgement and example set by UFO Magazine and Graham Birdsall that must be seriously evaluated.

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Fri, 02 May 2003 22:18:24 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 10:05:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Hatch

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>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

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Hello Ian, Royce..:

I have to agree with your colleague. I don't believe in any grand government conspiracy, what I see is the Gov acting exactly like the Gov .. ass covering, inertia, you name it.

Even if there were some conspiracy to cover up UFOs, the conspirators would have little to do but stand aside and watch the freak show. The fakes, phonies, psychotics, quick-buck artists etc. etc. do all the work. The media seal the deal by concentrating on the wildest claims for their obvious self-serving purposes.

I like Royce's website for spotlighting some of those.

The most any conspirator would have to do is plant some bogus leads and watch Ufology go into self-destruct mode. But they would not even have to do that! Its risky, such maneuvers can

backfire. Instead, they could just let the cranks and phonies create the red herrings.

I suggest there is no conspiracy because there is no need for one.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: Nobody conspires to make me drink beer on Friday nites [burp!] Such a conspirator would have the world's easiest job.

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PRA - 'Lore Of The Rings'

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"Crop circles - an alien landing evidence, a message from the outer cosmos or an elaborate hoax? Anthony Hoy embarks on a journey to the twilight zone."

When Don White discovered a seemingly inexplicable pattern of 30 circles in a wheat crop on his Victorian farm in October 2001, he put it down to "some sort of weather phenomenon". "I certainly didn't give any thought to extraterrestrials or flying saucers," he says. And there the matter would have finished had he not mentioned it to his sister, Ruth Ellis, who farms nearby.

Ellis, who once worked for the Victorian Department of Natural Resources, mentioned the circles to her former colleagues and "it sort of -- snowballed from that point", White says.

Television crews and press photo--graphers suddenly began climbing all over White's 400ha Corrymeela property, 50km north of Bendigo. If aliens had arrived - as many of Australia's pseudo-scientists and UFOlogists preferred to believe - they could have picked a better time. At one stage, White's lamb-feeding and cropping routine was being disrupted by as many as 50 phone calls and visits a day.

While all that distraction eventually died down, it is threatening to blow up again after the inclusion of the Corry--meela case in a recent ABC radio broadcast about the crop circle phenomenon. "I would rather the whole thing went away. I'm sick of talking about it," White says.

Australian crop circles first achieved major media coverage with the appearance of "saucer nests" in a wheat field near Wokurna, a community south-east of Adelaide, in December 1973. Soon after, seven circles up to 4.26m in diameter appeared in a field of oats at nearby Bordertown.

In December 1989, as many as 90 intricate circles - ranging from a few centimetres to a few metres in diameter - appeared on land owned by the Jolly family in the Mallee wheat belt, north-west of Melbourne. Unusual nocturnal lights were also reported in the sky, as were strange high-pitched warbling, swirling or screaming noises.

Some sharper UFOlogists have been quick to capitalise on interest in the phenomenon - mainly at the expense of amateur enthusiasts. To the chagrin of Australia's legitimate space science fraternity, one entrepreneurial UFOlogist registered the company name The National Space Centre, established a 1900

telephone hotline and charges about \$5 a minute to field "inquiries and reports" from true believers and the curious.

Staff at the only legitimate NASA facility in Australia - the Deep Space Communications Complex at Tidbinbilla, near Canberra - have since fielded calls from irate, unsuspecting UFOlogists slugged as much as \$250 by calling The National Space Centre.

More money may change hands if the recent radio broadcast rekindles interest. The program featured an interview with Nancy Talbott, a music producer with "a research background" at the University of Maryland and Harvard and a member of the so-called BLT Crop Circle Research Team. The name comes from the first initials of the surnames of Talbott and her two associates, New York businessman John Burke and Michigan biophysicist William C. Levenson. The organisation, Talbott claims, is funded by New York philanthropist Laurance S. Rockefeller.

Crop circle plants examined by BLT associates were covered in a pure iron glaze associated with magnetic meteorite dust, according to Talbott. The Corry--meela crop circles, she says, could have been the direct result of the annual Perseids meteor shower.

"There are pervasive, re-occurring abnormalities in crop circle plants and soils which are consistent with exposure of these plants and soils to an intense and complex energy system which emits heat (possibly microwaves) along with highly unusual electrical pulses and strong magnetic fields," Talbott told listeners of A Country Breakfast.

She and her colleagues claim to have jointly sampled 300-plus crop circles between 1990 and 2000. "More than 90% showed the characteristic anomalous changes in plant tissues, and magnetic material was consistently documented in those formations where soil sampling had also been conducted."

The media, Talbott said, was making progress "more difficult" by labelling the phenomenon as "fringe". "But hard data is difficult to ignore. And following such data wherever it leads will most likely lead us - eventually - to an understanding of this most enigmatic, peculiar phenomenon."

Darren Osborne is editor of the CSIRO's science magazine, The Helix. Before taking up his post, Osborne served for five years as public relations officer at NASA's Tidbinbilla complex - one of three global tracking points for inter-planetary space orbiters probing Jupiter, Saturn and Mars.

"Tidbinbilla's expertise is often called upon for anything that is space-related," says the man who in five years possibly fielded more UFO calls than almost any other Earthling. "It was amusing, really. We weren't looking out for these things. But I became an expert of sorts, and certainly came to know which UFOlogists were serious, and which were downright shonky."

His first crop circle call while at Tidbinbilla turned out to be a publicity stunt perpetrated by Canberra radio station FM104.7. Other stunts were staged by self-admitted crop circle hoaxers Doug Bower and David Chorley. They operated in northern Queensland before exporting their crop circle expertise to England, where they conjured up about 250 intricate circles.

Matthew Williams, 30, of Wiltshire, was fined =A3100 (\$256) by a British --magistrate in November 2000 after admitting on the internet to damaging a farmer's crops near Marlborough, England. He subsequently made a film revealing the secrets and techniques of crop circle creators, who use posts, --ladders, tapes, planks, ropes, rollers and even computer-generated designs.

The hoaxers' handiwork was undoubtedly a factor in the popularity of the Glastonbury Symposium, now in its 12th year and said to be the largest international gathering of "cereologists", people who study crop circles (after Ceres, the Roman goddess of agriculture and fertility).

"Just because it doesn't sit in a gallery doesn't mean it's not art," Williams says. "It's a living sculpture. But for some -- people it forms a temporary religious site. Some people get very angry when you tell them, because they really want to believe. It tells you a lot about religion and belief ... how these cults

are created."

Says Osborne: "In my view, the crop circle thing is a furphy. Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. And a couple of trampled bits of wheat don't add up to much. The most simple explanation is the most likely one. And scientists have yet to be convinced that little green men and/or big-eyed --monsters are leaving impressions in our wheat fields."

Movie-makers routinely use delusion and superstition to suggest the supernatural - ignoring any reasoned explanation. Such was the scenario in Signs, the recent movie in which Mel Gibson played a farmer and former pastor whose faith was tested when his Pennsylvania cornfield was transformed overnight into what looked like an alien landing pad.

"At the end of the day, government-related organisations have not got the resources to investigate pseudo-scientific claims," says Osborne. "And people are let down that they don't get the answers they are seeking. So they turn to the pseudo-scientists and UFOlogists, some of whom profit from the exercise. It's a problem that no one really knows how to address."

But Barry Williams, full-time officer of the NSW Skeptics Association, is prepared to have a crack at addressing the issue. He dismisses crop circles as acts of art or hoaxes. "It is one of the strangest beliefs people have ever come up with. If some inter-galactic entity is really out there trying to send us messages using ancient Sumerian symbols or representations of alien DNA, why not write it in English so we can understand it? Crop circles tend to happen in places where a lot of people have got a lot of time on their hands - near universities, for instance."

Don White doesn't subscribe to improbable UFO theories. All the same, he is still nervously posting a lookout around Corrymeela's wheat and canola paddocks.

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HESSDALEN: A CRITICAL ARTICLE

The Italian Committee for Project Hessdalen (CIPH) has announced the publication on its Website of a new article about the mission conducted last summer in Norway, related to the studies on recurring light phenomena which, for twenty years, have been the focus of systematic and instruments-based observations.

The text, written by physicist and ufologist Matteo Leone (Ph.D.), concentrates on an optical survey carried out by some Italian physicists during the EMBLA expedition which, based on a previous analysis of the photometric and spectroscopic data by Massimo Teodorani, was related to an unknown atmospheric light phenomenon "capable of producing a light-power up to 100 Kw."

Leone's article examines the same data, but it arrives at a differing conclusion and suggests a conventional explanation for the phenomena observed and photographed, while confirming that other witness data gathered in the region are indicative of unidentifiable phenomena.

[Collaboration by Renzo Cabassi and Matteo Leone; UFO-Italia, 23 April; www.itacomm.net/PH]

CORSO'S DIARY PUBLISHED IN ITALY

The Pendragon publishing house in Bologna is sending to bookstores the much-ballyhooed diary of Philip Corso, published for the first time worldwide and edited by Maurizio Baiata. The late, former U.S. Army official recounted his version of the facts concerning reverse-engineering and technologies derived from the analysis of an alien flying saucer allegedly crashed in Roswell in 1947.

Its title is "L'alba di una nuova era: I segreti alieni nascosti dal Pentagono" ("Dawn of a New Age: Alien Secrets Concealed by the Pentagon"), totals 192 pages and sells for 14 Euro.

Beginning next week, the volume is due to be on sale also on the e-commerce Website Upiar Store (www.upiar.com), featuring the usual discounts for members of CISU as well as of other affiliated associations.

[Collaboration by Roberto Labanti]

MOUNT MUSINE' & UFOS ON TV AT "STARGATE"

Making a return on "La7" TV but no longer featuring host Roberto Giacobbo (who has moved over to RAI-TV), is the program "Stargate: linea di confine" ("Stargate: on the Edge"), devoted to various types of mysteries.

Unless otherwise announced, it is scheduled to touch upon UFOs and recurring light apparitions in the installment of Sunday, 27 April, taking its cue from a Mexican documentary but with a segment devoted also to Monte Musine' which, at the beginning of Susa valley (near Turin), has for decades been at the center of a highly-developed ufological, archaeological and esoteric mythology.

[Collaboration by Angelo Galbiati and Luigi Sorgno]

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Re: UFO 'Detector' - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 10:08:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 16:11:28 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO 'Detector' - White

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 19:12:58 -0500
>Subject: UFO 'Detector'

<snip>

>Not being strong in electronics I'm gonna go out on a limb and
>presume that there are a myriad of events that could set this
>thing off.

>
><http://www.ufo-detector.com/>

Sure - anything that creates strong enough electromagnetic disturbances would do that. However, if the sensitivity is set too low for most natural or man-made EM disturbances, and since disturbances created by UFOs tend to be large, it may have some merit.

Particularly in the home of an abductee, where the likelihood of frequent UFO visits is high, and maybe in towns with histories of frequent UFO visits. If viewed as a product which oonly flags possible visits, it seems innocent enough.

Eleanor White

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Re: STS-48 Video Revisited - Fleming

From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 11:06:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 16:17:13 -0400
Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited - Fleming

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 15:59:43 -0500
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 01 May 2003 21:18:33 -0500
>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited

>>>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 07:50:43 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited

>>>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2003 21:48:22 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Video Revisited

>Entire Fleming post at:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/may/m02-003.shtml>

>>I wonder why Mr. Oberg thinks this ludicrous and deliberate
>>misrepresentation would sway any rational person to his point of
>>view. I know Oberg is a smart guy, but most people aren't
>>as stupid as he seems to think they are.

I see that Oberg has elided out my response to his false
accusation once again so that he can get down to the serious
business of more mud-slinging and obfuscation.

>>I did a quick google search and couldn't find anything about
>>this study. A civil person might provide some sort of reference,
>>but I suppose that's too much to ask of Oberg.

>Jim's comment: I gave the date of the letter and its author, and
>Fleming can obtain its text from NASA or from Kasher or from me,
>if he asks. The fact that apparently he has never SEEN this
>letter speaks volumes about the shallowness of his research.
>Doing 'a quick google search' and then giving up and whining,
>does not testify to Fleming's research ability.

I didn't say anything about "giving up." Oberg's use of such
fabrications further undermines what little credibility he has.
This is really asymmetric warfare here. My article gave a large
number of references, many of them were to correspondence with
EXPERTS. I tried to make everything as open to independent
verification as possible. Yet my research is "shallow,"
according to Oberg because I didn't know about some letter. But
Oberg plays by a different set of rules that he's made up for
himself; he gave no references at all in his "zigzag" article,
and it appears now that much if not most of it was based on this
letter, also not referenced like everything else.

The only false pretense I might have been guilty of in my
article was the pretense that I was responding to some sort of
work of scholarship when I referred to the zigzag article. That

article would be shoddy scholarship, except that there's no evidence of any scholarship at all. It was just another piece of Oberg's "attack journalism," wherein we learn such fascinating tidbits of knowledge as how other unnamed researchers (who everyone knows includes two Ph.D. scientists) are too dim to understand a "three dimensional concept." Oberg's article was not a peer reviewed publication and no reputable journal would publish something with so much trashy diatribe and zero references.

>6. The level of Fleming's confidence appears inversely
>proportional to the demonstrated level of his understanding of
>the subject matter, as follows:

>>I'd be interested in seeing this analysis, because right now
>>I'd have to conclude it was wrong and probably incomplete.
>>There is ZERO evidence of any thruster firing in the video. The
>light flash was the result of intensified lens >flare. That's
>not a theory; it's a fact.

>OK, have it your way, you've declared the game over and made it
>clear that NO response from me will alter your views - I've got
>no problem with that.

What a cop-out. Why would Oberg be so concerned about me altering my views? The entire purpose of these online debates is to convince readers as a group that one's opinion is the correct one, or maybe just to bring new facts to light for other people's consideration. His transparent evasions don't hide the fact that he's failed to address the evidence that the light flash was merely lens flare. The spatial distribution of the added brightness at the time of the flash doesn't fit the rocket exhaust theory at all. Oberg's evasions only emphasize that fact. I don't think he's fooling anyone.

>Once again, any errors in Fleming's paper turn out to be my
>fault - in his opinion.

And so Oberg closes with one last absurd lie. As I made clear, my comment was directed at his unprofessional and boorish conduct. I take responsibility for my own mistakes. But apparently, Mr. Oberg, as is often the case with boors, will not take any responsibility for his. I expect he will persist in his assertion that the light flash was caused by a rocket thruster and nobody will ever find out from him that there is any evidence to the contrary.

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 10:48:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 16:13:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - White

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 02 May 2003 22:18:24 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

<snip>

>Hello Ian, Royce..:

>I have to agree with your colleague. I don't believe in any
>grand government conspiracy, what I see is the Gov acting
>exactly like the Gov .. ass covering, inertia, you name it.

<snip>

Hi Larry -

How, then, do you see the several repeated, comical
"explanations" put forth by the USAF to explain the Roswell
incident? Or the testimony of eye witnesses?

What's your take on Nick Balaskas' find in Ottawa archives of
papers showing the Eisenhower administration had negotiations
with aliens?

Or the as yet unnamed Canadian UFOlogist who received a
"suggestion" from government guys that he might want to consider
leaving the field, and having no further contact with Nick
Balaskas?

Eleanor White

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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 19:07:47 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 16:37:43 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

>From: Chris Parr <parros@roswelldog.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 01:29:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

>The principle issues appear to have been side-tracked in the
>direction of my comments regarding the spurious ufological
>claims by UFO Magazine UFO Investigator of the Year for
>2001/2002 Sharon Larkin. The focal point of the major issue was
>meant to pinpoint the manipulation of UK Ufological studies.

<snip>

The manipulation of UFO studies is a very serious issue and I applaud your endeavours to expose who you believe are the manipulators. Indeed I hope that these endeavours would include anyone you were aware of and you would have no hesitation in speaking out against anyone even if they were a friend or close colleague if the facts were placed in front of you? Indeed I feel that you are of the opinion that UFO mag UK is manipulating ufo studies? I have to say that I do not agree with all the content of many paranormal or ufo publications.

At the end of the day research is conducted by researchers and on the whole armchair ufologists read magazines so they do not have to do any research. Many researchers I know use publications purely for overall views on the UFO and paranormal subjects. Most of the information is normally available through various sources earlier than through printed media. I accept that people new to research may use main stream publications as a place to start. Editors should not be condemned purely on the basis of editorial choice for the publication that they are in charge of.

>At the Leeds Conference 2002 Birdsall, in the presence of
>Stanton T Friedman and the entourage of Quest devotees, promoted
>the Ufological endeavours that merited Sharon Larkin to be UFO
>Magazine's premier UFO researcher in regard to her world
>exclusive revelations pertaining to a UFO connection
>contributing to the tragic 1994 MOD Chinook disaster whilst
>conducting a field investigation on the boundaries of RAF
>Machrihanish in August 2002.

>Without ignoring and trivialising the moral issues of the
>potential distress that may have been inflicted on the grieving
>families of this 1994 tragedy, UFO Magazine choose Sharon Larkin
>and her research to be of superior value than the genuine
>contributions to Ufology by Doctor David Clarke, Andy Roberts
>and the many dedicated researchers who have played an enormous
>role in attempted to solve the mysteries of the continuing UFO
>enigma.

Are you sure that Roberts and Clarke are genuine contributions to Ufology ?

>Sharon Larkin maybe the victim of an unfortunate trend to feed
>the darkside of Ufology. It is the judgement and example set by
>UFO Magazine and Graham Birdsall that must be seriously
>evaluated.

Should it?. You have commented in favour of Clarke & Roberts You have commented against Larkin & UFOMag. But you produce NO evidence for or against any party. This is only opinion.

Just wondered what your beef was really about.

Burns

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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 17:52:00 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 16:42:43 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

>From: Dave Sadler <sadlebone@yahoo.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 07:33:38 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

Dave wrote:

>I can understand Chris Parr's accusations and thoughts on the
>matter's concerning Sharon Larkin and Graham Birdsall..

>Although the publication UFO Magazine is of a high standard, has
>achieved commendable success and is one of the only paranormal
>types available on UK news stands, it seems you have to be part
>of the 'Birdsall clique' awarded with any mention within its
>pages.

I couldn't disagree more Dave.

Both Dave Clarke and myself have had several articles in UFO Magazine, yet anyone who knows anything about UK ufology knows full well that we certainly aren't part of the 'Birdsall clique'. Far from it in fact.

Graham runs a news stand magazine, the content of which is governed by commercial considerations. Perhaps you and the others just aren't sending material of high enough quality for him to publish it? From a commercial point of view it is folly for editors to ignore good quality material, and it was a lack same which forced the UK news stand 'zines of the mid 90s to the wall.

Whilst I don't agree with much of the content of UFO Mag, rather than witter so, rather than criticising people for wittering about the magazine perhaps you should writing something which is properly researched, relevant and readable.

Happy Trails

Andy
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Re: SCI FI Channel Statement - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 16:47:58 -0400
Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement - Hall

>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 21:33:19 EDT
>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 14:50:27 -0400
>>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement

>>>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 02:18:45 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement

>>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2003 22:15:21 +0000
>>>>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement

>>Richard wrote:

>>>>I have declined to sign the release on several grounds,
>>>>primarily no offer of compensation and objections to their
>>>>request for carte blanche permission to do anything they damn
>>>>well please with the interview(s) I did 5 or more years ago
>>>>while I have no say whatsoever about which one(s), how they are
>>>>edited, or what context they are placed in. Sorry, I am no
>>>>longer contributing freebies to profit-making outfits who
>>>>exploit me as they please and allow me nothing in return. They
>>>>seem to think that I (we) should be pleased to appear on their
>>>>programs regardless of any other considerations, but they are
>>>>very wrong at least in my case.

>>Terry commented:

>>>>I think it's a wise move to decline signing especially since
>>>>they offered no proof that they were affiliated with "Sightings"
>>>>in any way. I would wait until they specify which interview
>>>>they're going to use and the manner in which they will use it. I
>>>>would also negotiate a "first refusal" right in case they try to
>>>>use your material in a manner not approved by you.

<snip>

>It has to be pretty old (ie. in the public domain) to not bother
>with permission. Even if I didn't want to ask - and I always do
>- it's a sure-fire way to get sued if you haven't secured the
>rights. I don't know of any broadcaster that would air a program
>like that.

>>Unfortunately, the refusal of a few good researchers to allow
>>their material to be used won't stem the flow of others
>>scrambling for the microphone and camera. This genre has no
>>shortage of those seeking publicity and the potential audience
>>won't know the difference.

No, but at least we can sleep well at night in good conscience.

>There is a difference, I think, between paying for material that
>a researcher has compiled, quite likely at his or her own
>expense, and paying someone for an opinion. The former is
>legitimate; indeed, it is the right thing to do, and no
>researcher should allow a producer access to such material
>without some compensation. Opinions, however, are another matter
>entirely. Many documentary filmmakers believe it compromises the
>integrity of the film if you start paying commentators, alleged
>experts or, even worse, witnesses or subjects. I have been known
>to do it with the primary subjects of a film for the simple
>reason that it facilitates access - and I've been criticised by
>some of my peers for doing so - but I would never, on principle,
>pay a person to simply offer an opinion, no matter how well
>informed it might be.

>The funny thing is - the serious, respectable ufologists I've
>interviewed in the past have never asked. It's always the
>seedier ones who want a 'donation for the cause' (as one put it
>to me once).

>Incidentally, I practise what I preach. I've been interviewed by
>the media for any number of articles, or radio and TV spots,
>most recently in my capacity as President of the Nova Scotia
>Film and Television Producers Association. I would never dream
>of asking for a fee.

Paul,

If you pull Joe Blow off the street and ask him, "What do you think about UFOs?" that's a [worthless] opinion. The same applies to New Age airheads (if you will pardon my redundancy). If you interview someone who has spent a very long time and skill on gathering data, investigating cases, conducting analyses, all in a scientific fashion, then that is meaningful "researcher compiled" information and, in fact, a form of intellectual property that people should not give away, especially we who are deeply in debt as a result of our efforts.

To my surprise, this group is negotiating with me and appears to be ready to accede to my main two requirements. So far, at least, they are behaving honorably (as was the case in my dealings with "Sightings").

- Dick

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Re: UFO 'Detector' - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 13:08:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 16:59:29 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO 'Detector' - Hatch

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 19:12:58 -0500
>Subject: UFO 'Detector'

>I want everyone on this List to 'fess up. You own one of these,
>don't you :-)

>Not being strong in electronics I'm gonna go out on a limb and
>presume that there are a myriad of events that could set this
>thing off.

><http://www.ufo-detector.com/>

>Terry

><http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>

>[I'm sure Birnes & The Cooper-Eckers will thank you for boosting
>the hits on the Ad. too --ebk]

Dear EBK, Terry and all:

Having replaced lithium batteries etc., I suggest a low-tech solution to the UFO detection scheme, at least on the 'magnetic disturbance' theme:

You need only 4 things, and no batteries:

- a) A length of iron pipe, maybe 2 feet (600 cm plus or minus 90%)
- b) An equal length of copper pipe, but of double the diameter so that the copper pipe fits easily and loosely into the iron one.
- c) 6 bucks or so to replace the drill bit you borrow. You might break it.
- d) A soft pillow.

Procedure:

- 1) Drill a 1/4-inch hole in the copper pipe. Update your health insurance and do likewise with the iron pipe.
- 2) Slip the thinner pipe inside of the one with the wider diameter.
- 3) Slip any cord or string thru the holes in both pipes so that one is suspended loosely inside the other.
- 4) Hang this assembly anywhere that you can hear it in case a passing UFO makes it clang like a bell. The garage is a good place unless it is too far away.
- 5) Rest head on soft pillow. This could take a long time.

Theory of operation is simple. Breezes and earthquakes should affect one pipe as much as the other, thus no clanging.

IF a UFO generates strong magnetic anomalies, these should swing the iron pipe but not the copper one. This sets one clapping against the other like a bell.

The downside is that this simple device will not detect night-lights.

Cats or burglars may set off false alarms, but dogs will usually leave things alone unless they are stinky. Wash pipes if you have dogs, and hang assembly where cats cannot get at it. A rafter in the garage is ideal.

Any seldom used closet will do in an apartment. You can disguise the assembly it in your 'Sunday suit', as long as one pipe is freely suspended inside the other one. Otherwise, tell visitors that it is an 'anti-wind chime' which only rings when you go to church. This might require two pillows, but nothing above requires big bucks.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: The upside is that there are no batteries to replace ever. The weekly nite-lite bulletins come free of charge. The downside is that you may drill a hole in your thumb during assembly, and/or be late for Sunday Services.

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UFO Duck Hunting UpDate

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 15:33:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 17:28:33 -0400
Subject: UFO Duck Hunting UpDate

Dear Errol and List Subscribers:

Below is an update in reference to my attempts to review and analyze original footage of alleged UFOs taken by a Mr. Anthony Woods.

I took Santiago Yturria up on his offer (posted on UFO Updates) to share copies of the footage taken by Mr. Woods and sent him my address (via private E-mail). Santiago indicated that he would be sending me the video tape two weeks ago.

On Saturday, April 26, I received a letter from Graham W. Birdsall for the attention of "Amy Herbert, Errol Bruce Knapp, Jeff Rense and James Neff" addressed to Santiago. In the letter, Mr. Birdsall made it clear that Anthony Woods had given (sold?) exclusive rights to his video footage to UFO Magazine UK and no one was permitted to duplicate the materials for "review, research, presentation or broadcast", etc.

Mr. Birdsall further indicated that UFO Magazine UK will "disseminate the material professionally" and seek "the expert opinion of people who can help get to the truth" and the source of the material. Yet, one sentence later, Mr. Birdsall states, "The reality of this material is in no doubt in my mind." Further on he states, "That the material is genuine and I have no doubt that all Anthony's material is also what the camera recorded anyone wishing to challenge that can confront me."

Since UFO Magazine UK is already producing and promoting a documentary on Mr. Woods' footage (and his appearance at the 22nd Leeds International UFO Conference in September), one can't help but wonder when they plan to seek "expert opinion" and make efforts to get to the "truth and source of the material".

Needless to say, Mr. Yturria decided not to send out copies of Mr. Woods' "UFO" footage.

Ah, but all is not lost. We now have clips of Mr. Woods' claimed UFO footage available at:

<http://www.ufomag.co.uk/AW1.htm>

Since this is the only footage presented by UFO Magazine UK for review and analysis at this time, below is my preliminary analysis of the clips in the trailer.

Going beyond dramatic introductions and conclusions, focusing on video clips alone, one begins to perceive with their own eyes and think for themselves.

1. The clip dated 4-25-02, beginning of the trailer, appears similar to footage I have filmed (repeatedly) of various insects in flight such as dragonflies and wood bees. What may be "wings" appear above the main body of the object and since these "appendages" appear blurred, they may be wings in motion. It is quite possible the object filmed is some sort of beetle or perhaps even a hummingbird.

2. In the clip dated 8-9-01, second clip, the object could be

some kind of irregularly shaped balloon (perhaps a child's balloon), either dark colored or the color is due to contrast between background and object (video artifact), somewhat reflective surface. Note that the object appears to be turning end over end which is typical behavior of balloons caught in the wind. If this is evidence of intelligent control, someone was asleep at the wheel.

3. The clip dated 10-18-01, is remarkably similar to the hundreds of feet of footage I've filmed of white birds in flight high in the sky and/or at a distance from the photographer.

Someone applied a dark filter to the clip to highlight the other white objects in the sky (possibly more white birds).

I've seen similar UFO clips posted on the internet from time to time - this is part of the reason I began the IFO Database ("<http://ifo.s5.com>").

4. The clip dated 3-27-02 appears similar to video footage of a group of black balloons tied together reflecting light from time to time (due to the smooth surfaces of the balloons).

5. The clip filmed by Mr. Callaghan (no date specified) appears very similar to footage I have of a white bird flying overhead (I have filmed these types of objects many times which anyone can also re-create themselves by filming a white bird in flight from a distance). If you zoom in optically (not digitally because digital zoom only enlarges the pixels which can significantly distort an image - as anyone knows who owns a camera with digital zoom), you automatically know it's a bird.

Flying objects, including birds, filmed from a distance can be difficult to identify either as an IFO or a UFO. This is why I rely on behavioral as well as optical characteristics of an image to help analyze what an object or objects may or may not be in video footage. In addition, by comparing behavioral and optical characteristics of an unknown object in flight to images I have collected of various known or identified flying objects (IFO's), similarities between images can often indicate the most probable identity of the object in question.

In other words, if an object captured on video tape looks like a bird, behaves like a bird and appears remarkably similar to video footage of a bird in flight, it makes much more sense to classify the object as a potential IFO (pending further analysis) than to prematurely label it a "UFO" and produce documentaries and/or various books, articles or TV programs proclaiming the greatest UFO footage ever filmed long before the footage has been analyzed by independent (meaning not on the producer's payroll or any way associated with said production company or their affiliates), qualified, professionals.

It does not matter if an object is filmed with 2, 3, or 300 cameras at the same time. If it's a bird, bug or booger, it will still be a bird, bug or booger in each camera. Distorting images by excessive enlargement and/or "enhancement" of video clips/stills is also of little use when analyzing claimed UFO footage - no matter how many over-enlarged and/or "enhanced" video clips/stills you post all over the internet or how many thousands of feet of footage of alleged UFOs there may be. If the object in question is an IFO, it doesn't matter if you have 1 or 5,000 feet of video footage of the object, it remains an IFO in ever single foot of the footage whether you call it a UFO, an AFO or a FFO (flatulent farting octopus).

6. The insert on the left near the end of the preview appears remarkably similar to a light colored or white balloon floating in the sky. Something that could even be a string appears to be hanging from the bottom of the object in question.

7. The insert on the right near the end of the preview appears to be in slow motion and may be an insect flying between two trees. Known flying objects presented in slow motion can appear anomalous even when they are not. This is why it is so important to first review video footage of alleged UFOs in its original form without enhancement, excessive enlargement and/or in slow motion, etc. If someone claims to have video footage of UFOs, they are responsible for presenting the footage as is and unaltered and let people make up their own minds. You can add altered footage and/or stills later but the original footage

must also be available for review.

So many times I have needed to review footage of alleged UFOs, for my research, that I could only find available in UFO documentaries. Over and over, I have found the original footage clipped or altered to the point it is useless for any kind of further analysis. Sadly this often becomes the only footage available to the general public and is presented repeatedly on TV channels and even at UFO conferences...year after year after year. Sometimes, if you are able to review the original footage from beginning to end, you find all kinds of clues about the true source and intent of the footage not visible in the edited and altered versions.

7. The insert presented at the end of the preview could also be a white bird in flight but the clip is too short to get a good look at the object in question.

Disclaimer: This is only a preliminary analysis based on edited clips of video footage presented at the UFO Magazine UK web site and is not intended to reflect, in any way, on Santiago Yturria, Mr. Anthony Woods, UFO Magazine UK or its associates. Since I cannot review, at this time, the original footage taken by Mr. Anthony Woods or anyone else involved, I can only estimate the possible sources of the objects filmed through analysis of the behavior of the objects, analysis of the images presented and by comparing said images to images of IFO's I have observed and obtained through my own studies and photographic skills.

I am not, nor have I ever claimed to be, a photographic expert. I conduct research for my own curiosity and share my opinions, like everyone else on this list, occasionally.

Further analysis will be conducted when more footage is made available to the public (or privately if Mr. Birdsall or Mr. Woods will kindly allow me to review the footage in question in its original unedited, unaltered form).

I will, within the next two weeks, present the footage I used in making my comparisons of Mr. Woods' "UFOs" to IFO's that I filmed personally for the IFO Database (since I filmed the objects myself, I own the copyrights). It will then be up to each individual to make up his or her own mind as what Mr. Woods filmed.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 16:57:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 17:30:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 10:48:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 02 May 2003 22:18:24 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

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>"suggestion" from government guys that he might want to consider
>leaving the field, and having no further contact with Nick
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Those things are very interesting, but they're hardly proof of a grand conspiracy. It's just not enough to hold up in the eyes of objective criticism.

I need a bit more to believe, and I don't think I'm being unreasonable to ask for such.

Ian Rogers

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting UpDate - Jacobson

From: Eric Jacobson <ejacobson74@attbi.com>
Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 18:37:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 14:37:11 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting UpDate - Jacobson

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 15:33:00 -0500
>Subject: UFO Duck Hunting UpDate

Amy,

This is most interesting research you are doing on the possible IFO of video/movie footage.

>..... footage I have of a white bird flying overhead
>(I have filmed these types of objects many times which anyone
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>IFO in ever single foot of the footage whether you call it a
>UFO, an AFO or a FFO (flatulent farting octopus).

It would be a great service if you could make examples of these various IFOs in their un"enhanced" and "enhanced" incarnations both available on a web site. Really could save serious researchers a lot of time. Maybe if you don't have the requisite web skills someone with a site up and running would volunteer to help you. (Hint hint).

Excellant work, Thanks

Eric Jacobson

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Re: SCI FI Channel Statement - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 18:35:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 14:40:02 -0400
Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement - Kaeser

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 17:52:07 +0000
>Subject: Re: SCI FI Channel Statement

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>If you pull Joe Blow off the street and ask him, "What do you
>think about UFOs?" that's a [worthless] opinion. The same
>applies to New Age airheads (if you will pardon my redundancy).
>If you interview someone who has spent a very long time and
>skill on gathering data, investigating cases, conducting
>analyses, all in a scientific fashion, then that is meaningful
>"researcher compiled" information and, in fact, a form of
>intellectual property that people should not give away,
>especially we who are deeply in debt as a result of our efforts.

>To my suprise, this group is negotiating with me and appears to
>be ready to accede to my main two requirements. So far, at
>least, they are behaving honorably (as was the case in my
>dealings with "Sightings").

I'm curious as to whether this group is the Sci-Fi Channel, or a
production company preparing a program for them.

To a great extent I think we've been debating these issues as
purely black and white, but there are many circumstances that
might come into play.

When I mentioned researchers whose interviews had been used many
years later by those who retained ownership of the tapes, I
wasn't referring to simple "man in the street" interviews. But I
think the point isn't really whether you retain legal control
over your own material, but whether or not you retain control
when you've "released" it for others to use. How is that
"release" written, and how restrictive is it years down the
road. As I said in my earlier post, I'm somewhat surprised they
even asked at all.

But for the sake of conversation, let's muddy the water just a
bit.

I've taken my tape recorder, with permission from organizers,
and recorded many symposia for my own use. Should I decide to
use those audio tapes to produce an audio documentary program,
who owns the right to that material? What if I should re-edit
the presentations in such a way as to support my own agenda and
not that of the original speaker? What recourse would everyone
have in this case? What if it isn't actually sold for profit,
but simply posted to the Internet as free information?

To be honest one of those tapes was used to create an audio CD
that is sold by the Fund, and many of my audio clips can be
found on one of my (very outdated) web pages:

http://www.konsulting.com/audio_clips.htm

I've compiled many hours of interviews on various topics during
my eight years in radio news, and most of it I still possess.

The radio outlets that I worked for have no interest in them. And they are primarily question and answer interviews that took place in a public setting. I could take those interviews today and perhaps the opinions or views of those I have on tape have changed. But would that limit my legal right to use them? Even at the time of the interviews there no prior restrictions on how I edited the comments for use on the air. This editing was dictated by time and the story I was trying to tell, which more often than not was parallel to the story that they interviewee was trying to tell. As a member of the local community I had to work with those I interviewed in the future, and so I made every effort to not misrepresent their positions or views.

I think you'll find that those who are misrepresented can file a libel suit seeking a monetary award for damages, as well as suppression of the material. But this is an issue of misrepresentation, and not ownership.

Ownership of freely given interviews is not as clear cut as that of a published work. Releases are often obtained to provide some legal standing in case questions are later asked, but libel laws probably apply the most in this area with regard to the recourse someone might have as the wronged interviewee.

Steve

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Italian Satellite Falls On Australia

From: Diane Harrison <auforn@hypermax.net.au>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 10:58:29 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 14:44:44 -0400
Subject: Italian Satellite Falls On Australia

Italian Satellite Drops From Sky over Australia
"Queensland" UFO Hotline Calls Saturday 3rd May, 03.
02936: 02937: 02938:

Queenslanders witnessed a great light show last night, from Southport in the east to Monnie in the West.

One eyewitness Robert of Monnie near Dalby said: "I was with four friends we were on our way home from a party when we all noticed a large object appear to fall from the sky." "it was impressive, it was as big as a car and brighter than a meteor." "it looked metallic in colour and the cone glowed white, it appeared to have a tail, colours red green blue it looked like a big firework.

"Time was 10.04 pm". "At first we thought it was a plane crashing so we watched it until it disappeared over the tops of tree's to the west.

Steven of Bigger Water said: "I was traveling along Merleen avenue at 10.05 pm when I noticed an object come flying over from the east, I turned my car around as the object was travelling west to get a better look". "It looked like a very large meteor, glowing metallic white to gold in colour with a tail". "I thought this has to be a satellite reentering as it was huge."

Channel 9 TV News

Jane Hogkins of Channel 9 TV news rang to ask if anyone had reported the object or caught it on video. Unfortunately none of our eyewitnesses had a video camera on hand at the time. Channel 9 News will have a cover story at 6.00 pm today anyone with film is advised to contact Jane Hogkins at 9s News desk.

The Australian Volunteer Coast Guard comment:

<http://www.coastguard.com.au/>

Col of Redcliff Australian Volunteer Coast Guard said: "We were expecting the satellite to come down around 9.00 pm but it didn't and this caused us a problem as a caller called A.V.C.G to report a flare out to sea around 10.00 pm which we had to investigate". "After more investigation I found out it was a the Italian Satellite which was late on its reentry".

Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex comment:

<http://www.cdsc.nasa.gov/>

Robert a staff supervisor for Tidbinbilla tracking station said: "We had nothing official on record to say a satellite was going to be re-entering over Australia, but I have since found out the satellite which re-entered was named after a Greek God and lucky it didn't land on anything, as the satellite weighed 1 ton."

End of report

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Regards Diane Harrison
National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network
Australian Skywatch Director

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 20:36:17 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 14:47:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Hatch

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 10:48:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 02 May 2003 22:18:24 -0700
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>Hi Larry -

>How, then, do you see the several repeated, comical
>"explanations" put forth by the USAF to explain the Roswell
>incident? Or the testimony of eye witnesses?

Hello Eleanor:

The testimony of eye witnesses is just that.

For Roswell. I see a strong possibility of some sort of military screwup, followed by a coverup rather than some grand conspiracy, a coverup which itself turned into a screwup. That's government with a capital G.

>What's your take on Nick Balaskas' find in Ottawa archives of
>papers showing the Eisenhower administration had negotiations
>with aliens?

I find such claims hard to believe; Eisenhower as contactee etc. The provenance of the papers would have to be rigorously checked.

>Or the as yet unnamed Canadian UFOlogist who received a
>"suggestion" from government guys that he might want to consider
>leaving the field, and having no further contact with Nick
>Balaskas?

Stories like that are a dime a dozen. If I were given such a suggestion, I would ask to see it in writing under a gov. letterhead, so the writer and agency is clearly indicated. Not being an 'unnamed source', I might do things differently of course.

Best wishes

- Larry

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CI: 'Old Man In The Mountain' Dies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 21:45:05 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 14:49:25 -0400
Subject: CI: 'Old Man In The Mountain' Dies

Cydonian Imperative
5-4-03

"Old Man in the Mountain" Dies
by Mac Tonnies

See:

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

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Related links:

www.boston.com/news/daily/03/nh_old_man.htm

New Hampshire's beloved "Old Man in the Mountain," a natural rock outcropping that resembles a human face in profile (but not from other angles), has collapsed. The "Old Man" was a standby for Cydonia debunkers who likened the Face to the New Hampshire formation. The Old Man in the Mountain (recently immortalized on a U.S. quarter) bore a crude humanoid resemblance that critics of the Artificiality Hypothesis claimed could somehow account for the Face, which displays secondary facial detail consistent with an elaborate artificial structure.

[image]

Shape-from shading side-view of the Face on Mars by Chris Joseph.

Along with Carl Sagan's famous comparison to "Jesus in a tortilla chip" and more recent attempts to debunk the Face (such as the consummately unfacelike Middle Butte Mesa and Camelback Mountain), the Old Man epitomized the mainstream science community's aversion to planetary SETI. Its demise is lamentable but oddly appropriate; while the Face has yet to be proven artificial, data acquired since it was first photographed by the Viking mission in 1976 has strengthened the case for a non-natural origin.

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Sphere Over 3 British Columbia Communities

From: **Brian Vike - HBCCUFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 22:23:16 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 14:55:08 -0400
Subject: Sphere Over 3 British Columbia Communities

Glowing Sphere Over 3 British Columbia Communities

Houston, Quick & Telkwa

Date: April 24, 2003
Time: (starting at 10:55 p.m.)
Local & Toll Free UFO Hotline
Witnesses - 5

A little background on a sighting from July 29, 2002 first. The reason I brought up this shortened report again is, why so many sightings being seen around these areas. Military or government testing?, or a natural phenomena, or something else! (Unknown).

Last year over the Houston, Quick and Telkwa skies we had a rather large sighting which still has me baffled. As I and the Smithers Interior newspaper reported on the sighting after it happened, I soon found out that the story was growing by the day. The week after the sighting on July 29, 2002 it seems "dozens, upon dozens" of northern resident here in Houston, Telkwa and Smithers were witnessing military vehicles which were traveling highway #16 and on the back roads throughout the areas. Also I found it more than strange to find out a large amount of fixed winged aircraft and helicopters were flying so very low all around these communities, and keeping their flights at a very low level. Even I witnessed large transport aircraft flying back and forth from the north to the south.

After a night out for dinner at a close friends home, I arrived home to find two messages on my answer machine informing me that there was a great deal of aircraft activity taking place some 80 kilometers out the Morice River Road. (in the middle of no where). I was to meet up with one of the fellows who contacted me. So at 3:00 a.m. I took a trip in his logging truck so he could show me what he was talking about. Sure enough, just after 4:00 a.m. and still dark out, unknown lights were seen flying freely and low across the sky. In the opposite direction an aircraft was flying towards a light. After the two passed each other the "aircraft" made it's turn to follow the strange light.

A full week, and longer, two different logging contracting crews who were working in two separate areas. (or cut blocks) had observed numerous aircraft flying low up the Morice Valley, and low over the mountain peaks. (just so you know this would be dangerous to say the least due to the rugged terrain, but there they were looking for something, so witnesses said. Or at least in their opinion, that's what they all thought was going on.

Reports on the above sighting can be found at my website under British Columbia Sighting Reports.

Houston, B.C. (just west of)

Now on April 24, 2003, starting at 10:55 p.m. two witnesses here in Houston, B.C. caught sight of a really interesting and strange light/object. At approx: 2 kilometers west of the town of Houston, just past the railway and highway #16 bridges these two folks saw in front of them a small glowing sphere shaped

object almost sitting on highway #16 at the top of the hill they were about to head up. (HBCC UFO Note): To give you an better of where the witnesses were sitting when they spotted it. After traveling through Houston heading west, it is pretty flat ground with the Bulkley River winding along side the highway. At about 2 kms you would come to a blue bridge which crosses the Bulkley River, as one leaves the other end of the bridge you then start climbing a short, but steep hill heading in the direction of Quick, Telkwa and Smithers, B.C. The witness had just crossed the bridge when they caught sight of this light.)

As they headed up the hill, or approx; half ways up, the light disappeared from their line of sight. Once they arrived at the crest of the hill, again they noted the light moving north (away from them), and flying almost straight, following highway 16 at a low altitude. They told me that it was not much more than 80 to 100 feet off the road. The witnesses were at the time traveling at a speed of approx: 80 to 90 k's per hour and the object was slowly pulling a head of them. They lost sight of it once again just before the Irrigation Lake turn off. (or close). The only reason the object disappeared from their vision was due to the tree line. (Plus curves and hills in their view). It was the last time they saw the object. The total time that they observed the event was approx: 20 to 30 seconds. The description that was given of the object, was that it appeared to be completely round, glowing, or for maybe a better word - pulsating. It was about the size of a small digital satellite dish from the distance they had to view it. The object made no sudden movements, such as to the right or left, it stayed on a straight flight path. They also said because of the distance they were from the light, they said there was no sound heard coming from it. Also at one point the object seemed to light up the center roadway markings. (solid white reflective center lines).

Thank you to the Houston residents for their welcomed report.

Quick, B.C. (Woodmere Road just off Highway #16)

Date: April 24, 2003

Time: approx: 11:20 p.m.

On April 24, 2003 a farmer and his son out tending their cattle on a dairy farm at Quick, British Columbia. Both also witnessed the same object, or it seems to be. The son was hauling out manure from the barn with their tractor when he gave out a yell for his Dad to come out and look. When the Dad came out his son was pointing toward the western edge of their farm, and sitting at a dead stop just over top a group of evergreen and poplar trees, was a bright ball of white/yellowish light. They said no sound could be heard from it. HBCC UFO asked for an approx: size to this object. The reply was that is may have been close to the size of a full pick-up truck. Or as close as the witnesses could estimate. The object/light was closer to the Quick residents than the people driving just outside of Houston, B.C. which would have given them a closer view of the object, and this is why it looked larger. (in my estimation)

The sighting lasted for approx: 10 to 15 seconds, before it started moving north towards the Telkwa/Smithers area. Both of these Quick residents lost sight of the light/object after it rose up slightly to get over a small hill in the distance. They said what ever it was seemed to take it's time and flew in a straight line to the west, but at a very low level before having to gain a little in altitude to make it over top a hill. (I asked if any of the farm animals reacted to this event, both said no).

Telkwa, B.C. (Object observed over Tyhee Lake)

Date: April 24, 2003

Time: approx: 11:45 p.m.

A fellow who resides in the Telkwa area was on his way home, he left highway #16 and drove along the Telkwa High Road. Just has he was adjacent with Tyhee Lake Provincial Park he observed a ball of light flying "erratically" low over the lake. The witness said the light/object was moving quite quickly and reminded him if it was out of control when it first caught his attention. He stopped his vehicle to watch, and wondered what he was looking at. It was low enough that it did cast it's light

onto the lake below it. The man said he heard no sound, but I was told he did remain in his vehicle as the "thing" flew up the lake, moving from side to side, up and down, until it reached almost half way up the lake, then it veered off to the northeast towards the Babine Lake Provincial Park (or towards Granisle area) at a high rate of speed. (and clearing the mountain on the other side of the lake). He said it was so weird and all happened so fast, approx: 10 to 15 seconds at his guess. His estimation of the size of it was close to the size of a small car. The object was bright, and a off white in color.

The witness said if it wasn't for his wife telling him to call me, he would not have known who to contact, or if he would as it was so strange and he thought, who would believe me anyway ??

HBCC UFO Note: When I did my weekly radio UFO update show this past Thursday I asked area residents to call or write if anyone else had seen this event. Also I keep getting asked, why are there so many reports of unknown sightings coming from the pacific northwest here in British Columbia. Of course my reply is, I really do not know !!! I know with all the media attention I do get here, UFOs are a topic of discussion in the Saw Mill lunch rooms, area businesses and private homes. So when something is seen flying through the skies in northwest British Columbia, there is a good chance I will receive a call or email. But I do know, just in Houston, B.C. where I live, there have been a great number of UFO sightings gone unreported as I hear about one darn near once a week through a second hand party. I do not report on any of these as I have not talked with the witnesses who actually seen the unusual sight.

One more item I should also mention while I am here. I reported to you folks, and so did the media a while back on a major sighting which took place at Terrace, British Columbia, over Lake Elselake. Triangles had been seen flying low over, or around the lake. Finally I had a bit of a break through on this case and hope to have a full report on this soon. To be honest, I thought this may have been a hoax, but it is looking as if something really did take place over that area. What, well that is another question.

PS - If any more information on the above Houston/Quick/Telkwa sightings come in, I will certainly post all new information on this case. Plus I will be adding maps and photos to this case when I upload the reports to my website. (There are no photos of the object in question, but rather area photos of the places the object was seen).

Take good care,

Brian

HBCC UFO Research

New Site - http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/hbcc_ufo_research.htm

Main Site (Moving) <http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo/home.html>

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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

From: Barry Taylor <stingray@manyrivers.aunz.com>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 18:56:49 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 14:59:56 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

>From: Dave Sadler <sadlebone@yahoo.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 07:33:38 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

Hi Researchers and List members,

I would like to add my experiences to this particular discussion bases upon my own personal contacts with the UFO Magazine (UK) team.

I fully agree with the justified following comments of Dave Sadler, and commend him for "nailing it" so precisely.

>I can understand Chris Parr's accusations and thoughts on the >matter's concerning Sharon Larkin and Graham Birdsall..

>Although the publication UFO Magazine is of a high standard, has >achieved commendable success and is one of the only paranormal >types available on UK news stands, it seems you have to be part >of the 'Birdsall clique' awarded with any mention within its >pages.

>Many individuals including myself have forwarded information and >articles of a good quality to the magazine's hierarchy, only for >the information to obviously be dismissed. The same names >continue to be used. Many British ufologists, of high standing >outside of the magazine and who are currently involved in some >radical experiments, research and documentation, are disregarded >as unsuitable.

>Should not a publication be impartial and offer its pages to all >within our realm?

Firstly, in 1997 I produced a video entitled "UFO Down-Under" which contained 48 minutes of UFO footage that I had captured between 1997-99 here in Australia.

Among this footage was the first ever video footage of the Jellyfish type UFO with the dangling appendage. Anthony Woods was the second person to film a similar object. It will be interesting to eventually view this footage when Quest International releases Wood's video in their current production.

After studying previous video releases by the Birdsall, Callaghan team, I forecast that the Anthony Woods production will contain some of the best real UFO footage to come out of the UK. Hopefully, the voice over analysis does the footage the justice it deserves.

See a stabilised video clip of my Jellyfish's unique tail motion plus stills of Anthony Woods Jellyfish and compare the similarities.

<http://www.theozfactor.cjb.net/jelly~03.htm>

The main feature in my video was footage of numerous UFO's of various colours and shapes. This particular sighting was like a

peak event in Mexico and just as significant.

<http://www.theozfactor.cjb.net/video~1.htm>

After finalising my video, I contacted UFO Magazine (UK) informing them of the video content, and offering to write an article with images from the footage explaining what I had witnessed during this 50 minute major sighting event during daytime on 26 June 1999. This would have made a very interesting and informative feature article about a significant real UFO event. The reply to my offer was quote, "That sounds like an ad for your video". Well, it never eventuated did it! UFO Magazine subscribers and readers were robbed of what would have been the type of article the magazine should be featuring.

So I posted them a complementary copy of my video production saying they were welcome to freely use any of the footage in a future video production of theirs so that UFO enthusiasts could see UFOs from Down-Under and learn from the footage.

Eventually, I had to basically force a thank you out of them months later. They could of at least informed me that it had arrived. I had no idea it could take so much effort to say thanks.

Quest International continues to publish video and magazine articles containing birds and aircraft as UFO's. This I can prove using video enhancing and image stabilisation techniques and footage comparisons. This is one of the things you learn by experience while being a dedicated skywatcher who has videoed numerous real UFO's under a variety of conditions, and developing video analysis as a speciality. As people like Tom King will attest to.

The major article that UFO magazine readers will not read, is my controversial analysis of the "Tether Footage".

Using specialised video stabilisation and various enhancing and tracking combinations, I have been able to prove beyond reasonable doubt, that the main larger object in the Tether footage does in fact move in front of the tether and not behind the tether as has openly been broadcast by a couple of researchers who have published videos on the footage.

It is not a mile wide UFO behind the tether, it is a closer out of focus smaller object, or Airy Disc.

This proof seriously conflicts with the emphatic statements of Birdsall and Callaghan. Their statements, along with others with credentials, is now cast in stone. Even if I am able to demonstrate that the opposite is the truth and they are in fact wrong in their analysis, they do not want to hear about it.

Where is the scientific approach of UFO research going?

Shoot first the mouth then ask questions later?

Which is more important, the product or the proof?

Therefore my submitted article with images will never be printed by them at least. But I do intend to include it on my web page for all to see. Most UFO groups here in Australia already have a copy of my video analysis of the Tether footage thanks to Mike Farrell's UFO-VAC video for research purposes video exchange service. Next is to distribute it around the world when the exchange process continues. So if you have yet unseen UFO video and wish to freely exchange for other unseen footage, than you better contact Mike now ufovac@optusnet.com.au

Regards,

Barry Taylor

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Re: FO Duck Hunting UpDate - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <stingray@manyrivers.aunz.com>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 22:14:35 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 15:03:55 -0400
Subject: Re: FO Duck Hunting UpDate - Taylor

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 15:33:00 -0500
>Subject: UFO Duck Hunting UpDate

>Dear Errol and List Subscribers:

>Below is an update in reference to my attempts to review and
>analyze original footage of alleged UFOs taken by a Mr. Anthony
>Woods.

<snip>

>On Saturday, April 26, I received a letter from Graham W.
>Birdsall for the attention of "Amy Herbert, Errol Bruce Knapp,
>Jeff Rense and James Neff" addressed to Santiago. In the
>letter, Mr. Birdsall made it clear that Anthony Woods had given
>(sold?) exclusive rights to his video footage to UFO Magazine UK
>and no one was permitted to duplicate the materials for "review,
>research, presentation or broadcast", etc.

<snip>

Amy, I too just downloaded the clip from the UFO Magazine (UK)
web site, and even though it is of a low resolution, I for one
am excited about the footage. To me it looks very interesting
UFO footage. Some of it unique.

I have personally witnessed and video taped numerous UFOs during
daytime. When you observe with the naked eye, you can see the
radiance and features of the object. When viewing the resulting
video footage, much of the visual characteristic of the
illumination associated with the object is lost. It is not until
you have observed UFOs during day time then study the resulting
footage do you get the knowledge of the variance between the
resulting footage and the real thing.

Example for me was having viewed footage taken by Skywatcher Tom
King and Chris Miller (USA) of the so named "cluster" UFOs.
These are white Orbs grouped so closely together that they look
like a bunch of grapes even balloons tied together. Their
special characteristic is the manner in which they roll and
tumble around one another.

It was not until I witnessed seven such cluster UFO groups
during my 50 minute 26 June 1999 daytime sighting (with
witness), did I then become aware of the true nature of this
type of object in the cluster groups. These are featured on my
UFO Down-Under video.

I too at first thought these may have been balloons tied
together, but when you take into account the brightness of the
illumination associated with the object and the unusual
composition or visual surface texture of the object, do you then
realise they are infact something unfamiliar. Their flight path
is mostly steady and do not alter altitude as loose balloons
would if free drifting in the wind. Do some test video of
balloons and you will see the difference.

You are free to comment on the UFO mags Anthony Woods footage as you say, but be careful not to fall into the trap of incorrect analysis on such small amounts of low res clips you have seen so far. Be prepared and most importantly willing to change you mind when you view the final production. Too many people have fallen into this trap in the past. Some refuse to admit they were wrong in the first quick analysis. Even Birdsall and Callaghan have done this in the past. But this time it appears they are on a winner with Anthony Wood's footage, so lets get behind them and encourage this UFO Video Production.

One major asset that would benefit the quality of this footage is image stabilisation. This would not only assist criticism and accurate analysis, but allow closer steady zooms so that a good look at the movement of the object is made possible.

When I eventually get my own copy of the Wood's footage, the first thing I will do is stabilise the best clips than zoom in on it. If you have not seen this done to previous footage, it is amazing.

There you go Russ, there is an offer you should not refuse.

As far as Anthony being payed for his footage, good luck I say. Researchers who devote the hours to capture UFO footage should be well rewarded for their efforts. And Birdsall should rightly maintain the rights to release of any footage while in production. It costs lots of cash to produce and promote such a video production, and we the recipient of their group effort get it cheaply in the final product purchase price. It is our interest to fully support them. They may not always get it right, but neither do we.

I reserve my analysis comments until I have closely scrutinised the final footage release.

Regards,

Barry Taylor

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 09:43:44 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 15:16:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Friedman

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 16:57:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 10:48:01 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 02 May 2003 22:18:24 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>><snip>

>>>Hello Ian, Royce..:

>>>I have to agree with your colleague. I don't believe in any
>>>grand government conspiracy, what I see is the Gov acting
>>>exactly like the Gov .. ass covering, inertia, you name it.

>><snip>

>>How, then, do you see the several repeated, comical
>>"explanations" put forth by the USAF to explain the Roswell
>>incident? Or the testimony of eye witnesses?

>>What's your take on Nick Balaskas' find in Ottawa archives of
>>papers showing the Eisenhower administration had negotiations
>>with aliens?

I know I am gone a lot, but don't understand how I could have
missed this one. What were these papers talking about
negotiations with aliens??

>>Or the as yet unnamed Canadian UFologist who received a
>>"suggestion" from government guys that he might want to consider
>>leaving the field, and having no further contact with Nick
>>Balaskas?

>Those things are very interesting, but they're hardly proof of a
>grand conspiracy. It's just not enough to hold up in the eyes of
>objective criticism.

>I need a bit more to believe, and I don't think I'm being
>unreasonable to ask for such.

I, for one, don't know what a "grand conspiracy" is.

Are people following the rules laid down for classification
relating to National Security part of a grand conspiracy?

When I was doing classified research and development, I never
thought of myself as part of a conspiracy. The very heavily
blacked out UFO documents from the CIA and the whited out TOP
SECRET UMBRA UFO documents from the NSA, released under FOIA,

surely prove that at least these two government agencies are continuing to withhold information about UFOs.

Is this a grand conspiracy?

I suppose one could consider the Manhattan Project a Grand Conspiracy, as opposed to a highly classified R and D Project whose existence wasn't even known by Vice President Harry Truman, until he became President.

Remember that several years ago the DCI admitted having a black budget of 26.6Billion dollars US.Is this a grand conspiracy?

Stan Friedman

www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html click on picture

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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 09:14:28 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 15:28:03 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 17:52:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

>>From: Dave Sadler <sadlebone@yahoo.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 07:33:38 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

>Dave wrote:

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>>pages.

>I couldn't disagree more Dave.

>Both Dave Clarke and myself have had several articles in UFO
>Magazine, yet anyone who knows anything about UK ufology knows
>full well that we certainly aren't part of the 'Birdsall
>clique'. Far from it in fact.

>Graham runs a news stand magazine, the content of which is
>governed by commercial considerations. Perhaps you and the
>others just aren't sending material of high enough quality for
>him to publish it? From a commercial point of view it is folly
>for editors to ignore good quality material, and it was a lack
>same which forced the UK news stand 'zines of the mid 90s to the
>wall.

>Whilst I don't agree with much of the content of UFO Mag, rather
>than witter so, rather than criticising people for wittering
>about the magazine perhaps you should writing something which is
>properly researched, relevant and readable.

Folks.

I believe that I can add something to this discussion. I am a
UFO editor myself for nearly 20 years, and I have published
about 200 editions of 8 different publications in this field.
All of them for subscribers and news stands. The longest-lasting
is the Brazilian UFO Magazine, now in its 88th edition and still
running about 35,000-40,000 issues/monthly. Perhaps, I am the
oldest UFO editor in the world, as far as news stand publications
are concerned. I am even older than Graham Birdsall in this
field.

It is not easy to do such a job. Andy points out that Graham
"runs a news stand magazine which content is governed by
commercial considerations". Well, that is a fact for him, for my
UFO Magazine, for Vicki and Don Ecker's UFO Magazine, for
Italian Roberto Pinotti's UFO Magazine and anyone's else UFO

Magazine. If you don't follow that rule, you are out of the market. However, what all of us UFO editors do, and I know that Graham is a master in that, in keep an eye on what readers WANT to read, which is not exactly the same to say to be "governed by commercial considerations". But at same time, publish material that they NEED to read, which could be translated as "having real ufological considerations".

If you run a magazine only with what people NEED to know about UFOs, with info and details that are most of the time inside to UFO researchers, you cannot survive. And the same happens otherwise, if you only publish material that readers WANT to read. The combination of both is what you must do, so you can commercially survive and make your publication running and spread the message, the very and important message of the alien presence. After almost 20 years doing this thing full time (I am the only Brazilian UFO researchers totally devoted to and living from this field), I believe this is the right way to do things.

Graham is a dear friend, a person who I admire profoundly. I have been observing his trajectory with his magazine since the beginning. I've been speaking in his conferences and he has been speaking in ours. I am glad that I am his friend and proud that I have learned a lot from him. His magazine is a result of an immense, dedicated and fully devoted job of him, his family and a small crew. UFO Magazine UK is spread all over the world, taking to people the trully message that we are not only not alone, but also being visited by several civilizations on a regular basis.

I believe that Graham has done a lot for Ufology, employing almost all his time and his family's time to produce a fine and always growing publication. Imagine a world without the world's leading UFO publication or, actually, the only one that literally circulates all over the planet?!

A. J. Gevaerd
editor, Brazilian UFO Magazine.

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update - Bright

From: Dan Bright <dan@zaziork.com>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 15:41:34 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 15:30:16 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update - Bright

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 15:33:00 -0500
>Subject: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>Dear Errol and List Subscribers:

>Below is an update in reference to my attempts to review and
>analyze original footage of alleged UFOs taken by a Mr. Anthony
>Woods

<snip>

Hi Amy and List members,

For what it's worth, below is my take on this case.

Without being privy to the original footage, it's almost impossible to come to any kind of firm conclusions as to its veracity. All Joe Public can do is to rely upon the word of those whom have been entrusted with the investigation and research of these cases. Therefore, it's vital that the investigation is carried out in a thoroughly transparent manner, utilising the skills of those whom have earned reputations of professional excellence in their respective fields.

Whilst I'm personally unable to come to any kind of satisfactory judgement in respect to this footage due to the aforementioned reasons, I do however note with unease that the material is presently under the exclusive control of an enterprise with a clear and overriding profit motive.

I understand that those at UFO magazine have given assurances that the footage will be provided to "experts" for analysis. It remains to be seen who is indeed given license to study the first generation recordings in detail, although I'm encouraged to see that they intend to seek "the expert opinion of people who can help get to the truth".

It will also be interesting to see when this is likely to occur. Stringing the process out would no doubt be financially advantageous, especially if there's an expectation that the results of such scrutiny would not support either the "anomalous" status, or significantly, more magazine/dvd sales. A drip, drip process of limited and carefully controlled analysis, combined with lashings of speculation, would surely do the sales figures no harm.

The way in which this high profile case is handled will surely have significant implications in respect to the credibility of any research and investigation of this kind that is conducted by those with a clear financial motive to arrive at one particular set of conclusions.

In this case, the proof will be in the pudding; and not just in relation to the Anthony Woods footage.

I was engaged in limited research into the circumstances surrounding these cases last year, albeit only in a superficial

sense due to the fact that I did not have any direct contact with any of the witnesses, nor view any original first generation copies of the footage.

Although purporting to be using Mexican investigator Mr. Santiago Yturria with exclusivity for the duration of his involvement, I can reveal that, to the best of my knowledge,

Mr. Yturria was not the only investigator or group who was involved with this case, and indeed Anthony Woods has presented his footage for "exclusive" study to four organisations and two websites of which I'm aware.

His longest investigative relationship, until now, appears to have been with Mr. Yturria, who incidentally provided by far the greatest public exposure for his material through "exclusives" at Rense.com. One particular article claimed that military helicopter activity appeared to be occurring in response to the appearance of UFO. A cursory study of Mr. Wood's locality revealed the relatively close proximity to Portsmouth Naval Base. I zipped off an e-mail to Jeff Rense advising him of this fact, as I felt it to be a reasonably relevant piece of information. As far as I'm aware, this was not published on the website.

It is also worth noting that Havant is a home to Lockheed Martin UK, a global enterprise principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture and integration of advanced-technology systems. With it's headquarters at Langstone Technology Park, the company is heavily involved in the research and development of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). There are also RADAR research establishments in close proximity to the Havant area, and several military installations.

In addition to the Woods footage, a woman hailing from the same locality, namely that of Bedhampton, near Havant, has produced voluminous and equally as noteworthy video "evidence" as Anthony Woods. Nicknamed "Bambi", aka. Abby Parker, she also peddled her videos around the houses, eventually ending up at Mr. Yturria's door. Again, I have not been fortunate enough to have studied the first generation tapes of her footage and so I'm unable to make any firm claims as to its veracity.

In my limited correspondence with Mr. Yturria, I always found him courteous and helpful. The doubts I have about these cases are in no way meant to reflect negatively on Mr. Yturria or his research. Mr. Yturria has been privy to the original footage, whereas I have not. I speak merely from a distance, and from the stance of an interested outsider to the Woods/Parker cases.

All in all, these cases are dripping with possible avenues for serious and rigorous enquiry, and I await the results of UFO magazine's investigation with interest.

Regards,

Dan Bright
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Re: New At Magonia - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 18:10:20 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 15:36:30 -0400
Subject: Re: New At Magonia - Rimmer

Some new stuff on the Magonia website which might be of interest:

The Pelican explains why ufology needs better quality control for its raw data

<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/pelican11.htm>

Magonia Review of Books, April

Including bad astronomy, crazy politics and a sensible look at the Mothman

<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/april03.htm>

Kevin McClure Index

Three of Kevin's major feature articles and the full archive of 'Abduction Watch' conveniently indexed

<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/news/reviews/kevinindex.htm>

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

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Rael In UFO Magazine

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 19:18:19 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 15:40:00 -0400
Subject: Rael In UFO Magazine

To Don and Vicki Ecker and the List

I have just received in France and read the new issue of 'UFO Magazine', now titled 'UFO'.

There are several articles on Raelians and cloning, with this exciting cover announcement:

"Raelians + Cloning = Immortality?"
"True/Fraud"

For those who don't read it, here are the articles presented:
"Clonegate and the media", by Richard Dolan (3 pages);

"Are we on the "eve" of Cloned Human Reproduction?",
by Vicki Ecker (2 pages);

"Cloning and Immortality: Rael's Vision", by Norman Doering
(5 pages);

"Birth of a New Science. Interview with Raelian Damien Marsic"
by Sean Casteel (3 pages).

(Marsic is a young scientist who joined Raelians at 18)

That makes a total of 13 pages on the Raelians and their cloning claims.

I must say, in all friendness, that you missed a major question. At no point did you raise the question, the first question for any ufologist, of the credibility of the Frenchman Claude Vorilhon, alias Rael, as a contactee.

I sent you an article at you request, and you told me that you would just quote it, but you did not even do that. (I posted it recently on UFO Updates).

Irrelevant question? Well, it never will be to me, as long as I keep an interest in UFOs. In my opinion, as well as of almost all French ufologists, his credibility as a contactee as close to zero as you can get.

Now, about your set of articles, there is a point on which I agree. The media probably took a wrong angle of attack when they put in doubt the reality of the Raelian cloning.

The fact is, we don't know yet. And if it happens to be confirmed, what a mess it will be, not only for science but also for ufology!

Gildas Bourdais

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Oberg's STS-48 'Original Report'

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 10:16:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 15:35:08 -0400
Subject: Oberg's STS-48 'Original Report'

From James Oberg's 'Original Report' on the STS-48 video in December, 1992:

<http://bedlam.rutgers.edu/ufo/oberg.txt>

"What is the 'flare' in the camera that precedes the change in motion of all the objects? I believe the flare in the lower left camera FOV is an RCS jet firing, not per Hoagland an electromagnetic pulse effect. There are several reasons: it does not look like any known electromagnetic video interference; it looks just like previously seen RCS flares;"

[Emphasis mine]

A location in the lower left corner of the FOV is in the direction of the rockets in the spacecraft's aft end. If the presence of a flare at that position means that it was produced by a rocket firing, then obviously any other location is compelling evidence that it was not caused by a thruster firing. As I showed in my article, there is NO flare in the lower left corner of the image. It is all in the upper left corner where the pre-existing lens flare is located. Oberg here argues based on non-existent evidence. To quote the words of a pompous "space expert," Oberg's assertion is not EVEN an approximation. It is JUST PLAIN WRONG. He obviously did no real work on this problem, let alone any original research as I had mistakenly thought. His "contribution" has been writing debunking screeds in which he regurgitates information spoon-fed to him by NASA sources.

Oberg's incompetent image analysis and other dubious activities over the past decade have done immeasurable damage to the progress of serious scientific investigation into phenomena of the sort shown in the STS-48 video.

Oberg closes his "report" with the conclusion:

"So Hoagland's explanation is magical and unrealistic."

Hoagland's EM pulse theory turned out to be incorrect, but it was downright prosaic compared to the supernatural powers Oberg's magical thinking has attributed to these tiny vernier thruster rockets.

BTW: No image-processing experience is needed at all to see what I called "the true nature" of the flash in the STS-48 video. All you need is a QuickTime digital movie player, or something of the sort that allows you to advance the video frame by frame with a slider bar. You can confirm for yourself that the pre-existing lens flare and the flash are one and the same. If anyone is interested, I can email them a short sequence from the video that shows the progression of the lens flare "blooming" from the upper left corner of the FOV. Unlike certain "space experts" I back up my conclusions with evidence, not hot air and lies.

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More UFO Research Software

From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 13:52:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 15:44:04 -0400
Subject: More UFO Research Software

Greetings

While at the Ozark conference I met a young lady, Heather Ahrens, who has developed Anomaly Research Database Software which might be useful for researchers who do a lot of UFO sighting or crop circle field research.

This program was originally designed by Heather for law enforcement. It was sold to various sheriff and police departments for cataloguing their various crime cases.

Heather's site "International Unexplained Sciences and Extraterrestrial Research" is at

<http://www.iuser.iwarp.com/>

for those who wish to check it out.

Grant
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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

From: **Brenda Denzler** <bdenzler1@email.msn.com>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 15:37:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 15:57:49 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

>From: Barry Taylor <stingray@manyrivers.aunz.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 18:56:49 +1000
>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

>I would like to add my experiences to this particular
>discussion bases upon my own personal contacts with the UFO
>Magazine (UK) team.

>I fully agree with the justified following comments of Dave
>Sadler, and commend him for "nailing it" so precisely.

>Firstly, in 1997 I produced a video entitled "UFO Down-Under"
>which contained 48 minutes of UFO footage that I had captured
>between 1997-99 here in Australia.

>Among this footage was the first ever video footage of the
>Jellyfish type UFO with the dangling appendage. Anthony Woods
>was the second person to film a similar object. It will be
>interesting to eventually view this footage when Quest
>International releases Wood's video in their current production.

>After studying previous video releases by the Birdsell,
>Callaghan team, I forecast that the Anthony Woods production
>will contain some of the best real UFO footage to come out of
>the UK. Hopefully, the voice over analysis does the footage

>See a stabilised video clip of my Jellyfish's unique tail
>motion plus stills of Anthony Woods Jellyfish and compare the
>similarities.

><http://www.theozfactor.cjb.net/jelly~03.htm>

>The main feature in my video was footage of numerous UFO's of
>various colours and shapes. This particular sighting was like
>a peak event in Mexico and just as significant.

><http://www.theozfactor.cjb.net/video~1.htm>

Folks, I've seen Barry Taylor's video and it's worth looking at. He doesn't dress it up with a lot of fancy graphics and titles and goo-gaws. Not a lot of talking heads and speculations. It's just a good, straightforward collection of sightings of something from one area Down Under.

Worth a look-see, if you're so inclined.

Brenda Denzler

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Re: CI: 'Old Man In The Mountain' Dies - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 13:10:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 16:26:55 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: 'Old Man In The Mountain' Dies - Hatch

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 21:45:05 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: CI: 'Old Man In The Mountain' Dies

>Cydonian Imperative
>5-4-03

>"Old Man in the Mountain" Dies
>by Mac Tonnies

>See:

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

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>Related links:

>www.boston.com/news/daily/03/nh_old_man.htm

>New Hampshire's beloved "Old Man in the Mountain," a natural
>rock outcropping that resembles a human face in profile (but not
>from other angles), has collapsed. The "Old Man" was a standby
>for Cydonia debunkers who likened the Face to the New Hampshire
>formation. The Old Man in the Mountain (recently immortalized on
>a U.S. quarter) bore a crude humanoid resemblance that critics
>of the Artificiality Hypothesis claimed could somehow account
>for the Face, which displays secondary facial detail consistent
>with an elaborate artificial structure.

>[image]

>Shape-from shading side-view of the Face on Mars by Chris
>Joseph.

>Along with Carl Sagan's famous comparison to "Jesus in a
>tortilla chip" and more recent attempts to debunk the Face (such
>as the consummately unfacelike Middle Butte Mesa and Camelback
>Mountain), the Old Man epitomized the mainstream science
>community's aversion to planetary SETI. Its demise is lamentable
>but oddly appropriate; while the Face has yet to be proven
>artificial, data acquired since it was first photographed by the
>Viking mission in 1976 has strengthened the case for a non-
>natural origin.

Jesus in a Tortilla Chip? I missed that one. I thought it was
Sister Mary Theresa in a potato chip.

SMT is easier, she had a face like a saintly mudslide.

Best

- Larry

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 13:35:30 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 21:13:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Hatch

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 09:43:44 -0300

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 16:57:51 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

<snip>

>>>What's your take on Nick Balaskas' find in Ottawa archives of
>>>papers showing the Eisenhower administration had negotiations
>>>with aliens?

>I know I am gone a lot, but don't understand how I could have
>missed this one. What were these papers talking about
>negotiations with aliens??

>>>Or the as yet unnamed Canadian UFOlogist who received a
>>>"suggestion" from government guys that he might want to consider
>>>leaving the field, and having no further contact with Nick
>>>Balaskas?

>>Those things are very interesting, but they're hardly proof of a
>>grand conspiracy. It's just not enough to hold up in the eyes of
>>objective criticism.

>>I need a bit more to believe, and I don't think I'm being
>>unreasonable to ask for such.

>I, for one, don't know what a "grand conspiracy" is.

>Are people following the rules laid down for classification
>relating to National Security part of a grand conspiracy?

>When I was doing classified research and development, I never
>thought of myself as part of a conspiracy. The very heavily
>blacked out UFO documents from the CIA and the whited out TOP
>SECRET UMBRA UFO documents from the NSA, released under FOIA,
>surely prove that at least these two government agencies are
>continuing to withhold information about UFOs.

>Is this a grand conspiracy?

>I suppose one could consider the Manhattan Project a Grand
>Conspiracy, as opposed to a highly classified R and D Project
>whose existence wasn't even known by Vice President Harry
>Truman, until he became President.

>Remember that several years ago the DCI admitted having a black
>budget of 26.6Billion dollars US.Is this a grand conspiracy?

Hello Stan:

I suppose its a matter of legality. With wartime secrecy and
emergency legislation in effect, nobody I know of has called
keeping Truman in the dark about the Manhattan Project illegal.

Grand simply means 'great' or very large scale.

IF the Gov. had crashed saucers hidden away for decades, and/or concealed Eisenhower's contacts with space aliens and the like for the same decades, I would think that its patently illegal. This could be called a Grand Conspiracy in my book.

It was Eleanor who brought up Eisenhower's alien 'contact'.

I'm only guessing here, but I suppose that might derive from events in Southern California in the early 1950s.

Eisenhower, forever followed by the press, simply dropped out of sight for a while. Later, somebody more-or-less officially let it be known that Ike had gone to a dentist.

Conspiracy theorists (if that's the proper term) concluded that he was taken to see alien craft and/or bodies in a nearby military facility, with the dentist as a cover story. Actual contact with live aliens would be a new twist, assuming I'm talking about the same story.

Every time somebody dredges that up, and by all means see Eleanor's original post (secret agents from unspecified government agencies warning unnamed souls from associating with UFO people etc.), the words "Grand Conspiracy" just pop into my head automatically.

I'm sorry if that sounds jaded.

Best wishes

- Larry

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Re: Rael In UFO Magazine - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 18:21:26 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 21:26:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Rael In UFO Magazine - Gevaerd

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 19:18:19 +0200
>Subject: Rael In UFO Magazine

>To Don and Vicki Ecker and the List

>I have just received in France and read the new issue of 'UFO
>Magazine', now titled 'UFO'.

>There are several articles on Raelians and cloning, with this
>exciting cover announcement:

>"Raelians + Cloning = Immortality?"
>"True/Fraud"

>For those who don't read it, here are the articles presented:
>"Clonegate and the media", by Richard Dolan (3 pages);

>"Are we on the "eve" of Cloned Human Reproduction?",
>by Vicki Ecker (2 pages);

>"Cloning and Immortality: Rael's Vision", by Norman Doering
>(5 pages);

>"Birth of a New Science. Interview with Raelian Damien Marsic"
>by Sean Casteel (3 pages).

>
>(Marsic is a young scientist who joined Raelians at 18)

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>That makes a total of 13 pages on the Raelians and their
>cloning claims.

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>I must say, in all friendness, that you missed a major question.
>At no point did you raise the question, the first question for
>any ufologist, of the credibility of the Frenchman Claude
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>would just quote it, but you did not even do that. (I posted it
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>all French ufologists, his credibility as a contactee as close
>to zero as you can get.

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>Now, about your set of articles, there is a point on which I
>agree. The media probably took a wrong angle of attack when they
>put in doubt the reality of the Raelian cloning.

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>The fact is, we don't know yet. And if it happens to be
>confirmed, what a mess it will be, not only for science but also
>for ufology!

Gildas,

Rael was in Brazil last March signing books and trying to

lecture in a few places. At a Mall in Sao Paulo, where he signed his books, only a few people showed up. He wasn't more than a curiosity for people walking around and shopping. We had someone talking to him and evaluating the real proposals of his appearance.

A few days later he was in Porto Alegre for what the Raelians advertised as a big event and lecture on cloning. Again, only a few people and journalists appeared, and then he decided to cancel the conference (he claims he doesn't speak for less than 500 people).

While moving in and out the venue, he was disturbed by about 100 people protesting in a political rally. He felt happy as he thought they were there because of him and his cloning ideas, but they were not. The rally was because of another issue involving transgenic food.

To summarize: his trip to Brazil was a total failure.

A. J.

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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

From: Robert Frola <ufologist@hypermax.net.au>
Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 08:46:01 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 21:47:04 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 09:14:28 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

>Folks.

>I believe that I can add something to this discussion. I am a
>UFO editor myself for nearly 20 years, and I have published
>about 200 editions of 8 different publications in this field.
>All of them for subscribers and news stands. The longest-lasting
>is the Brazilian UFO Magazine, now in its 88th edition and still
>running about 35,000-40,000 issues/monthly. Perhaps, I am the
>oldest UFO editor in the world, ass far news stand publications
>are concerned. I am even older than Graham Birdsall in this
>field.

>It is not easy to do such a job. Andy points out that Graham
>"runs a news stand magazine which content is governed by
>commercial considerations". Well, that is a fact for him, for my
>UFO Magazine, for Vicki and Don Ecker's UFO Magazine, for
>Italian Roberto Pinotti's UFO Magazine and anyone's else UFO
>Magazine. If you don't follow that rule, you are out of the
>market. However, what all of us UFO editors do, and I know that
>Graham is a master in that, in keep an eye on what readers WANT
>to read, which is not exactly the same to say to be "governed by
>commercial considerations". But at same time, publish material
>that they NEED to read, which could be translated as "having
>real ufological considerations".

>If you run a magazine only with what people NEED to know about
>UFOs, with info and details that are most of the time inside to
>UFO researchers, you cannot survive. And the same happens
>otherwise, if you only publish material that readers WANT to
>read. The combination of both is what you must do, so you can
>commercially survive and make your publication running and
>spread the message, the very and important message of the alien
>presence. After almost 20 years doing this thing full time (I am
>the only Brazilian UFO researchers totally devoted to and living
>from this field), I believe this is the right way to do things.

>Graham is a dear friend, a person who I admire profoundly. I
>have been observing his trajectory with his magazine since the
>beginning. I've been speaking in his conferences and he has been
>speaking in ours. I am glad that I am his friend and proud that
>I have learned a lot from him. His magazine is a result of an
>immense, dedicated and fully devoted job of him, his family and
>a small crew. UFO Magazine UK is spread all over the world,
>taking to people the trully message that we are not only not
>alone, but also being visited by several civilizations on a
>regular basis.

>I believe that Graham has done a lot for Ufology, employing
>almost all his time and his family's time to produce a fine and
>always growing publication. Imagine a world without the world's
>leading UFO publication or, actually, the only one that
>literally circulates all over the planet?!

I have to agree and disagree with Ademar. I have published the Australasian Ufologist Magazine now for seven years. It is a subscriber and news-stand publication and is Australia's and New Zealand's only UFO, Paranormal and the Unexplained magazine.

It is a magazine dedicated to UFO Research by UFO Researchers, and I try to combine both research and commercial considerations, a combination which I think works very well. The Australasian Ufologist Magazine has been around as long as Graham's UFO Magazine. The only difference is the approach we have to how the magazine is marketed. Anyone who has seen both magazines can speak on my behalf.

Many say you can't survive out there without being heavily commercialized? I disagree. We survive on little, if no paid advertising, relying on book and video sales and the strength of the articles placed within its covers.

Does it work? We are still here and sales are improving. It may not be a highly polished glossy magazine like Grahams or Ademar but we do spread the message, the very and important message of the alien presence here on Planet Earth.

Cheers

Robert Frola
Editor
The Australasian Ufologist Magazine
Co-Editor
Hard Evidence Magazine (formerly Exposure Magazine)

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Re: UFO 'Detector' - Goldstein

From: **Josh Goldstein** <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 01:44:07 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 21:51:16 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO 'Detector' - Goldstein

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 13:08:04 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFO 'Detector'

>>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 19:12:58 -0500
>>Subject: UFO 'Detector'

>>I want everyone on this List to 'fess up. You own one of these,
>>don't you :-)

>>Not being strong in electronics I'm gonna go out on a limb and
>>presume that there are a myriad of events that could set this
>>thing off.

>><http://www.ufo-detector.com/>

>>Terry

>><http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>

>>[I'm sure Birnes & The Cooper-Eckers will thank you
>> for boosting the hits on the Ad. too --ebk]

>Dear EBK, Terry and all:

>Having replaced lithium batteries etc., I suggest a low-tech
>solution to the UFO detection scheme, at least on the 'magnetic
>disturbance' theme:

>You need only 4 things, and no batteries:

>a) A length of iron pipe, maybe 2 feet (600 cm plus or minus
>90%)

>b) An equal length of copper pipe, but of double the diameter so
>that the copper pipe fits easily and loosely into the iron one.

>c) 6 bucks or so to replace the drill bit you
>borrow. You might break it.

>d) A soft pillow.

>Procedure:

>1) Drill a 1/4-inch hole in the copper pipe. Update your health
>insurance and do likewise with the iron pipe.

>2) Slip the thinner pipe inside of the one with the wider
>diameter.

>3) Slip any cord or string thru the holes in both pipes so that
>one is suspended loosely inside the other.

>4) Hang this assembly anywhere that you can hear it in case a
>passing UFO makes it clang like a bell. The garage is a good
>place unless it is too far away.

>5) Rest head on soft pillow. This could take a long time.

>Theory of operation is simple. Breezes and earthquakes should
>affect one pipe as much as the other, thus no clanging.

>IF a UFO generates strong magnetic anomalies, these should swing
>the iron pipe but not the copper one. This sets one clapping
>against the other like a bell.

>The downside is that this simple device will not detect night-
>lights.

>Cats or burglars may set off false alarms, but dogs will usually
>leave things alone unless they are stinky. Wash pipes if you
>have dogs, and hang assembly where cats cannot get at it. A
>rafter in the garage is ideal.

>Any seldom used closet will do in an apartment. You can disguise
>the assembly it in your 'Sunday suit', as long as one pipe is
>freely suspended inside the other one. Otherwise, tell visitors
>that it is an 'anti-wind chime' which only rings when you go to
>church. This might require two pillows, but nothing above
>requires big bucks.

Hi Larry,

Your version sounds nifty but if a UFO is coming you don't want to sleep through the experience. Of course if you are going to become an abductee it is already too late and too futile. If it is one of the classes of sighting, in your neighborhood, then it would be a shame to snore through it on that soft set of pillows.

At home do you really have certainty that a little metal clanging will wake you up? Why not have it wired up so that closing the gap between the two pipes closes a circuit or the lack of resistance triggers off a relay on your household wiring. That could be wired to your home burglar alarm, turn on your clock radio, flash your lights, ring your doorbell, whatever you want. I suggest that you learn a little about electricity and its dangers before you try this at home.

Larry, you and I come from the earthquake country in California. These UFO detectors could become a pain in the butt, often going on alarm. To folks who have never been through major earthquakes and tremors, if it is not strong enough to wake you up then it is not strong enough to cause much damage. No point wasting sleep over them.

For Eleanor White, your primary concern is with alleged US Government mind control being in existence today. I don't remember if I have asked you if a claimant has tried sleeping inside a Faraday cage and has seen whether the problem has continued taking place. If that experiment has not taken place you may want to build your own at home to sleep within. You can get metal you can use for it at a very low scrap price. Plans could be sent to your colleagues and it may be a worthy group experiment if properly designed and executed.

If it is shown to reduce or remove those alleged signals sent to your and others brains then phase two would need to be initiated. That stage of the trial would be to see if a Faraday cage reduced to the size of your head has an effect and if that differed from the full bed cage size. If a head size Faraday does prevent mind control then you may have a cottage industry if you so desire in the future. Of course you will need to closely watch how the "UFO Detector" sales work before trying to use this as a fundraiser for your campaign.

My idle thoughts,

Josh

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NC Couple Reports Seeing UFO Wednesday Night

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Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 22:00:31 -0400
Subject: NC Couple Reports Seeing UFO Wednesday Night

Source: The Pilot - Southern Pines, North Carolina

<http://www.thepilot.com/news/050403ufo.html>

Couple Reports Seeing UFO Wednesday Night

By Matthew Moriarty: Staff Writer

A local man and his wife saw what he describes as a UFO Wednesday night.

The unidentified flying object appeared as a bright white light, hovered for a moment then flew across the sky "with the speed of a meteor," said Fred Lloyd, an assistant golf pro at Whispering Pines Golf Course.

The light appeared to him and his wife, Nancy Lee, above the tree tops on the right side of the road on U.S. 1 near Niagara at almost 9 p.m. as the two were coming home from church, Lloyd said. It lingered then flew across the sky and disappeared, Lloyd said. The entire sighting lasted about two seconds.

The light was much bigger than a meteor, Lloyd said, and brighter than the moon. When Lloyd and his wife first noticed the UFO they saw it out of the corner of their eyes, Lloyd said, and it appeared as if there were two or three lights. When they got a better look, there was just one.

When the light headed north and disappeared, Lloyd said the sighting left him feeling excited and a little out of sorts.

"It made the hair on the back of my neck stand up," he said.

Lloyd joked about whether people would think he was odd for claiming to have seen a UFO.

"Half the people who know me think I'm credible, and the other half know I'm not," he said. "My wife is one of the most credible people in the world."

Nine out of ten times a sighting that happens over such a short period of time turns out to be a meteor, said UFO investigator George Fawcett, of Lincolnton. Fawcett has investigated over 3,000 UFO sightings in 80 different countries over 60 years.

Sightings usually happen near military bases or nuclear power plants, Fawcett said.

Lloyd has no idea what he saw, but he believes that it wasn't a meteor or an airplane.

"This, to me, has no explanation," he said. "Nothing that I know of in the sky can act like that."

Think you saw what Lloyd describes? Report your sighting to the UFO Center in Seattle, Wash. at (206) 722-3000 or fill out a report at ufocenter.com.

[UFO UpDates thanks www.<http://anomalist.com> for the lead]

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Re: Rael In UFO Magazine - Bowden

From: Tom Bowden <tomrbowden@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 18:48:48 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 07:19:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Rael In UFO Magazine - Bowden

Dear List,

It is unfortunate that we continue to see any posts about this Raelian nonsense, but at least the news of the lack of enthusiasm in Brazil is encouraging.

I suppose it is important to keep informed as to the whereabouts and the activities of these sorts. You never know when they are going to pop up and grab all sorts of media attention.

Tom B.

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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 22:16:14 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 07:24:21 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

>From: Robert Frola <ufologist@hypermax.net.au>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 08:46:01 +1000
>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 09:14:28 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

<snip>

>I have to agree and disagree with Ademar. I have published the
>Australasian Ufologist Magazine now for seven years. It is a
>subscriber and news-stand publication and is Australia's and New
>Zealands only UFO, Paranormal and the Unexplained magazine.

>It is a magazine dedicated to UFO Research by UFO Researchers,
>and I try to combine both research and commercial
>considerations, a combination which I think works very well. The
>Australasian Ufologist Magazine has been around as long as
>Graham's UFO Magazine. The only difference is the approach we
>have to how the magazine is marketed. Anyone who has seen both
>magazines can speak on my behalf.

>Many say you can't survive out there without being heavily
>commercialized? I disagree. We survive on little, if no paid
>advertising, relying on book and video sales and the strength
>of the articles placed within its covers.

>Does it work? We are still here and sales are improving. It
>may not be a highly polished glossy magazine like Grahams or
>Ademar but we do spread the message, the very and important
>message of the alien presence here on Planet Earth.

Hi Robert.

Thanks for the comments. I believe, however, that maybe I haven't expressed myself correctly. I totally disagree with the idea of "you can't survive out there without being heavily commercialize", that you mention, and with which you disagree. The problem here is the word "heavily". I never implied that in my message. Only that you have to get both commercial and ufological considerations, in a balanced way. And while using commercial considerations, never let it get bigger than the real UFO message.

I receive from time to time your Australasian Ufologist Magazine, which I certainly appreciate. Indeed. My UFO magazine is not even close to Graham's. We are only 52 pages, much like yours. Graham's last editions have gone far away 120 pages. I can only imagine the work you have to put in it to make a magazine like that. My magazine is a very simple one. I work as reporter, editor, artist, graphic designer etc by myself. In golden days I had 12 people working in my staff, which is now reduced to 4, including me...

We don=B4t carry any advertisement pages, which would help to pay the bills. But it is not because we don=B4t want, but because most business don=B4t want to have their names and products involved with UFOs. I guess that you have the same problem in Asutralia and New Zealand. Here in Brazil we still face lots of problems in trying to get a serious discussion about UFOs going.

To run a UFO magazine isn=B4t a profitable activity. Far from it. These days I can barely live from it and have to work at least 14-16 hours a day. Many people have tried to launch magazines in this field in Brazil and they all failed, because there is no money in this thing. My magazine is alive thanks to a real devotion that I apply to it. If I use the same energy, time and talent I apply to the magazine in any other activity, I would probably be rich after 20 years. But certainly I wouldn=B4t be nearly as happy as I am.

Best....

A. J.

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Re: UFO 'Detector' - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sun, 04 May 2003 19:45:09 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 07:27:44 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO 'Detector' - Hatch

>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 01:44:07 +0200
>Subject: Re: UFO 'Detector'

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 13:08:04 -0700
>>Subject: Re: UFO 'Detector'

>>>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 19:12:58 -0500
>>>Subject: UFO 'Detector'

<snip>

>Hi Larry,

>Your version sounds nifty but if a UFO is coming you don't want
>to sleep through the experience. Of course if you are going to
>become an abductee it is already too late and too futile. If it
>is one of the classes of sighting, in your neighborhood, then
>it would be a shame to snore through it on that soft set of
>pillows.

Agreed.

>At home do you really have certainty that a little metal
>clanging will wake you up?

It would probably wake me up, except on Saturdays maybe.

>Why not have it wired up so that closing the gap between the two
>pipes closes a circuit or the lack of resistance triggers off a
>relay on your household wiring. That could be wired to your home
>burglar alarm, turn on your clock radio, flash your lights, ring
>your doorbell, whatever you want.

That's a fine idea. Scotch-brite the iron pipe so that there is
no non-conductive oxides, and you have two contacts for a switch.
Attach one wire to each pipe, attach it to anything you like.

>I suggest that you learn a little about
>electricity and its dangers before you try this at home.

I would be out of a job if I weren't deeply into electronic
circuits and the like. Caution is advised however. I would
not use an exposed device like this to switch 120 VAC unless
I hated cats. Hmmm ...

>Larry, you and I come from the earthquake country in California.
>These UFO detectors could become a pain in the butt, often going on
>alarm. To folks who have never been through major earthquakes and
>tremors, if it is not strong enough to wake you up then it is not
>strong enough to cause much damage. No point wasting sleep over
>them.

I was hoping that the two pipes would swing in unison, at least

for small tremors, not setting off false alarms. A larger quake would wake most people up anyway.

>For Eleanor White, your primary concern is with alleged US
>Government mind control being in existence today. I don't
>remember if I have asked you if a claimant has tried sleeping
>inside a Faraday cage and has seen whether the problem has
>continued taking place. If that experiment has not taken place
>you may want to build your own at home to sleep within. You can
>get metal you can use for it at a very low scrap price. Plans
>could be sent to your colleagues and it may be a worthy group
>experiment if properly designed and executed.

>If it is shown to reduce or remove those alleged signals sent to
>your and others brains then phase two would need to be
>initiated. That stage of the trial would be to see if a Faraday
>cage reduced to the size of your head has an effect and if that
>differed from the full bed cage size. If a head size Faraday
>does prevent mind control then you may have a cottage industry
>if you so desire in the future. Of course you will need to
>closely watch how the "UFO Detector" sales work before trying
>to use this as a fundraiser for your campaign.

>My idle thoughts,

>Josh

Aluminum foil Mind Control Deflector Beanies are described on this website. They have several links at the left, I like the testimonials:

<http://zapatopi.net/afdb.html>

Something similar could be easily shaped and fashioned to shield other parts of the body, for foot control say.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Italian Satellite Falls On Australia - Stuart

From: **Chaz Stuart** <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 22:38:57 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 07:30:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Italian Satellite Falls On Australia - Stuart

>From: Diane Harrison <auforn@hypermax.net.au>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 10:58:29 +1000
>Subject: Italian Satellite Falls On Australia

>Italian Satellite Drops From Sky over Australia

<snip>

>"Time was 10.04 pm". "At first we thought it was a plane
>crashing so we watched it until it disappeared over the tops of
>tree's to the west. Steven of Bigger Water said: "I was
>traveling along Merleen avenue at 10.05 pm when I noticed an
>object come flying over from the >east, I turned my car around
>as the object >was travelling west to get a better look". "It
>looked like a very large meteor, glowing >metallic white to
>gold in colour with a tail".

>I thought this has to be a satellite reentering as
>it was huge."

<snip>

First of all, I thought I read about this satellite coming down
on Thursday or Friday in the Pacific near South America! Is this
a different Italian satellite?

Also, I've never heard of a satellite traveling from East to
West. Does this happen?

--Chaz

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UFOs Taped Over Baghdad?

From: **Chaz Stuart** <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 23:35:42 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 07:33:25 -0400
Subject: UFOs Taped Over Baghdad?

Not much to go on here. No date given for the event, etc. Will search news for further info.

--Chaz

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Baghdad: UFO in Baghdad skies
Sunday, May 04 2003 @ 01:02 PM Pacific Daylight Time
Contributed by: Admin

Iraqis familiar with the flashes of missiles in the sky, were bewildered when they noticed an undefined light in the sky of Baghdad.

Residents saw the strange sky material between Palestine Hotel and Shareton Hotel and thought they were UFOs.

Press members also noticed the unbelievable sky material surrounded with lights and they video taped the unbelievable scene. The UFO could be seen for three hours than disappeared.

<http://www.turks.us/article.php?story=3D20030504130247424>

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Re: Rael In UFO Magazine - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 10:59:17 +0200
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 07:37:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Rael In UFO Magazine - Bourdais

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 18:21:26 -0300
>Subject: Re: Rael In UFO Magazine

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 19:18:19 +0200
>>Subject: Rael In UFO Magazine

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>appearance.

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Hello, A. J.

Thanks you for the good news from Brazil. I hope the situation
will remain that way in your country!

Gildas

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Re: Rael In UFO Magazine - Gevaerd

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 07:59:56 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 08:09:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Rael In UFO Magazine - Gevaerd

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>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>Hello, A. J.

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>will remain that way in your country!

Certainly will, Gildas. We have both eyes totally open over guys
like this...

A. J.

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Re: Rael In UFO Magazine - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 09:44:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 15:49:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Rael In UFO Magazine - Kaeser

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>appearance.

>A few days later he was in Porto Alegre for what the Raelians
>advertised as a big event and lecture on cloning. Again, only a
>few people and journalists appeared, and then he decided to
>cancel the conference (he claims he doesn't speak for less than
>500 people).

>While moving in and out the venue, he was disturbed by about 100
>people protesting in a political rally. He felt happy as he
>thought they were there because of him and his cloning ideas,
>but they they were not. The rally was because of another issue
>involving transgenic food.

>To summarize: his trip to Brazil was a total failure.

Can we assume that the large membership figures mentioned by the
media at vbarious times are the result of Raelian press releases
and not actual head counts?

Steve

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Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

From: **Stan Romanek**
Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 12:50:25 +0000 (GMT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 15:56:27 -0400
Subject: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Thank you everyone for your interest in my case. It seems that there are a lot of people out there that are more expecting then I was, in regard, to this kind of thing. More so then I would have guessed!

I wish I had a better grasp for what was happening, but for whatever reason the answers seem to elude the investigators and myself.

For those of you that think that the information has been held back or kept a secret, there is not much to tell. It was the investigators idea to wait until we had the facts before springing it on the public.

The only problem is, things keep happening!

This has been very terrifying for my family and I, and with worries of being thought of as crazy we have run into a lot of very understanding people that have offered their support. I thank you!

For the people that want more info, there is a person named Neil Slade that has taken it upon him-self to put my stuff on his website:

<http://www.neilslade.com/UFOs.html>

that would be the best place to go to keep track and it's going to be a wild ride I think!!!!

Thanks,

Stan Romanek

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'Directors Cut' Broadcast Of 'UFOs 50 Years of

From: James Fox <jamesfoxufodocs@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 19:23:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 16:00:59 -0400
Subject: 'Directors Cut' Broadcast Of 'UFOs 50 Years of

Hello Everyone,

Our previously Aired documentary, 'UFOs 50 Years of Denial' was re-sold to Universal and will be broadcast on the SCI-FI Channel in it's original format on May 6th, @ 8:00 PM.

Please forward this information to anyone interested in the paranormal.

Many thanks,

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 16:44:14 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 16:07:23 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update - King

>From: Dan Bright <dan@zaziork.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 15:41:34 +0100
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 15:33:00 -0500
>>Subject: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>Dear Errol and List Subscribers:

>>Below is an update in reference to my attempts to review and
>>analyze original footage of alleged UFOs taken by a Mr. Anthony
>>Woods

<snip>

>I understand that those at UFO magazine have given assurances
>that the footage will be provided to "experts" for analysis.
>It remains to be seen who is indeed given license to study the
>first generation recordings in detail, although I'm encouraged
>to see that they intend to seek "the expert opinion of people
>who can help get to the truth".

It will interesting to find out 'which experts' get to view
original raw footage outside of UFO Mag.

>Although purporting to be using Mexican investigator Mr.Santiago
>Yturria with exclusivity for the duration of his
>involvement, I can reveal that, to the best of my knowledge,
>Mr. Yturria was not the only investigator or group who was
>involved with this case, and indeed Anthony Woods has presented
>his footage for "exclusive" study to four organisations and two
>websites of which I'm aware.

>From what I know Anthony Woods and Santiago Yturria no longer
>get along. Woods believes Yturria didn't handle his case
>properly, thus he went to UFO Mag.

When Yturria posted here a couple weeks ago, he hadn't been
involved in the Woods case for 9 months. He should have known he
didn't have the rights to distribute copies of Woods footage to
anyone on the List since it wasn't his property.

>His longest investigative relationship, until now, appears to
>have been with Mr. Yturria, who incidentally provided by far the
>greatest public exposure for his material through "exclusives"
>at Rense.com. One particular article claimed that military
>helicopter activity appeared to be occurring in response to the
>appearance of UFO. A cursory study of Mr. Wood's locality
>revealed the relatively close proximity to Portsmouth Naval
>Base. I zipped off an e-mail to Jeff Rense advising him of this
>fact, as I felt it to be a reasonably relevant piece of
>information. As far as I'm aware, this was not published on the
>website.

>In addition to the Woods footage, a woman hailing from the same

>locality, namely that of Bedhampton, near Havant, has produced
>voluminous and equally as noteworthy video "evidence" as Anthony
>Woods. Nicknamed "Bambi", aka. Abby Parker, she also peddled her
>videos around the houses, eventually ending up at Mr. Yturria's
>door. Again, I have not been fortunate enough to have studied
>the first generation tapes of her footage and so I'm unable to
>make any firm claims as to its veracity.

Here we go again with "Bambi" AKA Abby Parker. Apparently she is trying to reinvent herself after releasing a series of out of focus images last year on Rense.com

I debunked her footage as out of focus and most likely Jupiter. It was saddening to see that people can't tell when their video camera is out of focus. It was a blatant example of UFOlogy dumbed down to a level of not being able to tell when the camera is in focus. I would be extremely cautious about any footage coming out of that camp.

I don't know if it was her fault for not knowing how to run a camera, or the UFOlogist fault of exploiting her and not understanding the most basic things about cameras. She certainly recieved alot of press for out of focus images.

As for Woods and if he has UFOs caught on tape. I'll patiently wait until I either get copy of the original or view what UFO mag puts out.

Then I can make the best study that can be done on his footage. I think UFO mag is just protecting his interests or exploiting them depending on your vantage point.

Tom King

www.ufovideo.com

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\$\$\$ From UFO Claimants?

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 13:26:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 16:10:34 -0400
Subject: \$\$\$ From UFO Claimants?

Could anyone advise if there is any instance in Ufology where a UFO researcher/investigator had received any monies, gratuity or professional fee from a UFO claimant(s) or persons reporting a UFO experience?

The nature of my question is concerning whether or not the monies would have been for investigative or similar services during or after an investigation, and if there might be any thought that such activity would present ethical issues?

Many thanks,

Kenny Young

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Re: UFO 'Detector' - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 14:58:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 16:12:30 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO 'Detector' - Groff

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 10:08:43 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO 'Detector'

>>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 19:12:58 -0500
>>Subject: UFO 'Detector'

><snip>

>>Not being strong in electronics I'm gonna go out on a limb and
>>presume that there are a myriad of events that could set this
>>thing off.

>><http://www.ufo-detector.com/>

>Sure - anything that creates strong enough electromagnetic
>disturbances would do that. However, if the sensitivity is set
>too low for most natural or man-made EM disturbances, and since
>disturbances created by UFOs tend to be large, it may have some
>merit.

You are absolutely correct. I suppose that background EM
frequencies could be "squelched".

I suppose there are some who would find the \$100 price tag worth
it. Heck, I would probably buy one if I had the extra cash.

Didn't I read somewhere that there were instructions for turning
your old TV into a detector.

Terry Groff
<http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting UpDate - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 15:43:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 16:19:05 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting UpDate - Hebert

>From: Eric Jacobson <ejacobson74@attbi.com>
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 18:37:29 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting UpDate

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 15:33:00 -0500
>>Subject: UFO Duck Hunting UpDate

>This is most interesting research you are doing on the possible
>IFO of video/movie footage.

<snip>

>It would be a great service if you could make examples of these
>various IFOs in their un"enhanced" and "enhanced" incarnations
>both available on a web site. Really could save serious
>researchers a lot lot of time. Maybe if you don't have the
>requisite web skills someone with a site up and running would
>volunteer to help you. (Hint hint).

>Excellant work, Thanks

Dear Eric:

Thank you.

I already made examples of various IFO's, both enhanced and unenhanced, in 2000-2001 and made them available in the IFO Database I set up at:

<http://ifo.s5.com>.

I have made many web sites over the years and am now studying Flash to build a new web site for my current research and graphics I have created. What I don't have is the money to afford the web space to post many of the MPEGs, AVI's, etc. I would like to add to the IFO Database. Now that I have a digital camcorder and DVD burner, I could make DVD's or VHS's to share images of IFO's with those wanting to use this tool in their work (not for profit). But the best way to learn more about IFO's in photographs and in video images is to go out and film/photograph these objects yourself (few people seem to make the effort).

In the past, I could only post animations made from video stills of IFO's to help illustrate the behaviors and distortions inherent in images made from video and photographs of distant objects in the sky. As you will notice, the IFO Database is posted on one of those "freebie" sites and plagued by annoying pop-up ads and sales promotions. This is because I cannot afford a larger web site for the Database in addition to a web site for my research - which is my main focus (the IFO Database is a very time-consuming but necessary side-line of my research).

A few serious researchers have contacted me from time to time asking help in identifying various photographic and video images

they are investigating. These are people more devoted to finding the truth than proving UFOs exist - they know UFOs exist, they just want to study the real ones.

Todd Lemire of Michigan UFOs is an excellent example of someone who does his homework and knows how to conduct an investigation see:

<http://www.michiganufos.com/hamlinifo.html>

If we are ever going to study the real UFOs, we must first isolate the variables (sort the best evidence from the hoaxes and misidentifications) before we can even begin to study this phenomenon.

Investigations must first establish whether or not a UFO, as opposed to an IFO, has been sighted and/or photographed/video taped. Just stating so-and-so saw this or photographed that and since no one knows what it is, it must be a UFO, is not an investigation. If you really want to know what UFOs are or are not, you do not bias a study by perceiving and promoting only information which parallels your belief systems (or sells books, articles, videos, DVDs, etc.).

The term 'UFO' has many meanings to many people. Just because we don't know what an image represents does not mean it should be labeled and promoted as a UFO, or Unidentified Flying Object. Now that analog and digital camcorders and cameras are becoming more affordable and available around the world, UFO organizations, investigators and researchers must conduct in-depth investigations of alleged UFO images as well as witness testimonies. The study of UFOs now goes beyond mere sighting reports and investigations and must include a multidisciplinary approach.

Through my own studies, I have found many people see something they can't explain in the sky and run to grab their cameras or camcorders to film it. When a witness spends more time viewing the object(s) through a viewfinder or small side screen than actually watching the object(s) in real time, there may be a tendency to rely on the images that appear on video or in photographs than what one actually saw with his or her own eyes. When they play back the images they have captured, video/photographic artifact, too much zoom (causing excessive enlargement) and movement of both the object or objects and the camera can cause all kinds of distortions which can make the object appear "anomalous" - to the untrained eye.

In addition, what appears anomalous to the eye/mind can seem even more anomalous when viewed on a monitor or in a photograph due to distortions caused not only by video/photographic artifact but also due to distortions in perception caused by the will to believe. If we think we are watching a UFO in the sky and video tape or photograph it because it looks strange, resulting video or photographic images may only reinforce that perception - that the object was a UFO - even when it was not.

Even if there are multiple witnesses, sometimes the mere suggestion that the object(s) was a UFO can influence the perceptions of all involved. And those who doubt the suggestion that what was seen was a UFO may be further influenced by what appears to be an image of an anomalous object that appears in photographs or on video tape (especially when taken out of context, enlarged and "enhanced" in photographs or video stills).

To add to the confusion, there are hoaxers, disinformants (with their own agendas), charlatans, fanatics and a whole assortment of self-promoters and profit seekers who bombard our perceptions daily with sensationalized images, titles, wording and claims. Even an innocent misidentification can become a "Major UFO Sighting!!" because of the will to believe and the potential for profit or fame.

Caught in the middle are UFO investigators and researchers, many of whom have never even studied the difference between the image of a distant bird on video/in photographs as compared to video/photographic images of insects, lens flare, debris, spider silk or conventional aircraft. I've often considered sending video and photographic images of various IFO's to researchers and investigators just to see if they could accurately identify

each image. But my greatest wish is to receive a dollar for every photograph and video/video still of birds, bugs, debris, lens flare, spider silk and conventional aircraft passed off as UFOs in magazines, documentaries, TV programs, at UFO conventions and on the internet. I'd be rich by now. ;>

So, not only is it important to thoroughly interview and investigate alleged UFO witnesses, it is imperative that UFO investigators and researchers maintain a working knowledge of video and photographic equipment and resulting images, the psychology of human behavior, and, above all, a deep self-awareness to keep personal bias from influencing our perceptions of the truth.

A. Hebert

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Re: UFOs Over Cuba? - Sanchez-Ocejo

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Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 21:58:22 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 16:22:59 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba? - Sanchez-Ocejo

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 09:10:43 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba?

>>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <v.s.o@prodigy.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2003 11:12:08 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba?

<snip>

>Dear Dr. Sanchez-Ocejo.

>Is there any chance that you may know what is Castro's thoughts
>on UFOs and extraterrestrial life? I wonder if he, as a world
>leader (despite being a dictator), would have information on the
>subject, as I believe that most people in his position would.
>And if so, has he ever expressed publicly or privately what is
>his views about it?

>Also, I remember that when we met in Bras=EDlia, 1983, you gave me
>a signed copy of your book UFOs From Undersea, for which I thank
>you again. It covers the very interesting Filiberto Cardena's
>case. I was wondering if has this case any new development or
>have you any new info about the "people" that visited the man?

>The reason I ask is because most Brazilian cases of direct
>encounters with aliens in late the 70s and early 80s have an on-
>going situation. Several people taken from 1978 to 1983, or so,
>have been abducted some other times than the first one. Antonio
>Carlos Ferreira, for instance, was abducted over than 20 times
>until the late 80s. Most of his abductions were closely
>monitored by researchers and doctors.

>Thanks for any help!

Dear A. J.,

About your question: Castro's thoughts on UFOs and
extraterrestrial life?. You are in better position asking the
Cuban Embassy in Brasilia, that me in the US.

The book UFO Contact from Undersea has been out of print long
time ago. We have a CD-Book with his and other rare abduction
cases we investigated with the late J. Allen Hynek. Send me a
private e-mail for information.

Yes, we find out that Cardenas has encounters, not only after
his abduction on January 3, 1979 but since his childhood. After
being the center of ugly jokes in the Spanish radio like: "he
was smoking a big Havana marijuana cigar" and even a Cha Cha
record named "El Platillo Volador" (The Flying Saucer) by
skeptics, his family decide to moved to New York and stop
contact with ufologists.

Regards,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

From: Robert Frola <ufologist@hypermax.net.au>
Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 22:12:53 +1000
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 16:38:59 -0400
Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies -

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 22:16:14 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

>>From: Robert Frola <ufologist@hypermax.net.au>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 08:46:01 +1000
>>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

>>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 09:14:28 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: The Manipulation Of UK Ufological Studies

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>>I have to agree and disagree with Ademar. I have published the
>>Australasian Ufologist Magazine now for seven years. It is a
>>subscriber and news-stand publication and is Australia's and New
>>Zealands only UFO, Paranormal and the Unexplained magazine.

>>It is a magazine dedicated to UFO Research by UFO Researchers,
>>and I try to combine both research and commercial
>>considerations, a combination which I think works very well. The
>>Australasian Ufologist Magazine has been around as long as
>>Graham's UFO Magazine. The only difference is the approach we
>>have to how the magazine is marketed. Anyone who has seen both
>>magazines can speak on my behalf.

>>Many say you can't survive out there without being heavily
>>commercialized? I disagree. We survive on little, if no paid
>>advertising, relying on book and video sales and the strength
>>of the articles placed within its covers.

>>Does it work? We are still here and sales are improving. It
>>may not be a highly polished glossy magazine like Grahams or
>>Ademar but we do spread the message, the very and important
>>message of the alien presence here on Planet Earth.

>Hi Robert.

>Thanks for the comments. I believe, however, that maybe I
>haven't expressed myself correctly. I totally disagree with the
>idea of "you can't survive out there without being heavily
>commercialize", that you mention, and with which you disagree.
>The problem here is the word "heavily". I never implied that in
>my message. Only that you have to get both commercial and
>ufological considerations, in a balanced way. And while using
>commercial considerations, never let it get bigger than the real
>UFO message.

>
>I receive from time to time your Australasian Ufologist
>Magazine, which I certainly appreciate. Indeed. My UFO magazine
>is not even close to Graham's. We are only 52 pages, much like
>yours. Graham's last editions have gone far away 120 pages. I
>can only imagine the work you have to put in it to make a
>magazine like that. My magazine is a very simple one. I work as
>reporter, editor, artist, graphic designer etc by myself. In

>golden days I had 12 people working in my staff, which is now
>reduced to 4, including me...
>
>We don=B4t carry any advertisement pages, which would help to pay
>the bills. But it is not because we don=B4t want, but because most
>business don=B4t want to have their names and products involved
>with UFOs. I guess that you have the same problem in Asutralia
>and New Zealand. Here in Brazil we still face lots of problems
>in trying to get a serious discussion about UFOs going.
>
>To run a UFO magazine isn=B4t a profitable activity. Far from it.
>These days I can barely live from it and have to work at least
>14-16 hours a day. Many people have tried to launch magazines in
>this field in Brazil and they all failed, because there is no
>money in this thing. My magazine is alive thanks to a real
>devotion that I apply to it. If I use the same energy, time and
>talent I apply to the magazine in any other activity, I would
>probably be rich after 20 years. But certainly I wouldn=B4t be
>nearly as happy as I am.

Hi Ademar,

Good to hear from you.

You hit the nail on the head.

People think that just because you have a magazine, you are automatically making a lot of money.

Reality check!

Like you I have a 9 to 5 job, and I do the magazine in my spare time. I started off with a staff of one - me. Now after seven years I have two staff members, Diane Harrison and I. So I understand you completely. And I am not rich, only in the spiritual sense. But I continue to publish the magazine and, like yourself, it is a passion that goes beyond logic.

I started researching and investigating UFOs. Participated in UFO Group Committees. Eventually starting this magazine. It seems that we both have travelled identical paths.

Good to hear that our little publication reaches Brazil. Bob Girard of Arcturus Books Inc in Florida, USA is a very good friend and supporter. If it wasn't for Bob, you or others outside Australia wouldn't have heard of the Australasian Ufologist Magazine. I get little if no feedback from anyone overseas, and looking at some of those letters in 'Letters to the Editor' sections of some of these UFO Magazines, I am convinced that a good majority of them are made up by the editor or his staff to fill in space.

Keep up the excellent work you are doing. You have my support and understanding.

Cheers

Robert Frola

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Secrecy News -- 05/06/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
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Subject: Secrecy News -- 05/06/03

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INTELLIGENCE BUDGET SECRECY CHALLENGED

The total amount of intelligence spending for 2002 should be declassified over the objections of the Central Intelligence Agency, a federal court was told May 5 in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit sponsored by the Federation of American Scientists.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/2002/index.html>

The question of whether or not to publish the intelligence budget total is an archetypal controversy in government secrecy policy that has persisted for decades. Annual budget disclosure used to be a valued goal of the intelligence oversight committees in Congress, and the budget total actually was released in response to previous litigation in 1997 and 1998.

But the latest lawsuit still manages to say something new on the subject, beginning with the observation that the Department of Energy (DOE), which forms part of the U.S. intelligence community, has an unclassified budget for intelligence spending.

"DOE routinely does what Director of Central Intelligence George J. Tenet said is not done, could not be done and should not be done: It publishes and describes the purposes of its annual agency-level appropriation for intelligence," according to the newly filed FAS motion for summary judgment:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/2002/cross.html>

Bryan Siebert, the former Director of the DOE Office of Nuclear and National Security Information, stated in a sworn declaration that "the fact that the DOE intelligence budget figure is unclassified has not impeded the conduct of classified DOE intelligence programs or led to their exposure." It stands to reason, he affirmed, that the same thing must be true of the larger and less programmatically coherent government-wide figure.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/2002/siebert.html>

John Pike of GlobalSecurity.org, who authored a 1996 analysis of intelligence spending that was cited by DCI Tenet earlier in the case, provided a declaration to rebut the notion that disclosure of the overall budget figure could threaten national security.

Mr. Pike noted that the budget total was itself the sum of three

independently generated budget aggregations (NFIP, JMIP, and TIARA), each of which is the outcome of numerous individual administrative decisions that could not be replicated from afar.

"It is not possible to 'reverse engineer' the budget total in order to derive information about its specific component parts."

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/2002/pike.html>

In my own declaration, I pointed to CIA's continued classification of intelligence budget totals from 1947 and 1948 as evidence of bad faith on the part of the Agency.

"There is no plausible national security construct that both permits declassification of the 1997 and 1998 budget totals and prohibits declassification of the 1947 and 1948 budget totals. It is evident that CIA is improperly withholding total budget data for reasons other than national security and the protection of intelligence sources and methods."

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/2002/aftergood.html>

Last month, CIA asked the court's permission to provide a classified declaration from DCI Tenet for the court's in camera review, to supplement the DCI's 28 page unclassified declaration that was filed on April 4.

We opposed that request, contending that "DCI Tenet has squandered his credibility on this subject by asserting material false statements under oath, by presenting evidence in a tendentious and misleading manner, and by other acts of bad faith."

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/2002/noclass.html>

A reply from CIA is due on June 6. The case, Steven Aftergood v. Central Intelligence Agency, is pending before the Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina in D.C. District Court.

SENATE RELEASES MCCARTHY TRANSCRIPTS

Sealed transcripts of closed hearings that were held before Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's subcommittee on investigations in 1953 were released by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee on May 5.

The hearings, which investigated allegations of Communist espionage and subversion, became notorious for their hostile interrogations and abuse of process, culminating in the censure of Senator McCarthy by the Senate in 1954.

"History is a powerful teacher, and these documents offer many lessons on the importance of open government, due process and respect for individual rights," said Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI), former chairman, now ranking member, of the Governmental Affairs Committee. "Democracy means people have a right to express peaceful dissent from the prevailing view of the government, and the government is obligated to permit and defend that right."

A press release announcing the publication of the hearing transcripts, with a link to the voluminous documents themselves, may be found here:

<http://govt-aff.senate.gov/050503presspsi.htm>

The transcripts naturally need to be read judiciously, as when one Paul Crouch tells Senator McCarthy that there is "no [doubt], none whatever" that J. Robert Oppenheimer was a member of the Communist party (in volume 3). Amid doubts about his own credibility, Mr. Crouch was not asked to testify at Oppenheimer's security hearing the following year, though his allegations formed part of the investigative background of the case.

MORE ON NSA FOIA EXEMPTION

A proposed exemption from the Freedom of Information Act for "operational files" of the National Security Agency could preclude public access to a host of valuable historical documents such as the VENONA intercepts of Soviet communications

that were released with huge fanfare several years ago.

The proposal is included in a draft of the 2004 Defense Authorization Act that is before the Senate Armed Services Committee this week.

The National Security Archive has assembled a collection of related materials, including a detailed critique of the pending proposal by the Archive's General Counsel, Meredith Fuchs, which is available here:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20030505/>

GITMO KIDS

Following reports that there are several juveniles and elderly persons among the hundreds of suspected Taliban and Al Qa'ida detainees being held at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, government officials said that a dozen or more prisoners may be released shortly.

U.S. News and World Report this week described a letter from Secretary of State Colin Powell to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld complaining that the Guantanamo detainees include "one 13-year-old, one 14-year-old, two 15-year-olds, one 16-year-old, an 88-year-old, and a 98-year-old."

See "Terror's cellblock" by Bruce B. Auster and Kevin Whitelaw in U.S. News, May 12:

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/issue/030512/usnews/12gitmo.htm>

The matter was viewed with disgust by Jonathan Turley in "Appetite for Authoritarianism Spawns an American Gulag," Los Angeles Times, May 2:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-turley2may02,1,5963846.story>

"The goal is to reach a final determination on all the people who are down there," said State Department spokesman Richard Boucher on May 5.

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 10:39:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 16:49:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - White

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 16:57:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

<snip>

>Those things are very interesting, but they're hardly proof of a
>grand conspiracy. It's just not enough to hold up in the eyes of
>objective criticism.

>I need a bit more to believe, and I don't think I'm being
>unreasonable to ask for such.

How about the physical evidence on the bodies of abductees
then?

Eleanor White

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Re: 'Directors Cut' Broadcast Of 'UFOs 50 Years of

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <SGBList2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 16:04:48 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 16:54:18 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Directors Cut' Broadcast Of 'UFOs 50 Years of

>From: James Fox <jamesfoxufodocs@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 19:23:55 -0400
>Subject: 'Directors Cut' Broadcast Of 'UFOs 50 Years of Denial' On SCI-FI

>Hello Everyone,

>Our previously Aired documentary, 'UFOs 50 Years of Denial' was
>re-sold to Universal and will be broadcast on the SCI-FI Channel
>in it's original format on May 6th, @ 8:00 PM.

>Please forward this information to anyone interested in the
>paranormal.

>Many thanks,

>James Fox
>Executive Producer
>www.outoftheblue.tv

Congratulations, James. Look forward to it.

News pending.

Later,

Steve Bassett

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From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 16:06:55 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 16:58:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Rael In UFO Magazine - Gevaerd

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>>To summarize: his trip to Brazil was a total failure.

>Can we assume that the large membership figures mentioned by the
>media at various times are the result of Raelian press releases
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I would say so, Steven. In Brazil, at least, Rael hasn't more
than a 100 people or so.

A. J.

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Re: \$\$\$s From UFO Claimants? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 20:22:56 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 17:00:18 -0400
Subject: Re: \$\$\$s From UFO Claimants? - Hall

>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 13:26:32 -0400
>Subject: \$\$\$s From UFO Claimants?

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>monies would have been for investigative or similar services
>during or after an investigation, and if there might be any
>thought that such activity would present ethical issues?

Kenny,

It certainly would pose ethical issues unless the person was a professional, "for-hire" investigator or was offering to apply some sort of costly scientific equipment, and would only give "ufology" a further bad name. Given the sleaze factor and unscrupulous people in this field, though, I would bet that it has happened.

- Dick

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Re: \$\$\$s From UFO Claimants? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 16:53:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 17:08:51 -0400
Subject: Re: \$\$\$s From UFO Claimants? - Gates

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Hi Kenny,

I seem to recall some stories which claimed that some abduction
researchers were getting cash from abductee's.

Cheers,

Robert

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Analysis Of N.M. Samples

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 16:59:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 17:17:35 -0400
Subject: Analysis Of N.M. Samples

I want to thanks Ed Gehrman for his good spirit of cooperation and enquiry, in quickly sending me photos of the area in New Mexico where samples were taken and in providing two nice-sized samples of the material referred to, below:

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2003 11:43:36 -0700
>>Subject: Cameraman's Crash Site

>>EBK, Listers,

>>Last July, while on a visit to New Mexico, I located the cameraman's crash site; and it's just where he said it would be. It took my brother and I about four hours of searching. We used topographical maps and the cameraman's directions and descriptions.

>>My brother and I have been exploring the New Mexico desert since we were teens. He still lives in Albuquerque; I lived there on and off from 1957 to 1965, and attended UNM, and taught in Albuquerque for a year. We are very familiar with the terrain.

<snip>

>>The cameraman was correct when he stated that the site had been very hot. The two cliff faces the craft impacted are covered with a strange glass-like material and there are bits and pieces of this material covering an area as large as three football fields.

<snip>

>>Some glass-like samples are being examined by physicists in Michigan but so far no results. I have five excellent samples of the glass-like material and would like to offer these samples to the list for examination.

Report Of Examination Of The Two Samples:

To Ed Gherman:

The large, beautiful samples arrived yesterday and have now been carefully examined with results that I hope will not cause you to want to 'shoot the messenger'. You were quite correct in describing the material as "glass-like" (in appearance), but the resemblance is superficial and that is where it ends. The material has been carefully examined under the very high quality Bausch & Lomb binocular microscope I use in studying meteorite thin sections, tektite glass, minerals, and micro-fossils, and it is definitely not a glass or silicate melt of any kind. Instead it is a water-deposited microcrystalline coating (accumulative growth of botryoidal and sub-botryoidal type) of silica dioxide that had accumulated within and upon fissures in the parent rock. It is, in fact, chalcedony or agate, but definitely not glass, and it forms in relatively cool temperatures, NOT under great heat. The hardness is 7 on Mohs' scale. The specific gravity of the material is about 2.6.

You mention physicists in Michigan, but unless they have been involved in mineralogy, petrology, or the related field of meteoritics (the study of meteorites), there is little in the background of most physicists that should prepare such a person to analyze this material, excepting to notice that the material (under high magnification) refracts light as crystal instead of as glass.

In short, there is absolutely nothing that I could find in the samples that suggest the material was subjected to temperatures of a type that would melt the parent rock, and much to indicate otherwise. You see, also, if the chalcedony had, itself, been melted, it would not still possess the microcrystalline structure which it so clearly displays, ubiquitously, under the microscope.

As to the area shown in the photo that you suggest might have been the impact area, it looks more like the remains of an abandoned, small-scale mining operation.

If the material had turned out to be vitrified rock (rock heated until it had turned to glass), I was thinking about heading out to New Mexico to have a closer look, but in the absence of vitrified rock, and in the seeming absence of any other evidence, such a trip is unwarranted. I do not think the broken and burned tree shown in one of the photos should be taken as evidence of a UFO crash.

I certainly wish to thank Ed Gehrman for his generous and fair-minded offer and provision of the photos and material samples for examination, and for in that way, his helping us to learn that we must look into other things or at other places for evidence of a crash of a UFO.

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: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 17:26:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 17:30:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case - White

>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>From: Stan Romanek
>Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 12:50:25 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

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>The only problem is, things keep happening!

<snip>

>that would be the best place to go to keep track and it's going
>to be a wild ride I think!!!!

Do any Listers think this would be a good time and place for installing an environmental monitor of some sort, the UFO detector, or the PC-monitored type? Or possibly one of the 10-12 hour video recorders located remotely from Mr. Romanek's home?

Eleanor White

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They're Out There... In The Suburbs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 18:03:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 18:03:50 -0400
Subject: They're Out There... In The Suburbs

Source: The Northern Territory News - Australia

http://news.com.au/common/story_page/0,4057,6389132%255E13569,00.html

They're Out There... In The Suburbs
By Rajiv Maharaj

May 06, 2003

Beachside residents thought they were being invaded by aliens when a set of mysterious bright lights appeared in the night sky.

"People were out on the road, pointing to the bright lights and yelling it was an alien invasion," mother of three Yvonne Morris said.

"People were just stunned."

The Northern Territory News was flooded with calls from people who all say they saw the same thing from their Nightcliff homes - eight bright yellowish-orange lights in perfect formation over the Timor Sea.

Brad McDonald, 48, was at the Nightcliff Jetty fishing with family and friends when he saw the lights on Saturday about 9pm.

"I've never seen anything like it - it was bloody strange," Mr McDonald said.

But he said he had a strange feeling before he saw the glowing lights.

"I thought it was odd before that because the fish were biting like hell, and then all of a sudden the tide went out."

He described the lights as bright orange-yellow about 1km away, and in perfect formation.

"My mate reckons they were weather balloons, but I disagree - they were too perfect.

"There were 40 people at the jetty and we were all intrigued," he said.

Ms Morris and her children were sitting on the verandah of their beachfront property when the orange-yellow lights first appeared.

"The eight lights were about 45 degrees from each other, and appeared to be fairly structured."

UFO sightings are fairly common in the NT - no place more so than Wycliffe Well, 1100km south of Darwin, where Holiday Park owner Lew Farkas is the local expert on UFOs, having seen them with monotonous regularity over 18 years.

"The closest look I got of one was the spaceship's portholes, but I couldn't see the alien bloke inside," Mr Farkas, 54, said last night.

He said the formation described by the Nightcliff residents was similar to ones he had seen.

"It sounds like it was one mothership, with the other supporting craft on the side," he said.

Weather bureau senior forecaster Pradeep Singh said the bureau did not see anything unusual on its radar.

[UFO UpDates thanks www.<http://anomalist.com> for the lead]

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 18:10:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 23:03:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 10:39:53 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 16:57:51 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

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>>Those things are very interesting, but they're hardly proof of a
>>grand conspiracy. It's just not enough to hold up in the eyes of
>>objective criticism.

>>I need a bit more to believe, and I don't think I'm being
>>unreasonable to ask for such.

>How about the physical evidence on the bodies of abductees
>then?

I guess I'm just not swayed that easily. I don't feel that scars and scoop marks are evidence enough to support the rather large claim that aliens are here and abducting people by the thousands. Many abductees report no scars or physical marks at all. Some have removed implants, but none have yet been proven to be extraterrestrial. There are simply too many other possible ways someone could obtain, say, a scar, for me to immediately conclude, Well, it must be aliens.

You have to understand that I am coming to this field in the role of the layman. And the layman is not easily convinced. That's not the layman's fault. Some people need only another person's word to believe something, and I applaud that kind of faith and trust. But most people need hard facts and hard evidence to believe something to be true. Especially in a field where there are so many people actively performing hoaxes. There is a lot of interesting data regarding alien abduction - no one is arguing that - but it's hardly conclusive.

Alien abduction is a tricky subject to discuss - as those listening this past Saturday no doubt heard. It's almost like discussing religion, because those who claim abductions are so passionate about their experience that to challenge it is almost like challenging their personal faith. They believe these things have happened and who am I to tell them otherwise. I do not pretend to know whether or not alien abduction is real. As an investigator and researcher, I have to consider every option, both mundane and extraordinary, and for me, to immediately accept the extraordinary is putting the cart far, far ahead of the horse.

Am I really so pigheaded simply because I require hard facts and evidence? Prominent abduction cases like Whitley Strieber's and the Linda Cortile fiasco are supposedly a couple of our best arguments for the case of alien abduction, and they're both so full of holes and controversy that I think it should come as no

surprise that the validity of the phenomena remains in question.

I would like to honestly know, are my statements really that unreasonable? I respect that in such a specialized field as ufology that many people involved are believers on one level or another. Someone might not believe in alien abduction but they believe in Roswell. Someone might not believe in Roswell but they believe in MJ-12. I knew that going into this. But am I wrong to feel skeptical on this subject? Is it possible for someone to be interested in this field and maintain a skeptical attitude?

"I Want to Believe" is a dangerous misnomer, implying that someone's desire to believe in something will cloud their judgment. I don't "want" to believe, but I am prepared to believe if shown enough hard facts and evidence. Then and only then.

Back on the subject of alien abduction: yes, something is clearly going on. At this time I'm simply not prepared to conclude that it's aliens. The evidence to date is not enough to convince me. It's not enough to convince the masses, either, because if it was, there would be no argument on the subject. It would be irrefutable fact: aliens are abducting us, what are we going to do about it? But it's not irrefutable fact. Not yet, anyway.

Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. Right now we have a lot of one and not so much of the other.

Ian Rogers

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From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 18:14:08 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 23:15:09 -0400
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Holy cow, Ray! This is very impressive work. The kind that keeps
me in this field. Very professional and complete.

You have amazed me, sir.

Ian Rogers

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>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 18:21:26 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Rael In UFO Magazine

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So if the clone has two heads, does that count as two or one?
Enquiring minds want to know..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria** <syturria@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 18:23:41 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 23:26:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update - Yturria

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 16:44:14 +0000
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>From: Dan Bright <dan@zaziork.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 15:41:34 +0100
>>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 15:33:00 -0500
>>>Subject: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>From what I know Anthony Woods and Santiago Yturria no longer
>>get along. Woods believes Yturria didn't handle his case
>>properly, thus he went to UFO Mag.

This quotation does not come from Mr. Dan Bright or Amy Hebert
but is an invention by you Mr. Tom King. I ask the List to
review both Amy Hebert and Dan Bright messages posted here to
confirm none of them said these words.

So where did you get these words? Or it's just a personal guess
from you. For 12 months I have been involved in deep research of
this case and I have gathered miles and miles of personal and
confidential conversations with the witness. I have gathered
scores of UFO footage, testimonials, statements and supporting
letters to my work from him. I have published a vast amount of
reports all over the Internet and presented this case in several
conferences in the US and here in Mexico.

I have known a lot of situations and delicate affairs that
remain in the case's dossier. And I'm still supporting this case
and sustaining my allegations. Don't you sincerely think, Mr.
King, that if the witness had not felt satisfied and identified
with me and my research work he could have ended his
relationship with me within a month? 12 months is a long time
of relationship.

It's clear that your quotation is very personal and more
oriented to other considerations not to the essence of the case
itself. I will suggest you that instead of inventing quotations
you express your personal feelings and thoughts directly so we
can understand each other in a better way. Play fair.

>When Yturria posted here a couple weeks ago, he hadn't been
>involved in the Woods case for 9 months. He should have known he
>didn't have the rights to distribute copies of Woods footage to
>anyone on the List since it wasn't his property.

First it was not 9 months but 7 months. My offer was sincere and
my interest compromised to establish the truth. But the witness
said NO and it's his footage so I have to respect his desires.
At the same time Graham Birdsall and the UFO Magazine had come
with the idea to produce a documentary about this case and I
think it's a great idea. I know personally Graham and I've been

honored by him to attend the Leeds Conferences twice and have received always a warm affection from him. So I respect him and support this new documentary to come. I'm convinced that the british audiences will now know all about this case and will find it extraordinary.

>>In addition to the Woods footage, a woman hailing from the same >>locality, namely that of Bedhampton, near Havant, has produced >>voluminous and equally as noteworthy video "evidence" as Anthony >>Woods. Nicknamed "Bambi", aka. Abby Parker, she also peddled her >>videos around the houses, eventually ending up at Mr. Yturria's >>door. Again, I have not been fortunate enough to have studied >>the first generation tapes of her footage and so I'm unable to >>make any firm claims as to its veracity.

>Here we go again with "Bambi" AKA Abby Parker. Apparently she is >trying to reinvent herself after releasing a series of out of >focus images last year on Rense.com

In September of 2002 I concluded my research on the Woods case and moved forward to work with Abby Parker also from Bedhampton as she contacted me some months before. There are also two more witness from that place and one of them is a good friend of Abby. Needless to say that this new involvement was not well received by some british researchers and groups for obvious reasons.

Why a Mexican researcher was researching major UFO cases from Bedhampton in their own backyard. This reaction was expected by me and has logic. I understand their feelings for not being taken in count but the witnesses contacted me and asked my contribution. They wanted an advisor but more than that a confident to try to understand the unusual events in wich they were involved. I'm sorry that this research upset some collagues but that's the way it is and I just can't ignore or reject the legitimate desires of a UFO witness to be heard and advised. Besides Ufology have always asked to the UFO witnesses to come forward telling their stories and sharing their evidence.

Abby Parker noticed since the first time that I was not interested mainly in her footage but in her spiritual and emotional feelings and experiences. As I always have said : UFO videos are not the most important thing from an experiencer. They are just memories to the experiencer of unusual and amazing encounters lived. The real important element is the experiencer and the experience itself. A great deal to learn.

There is a lot of new evidence and testimonials from Miss Parker since that video that you are mentioning posted at Rense.com last year (not by me). If you review two new reports I published in October last year and March 2003 in Rense.com and UFO Folklore you will find out more recent information from Abby Parker's case.

<http://www.rense.com/general30/havant.htm>

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/a2003/mar/abbyparkerufo.htm>

I've been a UFO researcher since 1974 and for many years I have been involved in spectacular cases from witnesses experiencing the most unique and insolit events most of them from Mexico where everyone knows we have been living a complete ufomania for more than a decade. So belive me I'm an old sailor in these waters and if you think I'm easy to be cheated by someone selling me a UFO tale or a UFO footage you're very wrong. Your words have been very negative and without even seeing all the evidence of this major case you sound more like a skeptic wich I know you aren't. So please just wait to see all the evidence and new developments on this case in which I'm working and then you can give me your second opinion, just open your mind. I can assure this: You have not seen anything yet.

Sincerely,

Santiago Yturria

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McMinnville's UFO Festival Features

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 09:10:50 -0400
Subject: McMinnville's UFO Festival Features

Source: News-Register - McMinnville, Oregon

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McMinnville's UFO Festival Features Many Activities

Published: May 6, 2003

By Starla Pointer Of the News-Register

Now in its fourth year, McMinnville's UFO Festival and Alien Daze brings visitors from far and wide.

OK, not from other planets - well, MAYBE not - but definitely from other cities and states, and from all over Yamhill County.

Last year, a woman drove all the way down from Seattle for the chance to parade down Third Street attired from head to toe in aluminum foil and purple Lycra. When her spaceship departed for the return trip, she was carrying the "UFO Queen" award.

"We get a great mix of true believers and people who just want to have a good time," said Amber Lindsey, public relations person for McMenamins Hotel Oregon.

McMenamins and the McMinnville Downtown Association are sponsoring the out-of-this world activities Thursday through Saturday.

"We started with one afternoon and it's grown and grown," Lindsey said, noting the hotel's rooms are booked solid for the event.

This year, the festival will feature internationally known speakers, an essay contest, a UFO-related marketplace and an alien abduction workshop. One of Lindsey's favorite parts of the weekend is the alien parade, which was added last year.

"That's quite possibly the most fun for me," she said, recalling floats shaped like flying saucers, miles and miles of foil, people dressed as everything from Roswell-style aliens to Klingons.

McMenamins historian Tim Hill came up with the UFO festival idea after reading about the Trent case.

In 1950, Paul and Evelyn Trent shot photos of a flying disc hovering in the sky above in their yard between McMinnville and Sheridan. When they were published in the Telephone Register, a forerunner of the News-Register, the paper received requests for copies from UFO enthusiasts all over the world.

While this weekend's celebration will attract many fun-seekers, Lindsey also expects a number of people with a serious interest in UFOs. The turnout should be especially good this year because of the keynote speakers: Stanton Friedman, UFO scholar and nuclear physicist, and Peter Robbins, an authority on British UFO and crop circle incidents.

McMenamins partner in the festival, Randy Harrigan of ufostore.com, suggested bringing in Friedman for the event. The Sci-Fi Channel helped arrange Robbins' visit.

UFO authorities

Friedman will give an illustrated lecture titled, "Critiquing the Roswell Critics." In it, he will take on the arguments against the reality of the Roswell, N.M., incident.

He also will discuss the feasibility of travel to Earth from other nearby solar systems, government cover-ups, character assassination, misrepresentation, government disinformation and academic malfeasance.

Robbins, columnist for UFO Magazine and editor of the website UFOcity.com, will discuss the RAF Bentwaters/ Rendlesham Forest UFO incident. Bentwaters/Rendlesham is considered England's equivalent to Roswell - the best documented and most significant series of UFO events in the history of the United Kingdom.

Both men will speak Friday during a speakers' panel that starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Mack Theater. In addition, Oregon UFO Research will make a presentation about UFO activity in the state.

Admission is \$7 per person. Reservations, which are required, may be made by calling 503-560-7425. Any extra seats will be available starting at 7:30 p.m. at the theater.

The UFO authorities also will drop by the Hotel Oregon for a book-signing and meet-the-public event at 9:30 Friday night. Admission is free.

Friedman also will talk about flying saucer sightings at a 7 o'clock dinner Thursday night in the hotel.

Cost for the four-course dinner, for those 21 and older, is \$55 per person. Call 503-472-8427 for reservations.

McMenamins will serve a special brew that night and all during the festival: Alienator Ale.

Alien activities

Other events at the hotel include:

n The UFO marketplace, which will be open from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the ballroom on the second floor. UFO art, literature and information will be offered.

n Budd Hopkins' alien abduction workshop from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday. It's open to the public as well as to abductees and medical and mental health professionals.

n The Alien Costume Ball at 8 p.m. A reggae band called Earth Force will perform. Free.

The Mack Theater also will host a UFO video film festival at 4 p.m. Saturday. Documentaries will include "Out of the Blue," "Project Redstar - Martian Genesis," and "Crop Circles: Quest for Truth," among others.

At 1 o'clock that afternoon in the theater, Willamette Radio Workshop will perform a live re-creation of radio's most famous broadcast - "War of the Worlds," which panicked people in 1938.

The UFO parade will start at 3 p.m. Saturday, traveling west on Third Street from near the railroad tracks. There is a \$5 entry fee; spectators are free. Judges will inspect the entries at 2 p.m. and award prizes for Best Alien Float, Best Alien Group, Best Alien Male and Female, Best Alien Baby and Best Alien Pet.

For more information about participating in the parade, call Patti Webb at the downtown association, 503-472-3605, or contact her via e-mail at ufoparade@downtownmcminnville.com.

In conjunction with the festival, earthlings and others may enter an out-of-this-world essay contest and explain, "Why I

think my mother is an alien."

Entries are due by noon Saturday at the downtown association headquarters in the Cozine House at Third and Adams streets. Entries also can be e-mailed to ufoessay@downtownmcminnville.com.

For more information about the contest or the festival in general, call 503-472-3605.

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Roswell UFO Festival Changes

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Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 09:21:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 09:21:58 -0400
Subject: Roswell UFO Festival Changes

Source: Roswell Daily Record - Roswell, New Mexico

<http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/050603/news02.html>

05-06-03

UFO Festival To See Some Changes

Ryan Stark Record Vistas Editor

Fans of both extraterrestrials and country music might be very happy as two big changes for the 2003 Roswell UFO Festival were announced at a Monday afternoon press conference in Roswell.

During the July 4-5 event, the festival's Saturday night concert will feature country music legends Merle Haggard, Marty Stewart and Pam Tillis.

Roswell Chamber of Commerce CEO Shawn Hughes said it was Haggard's idea to come to Roswell.

"Merle came to (his promoters) and said 'I've got this great idea; I want to do a UFO concert,'" Hughes said. "Merle wants to make this an annual event and actually contacted us about coming here. We understand that he is very excited about making this a very big part of his year. It just shows the kind of attention we receive from the UFO Festival when Nashville is aware of us and wants to join."

The other big news item announced at the news conference was the chamber board's decision to move most festival events to the Eastern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

"One of the reasons we elected to move to the fairgrounds is elbow room," said festival committee chairman John Trujillo.

There will be a shuttle service provided, running between the fairgrounds and the downtown area all weekend.

"The downtown shuttle service is designed to bring more people downtown, as well as hopefully provide a link to their hotels and motels where we can increase the flow out to the fairgrounds," Hughes said.

He added, "We're very aware of the logistics in terms of making the transition from downtown to the fairgrounds."

New festival events will include a new sci-fi film festival featuring classic films, kids' rides, a "Great Alien Rescue" prize giveaway and the Independent UFO Music Festival. Returning events will include the alien light parade, the alien marketplace and a costume contest.

The UFO Festival celebrates the incident of 1947 involving the purported crash of an alien ship in the desert outside Roswell, allegedly later recovered by the military. This year's festival will be the ninth annual event, marking the 56th anniversary of the crash.

Hughes said more than 10,000 visitors attended last year's festival, and the planners are hopeful the attendance may top the 13,000 mark this year.

Volunteers are being sought to help with a variety of tasks associated with the festival. Anyone interested is encouraged to call the Roswell Chamber of Commerce at 623-5695.

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FOIA Appeal No. 2003-151

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Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 23:32:08 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 09:30:08 -0400
Subject: FOIA Appeal No. 2003-151

[LWB Note: Mr. Gersten has given me his permission to have the below-forwarded message posted upon a few choice websites (including Mr. Bruce-Knapp's "UFO Updates.")]

Subject: FOIA Appeal No. 2003-151 (Re: Fee-Waiver Request of Larry W. Bryant) From: UFOLAWYER1@aol.com

Date: Tue, May 6, 2003 3:26 pm
To: osfoia@nbc.gov
Cc: overtci@cavtel.net

TO: Assistant Secretary for FOIA Appeals
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20240

FROM: Peter A. Gersten
Director, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy
P.O. Box 2443
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928-524-4074

DATE: May 6, 2003

CAUS consultant Larry W. Bryant, who directs the CAUS Washington, D.C., Office from his home in Alexandria, Va., might be called the I. F. Stone (or even the H. L. Mencken) of UFOlogy.

Were they alive today at the peak of their performance, neither Stone nor Mencken would be, or should be, denied a records-search-fee waiver for FOIA access to ANY agency's system of records. Likewise, your deference to Mr. Bryant's journalistic requester status should be extended immediately and unqualifiedly to him, whose body of published credits (plus his potential for more) speaks for itself.

With the advent of the Internet, Mr. Bryant's capability to disseminate his works swiftly and widely has multiplied over the past several years -- thus increasing his value to fellow researchers, writers, and activists upon whom the reading public has come to depend for up-to-date and incisive news, information, and commentary.

For this reason, I submit this statement in support of his appeal No. 2003-151 (April 20, 2003), and I encourage him to use it as expert evidence if and when his case reaches the litigation stage.

Peter A. Gersten, Esq.

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Re: Italian Satellite Falls On Australia - Harrison

From: Diane Harrison <auforn@hypermax.net.au>
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 15:36:56 +1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 09:37:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Italian Satellite Falls On Australia - Harrison

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 22:38:57 -0500 (EST)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Italian Satellite Falls On Australia

>>From: Diane Harrison <auforn@hypermax.net.au>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 10:58:29 +1000
>>Subject: Italian Satellite Falls On Australia

>>Italian Satellite Drops From Sky over Australia

<snip>

>>"Time was 10.04 pm". "At first we thought it was a plane
>>crashing so we watched it until it disappeared over the tops of
>>tree's to the west. Steven of Bigger Water said: "I was
>>traveling along Merleen avenue at 10.05 pm when I noticed an
>>object come flying over from the >east, I turned my car around
>>as the object >was travelling west to get a better look". "It
>>looked like a very large meteor, glowing >metallic white to
>>gold in colour with a tail".

>>I thought this has to be a satellite reentering as
>>it was huge."

<snip>

>First of all, I thought I read about this satellite coming down
>on Thursday or Friday in the Pacific near South America! Is this
>a different Italian satellite?

Yes I thought the same Chaz and investigated as to how many
Italian satellites had reentered in the past weeks/months, to which
I found one other mentioned in the space events diary at this
webpage: <http://www.ssc.se/ssd/diary.html> run by the Swedish
Space Corporation.

Abstract:

The Italian BeppoSAX satellite re-entered the Earth's atmosphere
on 29 April and broke up and fell into the Pacific Ocean, 180 miles
NW of the Galapagos Islands.

I guess the Italians are just like the rest of the world they just dump
all kinds of rubbish on OZ (smile) hey you just have to watch our TV.

Regards,

Diane Harrison

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network
Australian Skywatch Director

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Re: UFO 'Detector' - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 11:05:40 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 09:45:11 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO 'Detector' - Stevenson

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 14:58:37 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO 'Detector'

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 03 May 2003 10:08:43 -0400
>>Subject: Re: UFO 'Detector'

>>>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 19:12:58 -0500
>>>Subject: UFO 'Detector'

>><snip>

>>>Not being strong in electronics I'm gonna go out on a limb and
>>>presume that there are a myriad of events that could set this
>>>thing off.

>>><http://www.ufo-detector.com/>

<snip>

Hello all

Although the price of this apparatus is low I use a more
infallable cheaper method to detect UFOs, namely - Power
Outages.

I believe the frequency to look for on an old TV for UFOs
- with directional antenna - is arround 51 Mhz analog. Not
digital or Nicam stereo.

: -)
Colin

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Re: UFOs Over Cuba? - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 09:16:08 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 09:48:26 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba? - Gevaerd

>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <v.s.o@prodigy.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 21:58:22 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba?
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>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 1 May 2003 09:10:43 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba?
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>>>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <v.s.o@prodigy.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2003 11:12:08 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba?

<snip>

>>Is there any chance that you may know what is Castro's thoughts
>>on UFOs and extraterrestrial life? I wonder if he, as a world
>>leader (despite being a dictator), would have information on the
>>subject, as I believe that most people in his position would.
>>And if so, has he ever expressed publicly or privately what is
>>his views about it?

>>Also, I remember that when we met in Bras=EDlia, 1983, you gave me
>>a signed copy of your book UFOs From Undersea, for which I thank
>>you again. It covers the very interesting Filiberto Cardena's
>>case. I was wondering if has this case any new development or
>>have you any new info about the "people" that visited the man?

>>The reason I ask is because most Brazilian cases of direct
>>encounters with aliens in late the 70s and early 80s have an on-
>>going situation. Several people taken from 1978 to 1983, or so,
>>have been abducted some other times than the first one. Antonio
>>Carlos Ferreira, for instance, was abducted over than 20 times
>>until the late 80s. Most of his abductions were closely
>>monitored by researchers and doctors.

>About your question: Castro's thoughts on UFOs and
>extraterrestrial life?. You are in better position asking the
>Cuban Embassy in Brasilia, that me in the US.

>The book UFO Contact from Undersea has been out of print long
>time ago. We have a CD-Book with his and other rare abduction
>cases we investigated with the late J. Allen Hynek. Send me a
>private e-mail for information.

>Yes, we find out that Cardenas has encounters, not only after
>his abduction on January 3, 1979 but since his childhood. After
>being the center of ugly jokes in the Spanish radio like: "he
>was smoking a big Havana marijuana cigar" and even a Cha Cha
>record named "El Platlillo Volador" (The Flying Saucer) by
>skeptics, his family decide to moved to New York and stop
>contact with ufologists.

Dear Dr. Virgilio:

I guess that people at Cuban Embassy in Brasilia would never answer what are Castro's thoughts on UFOs and extraterrestrial life. But I will enquire anyway. Have you (or anybody on this list) any info whatsoever if has Castro ever mentioned such subjects?

My e-mail is gevaerd@ufo.com.br. I would appreciate having more info about the CD-Book you mention. And thanks for the update about Cardenas. It is said how people react to the UFO Phenomena.

A. J.

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Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case - Romanek

From: **Stan Romanek**
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 04:01:54 -0000 (GMT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 14:36:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case - Romanek

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 17:26:55 -0400
>Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>From: Stan Romanek
>>Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 12:50:25 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

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>>The only problem is, things keep happening!

><snip>

>>that would be the best place to go to keep track and it's going
>>to be a wild ride I think!!!!

>Do any Listers think this would be a good time and place for
>installing an environmental monitor of some sort, the UFO
>detector, or the PC-monitored type? Or possibly one of the 10-
>12 hour video recorders located remotely from Mr. Romanek's
>home?

Eleanor,

Investigators have been working on getting an Environmental Monitor installed here. Even though the people involved have agreed to do it, there has been no more response.

If anyone has any suggestions please let me know

Thanks

Stan Romanek

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Filer's Files #19 -- 2003

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 09:13:37 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 18:38:52 -0400
Subject: Filer's Files #19 -- 2003

Filer's Files #19 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.
George A. Filer, Director Mutual UFO Network Eastern
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Webmaster: Chuck Warren -- My website is at: www.Georgefiler.com
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WORLDWIDE UFO SIGHTINGS INCREASE AT END OF APRIL

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. Sun is racked by powerful solar flares causing extreme weather and earthquakes. Asteroid named in Mr. Rogers honor. Connecticut metallic saucer spotted, New York - white blob hovering over security facility, Pennsylvania - diamond shaped craft hovering, Florida - elongated orange cigar, Illinois gold illuminated object, Wisconsin - four bright orange lights play "leapfrog", Iowa formation of five shiny metallic ovals, Arkansas disk, South Dakota - Five points of light moving quickly and erratically, Texas - chevron shape moves rapidly, New Mexico flashing red light, Arizona - bright diamond object, California flying triangle on Easter night, Canada - V shaped object and truck size lights, Peru - big bright light on volcano, England - Spain - oval shaped craft with no lights, Sweden - daylight disc hovers over housing area Italian UFO sightings drop in March Ukraine - April UFO wave over Crimea, Strange bright lights over Australia

EXTREME WEATHER ON EARTH CAUSED BY SUNSPOTS AND SOLAR FLARES

Mitch Battros predicted last week: "You can expect continued extraordinary windstorms, micro-burst, wind shears, and straight-line winds and even earthquakes. Watch for sudden snow fall, or sudden temperature changes to near 100 degrees in some areas." His predictions have come true with freak snowstorms being reported in California and Arizona. Sudden tornado and "tornado-like" storms hitting areas from Nebraska to Tennessee. Over 25 tornadoes have already been reported. Devastating tornadoes occurred on May 5, killing 38! Mitch also predicts there may be massive earthquake activity. Some to be over 6.0 in magnitude with earthquakes in "unusual" areas." Three 6.0 and larger earthquakes have occurred in last several days. See <http://neic.usgs.gov/neis/bulletin/bulletin.html> As you can see from the above breaking news announcements, sometimes scientific predictions go unheeded. The good news is my conviction we will see our local weather personality using 'space weather' and 'earth science' as part of their forecast. The sun appears to be causing catastrophe on Earth. The Equation: Sunspots =3D> Solar Flares =3D> Magnetic Field Shift =3D> Shifting Ocean and Jet Stream Currents =3D> Extreme Weather and Human Disruption. Today's sunspot count is at 134. Sunspot region 349 continues to pose a threat of M-Class flares. Space Weather News has announced a 60% chance of M-Class flares to occur within the next 24 hours. Thanks to Mitch Battros
<http://www.earthchangestv.com/breaking/index2000.htm>

SOYUZ LANDS SUCCESSFULLY CARRYING TWO ASTRONAUTS AND A COSMONAUT several hundred miles from targeted landing site. They were found more than two hours after reported landing in Kazakhstan.

ASTEROID IS NAMED IN MISTER ROGERS' HONOR

Fred Rogers, creator and host of public television's "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." Rogers died Feb. 27 at age 74 and in his honor an asteroid "Misterogers," formerly known as No. 26858, honors "Mister Rogers touched the lives of millions.

I doubt that there are many who have not been touched in some way by the life and work of Fred Rogers," said John G. Radzilowicz, director of the Henry Buhl Jr. Planetarium & Observatory at the Carnegie Science Center. Rogers produced a planetarium show for preschoolers called "The Sky Above Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." Asteroid now called "Misterogers" moves between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter, and is about 218 million miles from the sun, which it takes about 3 1/2 years to orbit. He was a great man who will be missed.

CONNECTICUT SMALL METALLIC SAUCER SPOTTED

PLANTSVILLE -- Small, disc-like saucer spotted while driving on I-84 near the highway on April 12, 2003, at 4:40 PM, appeared to be small, but moving very fast and flipping over constantly. It seemed to fly at a constant speed and altitude, and appeared to be made of a metallic substance. Thanks to Peter Davenport (PD)

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NEW YORK - ORB HOVERS OVER SECURITY FACILITY

YAPHANK -- The witness was driving north on to Yaphank Avenue on April 10, 2003, when a strobe light flash caught his attention, when I looked North West I saw a whitish shape hovering above the Suffolk County Minimum Security facility. I watched it until the trees obstructed my view at 12:10 AM. There were no visible lights, other than the initial flash that attracted my attention. Once I reached my destination (on the same road), I watched the general area for about 5 minutes, but there was no further sign of the object. But an airplane did fly near the same location about 5 minutes after my sighting. (NUFORC Note: Witness is a member of law enforcement. PD)

PLATTSBURGH -- It moved from the northwestern to the southeastern sky from where we were on April 16, 2003, at 9:00 PM an extremely high altitude and was moving at a speed covering about 30 miles of sky in 1 min. My friend is a pilot and this is how we came to the conclusion that this was not a man made craft. It also did not have a tail ruling out a shouting star. Nor did it have any flashing lights. It was a constant white glow. This was followed shortly by the appearance of 2 fighter jets that usually don't fly patterns this time of night. Thanks to Peter Davenport www.UFOCENTER.com

FLORIDA - ELONGATED ORANGE CIGAR

GAINESVILLE -- The witness was preparing Mom's flower bed on April 22, 2003, at 8:52 PM, and was laying on the grass trying to recover from the work." The observer says, "I was just laying there watching fireflies and shooting stars go by, when I saw what I thought was a very large meteor burning up." I saw an orange flare suddenly appear in the sky but instead of burning up it slowed down and passed over me. It was orange, glowing, and elongated. Kind of like a cylinder or cigar. I yelled "What the hell is that?" and I must have sounded upset because my mother looked up. I told her I saw it enter the atmosphere and if it was a plane we'd only see lights blinking. We watched it until it was too far away to see and it flew south in a slow (slower than even a single prop plane) curving zigzag. It just slowly went from left to right as it went forward. My heart's still racing. I've seen a lot of strange lights out here in the past, but this is the first time I actually saw a shape.

Thanks to Peter Davenport www.UFOCENTER.com

ILLINOIS GOLD ILLUMINATED OBJECT

ORLAND PARK -- Sam Maranto writes, "My wife and I had a great sighting last night on LaGrange Road 159th Street of a large Gold/Orange illuminating object with other lights ascending/descending from or about it." This was a GREAT sighting that we observed for two stop lights and a few miles at 30 to 45 mph before it flew out of view. My official response so far has been form radio dispatch for Orland Park/Hills Police dispatch "balloons & children". It had one hell of a light system and a most sophisticated propulsion unit. Its speed and

light show make it unlikely to be attached to balloons or else they have a better expense account than NASA. Thanks to ILLINOIS MUFON marantoj@prodigy.net

WISCONSIN - FOUR BRIGHT ORANGE LIGHTS "LEAPFROG"

PLOVER -- There were four bright orange lights about a hundred feet high, probably less than a mile away near Highway 54 at 9:30 PM, on April 24, 2003, They were in a horizontal line, maybe 20 feet spacing between each one. It appeared as though the right-most light split into two, and the new light floated off farther to the right, and the left-most light faded out. So, in this leapfrog fashion, there seemed to always be 4 lights in the sky. They "leapfrogged" 3 or 4 times while I was watching. Then they faded away. This all happened in less than 10 seconds.

This was in the southwest corner of Plover, Wisconsin, appearing to be. It was a mostly clear, warm spring evening.

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ARKANSAS DISK

ROYAL -- The observers were taking pictures on April 18, 2003, just before dark at 7:30 PM, on a lake. They report, "We did not see objects until we downloaded pictures on our computer."

ANCHORAGE -- A group of friends were outside on the upper deck on April 19, 2003, at 12:30 AM, when one witness saw two stars start moving past the other stars. One "star" seemed to be leading the other, and they made a fairly sharp turn together before disappearing in about 15 seconds. I was the only one who saw this. Five minutes later, I saw a single "star" make its way straight down the sky, making a couple slight changes in direction along the way. One of my friends saw most of this maneuver. Thanks to Peter Davenport

IOWA FORMATION OF FIVE SHINY METALLIC OVALS

CEDAR RAPIDS -- Five shiny metallic ovals in tight formation moving north to south over downtown Cedar Rapids on April 14, 2003, at 4:00 PM, Ovals would switch and trade positions with one another while maintaining a tight formation. I would guess that they were at a couple thousand feet in altitude. Thanks to Peter Davenport www.UFOCENTER.com

SOUTH DAKOTA - FIVE POINTS OF LIGHT MOVE ERRATICALLY

HOT SPRINGS -- Five points of light were seen moving somewhat jerkily and more quickly than satellites on April 24, 2003. They were not quite in a straight line and all were seen within about 15 to 20 minutes of each other around 9 PM. First one appeared as a light increasing in intensity then fading, then moved southeast, next one northwest, then 2 southeast, then 1 more appeared overhead with a bright flash, faded, and moved southeast. About five minutes later four different aircraft moved through the area although appeared to be at lower altitude-identified as aircraft, because had port and starboard lights and strobes on and 1 was low enough to be audible. We are an hour's drive from Ellsworth Air Force Base. Thanks to Peter Davenport

NEW MEXICO FLASHING RED LIGHT

GALLUP -- A very sharp, fast flashing red light was spotted on April 20, 2003, at 2 AM, traveling southwest at a slow pace. Suddenly the light stopped its motion and became still with no movement. The sharp, red flashing continued and suddenly, the red light began to zigzag up and down. It did this for 4 or 5 turns then stopped (continuing to flash sharply). I watched it for what seemed like 2-3 minutes. The evening was very calm and clear with about a 3/4 full moon.

Then the object lit up and shot out at an extremely fast pace towards the southwest. The red light went from still, no motion to blast off. It looked very similar to a comet with a light tail. It flew into light speed. Thanks to Peter Davenport

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ARIZONA BRIGHT DIAMOND OBJECT

SOUTH PHOENIX -- On April 21, 2003, roommates while sitting in the hot tub at 9:45 PM, noticed a bright light in the sky. The

eyewitness states, "My roommate started looking towards the west so a I looked too, because of the light of the object was so bright and big." We saw a diamond shape light extremely bright (brighter than the moon) moving at great speed west to east. We saw it for possibly 5-8 seconds before it vanished. Thanks to Peter Davenport

CALIFORNIA FLYING TRIANGLE ON EASTER NIGHT

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA -- Standing on the beach at 9:07 PM I noticed lights moving across the sky on April 20, 2003, I looked up to see a large flying triangle craft with 60 degree angles, rounded corners and three LARGE (each light was at least 1/10 the size of the entire craft) white lights located on the bottom of the object centered toward each corner. The object followed a near straight path from south to north about 1,000 ft. up and just off the Pacific coast. It seemed to be moving faster than a commercial jet, but was two to three times as large, and made no sound that I could hear. It had no visible wings or tail, but flew with the triangle pointed in the direction of flight. I am 22 year old male and obtained my associates degree two years ago.

SAN FRANCISCO -- A disk-shaped object with pulsating lights with a general color of white and slate blue emerged from behind low clouds on April 23, 2003, at 10:22 PM, and acted like a plane would as it trailed across the sky from west to east in the southern sky. But then it zigged slightly and seemingly a bit too sharply for a plane or helicopter. about two seconds later it moved extremely quickly out, directly away from our vantage point and in a matter of a second it was a pinpoint then gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport www.UFOCENTER.com

CANADA SIGHTINGS CONTINUE

GUELPH, ONTARIO -- A series of dim lights in a V-shaped formation were sighted on April 24, 2003. It was not so much a triangle that seemed to change shape before we lost sight of it. We believe it had seven lights, with three on each wing and one in the center lead. One witness who is a former F-18 pilot estimated it was flying at 4,000 feet at high speed heading north. It flew silently above us, but did not appear to be a known aircraft.

HOUSTON -- On April 24, 2003, starting at 10:55 PM, two witnesses caught sight of a really interesting and strange light/object. At two kilometers west of the town in front of them a small glowing sphere shaped object was almost sitting on Highway #16 at the top of the hill. The witness had just crossed the bridge when they caught sight of this light. As they got about half way up the hill, the light disappeared from their line of sight. Once they arrived at the crest of the hill, again they noted the light moving north away from them, and flying almost straight down Highway 16 at a low altitude. It flew 80 to 100 feet off the road. The witnesses were at the time traveling at a speed of 80 to 90 kilometer per hour and the object was slowly pulling a head of them. They lost sight of it once again just before the Irrigation Lake turn off. The only reason the object disappeared from their vision was due to the hills blocking their view. The total time that they observed the event was twenty to thirty seconds. The object was completely round, glowing, and pulsating. It was about the size of a small digital satellite dish from the distance they had to view it. The object made no sudden movements, such as to the right or left, it stayed on a straight flight path. They heard no sound heard coming from it. Also at one point the object seemed to light up the solid white reflective center roadway markings.

QUICK, BC -- On April 24, 2003, a farmer and his son out tending their cattle on a dairy farm at 11:20 PM, when they saw a bright ball of white/yellowish light. The son was hauling out manure from the barn with their tractor when he gave out a yell for his Dad to come out and look. He pointed to the western edge of their farm, and sitting at a dead stop just over the top of evergreen trees, was the ball of light. No sound could be heard from it. It was close to the size of a full pickup truck. The sighting lasted ten to fifteen seconds, before it started moving north towards the Telkwa/Smithers area. They lost sight of the light/object after it rose up slightly to get over a small hill in the distance. They said what ever it was seemed to take it's time and flew in a straight line to the west, but at a very low

level before having to gain a little in altitude to make it over top a hill. There was no reaction from the farm animals.

TYHEE LAKE, TELKWA -- On April 24, 2003, at 11:45 PM, the observer was driving on Telkwa High Road near Tyhee Lake Provincial Park, when he observed a ball of light flying "erratically" low over the lake. The light was moving quite quickly and seemed out of control when it first caught his attention. He stopped his vehicle to watch, and it cast it's light onto the lake below it. There was no sound, but he remained in his vehicle as the "thing" flew up the lake, moving from side to side, up and down, until it reached almost half way up the lake, then it veered off to the northeast towards Babine Lake at a high rate of speed, clearing the mountain on the far side of the lake. The sighting lasted a little over ten seconds. The object was the size of a small car, was bright, and an off white in color. Thanks to Brian Vike HBCC UFO Research

http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/hbcc_ufo_research.htm

PERU - BIG BRIGHT LIGHT ON VOLCANO

AREQUIPA -- At 4 PM, a big bright light was seen on top of Pichu Pichu Volcano at 4,800 meters above sea level on April 17, 2003.

There are no airports or roads in this remote Andean region in Peru. The witness says, "I had my digital camera, and took several pictures and a video in MPG format. The light was flashing/moving up and down as if someone was holding a giant mirror against the sun on top of the volcano." ((NUFORC Note: Witness provides high-quality video tape of the glinting from the top of a distant mountain. We do not know what caused the phenomenon, but we do observe that the Sun is almost directly behind the photographer, and a three-corner reflector device for accurately measuring the seismic changes in the movement of the volcano might cause the reflection, although that is purely a guess on our part. PD))

UK/ENGLAND LIGHTS AND BEAMS AT HIGH SPEED

NORWICH -- Two friends were walking back from the city, on April 11, 2003, at 2 AM, when they saw an object in the sky, with two lights on the top and a beam of light coming from the bottom.

The eyewitnesses state, "The object seemed to direct us into the road so we could see it and once we realized it wasn't a plane we ran up towards it." As we got closer it moved so it was facing directly towards us. Then it hovered left and right between a cut in the houses. There was a main road next to the houses so we had to stand in the road to see it. After about 40 seconds it completely disappeared.

WOLVERHAMPTON -- An unidentified craft was seen accelerating to massive speeds then instantly changing direction on April 20, 2003. The craft appeared to be a standard civilian jumbo jet at first glance, but all you could see was the lights on what appeared to be the wings. It traveled north at 9 PM, and accelerated to an astonishing speed then instantly shot southeast and disappeared behind a hill. Thanks to Peter Davenport www.UFOCENTER.com

CANARY ISLAND=B4S - DAYLIGHT SIGHTING OF OVAL CRAFT

LOS REALEJOS, TENERIFE ISLAND, SPAIN -- On April 11, 2003, the witness was driving in the country between banana plantations at 9:30 AM, and saw a white small oval-shaped craft with no lights that made no noise. The eyewitness reports, "It flew in one direction and went inside the clouds that were not high, then it appeared flying in the opposite direction and the speed of the craft was slow." At first I thought it was a big bird, but after I saw it was oval. I stopped the car and started looking for it, but I couldn't find it again." Thanks to Peter Davenport www.UFOCENTER.com

SWEDISH DAYLIGHT DISC HOVERS OVER HOUSING AREA

STOCKHOLM -- The onlooker reports, "My girlfriend and me was about to eat lunch on April 11, 2003, at 3:40 PM, when she saw a disc shaped thing hovering over a housing area in Stockholm. It stood still for a few seconds and moved rapidly to another spot to hover again. I grabbed my digital camera to record this strange behaving object. Unfortunately I only got three seconds on film, due to my aged camera. I have never seen anything

moving so fast nor hovering at such precision, we are to this day puzzled over what we saw. It was an amazing sight! I uploaded the movie at my personal homepage:
<http://medlem.spray.se/downloadathe/UFO.avi>

(NUFORC Note: We have viewed the video clip, which shows a disc-shaped object hovering over a populated shoreline, then suddenly banking toward the camera and accelerating very rapidly to the left. The rocking of the boat, from which the video apparently was taken, helps provide some reference for the acceleration of the object. PD)

ITALIAN UFO SIGHTINGS DROP IN MARCH

The number of reports of sightings of UFO phenomena, occurring in Italy during the month of March and collected by the Internet working group for the caselog of the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU), has totaled 27. This is a drop of fifty percent from February, bringing in the month of March at its usual average and the first quarter at the same levels of preceding years (with the exception of 2002, which was "richer" by 50%): with 177 cases. The quarter's reports were concentrated more than usual in the northern regions, which alone account for two-thirds of the total: 70% were nocturnal lights and 8% daytime objects. Three cases involved effects on the surrounding environment; three featured photographs; thirteen involving filmed sequences; and a good six objects were observed falling to Earth.

CORSO'S DIARY -- The Pendragon Publishing House in Bologna is sending to bookstores the much-ballyhooed diary of Lt.Col. Philip Corso, published for the first time worldwide and edited by Maurizio Baiata. The late, former US Army Officer recounts his version of reverse-engineering and technologies derived from the analysis of an alien flying saucer that allegedly crashed near Roswell in 1947. Its title is "L'alba di una nuova era: I segreti alieni nascosti dal Pentagono" ("Dawn of a New Age: Alien Secrets Concealed by the Pentagon"), totals 192 pages and sells for 14 Euro. Website Upiar Store (www.upiar.com), Thanks to Edoardo Russo, Italian Center for UFO Studies
<http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/ultime.htm>.

UFO WAVE OVER CRIMEA, UKRAINE

SIMFEROPOL -- The Ukrainian UFO Association reports the end of April was a hot UFO week over the Crimean peninsula (Krym Autonomous Republic), south of Ukraine. A bright pulsating multicolor "STAR" was seen by 53 years old Lenura A. Azizova on April 23, 2003, at 10:30 PM. The witness stepped outside her house and suddenly noticed a bright flash in sky and a pulsating light right in the middle of constellation Auriga. The light was very bright, like an electric lamp that was pulsating red, violet, yellow and white. It flew in a zigzag trajectory, up and down through the sky. It definitely was not a satellite nor airplane. This object made no sound and was observed for three to five minutes, before it flew away. The object was estimated to be huge about 112 meters in size. It had a multi corner form, with 5 corner-rays, like a sea star in shape, with central dome on top, and sign like a trident on its hull. Based on the data obtained, Anton believes, this could possibly be an alien spacecraft from Sirius A star system.

BRIGHT WHITE OBJECT HOVERS -- On Saturday, April 26, 2003, at 8 PM, two residents of Simferopol, Aleksey and Alexander Z. observed an unusual object in southwestern sky, not far from Sirius. Suddenly, the bright white "star," brighter even than Sirius, appeared high in sky after flash. It was hovering for several seconds, slowly moving, and then sharply fade away, like the electric lamp being switched off.

ALIEN ABDUCTION IN SIMFEROPOL -- The local resident reported that in the evening, when he went on to his balcony of the multistoried building, he dazedly noticed the strangest scene he ever saw in his life. A ray of light descended from sky pointing at a nearby balcony. Suddenly, a totally naked man appeared in the center of this light right on the balcony. The UFO itself was obviously hovering above, but it was not visible. Only the ray of light shinning down could be seen. The man was apparently half-conscious and in a fagged out state. Being frightened, the witness left his balcony back to his flat in fear that he might be abducted too.

UFO HOVERS OVER HIGHWAY -- On Thursday, April 24, 2003, a disk-shaped UFO was seen hovering over Evpatoriyskoye Highway northwest of Simferopol's outskirts, near the Dzerzhinskiy" collective farm. An energetic anomaly flew off the craft that may be responsible for an auto accident. Later that day, at the same location a road accident occurred when two cars collided.

All drivers and passengers survived, but both cars were destroyed. Note the 24th, of every month is very active date for UFOs. Thanks to Anton A. Anfalov, UKUFAS (Ukrainian UFO Association) an@crimea.com

SENEGAL AMAZING INCREDIBLE SOUND AND LIGHT

DAKAR -- On April 11, 2003, at 4:30 AM, there was just incredible sound and the light coming out from the object which seemed to be as powerful as the sunlight. Thanks to Peter Davenport www.UFOCENTER.com

STRANGE BRIGHT LIGHTS OVER AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE -- On April 24, 2003, my Mum and me could see a clear pure bright light and it sort of stayed in one spot for five seconds then sped off fairly fast. I couldn't make out a clear shape since the light inhibited that. My Mum also saw this light and was blown away by what she saw.

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS was flooded with calls from people who all say they saw the same thing from their Nightcliff homes -- eight bright yellowish-orange lights in perfect formation over the Timor Sea. Rajiv Maharaj reports that on May 06, 2003, "A set of mysterious bright lights in the Northern Territory's night sky have residents in the beachside suburb of Nightcliff abuzz with talk of an alien encounter." "People were out on the road, pointing to the bright lights and yelling it was an alien invasion," mother of three Yvonne Morris said. People were just stunned. Brad McDonald, 48, was at the Nightcliff Jetty fishing with family and friends when he saw the lights on Saturday about 9 PM. "I've never seen anything like it -- it was bloody strange," Mr. McDonald said. But he said he had a strange feeling before he saw the glowing lights. "I thought it was odd before that because the fish were biting like hell, and then all of a sudden the tide went out." He described the lights as bright orange-yellow about 1 kilometer away, and in perfect formation. "My mate reckons they were weather balloons, but I disagree -- they were too perfect," There were 40 people at the jetty and we were all intrigued," he said. Ms Morris and her children were sitting on the verandah of their beach front property when the orange-yellow lights first appeared. "The eight lights were about 45 degrees from each other, and appeared to be fairly structured." UFO sightings are fairly common in the NT -- no place more so than Wickliffe Well, 1100 kilometers south of Darwin, where Holiday Park owner Lew Farkas is the local expert on UFOs, having seen them with monotonous regularity over 18 years. "The closest look I got of one was the spaceship's portholes, but I couldn't see the alien bloke inside," Mr. Farkas, 54, said last night. He said the formation described by the Nightcliff residents was similar to ones he had seen. "It sounds like it was one MOTHERSHIP, with the other supporting craft on the side," he said. Thanks to THE NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS

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pollution associated illnesses. I asked my Medical Doctor friend what he would recommend, and he told me he treats 62 different ailments such as allergies, heart and various breathing problems with amazing success using Isotonix OPC-3.

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Re: UFOs Over Cuba? - Ticchetti

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 11:46:09 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 18:45:52 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba? - Ticchetti

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 09:16:08 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba?

>>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <v.s.o@prodigy.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 21:58:22 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Over Cuba?

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>>About your question: Castro's thoughts on UFOs and
>>extraterrestrial life? You are in better position asking the
>>Cuban Embassy in Brasilia, that me in the US.

>>The book UFO Contact from Undersea has been out of print long
>>time ago. We have a CD-Book with his and other rare abduction
>>cases we investigated with the late J. Allen Hynek. Send me a
>>private e-mail for information.

>>Yes, we find out that Cardenas has encounters, not only after
>>his abduction on January 3, 1979 but since his childhood. After
>>being the center of ugly jokes in the Spanish radio like: "he
>>was smoking a big Havana marijuana cigar" and even a Cha Cha
>>record named "El Platillo Volador" (The Flying Saucer) by
>>skeptics, his family decide to moved to New York and stop
>>contact with ufologists.

>I guess that people at Cuban Embassy in Brasilia would never
>answer what are Castro's thoughts on UFOs and extraterrestrial
>life. But I will enquire anyway. Have you (or anybody on this
>list) any info whatsoever if has Castro ever mentioned such
>subjects?

>My e-mail is gevaerd@ufo.com.br. I would appreciate having more
>info about the CD-Book you mention. And thanks for the update
>about Cardenas. It is said how people react to the UFO
>Phenomena.

List,

The Cuban Embassy is here in Brasilia, where I live. I contacted
yesterday the Cuban Ambassador, Mr. Jorge Lezcano Perez. My work
gives me full access to all Ambassadors. I know some of them
very well.

But Perez told me that he did have any information about UFOs
over Cuba, here, in the Cuban Embassy, but do not doubt that
there is something back in Cuba. He promised to help me trying
to find something.

I am getting in touch with some embassies to get information
about UFOs... maybe, who knows.

Regards,

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

Vice-presidente da EBE-ET/RAB
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From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 10:23:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 18:48:26 -0400
Subject: IFOs 101

Dear Errol and List:

I'd like to teach a short course in - IFOs 101 - for UFO investigators, researchers and interested parties.

If you would like to learn more about IFOs, please take your seat and pay attention.

POP QUIZ!

Go to:

<http://home.attbi.com/~yellowrose129/whatisit.htm>

and tell me what the object is I filmed on May 5, 2003.

Class dismissed, see you tomorrow. Bring apples! ;>

A. Hebert

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 18:53:06 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 19:03:34 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update - King

>From: Santiago Yturria <syturria@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 18:23:41 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 16:44:14 +0000
>>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>>From: Dan Bright <dan@zaziork.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 4 May 2003 15:41:34 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 15:33:00 -0500
>>>>Subject: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>>>From what I know Anthony Woods and Santiago Yturria no longer
>>>>get along. Woods believes Yturria didn't handle his case
>>>>properly, thus he went to UFO Mag.

>This quotation does not come from Mr. Dan Bright or Amy Hebert
>but is an invention by you Mr. Tom King. I ask the List to
>review both Amy Hebert and Dan Bright messages posted here to
>confirm none of them said these words.

>So where did you get these words?

From Mr Woods himself. I have heard 'things'.

>Or it's just a personal guess
>from you. For 12 months I have been involved in deep research of
>this case and I have gathered miles and miles of personal and
>confidential conversations with the witness. I have gathered
>scores of UFO footage, testimonials, statements and supporting
>letters to my work from him. I have published a vast amount of
>reports all over the Internet and presented this case in several
>conferences in the US and here in Mexico.

>I have known a lot of situations and delicate affairs that
>remain in the case's dossier. And I'm still supporting this case
>and sustaining my allegations. Don't you sincerely think, Mr.
>King, that if the witness had not felt satisfied and identified
>with me and my research work he could have ended his
>relationship with me within a month? 12 months is a long time
>of relationship.

That is certainly what happened. Everyone has a falling out with
other researchers or witnesses from time to time. I have butted
heads with plenty of researchers and friends after years of
working on cases. I'm a stubborn man I guess. I'm not really so
interested in UFO cases for making relationships but for
gathering facts.

>It's clear that your quotation is very personal and more
>oriented to other considerations not to the essence of the case

>itself.

What I stated was revealed to me my Mr. Woods, I will not repeat what he told me but he was not happy with you to say the least and that is one reason he went to UFO Mag.

>I will suggest you that instead of inventing quotations
>you express your personal feelings and thoughts directly so we
>can understand each other in a better way. Play fair.

>>When Yturria posted here a couple weeks ago, he hadn't been
>>involved in the Woods case for 9 months. He should have known he
>>didn't have the rights to distribute copies of Woods footage to
>>anyone on the List since it wasn't his property.

>First it was not 9 months but 7 months. My offer was sincere and
>my interest compromised to establish the truth. But the witness
>said NO and it's his footage so I have to respect his desires.
>At the same time Graham Birdsall and the UFO Magazine had come
>with the idea to produce a documentary about this case and I
>think it's a great idea. I know personally Graham and I've been
>honored by him to attend the Leeds Conferences twice and have
>received always a warm affection from him. So I respect him and
>support this new documentary to come. I'm convinced that the
>british audiences will now know all about this case and will
>find it extraordinary.

>>>In addition to the Woods footage, a woman hailing from the same
>>>locality, namely that of Bedhampton, near Havant, has produced
>>>voluminous and equally as noteworthy video "evidence" as Anthony
>>>Woods. Nicknamed "Bambi", aka. Abby Parker, she also peddled her
>>>videos around the houses, eventually ending up at Mr. Yturria's
>>>door. Again, I have not been fortunate enough to have studied
>>>the first generation tapes of her footage and so I'm unable to
>>>make any firm claims as to its veracity.

>>Here we go again with "Bambi" AKA Abby Parker. Apparently she is
>>trying to reinvent herself after releasing a series of out of
>>focus images last year on Rense.com

<snip>

The case with 'Bambi' was nothing more than spam all over the internet of out of focus images. This is certain ammo for skeptics to show how ignorant UFO researchers can be.

People should be extremely skeptical of anything AKA Bambi puts out after her images were blanketed all over the Net last year.

Once bitten twice shy.

Tom

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Re: Roswell UFO Festival Changes - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 08:41:43 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 19:06:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell UFO Festival Changes - Myers

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: 05/07/03 06:21 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Roswell UFO Festival Changes

>Source: Roswell Daily Record - Roswell, New Mexico

><http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/050603/news02.html>

>05-06-03

>UFO Festival To See Some Changes

>Ryan Stark Record Vistas Editor

>Fans of both extraterrestrials and country music might be very
>happy as two big changes for the 2003 Roswell UFO Festival were
>announced at a Monday afternoon press conference in Roswell.

>During the July 4-5 event, the festival's Saturday night concert
>will feature country music legends Merle Haggard, Marty Stewart
>and Pam Tillis.

Roswell = \$\$\$\$\$

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III UFLOWATCHDOG.COM "Don't Trip On Your Open
Mind... or all that cash flowing out of the crack of that
crashed saucer....."

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Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 19:02:10 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 19:12:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case - King

>From: Stan Romanek
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 04:01:54 -0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 17:26:55 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>From: Stan Romanek
>>>Date: Mon, 5 May 2003 12:50:25 +0000 (GMT)
>>>Subject: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

>>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>><snip>

>>>The only problem is, things keep happening!

<snip>

Stan,

I think we spoke once on the phone. I'd say keep your batteries charged up. A tape ready and labeled for use when needed.

I don't really buy the idea of a UFO detector because you are the detector and have to do it the hard way.

Happy hunting.

Tom King
www.ufovideo.com

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 17:17:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 19:15:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - White

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 18:10:35 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 10:39:53 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

<snip>

>Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. Right now
>we have a lot of one and not so much of the other.

Ian -

Probably, the difference between our points of view is that there is an astounding amount of evidence of all sorts of very serious crime, recent or in progress, by many governments including the U.S. If someone listens regularly to shortwave news broadcasts, such as The Power Hour, hosted by Joyce Riley and Dave von Kleist, mornings, and the Alex Jones show, afternoons, you discover that plenty of documentation exists about those major non-UFO crimes.

(These shows are repeated at night.)

So when one more cover up comes along, such as that about the UFO issue, to me it's not a big leap of faith to believe in that one too.

If someone goes to the web sites of these shows, which feature live and archived audio streams, the first impression is "This has to be the biggest load of nonsense ever put on the air." Alex Jones, particularly, uses a very sensational appearing web site format and broadcasting style. But you need to look past the style, to the sources.

These shortwave broadcasters are just as careful about documentation as the best UFO researchers. Alex, in spite of his sensationalized format, refuses often to carry on with callers who do not have solid documentation to back them up.

If you would like to sample those two shows, their web sites are:

<http://www.thepowerhour.com>

<http://www.infowars.com>

They cover crimes in the areas of medical cover ups, judicial corruption, financial corruption, political corruption, as examples. These are broad fields and it takes a while to hear about the many crimes, but they are real. They don't require anything exotic to prove. Most have been reported on via the wire services, but never made it to CNN or the major newspapers.

If you, and others who doubt that a UFO cover up exists would like to know about these other major cover ups, and you sample enough shows to get a fair idea of the quality of their material and sources, you may find that you come to agree that a UFO cover up is at least likely.

I don't mean to push the belief there is a cover up - pushing beliefs is a waste of time - but those other major crimes in progress do explain, at least, my belief there is a whopper of a cover up in the UFO field too.

Eleanor White

PS - Interestingly, there are quite a few Canadian callers to those shows.

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Learn More About Meteors & Meteorites

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 17:50:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 19:17:41 -0400
Subject: Learn More About Meteors & Meteorites

List,

For those of you who wish to learn more about meteors and meteorites, which are sometimes mistaken for UFOs, this article in Nature might be of interest.

At least, you will learn how, meteoritically speaking, history can repeat itself. :)

Have a look:

<http://www.nature.com/cgi-taf/DynaPage.taf?file=/nature/journal/v423/n6936/full/nature01592.fs.html>

The link is so long, you may have to copy and paste it into your browser.

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: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 18:15:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 19:21:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case - White

>From: Stan Romanek
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 04:01:54 -0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Stan Romanek

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 17:26:55 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

<snip>

>>Do any Listers think this would be a good time and place for
>>installing an environmental monitor of some sort, the UFO
>>detector, or the PC-monitored type? Or possibly one of the 10-
>>12 hour video recorders located remotely from Mr. Romanek's
>>home?

>Investigators have been working on getting an Environmental
>Monitor installed here. Even though the people involved have
>agreed to do it, there has been no more response.

>If anyone has any suggestions please let me know

Stan -

A couple of ideas:

- An extra long play video recorder, with the camcorder
at some distance from your home, run routinely every night. Same
setup as is used in store security cameras, but with the
recording done at a neighbour's house, camera aimed at yours.
12-hour recorders are available.

- A "Tri Field" meter, particularly the EMF-Natural model
which has an audio tone output, set up in your house and
monitored by either an audio tape recorder or long-playing video
recorder. Since electromagnetic and magnetic fields, and
possibly electrostatic under some circumstances, penetrate non-
metallic walls, for the sake of privacy, this setup could be
kept in a closet where family noise would be obscured or
muffled.

<http://www.TriField.com>

The Tri Field staff told me that they will add the tone output
feature to any meter in their product line for a very reasonable
cost.

Of course PC monitoring and saving the information in digital
files is possible, but ratchets the cost up. The plus side of
using this type of equipment is that if provided by researchers,
it can be used in different sites.

A PC-monitored home weather station might also provide some data
of interest.

Some experimentation would be needed with the Tri Field meter so

that appropriate scales could be selected which will not show much indication with normally present EM fields. The Tri Field meters can be set to "vector sum" field readings in three axes, which assures that no matter what the orientation of a UFO's EM field, it will indicate.

Eleanor White

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Re: IFOs 101 - Carr

From: Scott C. Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 18:41:14 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 19:23:54 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 - Carr

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 10:23:48 -0500
>Subject: IFOs 101

>POP QUIZ!

>Go to:

><http://home.attbi.com/~yellowrose129/whatisit.htm>

>and tell me what the object is I filmed on May 5, 2003.

>Class dismissed, see you tomorrow. Bring apples! ;>

That would most definitely be a flying saucer.

--Scott C. Carr

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New Mexico Rock Samples

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 17:17:09 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 22:19:56 -0400
Subject: New Mexico Rock Samples

Ray Stanford writes an excellent analysis re. the rock specimens provided by Ed Gehrman, found here:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/may/m06-016.shtml>

I received my own samples today along with some high quality Kodak prints of the alleged crash site. I have a short list of questions:

1.) How certain is it that this site is the one described by Ray Santilli's anonymous "cameraman"?

(I recall reading a debunking piece that described a visit to the presumed crash site. Supposedly some pro-crash adherents had suggested that portions of the terrain had been modified to conceal lingering evidence of the crash. This was later attributed to normal mining activity in the area, if I remember correctly.)

2.) Is the glassy-looking material unique to certain areas in the NM desert? If so, which ones?

3.) Exactly (or roughly) how localized is the glass-like material and what might account for this?

Many thanks to both Ed and Ray for their efforts.

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>Mac Tonnies
macbot@yahoo.com

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com>
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Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria** <syturria@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 21:27:13 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 22:24:48 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update - Yturria

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 18:53:06 +0000
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>From: Santiago Yturria <syturria@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 18:23:41 EDT
>>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 16:44:14 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>So where did you get these words?

>From Mr Woods himself. I have heard 'things'.

So I was right and your quotation was not a reference posted in this dialogue. If this comment was made to you as you said by the witness himself (wich I doubt) then you should have addressed it properly saying: "He told me this or that about you", then I could reply also properly.

But if you just 'heard' rumors I think it's not valid. I have also heard a lot of things about you but that doesn't mean I would believe them or make quotes for some purpose, right?

In any case and referring to your initial post to this UFO Duck Hunting thread I will quote your comment made in April 14.

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 20:54:54 +0000
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting!

>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 13:49:26 -0400
>>Subject: UFO Duck Hunting!

>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.

If Mr. Woods is in contact with you as you claim (?) I'm sure he will be very happy to read your statement about his videos.

That's all,

Santiago Yturria

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Re: IFOs 101 - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 18:32:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 22:26:33 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 - Groff

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 10:23:48 -0500
>Subject: IFOs 101

>Dear Errol and List:

>POP QUIZ!

>Go to:

><http://home.attbi.com/~yellowrose129/whatisit.htm>

>and tell me what the object is I filmed on May 5, 2003.

Without actually seeing the video it looks like another out-of-focus milar balloon to me. Even if this were a real UFO I wouldn't lend any credence to these VidCaps.

Terry Groff
<http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>

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UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 18

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 21:29:04 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 07:16:20 -0400
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 18

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

<Masinaigan@aol.com>

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SURPRISE APPEARANCE BY
SADDAM STARTLES IRAQIS

"Warplanes roared overhead. Haze and smoke rose from the city's edges as U.S. troops battled their way in."

"But for 30 minutes on (Wednesday) April 9 (2003), some people from Baghdad's al-Azamiyah neighborhood said they were riveted by another sight: a visit from Saddam Hussein."

"'It was Saddam for sure and whoever says it was his double is a liar,' said Salah Abu Seif, 38, who said he had seen Saddam several times previously."

"Saddam waved to the crowd" of about 400 Iraqis "from a green Mercedes, drove away, then returned to the (al-Azamiyah) neighborhood. The Iraqi leader stepped out of his car to salute the hundreds of people who flocked to see him."

"He was accompanied by his son Qusay; his secretary Abed Hamoud, and Defense Minister Sultan Hashem Ahmed; a camera was recording the tour."

The video of Saddam's appearance was aired on Abu Dhabi TV on Friday, April 18, 2003.

"Abu Dhabi TV's correspondent, Jaber Obeid, said the person who handed the videotape to the network assured them it was shot in Azamiyah on April 9."

"'We always suspected, because of the many sightings of Saddam Hussein, that somebody--somehow, somewhere-- would shoot a picture of him, would shoot a video,' anchor Jasim al-Azz Azzawi told CNN. "We went out of our way to make sure that the tape would fall into our hands.'"

"U.S. intelligence officials in Washington say they cannot yet determine whether the man in the video was the Iraqi leader nor when it was taped. They also say they don't know whether Saddam is alive or dead."

The Saddam video "is the talk of everyone in Baghdad," reported Ayesha al-Khatibi, a UFO Roundup Middle East correspondent. "But what is most puzzling is the mysterious golden necklace Saddam was wearing when the Azamiyah video was made. Qusay was wearing one, as well. Since Saddam is not known for wearing jewelry with his uniforms, my sources in Iraq cannot understand why he chose to wear it that day."

Fellow correspondent Mohammed Daud al-Hayyat has a theory that the golden necklaces worn by Saddam and his son Qusay are protective devices given to them by the reputed Zarzi aliens.

(Editor's Note: According to an urban legend, a UFO crashed in Iraq either during 1991 or 1998. Saddam granted the surviving aliens sanctuary, allowing them to live in either an underground base at Zarzi or at the centuries-old citadel at Qalaat-e-Julundi in the As-Zab as-Saghir (Little Zab) river valley in northern Iraq.)

"People say that when they wear these necklaces, Saddam and Qusay have only to clasp hands, and the circle of light will appear," Mohammed explained, "The alien vortex will instantly transport them to safety. In this manner, they can create the circle without the Zarzi aliens being present."

Two days after Saddam's appearance, "on April 11 (2003)," al-Azamiyah "was the site of a firefight between Iraqis holed up in a mosque and U.S. Marines hunting for leaders of Saddam's regime."

Ayesha noted that "al-Azamiyah is primarily a neighborhood of Sunni Muslims, so Saddam Hussein knew he would be among friends when he appeared there."

Also on Wednesday, April 9, 2003, according to ufologist Jose Escamilla, a cylindrical UFO was seen dodging American anti-aircraft bursts while flying over Baghdad.

"I found a rod (cylindrical UFO) that zipped through anti-aircraft explosions over the city," Escamilla reported, "And this rod flew effortlessly and was not hit nor affected by the explosions in the air. Clear shot and it was moving very fast."

Ayesha speculated that this "may have been the UFO that brought Saddam Hussein to al-Azamiyah earlier. The Escamilla video may actually show Saddam and Qusay leaving the city after their surprise appearance."

On Wednesday, April 30, 2003, the ousted dictator created another stir when "a London-based Arabic newspaper published a handwritten letter purportedly signed by Saddam Hussein that called on Iraqis to rise up against American forces."

Saddam "urged Iraqis to rebel against the 'infidel, criminal, murderous and cowardly occupier,' promised that people who collaborated with American-led forces would be punished and predicted that 'the day of liberation and victory will come.'"

"Faxed to the offices of Al-Quds al-Arabi, the letter was dated April 28, the date of Saddam's 66th birthday."

"The newspaper's editor, Abdel Bari Atwan...said he had seen Saddam's signature before and believed the one on the letter was 'definitely' his."

However, "U.S. officials were skeptical about the authenticity" of Saddam's letter and "are unsure whether Saddam survived two bombings that targeted buildings where he was believed to be, one at the outset of the war and one at the closing days."

President George W. Bush, "speaking Sunday (April 20, 2003) at Fort Hood in Texas, said that if Saddam was alive, 'I would suggest he not pop his head up.'"

"In the last week, Iraqis say they have seen Saddam emerging from an underground tunnel in his hometown of Tikrit, riding in a taxi in the southern city of Basra and living in a former Sheraton Hotel in Baghdad."

"There have been more sightings of Saddam Hussein than of Elvis," Rick Wiles, editor of American Freedom News, said."

"Opinion is equally divided. Some people say Saddam is at Zarzi with the aliens," Mohammed Daud al-Hayyat added, "Others say he is at the underground base at al-Ouja, two kilometers (1.2 miles) north of Tikrit. The latest rumor is that Saddam will shortly address the people of Iraq from an alien base on the moon! They say this will happen in four or five days." (See the newspapers USA Today for April 21, 2003, "Fear of Saddam and his thugs lingers," page 4A; the Providence, R.I. Journal for April 20, 2003, "Residents say Saddam was seen after bombing," page 1; the Boston, Mass. Herald for April 21, 2003, "Saddam: A narrow escape?" page 7; the Attleboro, Mass. Sun-Chronicle for April 21, 2003, "Report: Saddam remains in Iraq," page 20; the New York Daily News for April 19, 2003, "Two tapes of Saddam on Arab TV," page 9; the Pawtucket, R.I. Times for April 19, 2003, "Saddam gone, but provocative footage surfaces," page B1; the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for May 1, 2003, "Arabic paper says it has letter from Saddam," page 9A;

and USA Today for May 1, 2003, "Purported Saddam letter questioned," page 10A. Many thanks to Ayesha al-Khatibi, Robert Fischer, Steve Wilson Sr., Mohammed Daud al-Hayyat, Jim Hickman, Jose Escamilla, Rick Wiles and others for these Saddam updates.)

UFOs ARE ACTIVE IN EASTERN BRAZIL

During the evening hours of Tuesday, April 22, 2003, Carlos Magno was outside at his home in Sao Mateus, a small city in the north of Espiritu Santo state in eastern Brazil. He saw a formation of bright lights approaching from the west, "which halted and hovered, then returned in the same direction from which they came. Astronomers said they were 'meteors.'"

A few hours earlier, in Santana da Boa Vista, in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, eyewitness Joao Arapecido "saw a daylight disk hovering over the Cerra do Cantareira (hill)."

The same afternoon, at Taquaritinga, in the state of Sao Paulo, "a high school teacher saw an object which appeared to be a silvery flying disc. This object made a series of zigzagging motions as it flew across the blue sky." (Muito obrigado a Jonas Marcelo A. Coelho do Grupo LEONI por esos casos.)

UFOs SIGHTED BY MANY IN CALIFORNIA

On Saturday, April 19, 2003, eyewitness Brenda and her family were camping out in a wooded area off Rasor Road in Baker, California (population 1,030), located about 180 miles (288 kilometers) east-northeast of Los Angeles, when they spotted a UFO.

"I was sitting down at the campfire, facing the west, when I noticed a bright light moving in my direction. It waited and, spiralling, going back and forth, from side to side, it continued on. It was almost like a radio-controlled object or a satellite. It was moving just too much in the 30 minutes that I watched it with three other people at the campfire."

Soon other objects joined the first, Brenda added, "They were all hovering and appeared to be big/bright stars, yet they all had red/green lights flashing towards the top rear of them. The objects moved in my direction, then waited. There was no noise from any of them, but they just seemed to bounce around" at speeds "which were too fast for any helicopter or plane."

The first UFO "vanished behind the sand ridge" in the Devil's Playground region of the Mojave National Preserve, "where an old abandoned house was. It turned itself off, not to be seen again. Shortly thereafter, the other two objects seemed to have disappeared. The formation of these objects seemed to have been in a half-circular position with some equal distance between them."

"This is the first time I have ever seen anything like this," she added, "in the five years we've been going camping."

On Saturday, April 26, 2003, Daniel M. was walking home in Costa Mesa, California (population 108,724), about 110 miles (166 kilometers) southeast of Los Angeles when he spied a UFO.

"My wife and I were walking home in Costa Mesa," he reported, "When we arrived there, I noticed three lights in the sky. They were either very tiny or very far away. They seemed very high up in altitude. Then they had moved to a different pattern."

One UFO moved a little closer to him, he added. "I called out my wife's parents to see the sight, which they did. The only color which we could see was that of the lights. And when they got farther away, they seemed to resemble stars in the sky. An indication to me that they were very high up in altitude." (Email Form Reports)

ANOTHER BLUE UFO BUZZES SANDIA PEAK, NEW MEXICO

On Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at 2:30 a.m., trucker Steve Goldman was driving on Interstate Highway I-40 through Moriarty, New Mexico (population 1,765), located 34 miles (55 kilometers) east of Albuquerque, when he noticed a strange blue flying object passing overhead.

"As I approached Moriarty from the east on I-40, the object zipped into view in my front windshield," Steve reported, "It was a bright, light blue, fluorescent color, lozenge-shaped, and it was descending at a 15-degree angle from the horizon. It appeared to be descending after passing over Sandia Peak."

"The craft was oriented parallel to the horizon, but it was descending. It was about the size of a hot dog (large sausage--J.T.) held at arm's length, so it was quite close. When it passed about 1,000 feet (300 meters) overhead, the front part of the craft flickered, then the object 'turned off' and disappeared from view."

This was Steve's second sighting of a blue UFO over Sandia Peak in recent months. (Email Form Report)
(Editor's Note: The Sandia Labs, the USA's top-secret nuclear research facilities, are located in this area.)

TWO WHITE UFOs ARE SEEN OVER ROWLETT, TEXAS

On Monday, April 28, 2003, at 9:45 p.m., Laurie M. was outdoors at her home in Rowlett, Texas (population 44,503), located on Lake Ray Hubbard 15 miles (25 kilometers) northeast of Dallas, when she sighted some strange lights in the sky.

"Two white lighted objects were going round and round in circles as if they were playing tag," Laurie reported, "At times, one would pass the other. This went on for approximately 20 minutes. Their speed was incredible, and these were perfectly consistent circles."

"The white lights were above the clouds, with an occasional break in the clouds where you could see the object itself. The two UFOs departed to the west. Then my husband called a local television station" to report the sighting. (Email Form Report)
(Editor's Comment: And look who else was in Texas at the time of the sighting in Rowlett!)

MYSTERIOUS ROUNDUP VAN APPEARS IN EASTERN TEXAS

The mysterious white van, which bears the website address for UFO Roundup, put in a surprise appearance in eastern Texas at the same time two UFOs were seen over Rowlett, near Dallas.

The ultra-modern white van, which is not owned by either UFO Roundup or UFOINFO, has been seen on several occasions since early 1999. Appearances of the vehicle are rare, and its owners and operators are unknown. The vehicle is distinctive because of its dark upholstered interior, its dashboard full of high-tech electronic equipment and its small dish antennas sprouting from the roof.

The van was last seen in southern Arizona last year. Its previous appearances have been in the USA's states of Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, California, Mississippi, Tennessee, Michigan and Arizona.

On Saturday, May 3, 2003, Dorothy Hamilton contacted UFOINFO webmaster John Hayes and reported, "I live in Winnie, Texas and, for the past few days, I've seen a big van with satellite (dishes) and (electronic) equipment. I had just returned from a trip to the UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico."

"I'm very interested to know why they are here, and if they might need anything while in town. I own a restaurant just south of Winnie (population 2,914) called Skip's Outrageous Bar and Grille. They can come in and check out our UFO signs and posters and fill us in."

Commenting on the sighting, UFO Roundup editor Joseph Trainor said, "I can categorically state that neither John Hayes nor I have been in Texas recently. That is not our white van. I have no idea who it belongs to or why it carries our website address."

Dorothy added that the van "had Georgia license

plates" and had the logo <http://ufoinfo.com/roundup> in black letters.

"If any of our USA readers spot the mysterious white van, please write down the license number and make a note of which state issued the license plates," Trainor added, "Then please email us at Masinaigan@aol.com. This van has been wandering around the USA for almost five years now. We would really like to get to the bottom of this mystery." (Many thanks to John Hayes for this report.) (Note: Since writing to Joe I have had another reply from Dorothy and she states that the van is gray not white - John Hayes.)

UFOs SIGHTED IN WISCONSIN

On Saturday, April 26, 2003, at 10 p.m., three friends camping outdoors in Gleason, Wisconsin, "sitting around a campfire in the middle of 6,000 acres of wilderness," spotted a UFO.

"One of my friends was looking around for shooting stars when he yelled, 'Did you see that!?'"

"We both turned and looked in the same direction he was and almost immediately (we) saw what he had just seen. It was a flash of greenish white light that rolled up from the bottom (horizon) of the southern sky about as wide as our vision and continued to almost above our heads."

"All three of us had never seen anything like this, and half-expected to hear a nuclear-type explosion somewhere in the world in that direction. It was completely silent, occurred two times and (the duration was) approximately two seconds long in between."

The same evening, "at 10:35 p.m., in Oshkosh, Wisconsin (population 62,916), a city located 86 miles (137 kilometers) north-northwest of Milwaukee, the male witness reported, "I was taking my dogs outside, and I always look up in the sky. I saw a dimly-lit, diamond-shaped object above my head and a little to the south. It looked gray but dimly lit. It was moving at an incredible speed, much faster than a jet. It took only five seconds from the time I first saw it to reach the eastern horizon and out of sight. There was no noise and no flashing lights of any kind. The sky was clear. It moved in a straight line at great speed. If you held a dime (a USA 10-cent coin--J.T.) at arm's length, it would kind of fit in the middle of it, with the diamond points touching the edges." (Many thanks to John and Jenny Hoppe of UFO Wisconsin for these reports.)

WEIRD OBJECTS FALL FROM THE SKY IN GUATEMALA

"A strange object that fell out of the sky was a cause for alarm among residents of the barrio Canton (neighborhood) in Mataescuintla" in southern Guatemala.

"The odd device, which resembled an axle wrapped in nylon, fell from the sky onto a coffee plantation belonging to Sra. Luvia Cruz Toledo, setting some of her coffee bushes on fire."

"A child near the site witnessed the fall and saw it leave a hole among the tree branches. After hitting the ground, it rolled some 20 meters (66 feet). Concerned residents notified the authorities."

"Members of the Explosive Brigade of (Guatemala's) Policia Nacional Civil (PNC) reached the area and carefully moved the artifact to dismantle it and analyze it."

"Elsewhere in Guatemala, as of this morning (Monday, April 28, 2003), no scientific analysis has been performed on the satellite fragment that fell during the early hours of Sunday (April 27, 2003) in barrio El Calvario (neighborhood)" in the small city of Chiquimulilla in Santa Rosa province, "causing widespread alarm during the past 24 hours."

"What is known about this object is contained in a police report confirming that it is not explosive, just a piece of space junk weighing approximately 30 pounds, having the length and diameter of what could be a metal axle. There is still no scientific analysis that is necessary in this case to determine the presence of

radioactive waste harmful to those who have come into contact with it."

"Authorities in Guatemala believe both fragments are from the Italian satellite Beppo SIX, which has been in orbit since 1996" conducting X-ray astronomy experiments.

"Authorities said they are taking a wait-and-see approach with the object, since it could be either as harmless as a cotton ball or, on the contrary, more hazardous than any explosive, although the consequences would be different. For this reason, they are waiting for a NASA scientist to come and inspect the artifact to see if it is necessary to isolate it to avoid any possible contamination."

Mataescuintla and Chiquimulilla are, respectively, 75 kilometers (45 miles) and 110 kilometers (66 miles) south of Guatemala City, the national capital. (See the newspaper Prensa Libre de Guatemala for April 28, 2003, "Strange artifact falls in Mataescuintla." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Gloria Coluchi para eso articulo de diario.)

STRANGE PORTENT OCCURS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Old Man of the Mountain, the natural stone profile that appears on everything in" the USA's state of "New Hampshire from the road signs to the state quarter (25-cent coin--J.T.), fell from its mountainside, leaving nothing recognizable in the cliff face Saturday," May 3, 2003.

"Don Bliss, the state's director of emergency management, said there were no injuries when the stone fell sometime Friday night," May 2, 2003, "or Saturday" morning.

"It wasn't immediately clear what caused the fall, but Amy Bahr, president of the Franconia, N.H. Heritage Museum, said she has long been aware that the natural profile could slide."

"I knew it would go sometime. I just didn't think it would happen in my lifetime," she said."

"The ledges that made up the profile were perched above a slope covered with other fallen granite, and for years many feared it would join the pile."

"Niels Nielsen, a state highway worker who died in 2001, was the profile's official caretaker from 1960 until a few years ago, when he passed the job on to his son. Over the years, the two tried to secure the ledges with cables and epoxy."

"Nielsen told an interviewer in 1999 he thought the Old Man profile would outlive him by many years."

"My gut feeling is that any baby that's born on this date, today, will not see the Old Man come down," he had said."

"The profile, about 40 feet (12 meters) high and 25 feet (7 meters) wide was one of the most photographed sites in the state and was considered New Hampshire's state symbol."

"It was in Franconia State Park, about 70 miles (112 kilometers) north of Concord (New Hampshire's state capital--J.T.) and to the west of Interstate (Highway) 93, about 1,200 feet (360 meters) above Profile Lake."

"You don't think about it much, but it's what everybody comes to see, it's our thing. And now it's gone," said Eric Mueller, who works at the Franconia Hardware Store."

"State Parks official Mike Pelchat said heavy rains, high winds and freezing temperatures brought it down. 'We always thought it was the hand of God holding him up, and he let go,' Pelchat said."

"Daniel Webster, a 19th Century New Hampshire statesman, once wrote of the Old Man of the Mountain: 'In the mountains of New Hampshire, God Almighty has hung out a sign to show that there He makes men.'"

Fans of science fiction writer Howard Phillips Lovecraft (1890-1937) have pointed out similarities between the giant granite profile in New Hampshire and a silhouette profile of Lovecraft done in the 1920s. (Editor's Comment: Which certainly makes the giant granite feature's sudden disappearance even stranger.)

"It is generally believed that the first white men to

see it were Francis Whitcomb and Luke Brooks, who were surveying a road through the Franconia Notch in 1805. While washing their hands in the lake, they are said to have looked up, and in amazement discovered the face."

According to Pennacook Indian legends, during the "Water-Sun" or previous world-age, a powaw (spiritual advisor, formerly called a "medicine man"--J.T.) and his wife were warned by the One Above that Earth was about to be destroyed by a great flood. The couple fled to the top of nearby Mount Lafayette, with the wife's pet rabbit. For weeks they lived on the mountaintop. After the floodwaters subsided, they let the rabbit loose. When it failed to return, they descended from the mountain. The powaw asked the One Above if ever again there would be another Deluge.

By way of reply, thick clouds covered the mountaintop, and thunder reverberated across Profile Lake. When the clouds lifted, the couple saw the image of the One Above, "that which the white man calls the Old Man of the Mountain" chiseled into the granite of the cliff.

"So long as my face looks upon the land, there will not be another flood," the One Above told them. (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for May 4, 2003, "New Hampshire loses face as fabled Old Man takes a spill," page 13A. Also USA Today for May 5, 2003, "'Old Man' tumbles from mountain in N.H.," page 3A.)

From the UFO Files...

1958: A CASE OF TIME TRAVEL IN MONTANA

In Montana's far north, just below the USA-Canada border and wedged between the Bearpaw Mountains and the Rockies, lies the Milk River valley, festooned with tumbleweeds, wild raspberries and yellow-flowered wild mustard. Tourists passing through on Montana Highway 29 think of it as a desolate place, shuddering at the eerie howl of the coyotes at night.

Yet, to the Siksikawa-Pikuni indigenous people (also known as Blackfeet Indians--J.T.), the valley is a sacred place. Mainly because it's the site of Writing On Stone State Park, one of the true places of mystery in the USA's West.

Most pictographs in the USA can be read by indigenous peoples ranging from the Arapaho to the Zuni. And, with a little coaching, it's not too hard a skill to master. Your editor learned how to read a buffalo-skin from a Siksikawa-Pikuni tribal elder at the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Browning, Montana during the summer of 1989.

However, the weird hieroglyphics at Writing on Stone, north of Whitlash, Montana, are something else again. As William Big Spring pointed out, "No one knows for sure what the markings on the rocks mean. In 1850, people were trying to find out what these 'writings' represented. The Indians then said they had been done by the 'old' people but no one could say if they were prophecies or records of things that had already happened."

"We started up to Writing on Stone one Sunday afternoon, back in 1958," William Big Spring wrote, "It's right on the border of the United States and Canada, near the town of Aden (Alberta province, Canada) on Milk River."

"It was a really nice day, and we reached Writing on Stone just as it turned dusk--that time of day when it's not daylight and it's not dark. I got out of the car to go look at the writings on the rocks. As I went through, I was disappointed that so many of them were ruined. Most were painted over or damaged so you couldn't make them out."

"All of a sudden, when I got to the end of the rocks and looked down, I could see teepees set up on the flat. I saw children running around, and everybody was happy."

"It was as real as when you look at another person next to you."

Incredible as it may seem, William Big Spring had literally stepped into the past. By some unknown means, he had travelled back a century to 1858, or perhaps even earlier, to a time when European people were a rarity in

northern Montana and the nomadic Siksikawa-Pikuni tribal life was in full flower.

"I got such a strange feeling. I slowly moved away. The nape of my neck felt so strange. I took a few more steps backward. Pretty soon I turned about. I didn't actually run back to the car, but I got there as quickly as I could."

"I don't know what they were, but I saw them. I told myself then and there I'd never return at that time of day (dusk) again."

"I never told anybody of this until two years later (1960) when I told my wife."

(See the book Sta-ai-tsi-nix-sin Ghost Stories, edited by Conrad La Fromboise, Blackfeet Heritage Program, Browning, Montana, 1979, pages 14 and 15.)

(Editor's Note: This "time warp" phenomenon is rare but not unknown in Fortean, the classic case being the two British women and their "Versailles adventure" in the summer of 1901.)

Your editor had a chance to see X-2: The X-Men United a couple of days ago. In terms of pacing, action, character and dialogue, I thought it was far superior to Daredevil. And I liked Daredevil! But I was little disturbed by some of the scenes in X-2. Such as Rumsfeld's nitwit deputy, Dr. William Stryker, launching a full-scale military assault on Salem Center, N.Y. and an American agent in black BDUs shooting an eight-year-old boy. Then came the scene in which uniformed officers of the Boston, Mass. police department have the X-Men surrounded at Bobby Drake's house, and one officer shoots Wolverine in the head. Tayaa! I'm just glad I don't have to explain to the watch commander...to say nothing of Internal Affairs!...why I drew my weapon and blew away a suspect who was not resisting arrest or making any threatening moves against fellow officers.

Two weeks ago, in real life, police in southern California managed to arrest Scott Peterson without shooting up half of Chula Vista.

Whatever happened to due process, eh? I guess it's become a casualty of the "war on terrorism." Like Baghdad.

Join us again next week for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you in seven days!

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Huge Contrail Sighting

From: **Scott Caput** <scaput@bellsouth.net>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 07:18:28 -0400
Subject: Huge Contrail Sighting

Hello List,

Today, in Miami Florida at approximately 5:00pm EST, I observed a large contrail in the sky. The trail stretched from horizon to horizon (NW to SE). It was very dense and white. I noticed too late to see it being created, but it was huge! This was by far, the thickest trail I have seen here to date. Did anyone else observe it? Any thoughts on a possible cause?

Scott Caput

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Re: IFOs 101 - McCoy

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@charter.net>
Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 21:56:01 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 07:21:27 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 - McCoy

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 10:23:48 -0500
>Subject: IFOs 101

>I'd like to teach a short course in - IFOs 101 - for UFO
>investigators, researchers and interested parties.

>If you would like to learn more about IFOs, please take your
>seat and pay attention.

>POP QUIZ!

>Go to:

><http://home.attbi.com/~yellowrose129/whatisit.htm>

>and tell me what the object is I filmed on May 5, 2003.

>Class dismissed, see you tomorrow. Bring apples! ;>

Hello, all, Amy.

Ah, its a Mylar balloon, shape either like a NASCAR race car, or possibly (this being southern oregon and I have seen these,) a sheep-shaped balloon.

GT McCoy
Southern Oregon Coast- Its a lot like New Zealand here.

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Re: IFOs 101 - Hatch

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Fwd Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 07:24:16 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 - Hatch

>From: Scott C. Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
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>Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 18:41:14 -0400
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>That would most definitely be a flying saucer.

Hello Amy, Scott:

My first guess would be a blimp. Second would be some balloon, lighter than air in either case.

I once saw a blimp making passes over Stanford Stadium in California from an apartment I rented in those days. I waited until it was turned to just the right angle, identifying markings and protrusions obscured, then took a snapshot from a cheap 35mm camera. It came out looking like a really great UFO.

Anybody else have a wild guess?

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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What Are They & What Do They Want?

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Subject: What Are They & What Do They Want?

Hello,

I'm the author of a very big website. I will not give the address here because I'm not on the List to make any advertisement. I don't need it.

What make me tired with Ufology is this kind of funny habit to collect UFO sightings or films or whatever else. In fact, I feel it leads us nowhere.

For me, it is a fact that there is extraterrestrials on earth. Of course, it is only my experience but I don't want to talk about this.

What I hope from the List is to have any contact with people who thinks they know what UFOs are, and what they want. Of course, I'm not asking you for proof. I just wish to talk and read your opinions or your experiences.

I have a lot of knowledge about this but I'm always curious to go further. It is by listening and comparing that we can go nearer of the truth. Maybe some of you also have an opinion on the meaning of the crop circles. Please let me know.

You can answer on the List or contact me via personal E-mail. It depends of what you want to talk and how far you want to go.

Before I close, you should know that I'm blind and use a special computer to write and read, which means that I cannot receive any attachments. Please take note of this before answering. Thank you very much.

If you respond, would it be possible to put some of our exchanges on my site which is in French and English?

Thank you very much for helping in any way.

Alain

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FOIA Appeal No. 2003-151

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Paradigm Research Group

Subject: FOIA Appeal No. 2003-151 (Re: Fee-Waiver Request of
Larry W. Bryant) From: ParadigmRG@aol.com

Date: Wed, May 7, 2003
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TO: Assistant Secretary for FIA Appeals
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FROM: Stephen Bassett
Executive Director
Paradigm Research Group
Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee

DATE: May 7, 2003

Larry Bryant has been filing UFO related FOIA requests since the law was passed in 1968. His work is critical to the disclosure movement and the many researchers and activists who utilize the information he obtains.

I have been a political activist pursuing the end to the government imposed UFO truth embargo for 8 years. I am fully aware of Larry's work and receive his email updates frequently. His work is disseminated all over the United States. He is one of the leading activists in the field.

I hereby submit this statement in support of his appeal No. 2003-151 (April 20, 2003).

Regards,
Stephen Bassett

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

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Conference on Security Technology & Privacy

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 03:48:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 09:58:18 -0400
Subject: Conference on Security Technology & Privacy

Follow-up on the Conference on Security, Technology, and Privacy
4/24-25/03

To: <pshane@andrew.CMU.edu>
Subject: Follow-up on the Conference on Security, Technology,
and Privacy (4/24--25/03)
Date: Sat, 3 May 2003 15:27:42 -0400

TO: Prof. Peter Shane
Director, Carnegie Mellon University's Institute for the Study of
Information Technology and Society
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

FROM: Larry W. Bryant
3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302
(overtci@cavtel.net)

DATE: May 3, 2003

Please forgive my tardiness in responding to your post-conference invitation to submit some feedback on the scope and content of that event held last month at the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington.

Besides commending your leadership, guidance, and input for this gathering, I do have one item of discussion for the record:

Some years ago, when I filed suit against the F.B.I. FOIA gatekeepers to free-up the censored portion of an F.B.I. memo dated March 22, 1950 (pertaining to the USAF recovery of three crash-landed "flying saucers" and their crews), I encountered stiff resistance via the Bureau's invoking of the Act's exemption No. (b)(6) (as regards guarding against "a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy," even though the local law-enforcement "Deep Throat" source probably had died by the time of my FOIA request).

Regardless, my plea for mandatory disclosure contended that a court-ordered disclosure would be a WARRANTED invasion, inasmuch as it would be justified by the public's overriding interest in knowing all the details about such an historic event as the visitation and (accidental?) destruction of occupied hardware from elsewhere. But the court sided with the Justice Department's strict reliance on the exemption. Would the outcome have been different had I not pursued the case pro se?

At any rate, the case never had a chance to fully test the theory I was espousing on behalf of sacrificing certain personal privacy of a government employee (i.e., his name) toward advancing the public's right-to-know and need-for that redacted datum.

If there still exists no case law establishing that theory as a practical asset for requesterdom, I would hope that you and/or some of your colleagues will keep that void in mind as a prospective discussion point for any follow-up conferences.

Thank you again for your lively, inspirational role in planning and conducting this sorely needed (and highly appreciated) conference. And please feel free to post my comment upon your home website and the site of <http://www.securityandprivacyconference.com> .

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

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Re: Huge Contrail Sighting - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@charter.net>
Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 07:32:14 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 20:54:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Huge Contrail Sighting - McCoy

>From: Scott Caput <scaput@bellsouth.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 23:37:03 -0400
>Subject: Huge Contrail Sighting

>Today, in Miami Florida at approximately 5:00pm EST, I observed
>a large contrail in the sky. The trail stretched from horizon to
>horizon (NW to SE). It was very dense and white. I noticed too
>late to see it being created, but it was huge! This was by far,
>the thickest trail I have seen here to date. Did anyone else
>observe it? Any thoughts on a possible cause?

I would likely say it was a B-52, probably going home to
Barksdale, La. AFB. maybe more than one in close formation, from
possibly Diego Garcia.

The B-52 once a common sight, puts out a huge contrail. (170 ft.
approx. wings you know) I'm old enough to remember the B-36
Peacemaker, (and the first run of Stratigic Air Command with
Jimmy Stewart really flying the B-36 and the B-47) now that one
put out both noise and smoke.

GT McCoy

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Re: IFOs 101 - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 15:15:49 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 20:57:21 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 - Hall

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 10:23:48 -0500
>Subject: IFOs 101

>Dear Errol and List:

>I'd like to teach a short course in - IFOs 101 - for UFO
>investigators, researchers and interested parties.

>If you would like to learn more about IFOs, please take your
>seat and pay attention.

>POP QUIZ!

>Go to:

><http://home.attbi.com/~yellowrose129/whatisit.htm>

>and tell me what the object is I filmed on May 5, 2003.

>Class dismissed, see you tomorrow. Bring apples! ;>

Probably not an interplanetary/interdimensional space ship. But all seriousness aside, you would need to have eyewitness testimony about how the object moved (or didn't), how it first came into view, luminosity changes, how it disappeared, etc., in order to interpret the photos.

- Dick

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Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 15:25:31 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 21:00:37 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update - King

>From: Santiago Yturria <syturria@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 21:27:13 EDT
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 07 May 2003 18:53:06 +0000
>>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>>From: Santiago Yturria <syturria@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 18:23:41 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 16:44:14 +0000
>>>>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting Update

>>>>So where did you get these words?

>>>>From Mr Woods himself. I have heard 'things'.

>In any case and referring to your initial post to this UFO Duck
>Hunting thread I will quote your comment made in April 14.

>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 20:54:54 +0000
>>Subject: Re: UFO Duck Hunting!

>>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2003 13:49:26 -0400
>>>Subject: UFO Duck Hunting!

>>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.

>If Mr. Woods is in contact with you as you claim (?) I'm sure he
>will be very happy to read your statement about his videos.

Yes, Mr. Wood did contact me because I'm skeptical of the images
I saw on Rense. We have conversed many, many times and I will
study his footage in the near future.

Mr. Yturria my skeptical words were upsetting to him. What he
really wants to know is why haven't you returned his video
footage he requested from you 7-9 months ago, yet 2 weeks ago
you were ready to hand it over to anyone on UFO UpDates?

Perhaps I'm wrong here but did you return Mr. Woods footage?

Correct me if I'm wrong, or don't have the story right. I'm just
trying to learn as much as I can about Mr. Woods and what's

going on.

Tom

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Another Pro-Waiver Researcher Chimes In

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 14:13:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 07:35:44 -0400
Subject: Another Pro-Waiver Researcher Chimes In

"Dear Sirs [at the U. S. Department of the Interior]:

I would like to add my voice to the many that you have received regarding the appeal mentioned above [No. 2003-151].

Mr. Bryant is a respected member of, to be honest, small but knowledgeable journalists specializing in a field which few individuals have attempted to understand.

"Mr. Bryant's book and periodicals are widely available and used by the public to raise their awareness of the problems relating to the UFO situation. I would hope that you would use your office to allow more objective research into this most puzzling problem. Thank you for your time, and I hope to hear that you have ruled positively for Mr. Bryant on this appeal.

Paul E. Matelis -- Miami, Florida"

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Re: Huge Contrail Sighting - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 11:41:55 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 07:37:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Huge Contrail Sighting - Hatch

>From: Scott Caput <scaput@bellsouth.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 23:37:03 -0400
>Subject: Huge Contrail Sighting

>Hello List,

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>a large contrail in the sky. The trail stretched from horizon to
>horizon (NW to SE). It was very dense and white. I noticed too
>late to see it being created, but it was huge! This was by far,
>the thickest trail I have seen here to date. Did anyone else
>observe it? Any thoughts on a possible cause?

Hello Scott:

The first thing that comes to mind for me is a large airplane
under especially favorable atmospheric conditions.

Best

- Larry

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Re: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 20:18:29 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 07:39:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website - Stevenson

>From: Martin Shough <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 10:13:56 +0100
>Subject: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website

>CLASSIC CASE NOW ON-LINE

>The RAF Lakenheath-Bentwaters 'radar visual' incident of 1956
>has long been regarded as one of the classic cases in the annals
>of UFOlogy.

>This is one of the few incidents classified as 'unexplained' by
>the 1969 Colorado University UFO study commissioned by the US
>Air Force, which conceded that "the probability that at least
>one genuine UFO was involved appears to be fairly high."

>But the true extent and complex nature of the events in East
>Anglia have never been fully revealed, and divining the truth
>from a mass of contradictory evidence has confounded even the
>most dedicated of UFO researchers.

>Now for the first time in UFOlogical history, a website
>dedicated to an in-depth re-investigation of a classic case is
>available on-line at:

><http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/Lakenheath.htm>

>The website is the product of three years work by the Lakenheath
>Collaboration - a team of British researchers that includes
>Martin Shough, David Clarke, Paul Fuller, Andy Roberts and Jenny
>Randles. Please remember the site remains under construction,
>with further documents (including several that are the subject
>of FOIA requests) to be added in the near future.

<snip>

>Plus much more, with numerous links and bibliographical
>references to research material.

>The Lakenheath Collaboration would be pleased to receive your
>comments, criticisms and contributions to what we hope will be a
>on-going peer review process of our evolving case file.

Congratulations on an excellent website Martin. Is there any
chance of including data on minor Earth tremours, landslips
quakes etc so these too can be ruled out of the equation.

Some are thinking that there was a sea coast land slip near or
at the time causing geomagnetic electrical oddness thereabouts.
Details of the underlying geophysic to various depths of the
area may also be very useful and Tidal heights etc.

Also wondering if the occurrence coincides with say an earthquake
elsewhere on Earth or any other large occurrence of any
description at or near the time.

Many will no doubt visit the website, including myself, on many
occasions for what is an excellent read.

col

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Re: Analysis Of N.M. Samples - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 12:30:39 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 07:42:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Analysis Of N.M. Samples - Gehrman

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 16:59:30 -0400
>Subject: Analysis Of N.M. Samples

>The large, beautiful samples arrived yesterday and have now been
>carefully examined with results that I hope will not cause you
>to want to 'shoot the messenger'.

Ray,

The samples were sent to you for analysis. I don't have a problem with your analysis. You've provided some excellent information and a basis for discussion.

>You were quite correct in
>describing the material as "glass-like" (in appearance), but the
>resemblance is superficial and that is where it ends.

Yes I knew that it wasn't glass but "glass-like" came closest to describing the material. The cameraman also mentioned that some of the rocks around the craft were covered with glass-like material.

>material has been carefully examined under the very high quality
>Bausch & Lomb binocular microscope I use in studying meteorite
>thin sections, tektite glass, minerals, and micro-fossils, and
>it is definitely not a glass or silicate melt of any kind.

I agree that it is not glass. I think we need to discuss your "silicate melt" determination.

>Instead it is a water-deposited microcrystalline coating.

I don't have a problem with the material being microcrystalline; (microcrystalline means that the crystals are only able to be seen with a microscope, and not obvious:macrocrystalline.) But I'm unable to see how this material could be water deposited.

>(accumulative growth of botryoidal and sub-botryoidal type)

This means that some of the material looks like small bunches of grapes. Some of the material does show these formations while other samples do not display this characteristic.

>silica dioxide that had accumulated within and upon fissures in
>the parent rock.

It's not just in fissures or around fissures but on all varieties of rock surfaces, including the cliffs, and the desert rocks scattered on the sand.

Not in a single case does the agate-material extend below the sand line. In other words, if there is a rock buried in the sand and that rock is three feet tall but two feet are beneath the sand, only the exposed one foot of rock will show the agate-like material.

>It is, in fact, chalcedony or agate, but definitely not glass, and it

>forms in relatively cool temperatures, NOT under great heat.

Do you have examples of the chalcedony you say this is. I know it looks very much like agate, but there is a noticeable difference when you put samples side by side as I have done. For the listers who may not understand: "chalcedony is a catch all term that includes many well known varieties of cryptocrystalline quartz gemstones. They are found in all 50 States, in many colors and color combinations, and in sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rocks. Chalcedony includes carnelian, sard, plasma, prase, bloodstone, onyx, sardonyx, chrysoprase, thundereggs, agate, flint, chert, jasper, petrified wood, and petrified dinosaur bone just to name a few of the better known varieties".)

>The hardness is 7 on Mohs'
>scale. The specific gravity of the material is about 2.6.

Now this is very interesting. I didn't have this information and it allows us to eliminate calcite, commonly found in association with igneous rocks. And this definitely puts the samples in the agate class.

>You mention physicists in Michigan, but unless they have been >involved in mineralogy, petrology, or the related field of >meteoritics (the study of meteorites), there is little in the >background of most physicists that should prepare such a person >to analyze this material, excepting to notice that the material >(under high magnification) refracts light as crystal instead of >as glass.

I have no idea what their backgrounds are or what methods they are using to analyze the samples. I don't know their names; everything was arranged through a third party.

>In short, there is absolutely nothing that I could find in the >samples that suggest the material was subjected to temperatures >of a type that would melt the parent rock, and much to indicate >otherwise.

I never stated that I thought the samples were the melted rock. I didn't think they were, but I didn't know for sure. On my second visit to the site, my brother pointed out that the material seemed to be splashed or thrown on the rock surfaces.

>You see, also, if the chalcedony had, itself, been >melted, it would not still posses the microcrystalline structure >which it so clearly displays, ubiquitously, under the >microscope.

I don't know how to explain this because the site seems to indicate that the material was in some plasma or semi-liquid form when it hit the rocks. There are splatters of the material everywhere across the site. It's not applied in any uniform pattern.

>As to the area shown in the photo that you suggest might have >been the impact area, it looks more like the remains of an >abandoned, small-scale mining operation.

I examined this area carefully and it is not an abandoned mining operation. There's just a pile of rocks that have fallen from the cliff face, and a burned area, and the agate-like material. There has been much small scale digging and other forms of prospecting in the entire area and along the canyon walls for miles in both directions, but there's no sign of anything like that at this specific site.

>If the material had turned out to be vitrified rock (rock heated >until it had turned to glass), I was thinking about heading out >to New Mexico to have a closer look, but in the absence of >vitrified rock, and in the seeming absence of any other >evidence, such a trip is unwarranted.

I think that's a mistake; but your call. If you have the time and money, and want an adventure, you should take a look. You'll be surprised and pleased.

>I do not think the broken
>and burned tree shown in one of the photos should be taken as

>evidence of a UFO crash.

That's not the only evidence; there's much more that photos
can't show properly.

>I certainly wish to thank Ed Gehrman for his generous and fair-
>minded offer and provision of the photos and material samples
>for examination, and for in that way, his helping us to learn
>that we must look into other things or at other places for
>evidence of a crash of a UFO.

I don't think this discussion is over, just yet.

Ed

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Leveland, TX News Story Nov. 3, 1957

From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 15:43:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 07:44:55 -0400
Subject: Leveland, TX News Story Nov. 3, 1957

Greetings to the Members:

I am please to announce the recovery and preservation of a CBS Newscast of November 3, 1957, that relates the Leveland, TX sighting. Sheriff Weir Clem is quoted in the story. Reporter was Bob Pierpoint out of Washington. The recording's sound is excellent and the clip and runs 41 seconds. Below is an exact transcription of the recording:

"Folks in Leveland, Texas are worried about strange objects in their neighborhood. Sheriff Weir Clem says he has received several reports of a strange, egg-shaped object, about 200 feet long, landing on farms and highways last night in the vacinity of Leveland.

Sheriff Clem said he even got a glimpse of this thing, which somehow switched off lights and auto engines when it came near. The Sheriff said lights and engines worked fine again after the thing went away.

This is Bob Pierpoint in Washington."

Thank you,

Wendy Connors

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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 13:39:09 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 07:47:06 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 17:17:09 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: New Mexico Rock Samples

>Ray Stanford writes an excellent analysis re. the rock specimens
>provided by Ed Gehrman, found here:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/may/m06-016.shtml>

Mac,

I hope this doesn't keep you from having your samples analyzed
as you said you would. The purpose for sending out multiple
samples was to get several opinions.

>I received my own samples today along with some high quality
>Kodak prints of the alleged crash site. I have a short list of
>questions:

>1.) How certain is it that this site is the one described by Ray
>Santilli's anonymous "cameraman"?

>(I recall reading a debunking piece that described a visit to
>the presumed crash site. Supposedly some pro-crash adherents
>had suggested that portions of the terrain had been modified to
>conceal lingering evidence of the crash. This was later
>attributed to normal mining activity in the area, if I remember
>correctly.)

I know of four other expeditions to find the AA crash site. I've
explored all the areas these folks visited. They were in the
general area (except for one group) but they were all west of
the cameraman's site.

The best reasons (there are several others but that would
involve delving into the history of the AA which I don't want to
do right now) are the following: (1)the cameraman's drawing of
the site that I sent you several days ago is exactly the way the
site is today, down to the glass-like material on rocks and the
specific terrain. (2) the site is at the end(head) of a deep
canyon just as he said it was; (3) the crash site is on the
north east section of a dry lake bed just where he said it would
be.

>2.) Is the glassy-looking material unique to certain areas in
>the NM desert? If so, which ones?

As far as I know from my experience in the desert, this is the
only place you'll find an agate like material spread across
rocks on the desert floor and across the cliff faces. No one
else I've talk with has seen anything like this. But agates are
associated with Rhyolite formations and that's what this area is
primarily composed of.

>3.) Exactly (or roughly) how localized is the glass-like
>material and what might account for this?

This material is ONLY found in an area about the size of three football fields and the lines of demarcation are very clear. There is nothing else to distinguish one area of this desert from the other except for the burned vegetation and the agate like material. I think this indicates that something very unusual happened in this specific location and only this location. Since the cameraman said a craft crashed in that location and it was still very hot when he arrived, my assumption is that the material came from or was a result of the crashed craft.

Ed

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Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case - Koch

From: Joachim Koch <lists@kochkyborg.de>
Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 22:52:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 07:49:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case - Koch

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 17:26:55 -0400
>Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

>Do any Listers think this would be a good time and place for
>installing an environmental monitor of some sort, the UFO
>detector, or the PC-monitored type? Or possibly one of the 10-
>12 hour video recorders located remotely from Mr. Romanek's
>home?

I would suggest to place someone or a few individuals who are open to the possibility of the existence of non-human intelligence with all its implications and variations just to sit and trying to make spiritually contact first - and to ask for permission to monitor something.

Bear in mind that 'they' have their own will and need to be approached politely and that 'they' are not our test-mice - maybe we are.

Try my suggestion -- and then we'll see.

Joachim Koch

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From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 18:01:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 07:52:12 -0400
Subject: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

Hi -

Recalling John Velez' concern about 23,000 _classified_ photos taken under the Clementine project of the back side of the moon.....

Can anyone explain why any photos of the surface of other worlds should be classified? Particularly if NASA's mission is ostensibly the exploration of space, rather than military operations?

Eleanor White

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Cuban Ufologists: A Review

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <v.s.o@prodigy.net>

Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 19:22:34 -0300

Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 07:59:20 -0400

Subject: Cuban Ufologists: A Review

Over the past years there has been an increased interest in the UFO phenomena in Cuba. For 36 years Castro's press maintained a complete silence. It was with the 1995-1996 UFO wave when the official Cuban Government Radio (Radio Rebelde) started receiving overwhelming UFO reports that triggered public interest in the subject.

The radio station informed that a team were sent to investigate a UFO encounter reported by a farmer, Adolfo Zarate, on October 15, 1995, who observed a UFO land with three entities. As a result, some article appeared in the press and new ufologist groups started forming to investigate UFO reports. This was not a beginning, but it opened the door to public awareness.

Here is some data:

- In 1997 a video entitle "Ovnis en Cuba?" (UFOs over Cuba?).
- "ET/98" - The First UFO Scientific Symposium in Havana.
- 1999 there was a debate between ufologists and astronomers in the Cuban Capitol, the headquarters of CITMA, formerly the Academy of Science.
- A 300 page book "Signos" (Signs) containing 27 articles covering history of UFO activity in Cuba.
- More than 20 conferences, open to the public, entitled "Lmites de la Realidad" (Limits of Reality) in a library located at Plaza de Armas in the Old Havana (still going on).
- For the last two years there have been conferences, lectures and plastic art, on June 24, to commemorate World Ufology Day.
- The most important UFO groups: in Havana ACU and ORION, in Cienfuegos province Group GEFU and in Matanzas province Group PIFAM.
- There are two Internet web pages (in Spanish) meticulously done by Carlos Heredero:

OVNIs Cubanos - <http://es.geocities.com/ovniscubanos/>

and Carlos Rafael Sanchez Almenares:

CUBA - <http://cuba.alcione.org/>

All this and more has been done in a communist country where mobility, communication and supplies are restricted and controlled by the government, plus the precarious economic situation and lack of transportation that make it almost impossible for the ufologist to move around and collect information.

More disappointing turn out when they tried to official registered the "Asociacion Cubana de Investigacion de OVNIs" (Cuban UFOs Investigation Association) and were disapproved. Despite all inconveniences the UFO's interest are increasing in

the island, and the UFO groups are trying to be up to day on UFO information and the latest development.

Hoping this short review helps.

Regards,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 03:31:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 08:13:13 -0400
Subject: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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Stay tuned for next week's IFO case.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 08:03:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 08:25:41 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Kaeser

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 13:39:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

<snip>

>The best reasons (there are several others but that would
>involve delving into the history of the AA which I don't want to
>do right now) are the following: (1)the cameraman's drawing of
>the site that I sent you several days ago is exactly the way the
>site is today, down to the glass-like material on rocks and the
>specific terrain. (2) the site is at the end(head) of a deep
>canyon just as he said it was; (3) the crash site is on the
>north east section of a dry lake bed just where he said it would
>be.

I also don't want to help initiate a long 'AA Film' discussion,
but it should be made clear that the "cameraman's drawing of the
site" was created by an artist from the cameraman's description.
As I recall, the artist was in London and listened to the
description over the phone from the cameraman, as arranged by
Ray Santilli.

That section of New Mexico has a number of dry-lake beds and the
terrain doesn't vary very much, and as you are aware, I've been
to the area in search of the site as well. I would ask if the
roads leading to the site you've found fit the original
description of his journey to the site. One of the problems
faced by Bob Shell, myself and others was the fact that none of
the areas we found could easily fit the cameraman's description
of his ride to the site. After obtaining a 1946 map of that
region, the number of mining roads you have to choose from is
minimal and certainly they didn't build a new road to the crash
site.

Steve

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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 06:59:05 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 10:03:15 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Tonnies

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 13:39:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 17:17:09 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: New Mexico Rock Samples

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> <http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/may/m06-016.shtml>

>Mac,

>I hope this doesn't keep you from having your samples analyzed
>as you said you would. The purpose for sending out multiple
>samples was to get several opinions.

Absolutely. I appreciate Stanford's analysis but will pursue as many "blind" independent opinions as I can, which I will report here.

=====
>Mac Tonnies
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Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (daily blog)

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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 14:58:59 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 10:59:55 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stevenson

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 13:39:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

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>>3.) Exactly (or roughly) how localized is the glass-like
>>material and what might account for this?

>This material is ONLY found in an area about the size of three
>football fields and the lines of demarcation are very clear.
>There is nothing else to distinguish one area of this desert
>from the other except for the burned vegetation and the agate
>like material. I think this indicates that something very
>unusual happened in this specific location and only this
>location. Since the cameraman said a craft crashed in that
>location and it was still very hot when he arrived, my
>assumption is that the material came from or was a result of the
>crashed craft.

Hi All

Not sure on my true facts, or if this is of any use in your
research of the crystals but they are said to be found where ET
activity and abductions take place.

It may be worthwhile for someone to compare these with those at:

<http://www.abduct.com/aaer2/r9.htm>

detail pictures:

<http://www.abduct.com/aaer2/r9fgb.htm>

<http://www.abduct.com/aaer2/r9fgc.htm>

I'm no expert on this but its just a thought.....

col

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 07:12:06 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 11:02:57 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 18:01:18 -0400
>Subject: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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Even Carl Sagan ventured the possibility that our solar system
may have been visited in historical times, to say nothing of
prehistoric times.

If we were indeed visited by aliens, we might expect to find
structures created by them, however degraded.

In my opinion we have inadvertantly found some on Mars, and the
Moon has its share of anomalies as well. Such a discovery would
have direct 'national security' aspects.

Mac

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

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Re: Huge Contrail Sighting - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 10:12:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 11:05:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Huge Contrail Sighting - Balaskas

>From: Scott Caput <scaput@bellsouth.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 23:37:03 -0400
>Subject: Huge Contrail Sighting

<snip>

>Today, in Miami Florida at approximately 5:00pm EST, I observed
>a large contrail in the sky. The trail stretched from horizon to
>horizon (NW to SE). It was very dense and white. I noticed too
>late to see it being created, but it was huge! This was by far,
>the thickest trail I have seen here to date. Did anyone else
>observe it? Any thoughts on a possible cause?

<snip>

Hi Scott and greetings everyone!

I disagree with GT McCoy and Larry Hatch that what you saw could have been the contrail of a very large airplane.

My thoughts are that the thick dense white "contrail" you saw, stretching from the NW to the SE, was one of many thin cloud bands that swept over the Miami area that day.

A quick check of the NOAA web site through their infrequent satellite images showing clouds over southern Florida during daylight hours seems to confirm this.

Check out the two URLs below and click the images to enlarge them. Notice the many thin parallel cloud bands aligned in the same NW to SE direction as your "contrail"?

http://www.saa.noaa.gov/cocoon/nsaa/details?id=1&datatype_family=CWSOE

http://www.saa.noaa.gov/cocoon/nsaa/details?id=7&datatype_family=CWSOE

Nick Balaskas

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Lawmakers Seek Access To NASA Testimony

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Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 11:53:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 11:53:48 -0400
Subject: Lawmakers Seek Access To NASA Testimony

Good luck with Congressional Hearings on UFOs!

ebk

Source: The Washington Post

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A32379-2003May8.html>

Lawmakers Seek Access to NASA Testimony

'Privileged' Statements on Columbia Won't See 'Light of Day,'
Panel Chief Says

By Eric Pianin
Washington Post Staff Writer
Friday, May 9, 2003; Page A03

Lawmakers and the board investigating the Columbia space shuttle disaster are locked in a dispute over congressional demands for access to information gleaned from hundreds of "privileged interviews" that investigators have conducted with NASA officials, engineers and others directly involved in the failed mission.

Although the board has conducted nine public hearings into the Feb. 1 accident that killed the seven crew members, the most sensitive testimony about NASA decision making and management practices has been taken behind closed doors. Board Chairman Harold W. Gehman Jr., a retired admiral, has said that he is more concerned about pinpointing the causes of the accident and recommending corrective changes than in publicly pointing a finger of blame.

But key Republicans and Democrats on the House Science Committee said yesterday that the testimony from 200 witnesses is essential to their understanding of the accident, and they vowed to press Gehman and the board for access.

The lawmakers, including Science Committee Chairman Sherwood L. Boehlert (R-N.Y.), Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.) and Rep. Bart Gordon (D-Tenn.), said they received assurances during a meeting with Gehman last week that they and their staffs could see expurgated copies of the transcripts, with the names of the witnesses removed. They said they were also promised full access to other data and material generated by the probe.

"As long as confidentiality is being taken care of, there is no reason for members of Congress not to see all the information that has been available to the board during this investigation," said Rohrabacher, chairman of the space and aeronautics subcommittee. "Members of Congress are elected by the people in order to look at information."

However, Gehman said in Houston this week that the transcripts

of closed-door interviews "are never going to see the light of day," and that his "offer [to Congress] does not include looking at privileged witness statements."

The National Transportation Safety Board, which investigates civilian airplane crashes, routinely makes public the transcripts or summaries of interviews with witnesses and the transcripts of "relevant" cockpit recordings of pilot conversations, spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz said. Sometimes, however, the board has withheld information that was deemed "proprietary" by an airplane manufacturer.

"I don't know of any occasion where we got testimony from somebody where there wouldn't at least be a summary of the interview placed in the public docket," Lopatkiewicz said.

For the past three months, the Columbia accident board has focused on determining the chain of events that led to the disintegration of the orbiter over Texas. On Tuesday, Gehman laid out the board's "working scenario" of what went wrong, beginning with a debris strike against the shuttle's left wing during liftoff on Jan. 16 and ending with superheated gases invading a breach in the wing's leading edge during the reentry.

But board members are also investigating long-standing management practices and the culture of decision making within NASA. They are questioning whether the agency had become too accepting of routine damage to the shuttle's critical heat-shielding.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Kenneth W. Hess, former astronaut Sally Ride and other board members have conducted exhaustive interviews with NASA engineers, contractors, senior officials and shuttle managers in an attempt to understand why NASA managers refused to seek photographs of the damaged space shuttle in orbit despite the repeated pleas of a Johnson Space Center damage assessment team.

Under the board's policy, none of that testimony will ever be shared with the public or members of Congress. And none will be summarized in the board's final report, which is due out this summer.

One board member described the extensive private briefings to investigators as a "tutorial" that has encouraged frank testimony by witnesses and will help the board members as they develop their final recommendations.

The board, which was formally appointed by NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe the day of the Columbia accident, adopted the approach typically used by the military in conducting accident investigations -- one that keeps most sensitive personnel and decision making matters private. Gehman said there is "a long, rich legal history" that supports this concept of executive privilege in military accident investigations, including two Supreme Court decisions, in 1963 and 1984.

"The only thing I know is that this process of conducting these investigations in a manner that's similar to the Department of Defense accident investigation has been upheld many times by the courts, and that's our position on this," Gehman told a reporter.

By contrast, the blue ribbon commission appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1986 to investigate the Challenger shuttle explosion carried out most of its business in public and used FBI agents to conduct many interviews.

Congress and Gehman, for the most part, have enjoyed good relations, despite the initial concern of Gordon and other Democrats that the board lacked adequate independence from NASA. With prodding from Congress and the board, O'Keefe issued a series of amendments to the panel's charter to allay those concerns.

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Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case -

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 15:37:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case -

>From: Joachim Koch <lists@kochkyborg.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 22:52:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 17:26:55 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

>>Do any Listers think this would be a good time and place for
>>installing an environmental monitor of some sort, the UFO
>>detector, or the PC-monitored type? Or possibly one of the 10-
>>12 hour video recorders located remotely from Mr. Romanek's
>>home?

>I would suggest to place someone or a few individuals who are
>open to the possibility of the existence of non-human
>intelligence with all its implications and variations just to
>sit and trying to make spiritually contact first - and to ask
>for permission to monitor something.

Holy Hatshepsut...!!! Now that is really getting ridiculous!!!

Ufology should be a science, not a religion!

Science does not ask permission (de facto, pray to) a phenomenon to monitor it, and the advocated method of 'asking' would amount to a totally subjective 'seance', anyhow, with no assurance of anything certifiable!

Even if there were an objective way to ask permission, why do so? That would open the field to the alleged aliens potentially having some real fun at our expense! To tell the experimented-upon that an experiment is transpiring could totally spoil the experiment, anyhow!

Furthermore, you have these allegedly extraterrestrial intruders dashing around this planet for decades (at least) and allegedly abducting people, physically damaging and hurting people, and we are supposed to ask permission!

I'm certainly not afraid of getting zapped for trying to monitor UFO activity, whatever its nature. My project and I have repeatedly used instruments to monitor physical phenomena associated with UFOs, and we haven't knowingly been zapped by some ET ray gun even once! We have never certifiably been deliberately prevented from monitoring, either.

Look! If they don't want us monitoring them, then it's pretty good evidence that they have something to hide. If they have something to hide, then that's all the more reason to try to monitor them in order to learn as much as we can about their technology, what they are doing here, etc.

Ask their permission! Ridiculous! LMAO!

Ray Stanford

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria** <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 13:46:13 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 15:39:46 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Yturria

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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Hello Amy,

I was wondering this: Of all the UFO videos that you have analyzed in your research is there a single video that have proved to you to be an authentic UFO ? That is in the strict sense of the word meaning you discarded it was a bird, balloon, airplane or blimp etc. concluding it was unknown for you ?

I have visited your website and I see that you have made an extensive research and therefore I guess you had access to many alleged UFO footages for analysis. So I'm curious about this and will appreciate your comments.

Regards,

Santiago

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From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
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Hi Amy,

I have captured video and photos of several spheres, discs and other anomalous aerial phenomena. Some of them have been analyzed by Jeff Saino and several video experts that the program 'Sightings' had contracted for the purpose.

They were found to be 'genuine unknowns.' ie; not mylar balloons, birds, airplanes or out of focus pie plates etc. For years I had the material posted on the web both at the old Intruders Foundation website (along with a photocopy of Jeff Saino's report) and also at Tommy King's old OMNI video archive website. List veterans such as Bill Hamilton, Tom King, Ray Sanford (and a couple of others that have posted in the past,) have all been capturing anomalous aerial objects (on video and film) for many years.

I say all this to say what?

You need to 'balance' your lesson with material that has not been faked or recorded intentionally out of focus in order to deceive.

It is important for people to educate themselves and to be able to tell the difference between the motion of a bird or a balloon as opposed to the genuinely anomalous objects that many of us have been recording and reporting. It would be a much more educational and consciousness raising exercise if you were to include examples of both types of aerial phenomena in your 'lesson.' Mix a few genuine unknowns in with your intentionally faked material.

Then. people will truly learn to tell the difference between misidentifications of known objects and the kinds of things that many of us have been recording and reporting for many years.

Contact Tommy King or Bruce Maccabee privately and ask them for their permission to use some examples of the many _genuinely_anomalous_ aerial objects that they have archived at their respective web sites.

Mix some of those in with the ones you faked, blurred or misidentified and then you will really be 'teaching' people a valuable _observation_ skill.

Otherwise, this whole exercise is a 'one-sided' lesson.

Regards,

John Velez, "UFO" photographer/videographer

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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egerman@psln.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 15:44:31 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 08:03:55 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman@psln.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 13:39:09 -0700
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

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>>The best reasons (there are several others but that would
>>involve delving into the history of the AA which I don't want to
>>do right now) are the following: (1)the cameraman's drawing of
>>the site that I sent you several days ago is exactly the way the
>>site is today, down to the glass-like material on rocks and the
>>specific terrain. (2) the site is at the end(head) of a deep
>>canyon just as he said it was; (3) the crash site is on the
>>north east section of a dry lake bed just where he said it would
>>be.

>I also don't want to help initiate a long 'AA Film' discussion,
>but it should be made clear that the "cameraman's drawing of the
>site" was created by an artist from the cameraman's description.
>As I recall, the artist was in London and listened to the
>description over the phone from the cameraman, as arranged by
>Ray Santilli.

Steve,

I don't know exactly how the drawings came to be. There are two drawings from two different perspectives. One shows the craft and two creatures on the ground; they're both clutching something that resembles a box, and the perspective is toward the east. The other shows two trucks, four soldiers, three tents and the craft. This time the perspective is toward the south-west. I hadn't seen the drawing before I began my search in July. While in the area, I tried to find six mile canyon which I had heard was a possible site but couldn't find the road.

As it turned out, the road to six mile canyon is gated, but access is granted, as long as the gate is closed when you leave.

When I returned to CA. I did a search on six mile canyon and found Llewellyn Wykel's (aka L.A.W.) crash site web page (no longer operative) and found the drawings.

I was shocked and amazed at how accurate they were and how closely they mirrored the actual site. I don't know the process that created these drawings but they're accurate in other ways.

The trucks have an unusual fender design so I looked on the web to see if I could find photos of trucks of that era and if they also showed this unusual design. I was able to find a match.

This indicates to me that the drawings were taken from a photo.

The cameraman must have used a photo of the scene to assist his memory.

There are just too many details that are absolutely 100% accurate. One of the most noticeable is the agate-like covering of one of the rocks in the dry wash directly south of where the craft landed. That rock is still there today, just as shown in the cameraman's drawings.

>That section of New Mexico has a number of dry-lake beds and the
>terrain doesn't vary very much, and as you are aware, I've been
>to the area in search of the site as well. I would ask if the
>roads leading to the site you've found fit the original
>description of his journey to the site.

Yes, everything except for the wooden bridge. I still haven't been able to locate it after hours of searching and scrambling up and down canyons. I think I know where it was, but there's no sign of it now. Finished lumber was very scarce then and it was probably used for corrals and such.

>One of the problems
>faced by Bob Shell, myself and others was the fact that none of
>the areas we found could easily fit the cameraman's description
>of his ride to the site. After obtaining a 1946 map of that
>region, the number of mining roads you have to choose from is
>minimal and certainly they didn't build a new road to the crash
>site.

No they didn't. But there are still no main roads to the site. There is a road that takes you there, now, but the main road used by the ranchers in the area, wasn't used by them in 1947. Even today, it's just a path through a dry wash or arroyo that gets repaired once or twice a year and is mainly kept open by the ranchers. It's passable, but barely and can't be used during rains because of flooding. We were caught in a flash flood during my second trip and barely able to get out.

Ed

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: John <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 15:47:22 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 07:12:06 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 18:01:18 -0400
>>Subject: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>>Can anyone explain why any photos of the surface of other worlds
>>should be classified? Particularly if NASA's mission is
>>ostensibly the exploration of space, rather than military
>>operations?

>Even Carl Sagan ventured the possibility that our solar system
>may have been visited in historical times, to say nothing of
>prehistoric times.

>If we were indeed visited by aliens, we might expect to find
>structures created by them, however degraded.

>In my opinion we have inadvertantly found some on Mars, and the
>Moon has its share of anomalies as well. Such a discovery would
>have direct 'national security' aspects.

Hiya Mac, Eleanor,

Three weeks ago I brought up this subject of the missing/
withheld Clementine mission photographic material on 'Strange
Days... Indeed'. Most of the missing/withheld pix are of the
dark and unseen side of the moon.

More and more as the years have rolled by NASA has become more
'militarized' both in personnel and in projects and less and
less a 'public' entity as was its original charter and purpose.
The 'secrecy' and withholding of taxpayer paid for material is
outrageous and inexcusable.

But NASA continues to get away with that kind of thing without
any public accountability. Clementine was one of many 'military'
projects being handled by NASA. I completely understand the need
to keep certain photos of 'earthly' targets secret for security
or military purposes. I have no problem with that.

But... for crying out loud, what the hell can there be on the
'moon' that needs to be kept "secret?" To be kept from public
view or scrutiny? It's insane!

Nope, the only reason that the military would have for keeping
thousands of photos from us, the public, that were taken of
the of the dark-side of the moon is; if there was something
'threatening,' either to them, the military, the public, clearly
visible and unmistakable, sitting there for all to see on the
surface of the moon.

There is no other plausible explanation for their keeping moon photos sequestered and secret.

Yo, Mr. Oberg, what do you know about the closeted Clementine photographic material? What's the 'party-line' on that one? :)

Regards to all,

John Velez
Inquiring minds want to know

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'Skeptic' Magazine: More Of The Same

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Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 15:50:06 -0400
Subject: 'Skeptic' Magazine: More Of The Same

'Skeptic' magazine has unveiled a new issue with a article that (gasp!) "debunks" Roswell and the Face on Mars! It doesn't get any better than this, folks.

The article on Roswell is an almost word-for-word re-telling of the Air Force's 1997 "Case Closed" report. If the case has been "closed" since '97, why the re-hash in 2003? My guess: slow news day.

The Face on Mars "debunking" appears in the "Junior Skeptic" section, aimed at teaching young people to think like their pseudo-intellectual parents (evidently the ones actually buying 'Skeptic'). We're taught that the Face on Mars is a completely normal "hill" because (brace yourself for deja vu)...

a.) there's a crater on Mars that looks sort of like a happy face

and

b.) there's also a spurious heart-shaped depression on Mars. Like a Valentine! Get it?

"Skeptic" is treading new lows. As Stanton Friedman advises would-be debunkers, "What your readers don't know, don't tell them."

Skepticism: <http://www.mactonnies.com/skeptic.html>

Mac Tonnies

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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 14:51:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 15:53:06 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 17:17:09 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>Ray Stanford writes an excellent analysis re. the rock specimens
>>provided by Ed Gehrman, found here:

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/may/m06-016.shtml>

>I hope this doesn't keep you from having your samples analyzed
>as you said you would. The purpose for sending out multiple
>samples was to get several opinions.

<snip>

O.K. Let me make something clear. My report was of an analysis yielding very clear and unambiguous results. What I reported is not an opinion but a fact, and had it been anything else, I would clearly have stated so. Also, I would have been delighted and excited to the 'Nth degree' had the material coating the rocks have been glass or a mystery substance, but here is an astonishing fact:

By telephone, I asked Ed Gehrman whether he had examined the material with even as much as a 10-X loop. He asked me what I meant by "a loop", and I explained. He responded with a clearly truthful, "No, I haven't done that."

I say, "clearly truthful", because if he had done so, and if he has even superficial close-up experience with rocks and minerals, he would have known the stuff is definitely not truly glass-like (his term) and that it is chalcedony.

I found it really incredible that he has circulated stories about rocks at an alleged UFO crash site being coated with a mysterious "glass-like" (again, his term) substance and that he had not even looked closely at the substance with even an inexpensive hand loop, before making such a report.

So, I will go a bit deeper than my initial report and add that the coating on the rock shows, under the microscope - bottom to top through cross-section - several distinct crystalline growth-deposition phases atop each other, and each of these distinct layers reveals its own microcrystalline growth structure. The hardness of these layers is 7 on Mohs, as I said before, and I was able to readily and deeply scratch the hardened steel of a pocket knife blade with the material coating the rocks. Further tests indicate it is harder than four types of glass formed in cosmic impacts, to which its hardness was compared by me in tests: (1) Libyan desert glass, (2) moldavite, (3) S-E Asian strewn field tektite, and, (4) Darwin glass.

During our phone conversation, Ed suggested that I might be wrong in my identification of what coated the rock, suggesting it might really be, "a polymer" formed in a crashing spaceship's plasma. I told him that it is, unmistakably, chalcedony, based on luster, layering, crystalline growth layers, hardness, and its imperviousness to muriatic acid (28% hydrochloric acid) - one of

several other tests I performed.

When I inquired of Ed as to what type of polymer he was proposing would have the aforementioned properties, he suggested a polymer composed of "proteins from cobwebs" combined with unspecified atmospheric impurities, somehow synthesized by the great heat of a spaceship's plasma!

I pointed out that plasmas are very hot and that cobweb readily burns. I also pointed out that such speculation out of the context of reasonably derived hard data is whole-cloth embroidery and not even valid hypothesis formation.

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>the site that I sent you several days ago is exactly the way the
>site is today, down to the glass-like material on rocks ...

Here we go again with the perpetuation of the myth of a glass-like material! It is absolutely not glass like, and the surface does not have a glassy luster, but has a diffuse, sub-vitreous luster characteristic of the surface of 'raw' (unpolished) chalcedony. Chalcedony is not, contrary to Ed's claim, a "catch-all" term. It is a very specific thing, but comes in diverse colors (depending on trace minerals) and can grow in very grape-bunch like clusters or in quite flat layers (depending, in part, upon the surface on which it forms), or in any number of shapes between those two.

The material on those two rocks Ed sent me is absolutely not, to repeat Ed's words, "glass like"!

Ed submitted a photo with an area circled that looks exactly like a large (several feet wide) ancient natural rock cleavage enhanced by a minor-scale prospecting-mining operation. The rock outcropping was clearly not spread apart by a speed impact on any kind, yet he labels it, "first impact site".

Such a statement is totally subjective and reveals wishful thinking instead of objective investigation.

Another photo has a maybe 30-foot long, nondescript area circled that is labeled, "crash site".

I see nothing but imagination to support such a claim.

Another photo is labeled "burned cottonwood tree", but nothing on the tree's remains give the slightest suggestion to me that anything extraordinary happened there.

While Ed is to be commended for seeking analysis of the chalcedony of the rocks, might better have prevented myth generation by simply taking a couple of the rocks to the mineralogical section of a museum and asking someone with a background in mineralogy or petrology what is on the surfaced of the rock(s), without telling the person(s) involved anything about an alleged UFO crash, and without announcing to this list that strange evidence has been found at a possible UFO crash site.

By the way, Ed told this list that the person he and his brother consulted in New Mexico (Socorro) said he had no idea what the stuff on the rock(s) could be:

>...we took a sample to him for a superficial analysis.

>He couldn't identify the material and was somewhat surprised
>that he couldn't. He examined the strange material with a light
>enhanced magnifying scope he had on his belt and just shook his
>head: "I don't know what this".

Yet, on the phone Ed told me that the person in Socorro declared it to be a type of calcite. Even if I somehow got Ed's account on the phone confused, and Ed was referring to two different persons' comments, one might wonder why the interpretation (albeit incorrect) that it was a form of calcite was not noted in Ed's first account of this matter.

The aforementioned precaution of saying absolutely nothing about the background of the sample(s) to a potential analyst is very important for multiple reasons. I will later explain if anyone needs an explanation. A mineralogist will certainly not think a

sample like the ones Ed provided me to be strange at all. It would normally elicit no probing questions, anyhow, except maybe an incredulous, "You don't recognize what this is!?", if the researcher is the indignant type.

The real point of this little explicit discussion is the hope of discouraging the proliferation of unfounded rumors of mysterious UFO crash site evidence. Let us try our very best not to cloud with rumor a category of inquiry already burdened and sometimes made laughable by unfounded speculation and wishful thinking.

It burdens me to have to make comments like this, because Ed seems a nice, intelligent, and very sincere student of UFO phenomena. In this instance, however, I think he has been overly zealous and unobjective (witness his notes on the photos he sent me), and that private inquiry to a professional or professionals in an appropriate field of study (and one who has no knowledge of Ed's speculations about crash evidences) would have been a far better route to pursue first.

The fact that Ed did not notice what he calls a 'glass-like' appearance to the parts of rocks that were within the topsoil means absolutely nothing in the absence of a report by him of just how many pieces he lifted to check for that, and without an unequivocal statement that each examined piece was washed carefully before examination, because a host of things about soil can completely obscure the sub-vitreous luster of chalcedony that Ed mistook as being "glass-like". Even then, Ed's failure to recognize the now admitted chalcedony as at least a water-deposited mineral (I could write a lengthy discourse on how it got water-deposited long ago on those New Mexico desert rocks.) does not speak well of his prowess for careful observation. Then too, zeal to find evidence of a UFO crash could easily cloud and color one's perceptions, despite good intentions.

Ray Stanford

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Is someone there?

Chances are, you don't believe in aliens -- unless you've been taken by them

By Kelli Lackett

If you talked to Stan Romanek a few years ago about UFOs or aliens, he would have called you a fool.

"I was pretty aggressive about calling people (who believed in them) idiots and retards and nutcases," said the 40-year-old former Denver resident.

But on December 27, 2000, Romanek's life changed forever. When he was driving where Jewel Avenue meets Alameda Parkway in west Denver, he saw a flying object about twice the size of a van hovering over powerlines. At least a dozen other people witnessed it, too, he said.

That incredible sight started a series of strange events, including at least two instances where Romanek believes he was actually taken by aliens.

Romanek is one of hundreds of "experiencers" who have come to Fort Collins hypnotherapist Deborah Lindemann for help. Although Lindemann helps clients with a number of mainstream problems, she specializes in helping people with paranormal experiences.

Lindemann also conducts research on the encounters through her Center for Extraordinary Explorations and leads an invitation-only, confidential support group for those who believe they've had alien encounters.

"I have seen hundreds of cases that are potential encounter cases," Lindemann said. "If I had to wildly guess, I'd say about 35 percent of them turn out to have other explanations."

A much-cited Roper Poll in 1991 suggested that as many as 3.7 millions Americans have had encounters with aliens. But the methodology of the poll has proved to be dubious.

"I'd be surprised if the number were that high," Lindemann said. "The problem with the Roper poll is that the indicators (used in the poll) are not necessarily an indication of an encounter. They could be indicators of out-of-body experiences, angel encounters, even poltergeists."

Those who think they've had encounters with aliens often recall similar experiences. These include seeing UFO-like crafts, experiencing periods of missing time, discovering strange marks

on their bodies, having uncomfortable flashback images and waking up in a different place than where they went to sleep.

Before Lindemann and her clients entertain the idea of an alien encounter, Lindemann tries to first help them find earthly explanations for the experiences. Hypnosis can be helpful in recovering memories of "missing time," she said.

"Hypnosis has been used for years by police departments in helping to get details of crimes to convict criminals in high-profile cases," Lindemann said.

Documentary filmmakers are interested in Romanek's case because it is one of the most well-documented encounters, it is rich in evidence, and there were numerous witnesses to many of his UFO sightings, Lindemann said.

While under hypnosis, Romanek recalled that during the night after one of the UFO sightings, three humanoid creatures -- two men and a woman-- came to the door of his sister's house, where he was staying, at 2 a.m.

"We went to the balcony and I grabbed at the male," Romanek said. "The next thing I knew, I was in a room and I was stuck to the wall. I wasn't glued to the wall. It's like someone had turned the gravity on that wall. ... Then they were doing stuff to my back."

Romanek tried to convince himself that this was a dream, but wounds on his back wide enough to stick his little finger in made it hard to ignore it. His sister also remembers the humanoid creatures, he said.

"This wasn't a dream. This was real," Romanek said. "Being hypnotized is not like you think it is. Stuff just comes out. I remembered it. ... I know for a fact that this is real. And they make sure they leave evidence."

The creatures revealed complex mathematical equations to him, Romanek said.

"I have a learning disability. I'm severely dyslexic. When I went through the regression and came out with these equations, I was floored," Romanek said. "All of the top scientists have looked at these."

At least twice, Romanek has awakened with rows and rows of equations he has written spread out in front of him. Mathematicians have said that the equations have to do with high-level concepts in quantum physics such as wormholes, zero point energy and element 115, Romanek said.

Romanek, who now lives out of state, prefers that his location not be revealed in order to protect his privacy.

"The fact that Romanek had no interest in aliens before his experiences is quite common among those who report encounters, Lindemann said. She said that people who have encounters are often skeptics, and they are reluctant to talk and open themselves up to ridicule.

"They have nothing to gain and everything to lose by coming forward with their experience. If they have to admit it, now what do they do? Many say, 'I would rather be diagnosed as crazy because I could simply take a pill and feel better,' " Lindemann said. "Most people have been quietly suffering with this for years. It's like they are leading a double life."

Susan, a 52-year-old Estes Park resident who asked that her last name not be published to protect her privacy, lived quietly with her paranormal experience for at least a decade before she talked about it.

In 1973, Susan and a friend were driving between Big Rapids and Ann Arbor, Mich., when they saw a flying disc hovering about 25 feet above the ground.

"It was like an electric shock of fear," Susan said. "I was out like a light. I had a mental blip. The next thing I knew, I opened my eyes and it was still sitting there. Then it zipped out really fast."

Years later, Susan's friend recounted an almost identical experience, Susan said. Since the event, she has had similar episodes of "missing time" and she even remembers having them during her childhood. Hypnosis didn't help her recover any memories from the "missing time."

"I don't know if this is from another planet or another dimension. All I know is that it happened," she said.

In the mid-1980s, Susan finally went to a psychologist who gave her a battery of psychological tests.

"His conclusion was that I was mentally stable, but something about the results of the test were similar to someone who has been raped," said Susan, who now participates in Lindemann's support group.

Over the years scientists have tried to explain such encounters with countless theories. Some say the people are mentally ill or that memories change during hypnotic regression.

Others have surmised that those who have encounters have labile, or changeable, temporal lobes in their brains, which makes them more prone to fantasy and visions. To date, however, there is no evidence that UFO reporters have more labile temporal lobes than others.

Another theory is that abduction narratives are caused by a sleep disorder called awareness of sleep paralysis. We are all temporally paralyzed when we sleep so that we will not act out our dreams. But about 3 to 6 percent of the population routinely become aware of their paralysis, according to Susan Blackmore, a psychologist who has published an article on the subject in *Skeptical Inquirer*.

A common sleep-paralysis episode is when someone wakes up paralyzed, senses a presence in the room, feels terror and may see strange lights or even entities.

Lindemann thinks, however, that although awareness of sleep paralysis can be mistaken for an abduction, it cannot explain all possible encounters.

If someone has had what seems like a dream concerning an alien encounter, Lindemann looks for other indicator such as marks on the body or unexplainable phobia.

"Generally speaking, memories surrounding abductions that are recalled in a dream state are repetitious. ... Also the intensity is really hard to forget. It can be quite emotional. ... The dream haunts you and you know at a deep level that it is not a dream."

Conducting research on possible alien encounters is a complicated business, she said.

"We are not always getting a fair representation of the visitors or encounters because it's usually only those who have had a negative or frightening experience who come forward," Lindemann said. "People who have had neutral or positive experiences are not the ones in the documentaries or the ones who seek professional help."

Although support groups like Lindemann's can help with the isolation and emotions of unexplainable experiences, most of those who have had encounters end up with more questions than answers.

And like Romanek and Susan, the questions never go away.

"I would like to see more people be more open-minded and search for the truth," Susan said. "I guess I'm convinced that more is known than is actually admitted by people. At the same time, I don't know what this means."

"There are probably a lot of people put there who are yanking chains. But there are a few people who are going through experiences," Romanek said. "I have to admit to the fact that I have to believe now. I can't be a skeptic anymore."

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Re: Huge Contrail Sighting - Caput

From: Scott Caput <scaput@bellsouth.net>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 14:58:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:06:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Huge Contrail Sighting - Caput

>>From: Scott Caput <scaput@bellsouth.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 23:37:03 -0400
>>Subject: Huge Contrail Sighting

>>Today, in Miami Florida at approximately 5:00pm EST, I observed
>>a large contrail in the sky. The trail stretched from horizon to
>>horizon (NW to SE). It was very dense and white. I noticed too
>>late to see it being created, but it was huge! This was by far,
>>the thickest trail I have seen here to date. Did anyone else
>>observe it? Any thoughts on a possible cause?

><snip>

>Hi Scott and greetings everyone!

>I disagree with GT McCoy and Larry Hatch that what you saw could
>have been the contrail of a very large airplane.

>My thoughts are that the thick dense white "contrail" you saw,
>stretching from the NW to the SE, was one of many thin cloud
>bands that swept over the Miami area that day.

>A quick check of the NOAA web site through their infrequent
>satellite images showing clouds over southern Florida during
>daylight hours seems to confirm this.

>Check out the two URLs below and click the images to enlarge
>them. Notice the many thin parallel cloud bands aligned in the
>same NW to SE direction as your "contrail"?

>http://www.saa.noaa.gov/cocoon/nsaa/details?id=1&datatype_family=CWSOE

>http://www.saa.noaa.gov/cocoon/nsaa/details?id=7&datatype_family=CWSOE

<snip>

Hello Nick,

During my observation of the trail, I noticed that there were many clouds of that type in the sky, but none of them were as thick and as dense as this trail. I am always wary of reporting something odd for fear of it being identifiable and looking like a nut, so before I considered this odd, I had a good look around the sky. It looked almost like the trail left from the shuttle disaster, i.e. something burning up high in the atmosphere.

Just my luck, I'm the only witness.

Scott Caput

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Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:07:55 -0400
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 07:12:06 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>structures created by them, however degraded.

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>Moon has its share of anomalies as well. Such a discovery would
>have direct 'national security' aspects.

Why?

Eleanor White

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Secrecy News -- 05/09/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 15:16:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:10:09 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 05/09/03

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AMENDING THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT

The Senate approved an amendment to the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) that would further augment government authority by permitting clandestine search and surveillance of individuals suspected of engaging in international terrorism even if it cannot be shown that they have ties to a foreign government or a foreign terrorist organization. The amendment would not apply to "U.S. persons," such as U.S. citizens.

Senator Dianne Feinstein argued that the measure had insufficient safeguards and invited abuse, and she offered an alternative proposal.

"I am not saying that [the Government] will overreach," Sen. Feinstein said. "But because it is a secret process, the laws we pass have to prevent that overreach." Her preventive alternative, however, was rejected.

Senator Patrick Leahy likewise objected. "Far from addressing a true problem, all that [the amendment] would do is encourage the use of the secret, unchecked FISA process for an entire class of cases that are more appropriately handled as criminal matters."

The Senate passed the FISA amendment by a vote of 90-4. See the full text of the May 8 floor debate here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s050803.html

The amendment emerged from an ongoing internal dispute in the Senate over the implementation of the Patriot Act and the adequacy of congressional oversight. Senators Leahy, Grassley and Specter have led the critics, while Senator Orrin Hatch has advocated the Administration line. The views of both sides are sharply expressed in an April 29 Senate Judiciary Committee report on the new FISA amendment, which may be found here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_rpt/srpt108-40.html

Other resources on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fisa/index.html>

In exchange for approval of the new FISA amendment, proponents of the Patriot Act led by Senator Hatch withdrew (for now) their demand that the Act's 2005 expiration date be canceled. See "Senate Deal Kills Effort to Extend Antiterror Act," by Eric Lichtblau, New York Times, May 9:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/09/international/worldspecial/09TERR.html>

DARPA ON DATA MINING

In congressional testimony this week, the Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) presented a disarmingly modest and rational account of his agency's research on data mining, including the notorious Total Information Awareness program.

An indiscriminate approach to data mining will not work, said Dr. Tony Tether. "Our research goal to create better counterterrorism tools will not be realized by surveilling huge piles of data representing a collection of broad or ill-defined activities in the hope of discovering previously unknown, unspecified patterns."

He stressed moreover that DARPA seeks to achieve "full compliance" with "American values related to privacy." See his May 6 statement here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_hr/050603tether.html

Dr. Tether's testimony was first reported by Adam Clymer in "Pentagon Surveillance Plan is Described as Less Invasive," New York Times, May 7:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/07/international/worldspecial/07PRIV.html>

UPDATE ON NSA FOIA EXEMPTION

The proposed Freedom of Information Act exemption for "operational files" of the National Security Agency was included in the Senate Armed Services Committee markup of the 2004 Defense Authorization Act that was completed on May 9. But that is not necessarily the end of the matter, Senate staffers said.

"There are rumblings" of possible remedial action on the Senate floor to eliminate the provision, or modify it significantly, one staffer said.

RULING ON MUJAHEDDEEN-E KHALQ AS A TERRORIST ORG

The People's Mujahedin of Iran (Mujahedeen-e Khalq), a militant organization violently opposed to the Iranian government, challenged its designation by the U.S. State Department as a "foreign terrorist organization." The Mujahedin told a U.S. court that the designation should be found unconstitutional since it was based in part on classified evidence that the group had had no opportunity to rebut.

The D.C. District Court of Appeals didn't buy it. "While colorable, this argument will not carry the day," the appeals court ruled on May 9. (According to Black's Law Dictionary, "colorable" here means "appearing to be true, valid, or right.")

See a copy of the appeals court ruling here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/para/pmvstate.pdf>

See also "Support waning for controversial Iran rebel group" by Frank Davies, Miami Herald, April 10:

<http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/news/nation/5598418.htm>

OSLO CONFERENCE ON INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT

The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces will hold its second annual Workshop on "Making Intelligence Accountable" in Oslo, Norway on September 19-20. For more

information, see:

http://www.dcaf.ch/news/Intel%20Acct%20Oslo%200903/ws_mainpage.html

BUSHSECRECY.ORG

The public interest group Public Citizen has launched a new web site, BushSecrecy.org, devoted to Bush Administration secrecy.

"Here, Public Citizen chronicles and documents the administration's obsession with secrecy, as well as the steps we, and others, are taking to fight it."

The site focuses on executive privilege, including the dispute over access to presidential records, as well as freedom of information act policy and changes to national security classification policy. It provides links to source documents, along with interpretive analysis from Public Citizen. The site displays exemplary production values.

Remarkably, however, quite a few aspects of Bush Administration secrecy policy are left out. And so far, at least, the site scarcely acknowledges the numerous parallel and complementary efforts already undertaken by others. See:

<http://www.Bushsecrecy.org>

FAS resources on Bush Administration secrecy policy may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/bush/index.html>

DEFYING HITLER

How can an entire society go crazy? That is the question pondered by the late Sebastian Haffner, an ordinary German who was astonished and ashamed at the changes that overtook his country in the 1930s.

His 1939 memoir, unpublished until 2000, describes the incremental and then unstoppable rise of Nazism from the perspective of a skeptical humanist who found himself unwillingly swept away.

The English translation, published last year, is entitled "Defying Hitler," but that is misleading. (The original title was "Geschichtes eines Deutschen," The Story of a German.) In fact, the absence of real defiance, the actual inability to mobilize even minimal resistance to the tide of militant nationalism described by the author is part of what makes this such a striking and suggestive work. Readers may draw their own analogies.

See this representative review of "Defying Hitler" by Charles Taylor from Salon.com, September 3, 2002 (thanks to YL for the suggestion):

<http://www.salon.com/books/review/2002/09/03/haffner/>

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Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:12:47 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 11:12:27 -0700
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

<snip>

>One of the most noticeable is the agate-like covering
>of one of the rocks in the dry wash directly south of where the
>craft landed. That rock is still there today, just as shown in
>the cameraman's drawings.

Here we go again. It was "glass-like". Now it's "agate-like"!

Why not just admit it is agate (chalcedony). That would be the intellectually honest thing to do.

You are clearly still wishing it to be some mysterious effect of a UFO crash, when it absolutely is not. Quit promoting myth, for Ufology's sake, if not for your own self image.

Furthermore, I seriously doubt that anyone brought in to film a UFO crash scene would have even noticed thin chalcedony on rocks in the area, so amazed and pre-occupied would be he surely be with something completely startling.

Oh, the will to believe!

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: Leveland, TX News Story Nov. 3, 1957 - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 17:13:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:14:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Leveland, TX News Story Nov. 3, 1957 - Stanford

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 15:43:58 -0400
>Subject: Leveland, TX News Story Nov. 3, 1957

<snip>

>I am pleased to announce the recovery and preservation of a CBS
>Newscast of November 3, 1957, that relates the Leveland, TX
>sighting...

<snip>

>Sheriff Clem said he even got a glimpse of this thing, which
>somehow switched off lights and auto engines when it came near.
>The Sheriff said lights and engines worked fine again after the
>thing went away.

>This is Bob Pierpoint in Washington."

Thanks for reinvoking those memories of exciting days and
nights, Wendy, that had been "...wrapped between the pages of my
mind", and those of the relatively few others of us 'old timers'
still active in the field.

Ray Stanford

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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 14:30:07 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:23:25 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Tonnies

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 14:51:09 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

<snip>

>I found it really incredible that he has circulated
>stories about rocks at an alleged UFO crash site being
>coated with a mysterious "glass-like" (again, his term)

<snip>

The material is superficially "glass-like" inasmuch as it's
smooth. (Emphasis on "like.")

To readers wondering what the material looks like: it reminds me
of certain lichens, oddly enough. Very smooth and sort of milky
looking, like a glaze that hasn't been fired.

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 14:55:36 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:26:10 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: John <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 14:19:47 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 07:12:06 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 18:01:18 -0400
>>>Subject: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>>>Can anyone explain why any photos of the surface of other worlds
>>>should be classified? Particularly if NASA's mission is
>>>ostensibly the exploration of space, rather than military
>>>operations?

>>Even Carl Sagan ventured the possibility that our solar system
>>may have been visited in historical times, to say nothing of
>>prehistoric times.

>>If we were indeed visited by aliens, we might expect to find
>>structures created by them, however degraded.

>>In my opinion we have inadvertantly found some on Mars, and the
>>Moon has its share of anomalies as well. Such a discovery would
>>have direct 'national security' aspects.

>Hiya Mac, Eleanor,

>Three weeks ago I brought up this subject of the missing/
>withheld Clementine mission photographic material on 'Strange
>Days... Indeed'. Most of the missing/withheld pix are of the
>dark and unseen side of the moon.

>More and more as the years have rolled by NASA has become more
>'militarized' both in personnel and in projects and less and
>less a 'public' entity as was its original charter and purpose.
>The 'secrecy' and withholding of taxpayer paid for material is
>outrageous and inexcusable.

>But NASA continues to get away with that kind of thing without
>any public accountability. Clementine was one of many 'military'
>projects being handled by NASA. I completely understand the need
>to keep certain photos of 'earthly' targets secret for security
>or military purposes. I have no problem with that.

>But... for crying out loud, what the hell can there be on the
>'moon' that needs to be kept "secret?" To be kept from public
>view or scrutiny? It's insane!

>Nope, the only reason that the military would have for keeping
>_thousands_ of photos from us, the public, that were taken of
>the of the dark-side of the moon is; if there was something

>'threatening,' either to them, the military, the public, clearly
>visible and unmistakable, sitting there for all to see on the
>surface of the moon.

John, there is another reason.

The Clementine mission was a joint effort between the BMDO (Ballistic Missile Defense Organization) and NASA. They wanted to qualify light weight imaging sensors and component technologies for the next generation of DoD spacecraft.

The BMDO mission includes Theater missile defense and National missile defense as well as advanced technology development.

It is possible that this survey of the moon was intended to locate possible construction sites for ballistic missile launch facilities.

-Bill H

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>surface of the moon.

Hi John,

I tend to agree. I've seen some intriguing photos of the lunar surface that hint at the presence of artificial structures.

And forgive me for nitpicking, but there is no "dark" side of the Moon (Pink Floyd notwithstanding). It's illuminated by the Sun just like the side that happens to face Earth.

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From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 16:14:04 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:29:37 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Tonnies

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>I don't know exactly how the drawings came to be. There are two
>drawings from two different perspectives. One shows the craft
>and two creatures on the ground; they're both clutching
>something that resembles a box,

<snip>

According to the alien autopsy 'conventional wisdom', these boxes were the six-fingered control panels featured in the "debris footage." (The alien version of a laptop computer?)

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/aa.html>

--Mac Tonnies

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Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case - Koch

From: Joachim Koch <lists@kochkyborg.de>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 01:32:15 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:32:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case - Koch

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 13:27:16 -0400
>Subject: Re: Stan Romanek On The Stan Romanek Case

>Holy Hatshepsut...!!! Now that is really getting
>ridiculous!!!

>Ufology should be a science, not a religion!

>Science does not ask permission (de facto, pray to) a
>phenomenon to monitor it, technology, what they are
>doing here, etc.

<snip>

>Ask their permission! Ridiculous! LMAO!

Dear Ray,

if you meet a person for the first time you always try to be polite, if you have the ability, you smile, and if you see a hand that could be shaken, you stretch our yours. Don't you?

You will never approach a person with environmental monitor of some sort, the UFO detector or the PC-monitored type or possibly one of the 10-12 hour video recorders. Wouldn't you?

Ufology is a hobby so far, there is no University which offers 'Ufology' as a course of studies.

The fact that science does not ask for permission is something to consider. Maybe not here in this list.

If you take photographs of someone or listen to his electronic communication you must ask him according to the law (as far as there are no 'certain circumstances according to certain acts') for his permission. You must ask.

And to complain about the fact that a (seemingly) superior race (state/belief system) violates another (seemingly) inferior race (state/belief system)-- well..

Take a mirror, look inside and consider if you really would like to write this again:

"Ridiculous!"

Joachim Koch

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From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 16:38:24 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:35:10 -0400
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Hey, Let's call it the 'back' side of the Moon, before Mr. Oberg
gets after us for calling it 'dark.'

Jim D.

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From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 17:20:24 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:36:48 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 14:51:09 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Wed, 7 May 2003 17:17:09 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>>Ray Stanford writes an excellent analysis re. the rock specimens
>>>provided by Ed Gehrman, found here:

>>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/may/m06-016.shtml>

>>I hope this doesn't keep you from having your samples analyzed
>>as you said you would. The purpose for sending out multiple
>>samples was to get several opinions.

><snip>

>O.K. Let me make something clear. My report was of an analysis
>yielding very clear and unambiguous results. What I reported is
>not an opinion but a fact, and had it been anything else, I
>would clearly have stated so.

Ray,
I really appreciate the work you've done on the samples.
I'm fine with the material being agate-like.
>Also, I would have been delighted
>and excited to the 'Nth degree' had the material coating the
>rocks have been glass or a mystery substance, but here is an
>astonishing fact:
>
>By telephone, I asked Ed Gehrman whether he had examined the
>material with even as much as a 10-X loop. He asked me what I
>meant by "a loop", and I explained. He responded with a clearly
>truthful, "No, I haven't done that."
>
>I say, "clearly truthful", because if he had done so, and if he
>has even superficial close-up experience with rocks and
>minerals, he would have known the stuff is definitely not truly
>glass-like (his term) and that it is chalcedony.

I never said I was a rock hound or had a clear understanding
of minerals. My brother and I had never
seen anything like this material before in our own experience.
I've scoured the web for samples and no luck. I do
admit that agate is a close match.
I'm not that familiar with microscopes and probably wouldn't know
what I was seeing. I showed these samples to many of my friends.
One is a working miner and he told me that the material seemed
to be chalcedony, but when he explained the process
to form a chalcedony, I didn't see how that could have
happened at this site.

>I found it really incredible that he has circulated stories
>about rocks at an alleged UFO crash site being coated with a
>mysterious "glass-like" (again, his term) substance and that he

>had not even looked closely at the substance with even an
>inexpensive hand loop, before making such a report.

I wouldn't know what I was looking at. I know the material is very unusual. Why? because I've never seen anything that resembles it scattered across the desert. Yes, I've seen agate, many times, but never scattered over three football fields of desert. Glass-like was a poor term.

>So, I will go a bit deeper than my initial report and add that
>the coating on the rock shows, under the microscope - botton to
>top through cross-section - several distinct crystalline growth-
>deposition phases atop each other, and each of these distinct
>layers reveals its own microcrystalline growth structure. The
>hardness of these layers is 7 on Mohs, as I said before, and I
>was able to readily and deeply scratch the hardened steel of a
>pocket knife blade with the material coating the rocks. Further
>tests indicate it is harder than four types of glass formed in
>cosmic impacts, to which its hardness was compared by me in
>tests: (1) Libyan desert glass, (2) moldavite, (3) S-E Asian
>strewn field tektite, and, (4) Darwin glass.

I think this is wonderful information, but why haven't you found the exact match you promised to show me?

>During our phone conversation, Ed suggested that I might be
>wrong in my identification of what coated the rock, suggesting
>it might really be, "a polymer" formed in a crashing spaceship's
>plasma. I told him that it is, unmistakably, chacedony, based on
>luster, layering, crystallizing growth layers, hardness, and its
>imperviability to muriatic acid (28% hydrochloric acid) - one of
>several other tests I performed.

You're doing a great job; keep testing.
As for the polymer quote-simply theorizing.

>When I inquired of Ed as to what type of polymer he was proposing would
have
>the aforementioned properties, he suggested a polymer composed of
"proteins
>from cobwebs" combined with unspecified atmospheric impurities, somehow
>synthesized by the great heat of a spaceship's plasma!
>
>I pointed out that plasmas are very hot and that cobweb readily burns. I
>also pointed out that such speculation out of the context of reasonably
>derived hard data is whole-cloth embroidery and not even valid hypothesis
>formation.

As I recall, you never let me say much about anything; it was your dime so I didn't complain. I explained that I believed this craft was powered by a mercury-based engine and used a vortex during its flight. The vortex picked up atmospheric debris. The material resembles a fine plastic so I thought it might be a polymer material. I seem to be incorrect.

>>The best reasons (there are several others but that would
>>involve delving into the history of the AA which I don't want to
>>do right now) are the following: (1)the cameraman's drawing of
>>the site that I sent you several days ago is exactly the way the
>>site is today, down to the glass-like material on rocks ...
>

>Here we go again with the perpetuation of the myth of a glass-
>like material! It is absolutely not glass like, and the surface
>does not have a glassy luster, but has a diffuse, sub-vitreous
>luster characteristic of the surface of 'raw' (unpolished)
>chalcedony. Chalcedony is not, contrary to Ed's claim, a "catch-
>all" term. It is a very specific thing, but comes in diverse
>colors (depending on trace minerals) and can grow in very grape-
>bunch like clusters or in quite flat layers (depending, in part,
>upon the surface on which it forms), or in any number of shapes
>between those two.

OK. I don't have a problem with it being chalcedony-like.

>The material on those two rocks Ed sent me is absolutely not, to
>repeat Ed's words, "glass like"!

OK I understand; I told you I understood during our phone conversation. What I don't understand is how it got there.

>Ed submitted a photo with an area circled that looks exactly
>like a large (several feet wide) ancient natural rock cleavage
>enhanced by a minor-scale prospecting-mining operation. The rock
>outcropping was clearly not spread apart by a speed impact on
>any kind, yet he labels it, "first impact site".

The cliff in the photo is sixty feet high and one hundred feet at it's base. From the top to the bottom it's covered in a scattered fashion with this material. A person can't see this in the photo. The photos are not meant to prove anything but to show the layout of the crash site.

>Such a statement is totally subjective and reveals wishful
>thinking instead of objective investigation.

I've been there, you haven't.

>Another photo has a maybe 30-foot long, nondescript area circled
>that is labeled, "crash site".
>
>I see nothing but imagination to support such a claim.

There's nothing in the photo to prove that this is the crash site. I just wanted you to see it and get a feel for what it's like. But let's get this straight: the only thing that distinguishes this plot of desert from any other millions of acres of desert is that this is where we find deposits of unusual material and burned vegetation and the cameraman who said a craft crashed somewhere in this area.

>Another photo is labeled "burned cottonwood tree", but nothing
>on the tree's remains give the slightest suggestion to me that
>anything extraordinary happened there.

You'll have to see it for yourself.

>While Ed is to be commended for seeking analysis of the
>chalcedony of the rocks, might better have prevented myth
>generation by simply taking a couple of the rocks to the
>mineralogical section of a museum and asking someone with a
>background in mineralogy or petrology what is on the surfaced of
>the rock(s), without telling the person(s) involved anything
>about an alleged UFO crash, and without announcing to this list
>that strange evidence has been found at a possible UFO crash
>site.

Let me say this again. I believe my brother and I have found the cameraman's crash site. There are many reasons for this belief and finding that the material is chalcedony doesn't change a thing, except it isn't polymer.

>By the way, Ed told this list that the person he and his brother
>consulted in New Mexico (Socorro) said he had no idea what the
>stuff on the rock(s) could be:
>
>>...we took a sample to him for a superficial analysis.
>
>>He couldn't identify the material and was somewhat surprised
>>that he couldn't. He examined the strange material with a light
>>enhanced magnifying scope he had on his belt and just shook his
>>head: "I don't know what this".

That's exactly what happened.

>Yet, on the phone Ed told me that the person in Socorro declared it to be
a
>type of calcite. Even if I somehow got Ed's account on the phone confused,
>and Ed was referring to two different persons' comments, one might wonder
>why the interpretation (albeit incorrect) that it was a form of calcite
was
>not noted in Ed's first account of this matter.

I took the material to the NM school of mines, gem examination room, a man named Avery. He identified the material as calcite and we argued a bit because I'd never seen any calcite like that, but he brushed me off with a " You can believe what you want." I felt the information

and matter incomplete.

>The aforementioned precaution of saying absolutely nothing about
>the background of the sample(s) to a potential analyst is very
>important for multiple reasons. I will later explain if anyone
>needs an explanation. A mineralogist will certainly not think a
>sample like the ones Ed provided me to be strange at all. It
>would normally elicit no probing questions, anyhow, except maybe
>an incredulous, "You don't recognize what this is!?", if the
>researcher is the indignant type.

That's about the way it went. The problem is that he was
incorrect, and I knew he was incorrect, but he didn't budge an inch.

>The real point of this little explicit discussion is the hope of
>discouraging the proliferation of unfounded rumors of mysterious
>UFO crash site evidence. Let us try our very best not to cloud
>with rumor a category of inquiry already burdened and sometimes
>made laughable by unfounded speculation and wishful thinking.

Father, forgive me!

>It burdens me to have to make comments like this,

I can tell.

>because Ed
>seems a nice, intelligent, and very sincere student of UFO
>phenomena. In this instance, however, I think he has been
>overly zealous and unobjective (witness his notes on the photos
>he sent me), and that private inquiry to a professional or
>professionals in an appropriate field of study (and one who has
>no knowledge of Ed's speculations about crash evidences) would
>have been a far better route to pursue first.

I don't think so. The information you've provided
has been an excellent contribution. Everyone has part of the truth.
I want folks involved. Real adventure.

>The fact that Ed did not notice what he calls a 'glass-like'
>appearance to the parts of rocks that were within the topsoil
>means absolutely nothing in the absence of a report by him of
>just how many pieces he lifted to check for that, and without an
>unequivocal statement that each examined piece was washed
>carefully before examination, because a host of things about
>soil can completely obscure the sub-vitreous luster of
>chalcedony that Ed mistook as being "glass-like".

I tried to keep the site as virginal as possible. No rock picks
and only minor disturbance of top soil. I returned the rocks to
their exact location and position, except for the samples I
kept. It was my observation that the rocks I examined had no
material below the sand line. That's a fact, whether you like it
or not.

>Even then,
>Ed's failure to recognize the now admitted chalcedony as at
>least a water-deposited mineral (I could write a lengthy
>discourse on how it got water-deposited long ago on those New
>Mexico desert rocks.) does not speak well of his prowess for
>careful observation.

Now here's the real problem. There is zero way that this
material could have been water deposited on this site and on the
individual rocks on the site-some are three feet apart. Please
don't write a lengthy discourse. It would be a waste of your
time because one visit to the site would destroy your efforts.
Just show me an example of an area three football fields covered
with agate. A better exercise would be to ask how a craft(UFO)
could make a deposit of chalcedony of this magnitude.

Ed

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 01:48:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:38:38 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 13:59:09 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 03:31:17 -0500
>>Subject: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>IFOs 101 - Pop Quiz Answer

>>For those who thought the object was a Mylar balloon,
>>congratulations - you get an "A".

<snip>

>They were found to be 'genuine unknowns.' ie; not mylar
>balloons, birds, airplanes or out of focus pie plates etc. For
>years I had the material posted on the web both at the old
>Intruders Foundation website (along with a photocopy of Jeff
>Saino's report) and also at Tommy King's old OMNI video archive
>website. List veterans such as Bill Hamilton, Tom King, Ray
>Sanford (and a couple of others that have posted in the past,)
>have all been capturing anomalous aerial objects (on video
>and film) for many years.

John, how does one define a "genuine unknown"? How can anyone say what something is not if they don't even know what it is? If it's unknown, then it could be just about anything. It's either known or unknown, identified or unidentified. You can have it both ways.

>I say all this to say what?

>You need to 'balance' your lesson with material that has not
>been faked or recorded intentionally out of focus in order to
>deceive.

John, nothing has been faked. It's kinda hard to "fake" a Mylar balloon while at the same time clearly identifying it as such. And nothing has been recorded intentionally out of focus in an effort to deceive. I aim the camera and let it run to see how it operates under certain conditions. If the image becomes blurred, I study the causes. If the image fades in and out, I study these effects.

I do not deceive, I fight deception. What do you do?

>Contact Tommy King or Bruce Maccabee privately and ask them for
>their permission to use some examples of the many
>_genuinely_anomalous_ aerial objects that they have archived at
>their respective web sites.

I've already contacted both gentlemen.

>Mix some of those in with the ones you faked, blurred or
>misidentified and then you will really be 'teaching' people a
>valuable _observation_ skill.

>Otherwise, this whole exercise is a 'one-sided' lesson.

Only to those who lack depth perception. ;>

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 02:10:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:39:42 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: Santiago Yturria <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 13:46:13 EDT
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 03:31:17 -0500
>>Subject: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>IFOs 101 - Pop Quiz Answer
>>For those who thought the object was a Mylar balloon,
>>congratulations - you get an "A".

<snip>

>I was wondering this: Of all the UFO videos that you have
>analyzed in your research is there a single video that have
>proved to you to be an authentic UFO ? That is in the strict
>sense of the word meaning you discarded it was a bird, balloon,
>airplane or blimp etc. concluding it was unknown for you ?

>I have visited your website and I see that you have made an
>extensive research and therefore I guess you had access to many
>alleged UFO footages for analysis. So I'm curious about this and
>will appreciate your comments.

If I don't know what it is, Santiago, it is unidentified... for
the moment. I continue to analyze until I find the truth. If
something is unknown, I never rule out any possible explanation
including the possibility it was a bird, balloon, airplane,
blimp, etc.

Santiago, how do you prove something is authentic if you don't
know what it is?

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 03:24:23 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 07:57:55 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 14:19:47 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 07:12:06 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 18:01:18 -0400
>>>Subject: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>><snip>

>>>Can anyone explain why any photos of the surface of other worlds
>>>should be classified? Particularly if NASA's mission is
>>>ostensibly the exploration of space, rather than military
>>>operations?

<snip>

>>If we were indeed visited by aliens, we might expect to find
>>structures created by them, however degraded.

>>In my opinion we have inadvertantly found some on Mars, and the
>>Moon has its share of anomalies as well. Such a discovery would
>>have direct 'national security' aspects.

>Hiya Mac, Eleanor,

>Three weeks ago I brought up this subject of the missing/
>withheld Clementine mission photographic material on 'Strange
>Days... Indeed'. Most of the missing/withheld pix are of the
>dark and unseen side of the moon.

>More and more as the years have rolled by NASA has become more
>'militarized' both in personnel and in projects and less and
>less a 'public' entity as was its original charter and purpose.
>The 'secrecy' and withholding of taxpayer paid for material is
>outrageous and inexcusable.

>But NASA continues to get away with that kind of thing without
>any public accountability. Clementine was one of many 'military'
>projects being handled by NASA. I completely understand the need
>to keep certain photos of 'earthly' targets secret for security
>or military purposes. I have no problem with that.

>But... for crying out loud, what the hell can there be on the
>'moon' that needs to be kept "secret?" To be kept from public
>view or scrutiny? It's insane!

>Nope, the only reason that the military would have for keeping
>thousands of photos from us, the public, that were taken of
>the of the dark-side of the moon is; if there was something
>'threatening,' either to them, the military, the public, clearly
>visible and unmistakable, sitting there for all to see on the

>surface of the moon.

>There is no other plausible explanation for their keeping
>moon photos sequestered and secret.

>Yo, Mr. Oberg, what do you know about the closeted Clementine
>photographic material? What's the 'party-line' on that one? :)

Dear John and others:

I must admit, the Clementine matter blind-sided me. If I ever heard of it, it went in one ear and out the other.

Do I have this straight? Something like 23,000 images of the far side of the Moon; hidden, sequestered, classified, conveniently lost, or otherwise withheld from science .. possibly due to alien artifacts?

That's a tall order indeed! If true, one could indeed argue for some kind of conspiracy, and not a small one.

Did the world of science object to this? Its hard to imagine them not screaming their heads off.

Browsing for "clementine mission" + "missing images" and found several sites including this one:

<http://astrogeology.usgs.gov/Projects/Clementine/nasaclem/archive/arcsis.html>

Scanning that site for "missing images" I found some interesting file names like:

MISSINDX.TAB - Table of missing images. Image file names in this directory were lost during the active fight projects due to a variety of problems including: images not properly transmitted to Earth, image files lost between ground receiving station and mission operations center. Images listed in this directory can not be recovered.

MISSINDX.LBL - Detached PDS label that describes the MISSINDX.TAB file.

MISSINDX.HDR - Header file used for spread sheet applications for the missing image index file. This file contains a single line that gives heading names to each row in the missing image index file.

Maybe a good browse for just those names might turn something up.

I tried the first one MISSINDX.TAB and only turned up a few sites. This is one of them, describing a CD-ROM of the archived images:

<http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/clemcdinfo.html>

I looks like an older document (1990s) but maybe the CD-ROM is still available somewhere.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: While I doubt that Eisenhower was a space-alien contactee, I suspect that the government could lose 23,000 of virtually anything, even \$900 toilet seats, without really trying.

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Re: Is Someone There? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 04:50:02 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 08:01:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Someone There? - Hatch

>Source: The Coloradoan - Fort Collins, Colorado

><http://www.coloradoan.com/news/stories/20030504/lifestyle/240494.html>

>Sunday, May 4, 2003

>Is someone there?

<snip>

>"I have a learning disability. I'm severely dyslexic. When I
>went through the regression and came out with these equations,
>I was floored," Romanek said. "All of the top scientists have
>looked at these."

>At least twice, Romanek has awakened with rows and rows of
>equations he has written spread out in front of him.
>Mathematicians have said that the equations have to do with
>high-level concepts in quantum physics such as wormholes, zero
>point energy and element 115, Romanek said.

- - -

Hello Stan, list:

I hope Stan Romanek was not misquoted here. Newspapers are famous for enhancing stories, but this is important.

All the top scientists looked at the equations which a dyslexic man came up with. Can anyone expand on that? Did Stan write them out in the presence of these top scientists? Can we have some of their names and where they work, to ensure they are not fictitious?

Perhaps more interesting! Which mathematicians in particular [names, affiliations, CVs] determined that the equations had to do with the highly Lazaresque Element 115?

.. or zero point energy for that matter. ZPE is seriously discussed in certain physics circles yes, but not as a source of useable energy. Its more of a theoretical matter if I have that right.

The last I heard, mathematicians did math, and pretty much left physics to the physicists.

Element 115? Shades of Marvel Comics. [burp!] Just provide the names of the mathematicians, which institutions they are affiliated with, and maybe I can sell a bridge or two.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: Aleutian Islands real estate at astoundingly low prices!
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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 08:03:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 08:08:47 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Kaeser

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 16:14:04 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 11:12:27 -0700
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

<snip>

>>I don't know exactly how the drawings came to be. There are two
>>drawings from two different perspectives. One shows the craft
>>and two creatures on the ground; they're both clutching
>>something that resembles a box,

<snip>

>According to the alien autopsy 'conventional wisdom', these
>boxes were the six-fingered control panels featured in the
>"debris footage." (The alien version of a laptop computer?)

>See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/aa.html>

>--Mac Tonnies

There were two drawings created by an artist hired by Ray Santilli to put onto paper the descriptions that were given by the cameraman. He apparently felt this might help in the search for the site, but researchers that had looked at them and visited the area west of Socorro didn't find that they helped very much. These are drawings based on anecdotal descriptions of images in memory, and to my knowledge the cameraman was never sent copies of these drawings to verify them. Do these two artistic creations have any real value in this search?

One of the drawings was specifically drawn to show how the "control panels" (shown in one of the AA "film" segments) were being held by the creatures. If you recall, the cameraman said that one of them had to be struck with the butt of a rifle to get the panel away from him. Of course, the cameraman made a number of statements that can't be verified any more than his existence can.

I hope some tremendous anomaly can be identified in the rocks being analyzed, but I'll admit I'm not holding my breath.

Steve

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Blabbermouth News -- 05/10/03

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 06:46:23 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 11:58:18 -0400
Subject: Blabbermouth News -- 05/10/03

BLABBERMOUTH NEWS
from the BMN Project on Government Blabbermouths
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AMENDING THE FOREIGN BLABBERMOUTH ACT

The Senate blabbermouths approved an amendment that would further augment government to permit endless blabbing and snarfing of individuals suspected of being too quiet.

Senator Dianne Feinstein, never known for keeping her mouth shut, argued that the measure had insufficient halvah and safeguards and invited self-abuse, especially among pregnant teenagers.

"I am not saying that the Government will overreach," Sen. Feinstein said. "But because it is a secret process, the laws of Nevada should not necessarily apply."

DARPA ON DATA BLABBING

In congressional testimony this week, the Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) blabbed a whole kakaload about data mining, including the notorious Total Sandwich Awareness program.

"Indiscriminate leaks will only wet our pants" said Dr. Danny Dither. "Our research goal to is to create better peanut butter in advance of our adversaries. This may entail jelly improvements."

UPDATE ON NSA NSA BLABBERMOUTHS

The latest blabathon was conducted by Juanita Zequlq in Tokyo who still insisted the NSA doesn't exist while cashing a check from that agency in a bar on the Ginza Strip. The taxi driver who took her back to her \$300/night hotel was disappointed that she said so little. "She was more interested in the male impersonators" said the driver. She left him an unusually large tip, he said.

RULING ON MUJAHEDDEEN-E KHALQ BLABBERMOUTHS

The People's Mujahedin of Iran (Mujahedeen-e Khalq), has issued a stern warning about Islamic blabbermouths. Never known for strict silence themselves, Islamic prayer calls are screeched into night and day skies by the least silent fellows in all of religion. What the PMI wants is for Iranian blabbermouths to shut up for a little while.

OSLO CONFERENCE ON SEX-STARVED NORWEGIAN BLABBERMOUTHS

The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Manipulation of Norwegian Willies will hold its second annual Workshop on "Making Hand Jobs Untaxable" in Oslo, Norway on September 19-20. For more information, see:

http://www.decaf.ch/news/Intel%20Acct_Oslo%200903/ws_mainpage.html

BUSHSECRECY.ORG

The public interest group Africans for Bush Meat has launched a new web site, BushMeat.org, devoted to clandestine culinary adventures.

"Here we have some of the most secret recipes in the world." said Jaime Nguru, but don't tell anyone. "We do not want this publicized, especially the elephant steaks."

HITLER's BLABBERMOUTHS

How can an entire society go crazy? Easy. No blabbermouths.

BlabberMouth News is written by a group of conspiratorial top scientists holding back advances in Zero Point energy, Element 115 (very high octane), 90 MPG carburetors and the like.

Due to total disinterest, this is the first and final issue of BLABBERMOUTH.

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From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 08:53:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 12:00:08 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 03:24:23 -0700
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>Browsing for "clementine mission" + "missing images" and found
>several sites including this one:

>[http://astrogeology.usgs.gov/Projects/Clementine/nasaclem/archiv
e/arcsis.html](http://astrogeology.usgs.gov/Projects/Clementine/nasaclem/archiv
e/arcsis.html)

>Scanning that site for "missing images" I found some interesting
>file names like:

>MISSINDX.TAB - Table of missing images. Image file names
>in this directory were lost during the active fight projects
>due to a variety of problems including: images not properly
>transmitted to Earth, image files lost between ground
>receiving station and mission operations center. Images
>listed in this directory can not be recovered.

>MISSINDX.LBL - Detached PDS label that describes the
>MISSINDX.TAB file.
>MISSINDX.HDR - Header file used for spread sheet
>applications for the missing image index file. This file
>contains a single line that gives heading names to each row
>in the missing image index file.
>Maybe a good browse for just those names might turn something
>up.

>I tried the first one MISSINDX.TAB and only turned up a few
>sites. This is one of them, describing a CD-ROM of the archived
>images:

><http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/clemcdinfo.html>

>I looks like an older document (1990s) but maybe the CD-ROM is
>still available somewhere.

Hi Larry, list

You might be able to get a copy from the addresses provided on
the above webpage.

The PDS Imaging Node
Branch of Astrogeology
United States Geological Survey
2255 North Gemini Drive
Flagstaff, AZ 86002
e-mail: ee.liason@sirius.wr.usgs.gov

Telephone: (602) 556-7113

or

PDS NAIF Node
MS 301-125L
Jet Propulsion Laboratory
California Institute of Technology

Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

4800 Oak Grove Drive
Pasadena, CA 91109
Internet e-mail: cacton@naif.jpl.nasa.gov
Telephone: (818) 354-3869

Regards,

Terry Groff
<http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>

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From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 10:25:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 12:03:02 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 16:10:08 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 14:19:47 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>>Nope, the only reason that the military would have for keeping
>>_thousands_ of photos from us, the public, that were taken of
>>the of the dark-side of the moon is; if there was something
>>'threatening,' either to them, the military, the public, clearly
>>visible and unmistakable, sitting there for all to see on the
>>surface of the moon.

>
>Hi John,

>
>I tend to agree. I've seen some intriguing photos of the lunar
>surface that hint at the presence of artificial structures.

>
>And forgive me for nitpicking, but there is no "dark" side of
>the Moon (Pink Floyd notwithstanding). It's illuminated by the
>Sun just like the side that happens to face Earth.

I was going to mention the same thing (re: the "dark" side of
the Moon), but felt it was a little nitpicky.

For a great discussion on the far-side of the Moon, people
should read Jacques Vallee's 'Revelations', where he talks with
Bill Cooper (a decidedly scary individual) about alien bases
under the U.S. and alleged structures on the "dark side" of the
Moon. He actually starts the conversation off with asking "Who
takes out the garbage?" To which Cooper has no answer.

Vallee goes on to explain how underground bases such as the ones
Cooper describes ("city-sized" are the words he used) would
required hundreds, if not thousands, of people just to maintain
them, and the waste generated would have to be discarded
somewhere and such.

The book goes into further detail, but it was very interesting
stuff, as only Vallee's work can be. :)

Ian Rogers

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 10:43:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 12:05:34 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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Hi Larry -

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In fact, it's a tough job to find any punishment at all when crimes are committed "in the name of science".

So no, I'm not surprised that scientists are not screaming their heads off about classified photos paid for by taxpayers.

Eleanor White

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The U.S. Government & UFO Information

From: **Walt Spivey Jr.** <MacloedIV@webtv.net>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 09:24:24 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 13:11:12 -0400
Subject: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

Greetings Fellow Listers,

I'd like to take a moment to toss in my two cents worth on the subject of why the U.S. Government won't ever be more forthcoming with UFO-related information.

A primary function of any governing body is to keep the peace, or at least, give the appearance of keeping the peace. The U.S. government believes, rightly so, that a large portion of our populace is simply not equipped on any level to deal with the ramifications of what certain revelations would most assuredly bring. Sadly enough, I agree. I am haunted by what happened during the War of the Worlds radio broadcasts. In the grand scheme of time, that was yesterday. Here in the great state of North Carolina, too many people would respond to a stranded motorist knocking on their door at 2:00a.m. with a shotgun muzzle, rather than a gas can.

I do not like the way things are. I'm 36, and unless a UFO literally lands at the White House, or the Super Bowl, I will die never having received the truth from my own government. Before you disagree or dismiss this opinion out-of-hand, count how many people you know, whom you believe to be a few sandwiches short of a full picnic, that own shotguns. Now visualize those same people's response when told the truth to end all truths!

It really isn't a question of whether our government wants to tell us the truth, by and large, America can't handle the truth...

Thank you for your time,

Walt Spivey, Jr.
NCUFOA

<http://community.webtv.net/MacleodIV/NCUFOANORTHCAROLINA>

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UFOs In Africa?

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 13:01:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:04:36 -0400
Subject: UFOs In Africa?

Hello list.

I am asking your help once more.

I am looking for cases reported on the African continent. All countries in Africa.

If you could help me, I will appreciate it.

Thank you very much

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti
Vice-presidente da EBE-ET/RAB
Brasilia/DF
Brasil

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Re: Is Someone There? - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 09:15:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:06:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Someone There? - Deardorff

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 04:50:02 -0700
>Subject: Re: Is Someone There?

>>Source: The Coloradoan - Fort Collins, Colorado

>><http://www.coloradoan.com/news/stories/20030504/lifestyle/240494.html>

>>Sunday, May 4, 2003

>>Is someone there?

><snip>

>>"I have a learning disability. I'm severely dyslexic. When I
>>went through the regression and came out with these equations,
>>I was floored," Romanek said. "All of the top scientists have
>>looked at these."

>>At least twice, Romanek has awakened with rows and rows of
>>equations he has written spread out in front of him.
>>Mathematicians have said that the equations have to do with
>>high-level concepts in quantum physics such as wormholes, zero
>>point energy and element 115, Romanek said.

>- - -

>Hello Stan, list:

>I hope Stan Romanek was not misquoted here. Newspapers are famous
>for enhancing stories, but this is important.

>All the top scientists looked at the equations which a dyslexic
>man came up with. Can anyone expand on that? Did Stan write them
>out in the presence of these top scientists? Can we have some of
>their names and where they work, to ensure they are not
>fictitious?

>Perhaps more interesting! Which mathematicians in particular
>[names, affiliations, CVs] determined that the equations had to
>do with the highly Lazaresque Element 115?
>...

Larry,

It was more physics than math, I'd say. There's an excellent video on
Romanek's experiences, made, I think, at the Laughlin conference a few
months ago. It's been a month since I viewed much of it, though.

As I recall from the video, only two qualified people in the
field gave their interpretations of the equations (in the video,
anyway), one of them being Jack Kasher,
physicist/astronomer/ufologist from U Nebraska at Omaha. They
made sense out of most of the symbology. For example, the fine
structure constant was involved, which Romanek shouldn't have
known about with his non-physics background.

Of course, it needn't have made entire sense, since the UFO

aliens involved could have fed him as much gobble-de-gook as they wished.

There were two different and independent video tapes taken of the UFOs that appeared in the vicinity (Red Rocks, CO) shortly before Romanek had one of his (abduction?) experiences, as I recall. Perhaps others who have the Laughlin Romanek video on hand can amplify or correct this.

Jim Deardorff

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Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 12:46:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:08:18 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

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>heads off about classified photos paid for by taxpayers.

One Toronto doctor doing that treatment being allegedly threatened
doesn't stop others from doing it, would it? Or are doctors all over the
globe being silenced? (I have never bought the whole "government
silencing witnesses" bit. Don't you think they'd realize by now that it
never works? People who claim to have been silenced by the FBI, CIA,
NSA, whatever, invariably blab about their "experience" anyway. Which
makes these people either very stupid or not at all worried about
reprisals from govt. hitmen!)

It's all such a tight-knit series of statements that preclude
any actual "explanations." Usually because they aren't any. Most
of this stuff you're just supposed to accept with a grain of
salt ... and if you don't, well, you're just a 'skeptic' -- as
if being skeptical were a bad thing. Frankly, I think we have
enough believers in this field. What we need is more people with
objectivity.

And I have to ask: AIDS as a laboratory experiment is a popular
conspiracy theory; what evidence do you have that it can all be
attributed to this one person? Something more than a secret

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government source you can't name, I hope.

Ian Rogers

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From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 13:24:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:09:55 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - Rogers

>From: Walt Spivey Jr. <MacleodIV@webtv.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 09:24:24 -0400 (EDT)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net (UFO UpDates - Toronto)
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>tell us the truth, by and large, America can't handle the
>truth...

I couldn't agree more. The government will only disclose (if there is anything to disclose) if they want to. I mean, there's optimism and then there's deluding yourself. The idea that people if Ufology will be able to pressure the government into acting is almost laughable. They've kept it secret this long (again, assuming there is a Big Secret) that they're not going to reveal everything just because people are videotaping UFOs and discussing their experiences. They've been doing this for years and the government has never felt the need to reveal anything!

As Walt said, unless a UFO lands at the White House or at the Super Bowl, the government has no need to disclose. I know that if I was working for the government as a part of some enormous UFO conspiracy I wouldn't be worried in the slightest about the people in Ufology. They're hardly a threat. Most of them are so busy fighting amongst themselves that I doubt the government even works up a sweat. I wouldn't.

Ian Rogers

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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 13:32:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:15:34 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 17:20:24 -0700
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 14:51:09 -0400
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>Ray,

>I really appreciate the work you've done on the samples.
>I'm fine with the material being agate-like.

Yeah! It really sounds like it -- :) -- from your post to which I am responding, below.

Of course, you're fine with the samples being "agate-like", but it is clear you're not fine with the samples being agate (chalcedony), because (as I have recently learned) you have long been committed to making the ludicrous "Alien Autopsy" affair into a reality, for personal reasons.

>I never said I was a rock hound or had a clear understanding
>of minerals. My brother and I had never
>seen anything like this material before in our own experience.
>I've scoured the web for samples and no luck. I do
>admit that agate is a close match.

>I'm not that familiar with microscopes and probably wouldn't know
>what I was seeing. I showed these samples to many of my friends.
>One is a working miner and he told me that the material seemed
>to be chalcedony, but when he explained the process
>to form a chalcedony, I didn't see how that could have
>happened at this site.

Because you cannot personally understand how over vast ages (very possibly even in the millions of years) chalcedony coated some areas of the rocks is no reason to believe the chalcedony if the result of a spaceship crash.

There are a number of scenarios which I could describe that could very plausibly explain the formation of the chalcedony, and any one of them would be at least ten orders of magnitude more probable than your pseudo hypothesis that it resulted from the crash of a spaceship. I shall later provide a couple of them.

>>I found it really incredible that he has circulated stories
>>about rocks at an alleged UFO crash site being coated with a
>>mysterious "glass-like" (again, his term) substance and that he
>>had not even looked closely at the substance with even an
>>inexpensive hand loop, before making such a report.

>I wouldn't know what I was looking at.

That doesn't excuse your not looking, to get a clearer idea of whether it was really glass-like or only superficially so,

before making a rather sensational report to this list and God knows where else.

>I know the material is very unusual. Why? because I've never seen anything
>that resembles it scattered across the desert.

You know that the material is very unusual simply because you, personally, have never seen it "scattered across the desert?!! Ridiculous in the extreme! A little rationality would help in this, Ed!

You also know perfectly well that I told you on the phone that I have done much roaming (during the six years I lived in Phoenix, Arizona) around the Arizona desert (and even in New Mexico) looking for meteorites, on UFO related trips, and just pleasure trips, and that I have seen such deposits on quite a few occasions at diverse places.

Also, you are using the propaganda technique of exaggeration to try and make your case. You know that in fact it was not, to use your words, "scattered across the desert"! The truth actually is that you found it on certain places on certain rocks. Period.

I can prove that by a photo you sent me which shows an area (at the widest view) of maybe forty to fifty feet across, and on only three locations do you have rocks circled with the caption, "areas with glass-like material".

Well the material on the rocks which you sent me is unquestionably chalcedony, not just "agate-like", but if you are going to claim it to have been formed there by a spaceship crash, you'd better be prepared to explain; (1) how it looks like chalcedony, has the gross morphology of chalcedony deposits, has the hardness of chalcedony, produces the streak of chalcedony on a test surface, and has the kind of microcrystalline growth patterns that characterize chalcedony, and; (2) how it is that this imagined UFO-related plasma didn't deposit the same substance on the soil all around the area. After all, soil is primarily silica (especially so in deserts, where there is little organic debris), and it, like the rocks, should have retained a coating of the "polymer" you propose.

Common, Ed, tell us why it doesn't coat the ground?

So, do you want to get rational and reasonable about this and admit the material is nothing but a natural chalcedony, and therefore 'save face' a bit (by demonstrating that you're not a die-hard fanatic), or would you prefer I have an electron microprobe or other analytical test done on it, get a print-out showing that it is primarily silica dioxide, and let the facts make you look like an extremely fantasy-prone person?

As I told you on the phone, I can do that if you insist.

>Glass-like was a poor term.

Good, you admit that, but had you looked at the material with a loupe -- thanks for correcting my spelling on that, Jim :) -- I think you might have used a more accurate term.

>I think this is wonderful information, but why haven't you
>found the exact match you promised to show me?

What do you mean by "exact match"?! You surely must know that chalcedony can grow (I refer to crystal growth) on surfaces of any shape, if that shape is in silica carrying water long enough. It doesn't even matter if that surface is gravitationally up, down, or anywhere in-between, provided silica-bearing water is in contact with it long enough. You know very well that I said nothing about an "exact match", because no two specimens of chalcedony will ever be exactly alike. No areas of chalcedony on the two pieces of rock you sent me are anywhere nearly exact in form.

My wife, who collects chalcedony in the form of polished slices of agate (chalcedony), and has a whole file with the drawers full of beautiful slices, suggests that, rather than sending you one of her more expensive sliced and polished examples, I wait until next weekend's mineral show and try to find an inexpensive example to send you. If not, I'll get a sample from my friend,

Jim (a true chalcedony freak), and send you one.

>You're doing a great job; keep testing.
>As for the polymer quote--simply theorizing.

But as I said before, Ed, the kind of wild speculating you are doing about a mercury-based engine and an undefined vortex picking up atmospheric debris, etc, is not theorizing. It is not even valid hypothesis formation, because it is not based on actual evidence. Do you not even understand the basics of the scientific process?

>As I recall, you never let me say much about anything; it was your dime >so I didn't complain. I explained that I believed this craft was >powered by a mercury-based engine and used a vortex >during its flight. The vortex picked up atmospheric debris.

Can you really expect any intelligent person to want to listen to that kind of pseudoscientific crap? I hoped, since it was "my dime", as you say, that it would be more constructive to explain to you the process of chalcedony formation and more about its characteristics, plus to correct the flawed nature of your reasoning. It looks, however, that my time and phone expense was wasted.

>The material resembles a fine plastic so I thought it might be >a polymer material. I seem to be incorrect.

Seem to be?!!! It would be more intellectually honest just to admit that you were absolutely incorrect. By the way, have you ever known a plastic that had a hardness of 7 on Mohs' scale, and crystalline growth? :)

>>Chalcedony is not, contrary to Ed's claim, a "catch-
>>all" term. It is a very specific thing, but comes in diverse
>>colors (depending on trace minerals) and can grow in very grape-
>>bunch like clusters or in quite flat layers (depending, in part,
>>upon the surface on which it forms), or in any number of shapes
>>between those two.

>OK. I don't have a problem with it being chalcedony-like.

O.K., but, you have a serious problem with admitting that it really is chalcedony! Any non-novice mineral collector could, immediately, even in-the-field, quickly tell you that it is chalcedony.

>>The material on those two rocks Ed sent me is absolutely not, to
>>repeat Ed's words, "glass like"!

>OK I understand; I told you I understood during our
>phone conversation. What I don't understand is how it got there.

I suspect the reason you do not understand is that you look at the area only as it is today and not across the ages, geologically. I don't feel like this list would really be interested in my taking up space to give a you an education in geology and petrogenesis. Grab yourself some basic geology books and books on rocks and minerals at the library, Ed, and open for yourself a whole new world of wonder that is a lot more well established and fact-based than this particular "Alien Abduction" fiasco.

Do that, and you will learn the valuable lesson that anything as common as chalcedony should not be mistaken for the 'flotsam or jetsam' of a UFO crash.

>I've been there, you haven't.

I've analyzed the only 'hard evidence' -- 7 on Mohs' scale :o) - - you offer, and found it to be a very common substance. So, now I have better things to do than to travel half way across the continental U.S., rent a four-wheel-drive vehicle, and see one wide-eyed, die-hard believer's Ufological 'Field of Dreams'. Thanks, but no thanks.

>>Another photo has a maybe 30-foot long, nondescript area circled
>>that is labeled, "crash site".

>>I see nothing but imagination to support such a claim.

>There's nothing in the photo to prove that this is the crash site.

I was referring to the fact that you unequivocally describe it as the crash site without a single bit of evidence, except the claim that it matches an anonymous person's claim! If that's not wishful thinking and highly subjective, what is it?

By the way, have you ever considered the possibility that someone came across this place, decided that the chalcedony on some of the rocks might easily be mistaken for glass by believers, adding a few ambiguities to the route, to make it seem like he is describing the route as it might have been over half a century ago, and led you down the 'primrose path'.

>...and the cameraman...said a craft crashed somewhere in this area.

You believe the, IMO, fictional 'camera man'. I suppose you believe in Santa Clause and the tooth fairy, too. The alleged camera man has not really even verified that the specific area you claim as the crash site is where he is alleging a UFO crashed, has he, Ed? 'He' will likely never put his finger on a specific area for reasons that, if you wanted to be objective about this, you could easily guess. I suppose it is about time for the pushers of this, IMO, hoax to declare that the alleged camera man has recently 'passed on', too.

>>Another photo is labeled "burned cottonwood tree", but nothing >>on the tree's remains give the slightest suggestion to me that >>anything extraordinary happened there.

>You'll have to see it for yourself.

I saw the photo, and having seen diverse trees in the desert burned and broken by lightning strikes, I don't need or want to see it any closer. Where is your evidence a UFO caused there over a half century ago, Ed?

>Let me say this again. I believe my brother and I have >found the cameraman's crash site. There are many reasons >for this belief and finding that the material is chalcedony >doesn't change a thing, except it isn't polymer.

Anyone who could have looked at that chalcedony (even without the aid of a loupe) and thought it was a UFO-formed polymer (until I demonstrated otherwise) doesn't need a dose of active imagination, so your beliefs do not carry a lot of weight with me at this point.

So you believe it was a UFO crash site. Provide us some hard evidence strongly suggesting that, or allow this to be relegated to the folly file.

>>By the way, Ed told this list that the person he and his brother >>consulted in New Mexico (Socorro) said he had no idea what the >>stuff on the rock(s) could be:

>>>...we took a sample to him for a superficial analysis.

>>>He couldn't identify the material and was somewhat surprised >>>that he couldn't. He examined the strange material with a light >>>enhanced magnifying scope he had on his belt and just shook his >>>head: "I don't know what this".

>That's exactly what happened.

I suspect he was a bit turned off by the UFO crash tale you had told him, and that he didn't want to waste the time of day arguing with a true believer.

>>Yet, on the phone Ed told me that the person in Socorro >>declared it to be a type of calcite. Even if I somehow got >>Ed's account on the phone confused, and Ed was referring to >>two different persons' comments, one might wonder why the >>interpretation (albeit incorrect) that it was a form of calcite >>was not noted in Ed's first account of this matter.

>I took the material to the NM school of mines, gem examination >room, a man >named Avery. He identified the material as calcite >and we argued a bit because I'd never seen any calcite like >that, but he brushed me off with a " You can believe what you

>want." I felt the information and matter incomplete.

And, just as I said, you did not report the more down-to-earth comments of this person at the NM School of Mines to the List. A serious researcher-investigator would have done so, even if adding comments that he didn't take the comments to be accurate.

>>The aforementioned precaution of saying absolutely nothing about >>the background of the sample(s) to a potential analyst is very >>important for multiple reasons. I will later explain if anyone >>needs an explanation. A mineralogist will certainly not think a >>sample like the ones Ed provided me to be strange at all. It >>would normally elicit no probing questions, anyhow, except maybe >>an incredulous, "You don't recognize what this is!?", if the >>researcher is the indignant type.

>That's about the way it went. The problem is that he was >incorrect, and I knew he was incorrect, but he didn't budge an inch.

Common, Ed! Tell us how you knew he was incorrect! You admitted to me that you hadn't even looked at the stuff with a loupe, hadn't done a hardness test, hadn't even poured an easily available acid solution like household vinegar on it to see if it fizzed like calcite (calcium carbonate) does (in liberating carbon dioxide) when vinegar poured upon it! You had consulted him because you thought he might be an expert. Since you admitted you didn't test for calcite, why didn't you believe him? That looks very much like wishful thinking before science, again!

>>The real point of this little explicit discussion is the hope of >>discouraging the proliferation of unfounded rumors of mysterious >>UFO crash site evidence. Let us try our very best not to cloud >>with rumor a category of inquiry already burdened and sometimes >>made laughable by unfounded speculation and wishful thinking.
>
>Father, forgive me!

Maybe you should say, "List, my slip-up! My apology!", instead of being sarcastic. It would be more to your credit, Ed.

>>...private inquiry to a professional or >>professionals in an appropriate field of study (and one who has >>no knowledge of Ed's speculations about crash evidences) would >>have been a far better route to pursue first.

>I don't think so. The information you've provided >has been an excellent contribution. Everyone has part of the truth.

Maybe in the minds of what I call "metaphizzlers", "true believers", and "post modernists", but what if this whole UFO crash episode is pure fiction? Would the perpetrators have even a smidgen of the truth?

>I want folks involved. Real adventure.

Yes, real adventure if you're 'fishing around' around for some joker to declare that the chalcedony is hard evidence of a UFO crash. Indeed!

>>The fact that Ed did not notice what he calls a 'glass-like' >>appearance to the parts of rocks that were within the topsoil >>means absolutely nothing in the absence of a report by him of >>just how many pieces he lifted to check for that, and without an >>unequivocal statement that each examined piece was washed >>carefully before examination, because a host of things about >>soil can completely obscure the sub-vitreous luster of >>chalcedony that Ed mistook as being "glass-like".
>

>I tried to keep the site as virginal as possible. No rock picks >and only minor disturbance of top soil. I returned the rocks to >their exact location and position, except for the samples I >kept. It was my observation that the rocks I examined had no >material below the sand line. That's a fact, whether you like it >or not.

You sound suspiciously defensive.

The simple fact is that you did not answer my questions.

Once again, I ask: How many rocks did you check for chalcedony

beneath the soil line? How many of them did you carefully wash off before deciding if any chalcedony was below the soil line? You have deliberately skirted those questions in order to push your position.

And, by the way, would you like to describe for us how a crashing UFO forms growth phase atop growth phase of chalcedony anywhere on rocks or anything else? :) -- and, please, why did it not, likewise, form atop the soil?

>>Even then,
>>Ed's failure to recognize the now admitted chalcedony as at
>>least a water-deposited mineral (I could write a lengthy
>>discourse on how it got water-deposited long ago on those New
>>Mexico desert rocks.) does not speak well of his prowess for
>>careful observation.

>Now here's the real problem. There is zero way that this
>material could have been water deposited on this site and on
the >individual rocks on the site-some are three feet apart.

That is a deliberate distortion of fact, and you are being dishonest in even saying that. You know quite well that it is not "deposited on this site", but only upon certain areas of certain rocks there.

Are you forgetting that you admitted that over the phone to me?

Perhaps you secretly hope prevent me from revealing the truth about how it formed by saying:

>Please don't write a lengthy discourse.

O.K., I'll grant your wish and write a short one that will hopefully fill your geologic and petrologic vacuum:

You are not seeing these rocks in the context in which the chalcedony naturally formed upon them over the ages when the rocks were water-saturated and they were under ground. These rocks were tectonically pushed up from underneath the surface during the time those mountains in the area were pushed up. It was once a relatively flat land. When the rocks were underground, subsurface waters flowed through every crack made in them during earlier stages of tectonic pressure. It flowed for hundreds of thousands to millions of years (depending on the area), slowly allowing growth phase upon growth phase (through dry and wet periods) of chalcedony to form from molecular silica dioxide being carried in the water.

After the chalcedony-bearing substrate was tectonically pushed to the surface, it further broke apart along tectonically created (and even chalcedony-bearing) fissures, aided over long period by rains, flooding, freezing, extreme of cold and heat, etc.

What you are finding are larger and smaller examples of the rock that has in that way broken up.

The reason we see chalcedony formed on these particular rocks (instead of calcite) is because this kind of pyroclastic rock is very high in silica and quite low in calcium (unlike rocks formed of marine sediments, like those around Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico).

But you will now ask, "Why so much in this area and not in adjacent areas?"

Such situations occur under the condition wherein the now surface-exposed rocks were in one of the underground areas through which subsurface waters flowed more abundantly than in the adjacent areas of possibly more solid rock and/or more elevated rock (just we find underground, today). So, you will find chalcedony on some surfaces of rock that, when underground, had greater exposure to waters than did some other adjacent areas. Also, if the adjacent rocks happen not to be this type of pyroclastic rock, but are of the sedimentary type mentioned earlier, what will accumulate in their cracks is calcite and not chalcedony. Rainwater tends to dissolve the calcite in fissures of surface rocks (especially in these days of increased acid rain), so you would likely see very little, if any, sub-vitreous calcitic growths remaining on them. Plain, simple, Petrology

101. :)

>It would be a waste of your time...

Knowing your attitude and unwillingness to look at the facts and learn, I probably am wasting my time!

>...because one visit to the site would destroy your efforts.

No visit to the site could ever show me how chalcedony would be formed by the crash of a UFO, real or fictional!

>Just show me an example of an area three football fields covered
>with agate.

Another propagandistic exaggeration and distortion of fact. Ed knows quite well that the area is not covered in agate. Again, it is found only on specific areas of certain rocks, as his notes on the photos he sent me conclusively prove.

>A better exercise would be to ask how a craft(UFO)
>could make a deposit of chalcedony of this magnitude.

The chalcedony was not formed by the crash of a UFO, Ed. I've just explained (short version) how it formed.

Hey, Ed,

Toss your fantasy UFOillogical 'all day sucker' in the circular file (AKA, trash can).

You are surely not going to make 'suckers' out of the thinkers on 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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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 11:04:20 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:17:22 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 14:56:38 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 07:12:06 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>If we were indeed visited by aliens, we might expect to find
>>structures created by them, however degraded.

>>In my opinion we have inadvertantly found some on Mars, and the
>>Moon has its share of anomalies as well. Such a discovery would
>>have direct 'national security' aspects.

>Why?

The potential to destabilize the status quo in all sorts of ways. And I'm not just speculating. NASA had the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. evaluate possibilities of future exploration of space back in the 60s. One of these was the discovery of ET ruins on the Moon and/or Mars. I think the most interesting conclusion (which I personally find extremely flimsy), is that such a discovery would demoralize terrestrial scientists (i.e., why pursue science when "others" have already been there?)

I go into detail about this in my book "After the Martian Apocalypse," due out from Simon & Schuster early next year. In the meantime, I've devoted some space to this on my Cydonia website:

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

--Mac

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Re: Blabbermouth News -- 05/10/03 - Goldstein

From: **Josh Goldstein** <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 20:16:49 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:18:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Blabbermouth News -- 05/10/03 - Goldstein

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 06:46:23 -0700
>Subject: Blabbermouth News -- 05/10/03

>BLABBERMOUTH NEWS
>from the BMN Project on Government Blabbermouths
>Volume 2003, Issue No. 01
>May 10, 2003

<snip>

Hi Larry,

Well done. Usually you need a security clearance to access such privileged material but you took the risk of prison to reveal the true nature of blabbermouths. Is a blabbermouth a UFO - an Unidentified `(if you don't know the person) Flapping Object (the mouth)? If so, this answers all I have ever wanted to learn about UFOs.

Thanks,

Josh

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Subject: DOI Appeal No. 2003-151 Snowballs Via The

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 14:45:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:21:55 -0400
Subject: Subject: DOI Appeal No. 2003-151 Snowballs Via The

From: Dan Pinchas <DPinchas@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 08:56:28 EDT
Subject: Re: Appeal No. 2003-151
To: osfoia@nbc.gov

TO: Secretary
ATTN: osfoia@nbc.gov
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20240

FROM: Dan Pinchas
Darnestown, Md.

DATE: May 10, 2003

It is my understanding that certain colleagues of researcher-writer Larry W. Bryant have written to the DOI FOIA appeals officer to express their view that your agency should grant Mr. Bryant's appeal No. 2003-151 fully and immediately.

Please add me to that list of fellow citizens who have such high regard for Mr. Bryant's role in, and publication credits with, that body of research known as UFOlogy. In particular, my direct knowledge of that role stems from my several years' editorship of the "ORTK Forum" -- a newsletter published by the now-dormant public-interest group Operation Right to Know. Mr. Bryant's contributions of articles and essays to the Forum mirror what he continues to produce for today's inquiring public. For him to be stymied (financially) by your agency in his selfless pursuit (and dissemination) of UFO-related news, information, and commentary would weaken the spirit of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act, would place a chilling effect on the future of his work, and would deprive the public full access to his expected level of production.

Should you choose to reject his appeal, Mr. Bryant will have my full approval to include this statement within any resultant lawsuit to compel your overdue recognition of his "journalistic" FOIA requester status.

Dan Pinchas

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Re: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 20:02:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:34:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website - Shough

>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 20:18:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website

>>From: Martin Shough <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 10:13:56 +0100
>>Subject: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website

>>CLASSIC CASE NOW ON-LINE

>>The RAF Lakenheath-Bentwaters 'radar visual' incident of 1956
>>has long been regarded as one of the classic cases in the annals
>>of UFOlogy.

>>This is one of the few incidents classified as 'unexplained' by
>>the 1969 Colorado University UFO study commissioned by the US
>>Air Force, which conceded that "the probability that at least
>>one genuine UFO was involved appears to be fairly high."

>>But the true extent and complex nature of the events in East
>>Anglia have never been fully revealed, and divining the truth
>>from a mass of contradictory evidence has confounded even the
>>most dedicated of UFO researchers.

>>Now for the first time in UFOlogical history, a website
>>dedicated to an in-depth re-investigation of a classic case is
>>available on-line at:

>><http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/Lakenheath.htm>

<snip>

>Congratulations on an excellent website Martin. Is there any
>chance of including data on minor Earth tremours, landslips
>quakes etc so these too can be ruled out of the equation.

>Some are thinking that there was a sea coast land slip near or
>at the time causing geomagnetic electrical oddness thereabouts.
>Details of the underlying geophysic to various depths of the
>area may also be very useful and Tidal heights etc.

>Also wondering if the occurence coincides with say an earthquake
>elsewhere on Earth or any other large occurence of any
>description at or near the time.

>Many will no doubt visit the website, including myself, on many
>occasions for what is an excellent read.

Hi Colin,

Thankyou, I think. On behalf of all of us involved, I hope people
will study it and get something of value from it - and put something
of value into it as well. As stated it is an open-ended project and
we know that there's still information out there . . .

Correlating the sightings with earth tremors and tide tables

will I'm afraid not be top of my list, but your joke (it seems to me) conceals a serious point. "Unknowns", per se, are not much use to anybody. To scientists, something that could be anything is as good as nothing. Potentially interesting events are encircled by bottomless moats of maybes that radar meteorologists, say, will only be motivated to step across when that big empty pit of nothings has been filled up.

In approaching a conventional problem a great deal is taken as "understood". The moat is shallow and there are plenty of others planning or building causeways; plenty of camaraderie and rivalry; lots of comfy social structure. Approaching the UFO question means a lonely step out over an abyss.

That's why it's important to try to cover all bases. One needs to be inventive in doing so, too, remembering the John Stuart Mill dictum (wasn't it he?) that an argument is not answered until it's answered at its best. So it isn't a finger-exercise. I'm sure I don't do it with sufficient expertise or authority, but it has to be done. Every time a justifiably sceptical scientist comes to the problem with a question that can't be answered exhaustively in like terms, the encounter will leave a bad taste and he or she is less likely to be back.

Like it or not, a "UFO" is presently only the negative image of all that it isn't, and only by making that negative image as well defined as possible will the true shape of the "core" phenomenon (given that there is one) finally emerge - if not in this case then in others like it that are given "the FBI treatment" (a la Hynek) by investigators as dogged as Dave Clarke.

Cheers

Martin

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rubtsov

From: Vladimir Rubtsov <tolimak@mail.ru>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 23:03:12 +0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:38:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rubtsov

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 18:10:35 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 10:39:53 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

Dear Mr. Rogers,

>Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence.

This thesis sounds good and even poetical... but unfortunately it is wrong. A simple counter-example: can you find a more extraordinary claim than, say, the idea that the electron is both a particle and a wave? And nonetheless, it may be proved with the help of quite "ordinary" - even not too sophisticated - physical experiments. In fact, any scientific claim, however unusual, needs for its acceptance nothing but a normal_scientific_proof_. Otherwise, science could not exist at all. (I realize, of course, that the question whether ufology in general and "abductology" in particular could be considered as "science" in any definite sense of this word remains open at best!)

Warmest regards,

Vladimir Rubtsov, Ph.D.,
Director, Research Institute on Anomalous Phenomena (RIAP)
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Chasing Papers On Andrews AFB's 7/26/02 UFO Chase

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 17:50:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:42:00 -0400
Subject: Chasing Papers On Andrews AFB's 7/26/02 UFO Chase

"Government secrecy for secrecy's sake defrauds and endangers the notion of self-government." -- Larry W. Bryant (April 24, 2003)

The FOIA folks at the FAA (aka the Feign Awareness Agency) have let me know I finally have their attention on the issue of what came a-flyin' through the D.C.-area skies in the wee hours of July 26, 2002. And their slim package of documents that arrived in my mail on May 9, 2003, via CERTIFIED-RETURN-RECEIPT-REQUESTED dispatch (complete with a formal invitation to appeal their partial "no records" determination as to my (aging) FOIA request of Dec. 5, 2002), certainly keeps the UFO-access pot a-boilin' over.

Here are some key excerpts from their two-page cover letter to me of May 2, 2003, penned by FAA Director of Air Traffic Bill G. Peacock, from their Washington headquarters:

"This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA 2003-003766) request dated December 5, 2002. Your request sought documents regarding a UFO incident in the Waldorf, Maryland, area on July 26, 2002. The Air Traffic Planning and Procedures organization is responding to numbers 1, 2, and 4 of your FOIA request.

"We understand that your request has also been assigned to the Federal Aviation's (FAA) Eastern Region (numbers 1, 2, and 4) and the FOIA Program Staff (number 3). These offices will be responding directly to you.

"Number 1 of your request sought all records regarding a July 26, 2002, Waldorf, Maryland, incident that the FAA has shared with the National Institute for Discovery Science.

"Number 4 of your request sought all FAA-United States Air Force interaction/coordination documents relating to the Waldorf, Maryland, incident.

"A records search was conducted in the following offices within the Air Traffic organization: the Special Operations Division, the Investigations and Analysis Branch of the Investigations Division, and the Planning, Information, and Analysis Division. These offices did not find any documents on file pertaining to numbers 1 and 4 of your request.

"Number 2 of your request sought the entire contents of the FAA FOIA case file being maintained regarding the Waldorf, Maryland, incident.

"A search conducted in the Air Traffic's Investigations Division resulted in one FOIA request and appeal from Ms. Joan Woodward. Enclosed are copies of the contents of those files."

In her case of "Be Careful What You Wish for...", Virginia-based researcher Woodward had FOIA'ed the FAA's director of air traffic back on July 31, 2002. Taking their own sweet time to process her request, the agency finally got around to it on Nov. 5, 2002, in the form of a two-page kiss-off letter that declared, in part:

"This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA 2002-7386) request dated July 31, 2002. Your request sought copies of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Form 7230-4, Daily Record of Facility Operations, from three facilities. Your request also sought air traffic other than routine commercial flight (if any) that was tracked by the air route traffic control center in Leesburg, VA, concerning an incident around Andrews Air Force Base, near Washington, DC, on July 26, 2002.

"Enclosed are copies of FAA Form 7230-4 from the following facilities: 1) Washington-Dulles Airport Traffic Control Tower; 2) Ronald Reagan Washington National Approach Control facility; and 3) Andrews Air Force Base Approach Control facility.

"There are no records concerning an unusual air traffic flight on July 26, 2002, in the vicinity of Washington, DC."

Any lay recipient of these FAA-provided forms will find her head a-buzzin' over their contents' telegraphic, abbreviation-laden style of recording operational events and concerns. An excerpt: "[Time] 1145 -- NYG APPROACH & TOWER OPEN; [TIME] 0500 -- NEAD CALLED FOR BRAVE SCRAMBLE WITHIN REDSKIN CAP. DCA BLOCKING FROM 4000MSL."

Nevertheless, Woodward was able to wade through this swamp of computer-generated formese in order to file an appeal of the agency's partial "no records" determination. The third-numbered paragraph of her Dec. 2, 2002, letter reads:

"3. The ADW/Andrews Form 7230-4 is oddly truncated with no listed printout attached. The DCA form shows two scrambles from Andrews at 0500 UTC and at 2112 UTC, and I request a printout of the 'Daily Record of Operation for ADW for 07/26/02' which is not attached to the ADW FAA form 7230-4. In short, I would like to know how many aircraft departed Andrews between 0004 and 0007 UTC."

Again, taking their sweet time to act on Woodward's appeal, the agency, in the person of analyst Tiffany Hodge, forwarded it, on March 5, 2003, to FOIA coordinator Josie M. Clark -- with the following instruction:

"We are remanding the above subject FOIA request to your office for reconsideration. Based on your response letter and the information in Ms. Woodward's request for reconsideration, please have your program office provide an additional search for documents. If no records is still the determination after an additional search, please provide a detailed explanation (i.e., documents destroyed, records retention) to the requester. Please respond directly to Mr. [sic] Woodward. If you have any questions, please let me know."

There, the (revealed) paper trail comes to an end (unless, of course, Woodward has received any worthwhile direct reply from coordinator Clark). As I await the FOIA Program Staff's response to my query number 2 (whereby we might eventually know the final outcome of the Woodward probe), you may wish to add this update to your catalog of UFOIA paper-chase accounts.

Stay tuned.

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Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:11:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:43:16 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - White

>From: Walt Spivey Jr. <MacleodIV@webtv.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 09:24:24 -0400 (EDT)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net (UFO UpDates - Toronto)
>Subject: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

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>Sadly enough, I agree. I am haunted by what happened
>during the War of the Worlds radio broadcasts.

Things are very different today. We've had half a century of frequent UFO sightings, giving ample time for the public to realize that the intentions of the occupants are at least not to stage a huge invasion. We now have about 80% of the population believing that government is withholding information about UFOs, and about 50% believing UFOs are alien craft.

I suggest that humanity is very well equipped to receive the news and take it in stride. In the group of Disclosure Project witnesses, I haven't heard of any of them "freaking out" because they know the truth.

Eleanor White

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Re: 'The Ultimate Alien Agenda' (Review)

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 15:13:56 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:44:28 -0400
Subject: Re: 'The Ultimate Alien Agenda' (Review)

'The Ultimate Alien Agenda' by James Walden

review by Mac Tonnies

"The Ultimate Alien Agenda" is a model study of how not to conduct a study of perceived alien encounters. Frequently approaching self-parody, Walden begins his chronicle by reporting an atypical "bedroom visitation," followed by an account of his plunge into suicidal despair. The aliens, according to Walden, are actually "interdimensional" (although Walden chooses not to tell us what this actually means) and fixated on humans' sex-lives for psychic nourishment (again, this isn't explained, but we're assured it has something to do with "vibrations"; it bears noting that Walden's "career" is psychic channeling).

Halfway through the book, Walden reveals that he's gay. While this would be irrelevant in virtually any other narrative, readers have to wonder if Walden's obviously conflicted sexuality and account of childhood molestation (recounted in detail) have anything to do with his "memories" of being strapped to a medical examination table and forced to ejaculate.

This book is disturbing in that it reveals a genuinely tormented individual who happily places himself in the hands of a hypnosis-happy "abduction researcher" instead of consulting with a mental health professional. The unfortunate result is an unhelpful brew of New Age rumination: Walden realizes he's a repressed alien-human "hybrid"; Walden channels a dinosaur-like "interdimensional" god who revels in memories of his reign in ancient Egypt; Walden recognizes himself as nothing less than an ambassador for a reptilian species who, for reasons unexplained, are relinquishing control of the Earth to a burgeoning population of amnesiac "hybrids."

Rambling, inarticulate and more than a little messiahnic, "The Ultimate Alien Agenda" is one of the most credulous, poorly written books in the genre. And that's no easy feat.

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria** <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 14:43:22 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:33:30 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Yturria

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 02:10:47 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Santiago Yturria <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 13:46:13 EDT
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 03:31:17 -0500
>>>Subject: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>IFOs 101 - Pop Quiz Answer
>>>For those who thought the object was a Mylar balloon,
>>>congratulations - you get an "A".

><snip>

>>I was wondering this: Of all the UFO videos that you have
>>analyzed in your research is there a single video that have
>>proved to you to be an authentic UFO ? That is in the strict
>>sense of the word meaning you discarded it was a bird, balloon,
>>airplane or blimp etc. concluding it was unknown for you ?

>>I have visited your website and I see that you have made an
>>extensive research and therefore I guess you had access to many
>>alleged UFO footages for analysis. So I'm curious about this and
>>will appreciate your comments.

>If I don't know what it is, Santiago, it is unidentified... for
>the moment. I continue to analyze until I find the truth. If
>something is unknown, I never rule out any possible explanation
>including the possibility it was a bird, balloon, airplane,
>blimp, etc.

Amy,

I'm sorry but you didn't answer my question and it's important.
Have you found in your whole research a single UFO video that
you couldn't explain as any known object : balloon, blimp,
airplane, bird, insect etc. And also that it was not FAKED
meaning imposing images, doctored, tampered whatever you may
call it getting to the conclusion that the object presented on
the footage could not be finally explained by you at least not
to your knowledge.

>Santiago, how do you prove something is authentic if you don't
>know what it is?

You didn't get the meaning of my expression Amy. In Ufology we
call a UFO footage authentic or at least legitimate when we
concluded after certain studies and analysis that it was not
faked by a deliberated manipulation. That conclusion doesn't
mean that the object in discussion is finally recognized as a
craft from other world or anything like that. Don't get me

wrong. But once discarded the possibility of a fake and also other possibilities like I mentioned before we say this footage is authentic But the object in question still remains unexplained : a UFO.

I saw in your study only cases of misunderstanding known objects and artifacts as UFOs. But I did'nt see any example of faked UFO videos wich make me think that perhaps you have not made any analysis of this kind yet or maybe you are not interested or whatever.

We the ufologists have to accomplish all the steps of evaluation and analysis when confronting a new UFO video followed by a testimonial. And by a rule one of the first priorities is to establish that the footage is not a hoax or a clever forgery. This will dictate to us that we can trust in the witness. Then we proceed to discard other possibilities like you mentioned balloons etc.

In my work once I performed these steps and confirmed it is an authentic UFO sighting I show the footage to other friend collagues asking their opinions to establish a general criteria. Now returning to my question : Have you found a real UFO video in your reseach ?

I will wait your straight answer to this because I'm very interested to know how you apply your criteria in these studies. But please let's talk straight and clear avoiding the rhetoric.

Thank you,

Santiago.

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:46:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 11:58:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

>From: Vladimir Rubtsov <tolimak@mail.ru>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 23:03:12 +0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 18:10:35 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 10:39:53 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence.

>This thesis sounds good and even poetical... but unfortunately
>it is wrong. A simple counter-example: can you find a more
>extraordinary claim than, say, the idea that the electron is
>both a particle and a wave? And nonetheless, it may be proved
>with the help of quite "ordinary" - even not too sophisticated -
>physical experiments. In fact, any scientific claim, however
>unusual, needs for its acceptance nothing but a
>_normal_scientific_proof_. Otherwise, science could not exist at
>all. (I realize, of course, that the question whether ufology in
>general and "abductology" in particular could be considered as
>"science" in any definite sense of this word remains open at
>best!)

Fair enough. I shall clarify for the list:

The claim that aliens are habitually visiting the earth
(crashing into our deserts, abducting humans, mutilating cattle,
carving crop circles in wheat fields, et al.) requires
extraordinary evidence.

The reason most people are wary of UFOs and Ufology is because
bold statements are being made without a lot of follow-up
evidence. Alien bases on the Moon, Mars, underground, aliens
abducting us, mutilating us and our cattle, are some fairly wild
ideas. Unless you've got the proof to back these things up, I
don't know why anyone would expect me or any other sound person
to believe them.

Because the people who tell such stories seem sincere? Because
they have no reason to lie?

I really hope they have more proof than that. Sadly, they
usually don't.

Ian Rogers

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Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:52:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:00:34 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - Rogers

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:11:00 -0400
>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

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>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net (UFO UpDates - Toronto)
>>Subject: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

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>stage a huge invasion. We now have about 80% of the population
>believing that government is withholding information about UFOs,
>and about 50% believing UFOs are alien craft.

And how do we know that these aliens (assuming they exist) are
not planning to invade us....? This statement is based on what
knowledge?

Ian Rogers

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 20:06:30 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:02:54 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 14:55:36 -0800
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>John, there is another reason.

>The Clementine mission was a joint effort between the BMDO
>(Ballistic Missile Defense Organization) and NASA. They wanted
>to qualify light weight imaging sensors and component
>technologies for the next generation of DoD spacecraft.

Bill, Listers,

How about a more common thought? The BMDO doesn't want to
release the photos because it could tell somebody exactly what
these sensors are capable of seeing/resolving.

>The BMDO mission includes Theater missile defense and National
>missile defense as well as advanced technology development.

>It is possible that this survey of the moon was intended to
>locate possible construction sites for ballistic missile launch
>facilities.

You would have various logistical problems launching ICBMs from
the moon to the earth... better then using precious resources on
that would be to build an orbital platform... ala FOBS.

Cheers,

Robert

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From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 20:29:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:04:29 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 12:46:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>It's all such a tight-knit series of statements that preclude
>any actual "explanations." Usually because they aren't any. Most
>of this stuff you're just supposed to accept with a grain of
>salt ... and if you don't, well, you're just a 'skeptic' -- as
>if being skeptical were a bad thing. Frankly, I think we have
>enough believers in this field. What we need is more people with
>objectivity.

>And I have to ask: AIDS as a laboratory experiment is a popular
>cnsspiracy theory; what evidence do you have that it can all be
>attributed to this one person? Something more than a secret
>government source you can't name, I hope.

AIDS as a laboratory creation:

<http://www.boydgraves.com>
<http://www.tetrahedron.org>

Suppressed cancer treatments:

The Burzynski Breakthrough by Thomas Elias ISBN: 0938530666
<http://www.cancer-coverup.com> (Kathleen Deoul, cesium treatment)

.... for starters, I have to rush off to work at the moment -
I'll send more later.

Eleanor White

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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 20:51:11 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:06:08 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gates

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 17:20:24 -0700
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

<boulder sized brevity snip here>

>>Even then,
>>Ed's failure to recognize the now admitted chalcedony as at
>>least a water-deposited mineral (I could write a lengthy
>>discourse on how it got water-deposited long ago on those New
>>Mexico desert rocks.) does not speak well of his prowess for
>>careful observation.

>Now here's the real problem. There is zero way that this
>material could have been water deposited on this site and on the
>individual rocks on the site-some are three feet apart. Please
>don't write a lengthy discourse. It would be a waste of your
>time because one visit to the site would destroy your efforts.
>Just show me an example of an area three football fields covered
>with agate. A better exercise would be to ask how a craft(UFO)
>could make a deposit of chalcedony of this magnitude.

Hi Ed,

Seeing deposits of various rocks over the years in various areas doesn't raise a red flag on this one. One area I know has obsidian scattered in an area about two football fields. Either side and up and down has no trace. Doesn't mean ET crashed, just where the stuff was on the surface. I would suspect if time was spent in the area you would find exactly where this chalcedony deposit came from, whether underground or somewhere in the vicinity.

That being said what exactly was the time line on the cameraman drawings? As I recall the cameraman released some crude drawings that were verified by some researchers on the ground. Somebody took pictures of the site and the cameraman fingered those pictures as the location, then Ray released the enhanced site drawings.

The upshot on the cameraman was that he lived in Florida, was 86 years old or thereabouts in the mid 90s, had filmed Elvis at an outdoor concert when the Universal camera people were on strike (but not to be confused with some other camera guy who filmed elvis) had polio or some disease in one of his legs, and had actually talked to Phillip Mantle and others on the phone, although no independent researchers have apparently "actually" met him. This short paragraph for those who may not recall.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: UFOs In Africa? - Cammack

From: Diana Cammack <cammack@mweb.co.za>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 16:30:21 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:09:11 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs In Africa? - Cammack

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 13:01:01 -0300
>Subject: UFOs In Africa?

>I am asking your help once more.

>I am looking for cases reported on the African continent. All
>countries in Africa.

>If you could help me, I will appreciate it.

The books to get are those by the late Cynthia Hind, who lived in Harare, Zimbabwe. She catalogued a number of good cases. She also produced a monthly newsletter.

There was also a young man in Tanzania who wrote to us last year, looking for Africa UFO info, and he may have collected some new info.

Good Luck!

Diana Cammack
Cape Town

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>authentic UFO sighting I show the footage to other friend
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I have found _potential_ UFO footage but it remains thus pending
further study.

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>interested to know how you apply your criteria in these studies.
>But please let's talk straight and clear avoiding the rhetoric.

I _am_ talking straight, Santiago. I'm just not saying what you
want me to say. Take it or leave it.

A. Hebert

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 23:57:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:22:15 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Velez

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 13:59:09 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 03:31:17 -0500
>>Subject: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>IFOs 101 - Pop Quiz Answer

>>For those who thought the object was a Mylar balloon,
>>congratulations - you get an "A".

<snip>

Hi Amy, All,

Your response to my post gets a bit 'personal' in places. Although I'd much rather discuss 'UFO' related issues, I find that I have to deal with your unwarranted sniping.

Oh well... ;)

>>They were found to be 'genuine unknowns.' ie; not mylar balloons, birds, airplanes or out of focus pie plates etc. For >>years I had the material posted on the web both at the old >>Intruders Foundation website (along with a photocopy of Jeff >>Saino's report) and also at Tommy King's old OMNI video archive >>website. List veterans such as Bill Hamilton, Tom King, Ray >>Sanford (and a couple of others that have posted in the past,) >>have all been capturing anomalous aerial objects (on video >>and film) for many years.

>John, how does one define a "genuine unknown"?

'Unknown' in this instance means; not a balloon, airplane, bird or any of the other ordinary things/objects that are usually seen in the sky. A "UFO". As in; unidentified flying object.

>How can anyone say what something is not if they don't even >know what it is? If it's unknown,

Through a simple process of elimination, Amy. For example; 'if' the image of the recorded object is clear enough to allow it, any observer will be able to tell if the object doesn't have engines, propellers or wings. That being the case, it's safe to eliminate 'airplane' as an explanation. Ditto the process for eliminating birds, balloons, hub caps etc as an explanation. On video it is possible to observe unusual or anomalous flight characteristics. Add freak flight characteristics to an image of an 'unknown' flying object and you have a "genuine unknown."

A _U.F.O._

>It's either known or unknown, identified or unidentified. You can >have it both ways.

I 'assume' that you meant to say; "I (can't) have it both ways."

Of course it is either 'known' or 'unknown.' You state the obvious. My pictures and video footage was submitted for analysis by experts. (Not self-taught amateurs, - no offense.) They found that the material I submitted depicted an 'unknown' (unidentified) aerial object. They arrived at that conclusion by systematically eliminating as many ordinary/prosaic objects as they could. No one called them 'spaceships' or claimed they were from 'another world.' What they said was; the objects captured on film or video represented objects that were 'there' and which could not be identified as anything 'known'. Ergo, 'unknown.'

You seem to be having some difficulty with the whole concept of an 'unknown/unidentified' flying object.' Or, unidentified aerial object, which ever term(s) you prefer. Also, it hasn't escaped my notice and that of others, that you haven't given Santiago a 'straight' answer to any of his straight forward/simple questions.

Amy, nobody is saying that the objects (as recorded,) are 'space-ships' or from 'other worlds.' So I don't quite understand your evasiveness (answering questions with questions) or what your difficulty is with understanding what is meant by our use of the term 'unknown.'

I wrote:

>>You need to 'balance' your lesson with material that has not
>>been faked or recorded intentionally out of focus in order to
>>deceive.

You respond:

>John, nothing has been faked. It's kinda hard to "fake" a Mylar
>balloon while at the same time clearly identifying it as such.

Again, I 'assume' that you are compiling a set of pictures and video of "known" (identified) flying objects in order to be able to tell them apart from objects which cannot be identified. ie; 'UFOs.' Or else why go through all the trouble!

If the purpose of your pictures is to use them in 'comparison' to pictures of an 'unknown' flying object, then your pictures are of a 'fake' UFO' A picture to be compared to other pictures of 'UFOs' as we use the term to describe a 'genuine unknown/unidentified' aerial object.

You are 'defensive' in your responses. Nobody is calling you a faker or deceptive. I was merely 'identifying' your pictures for what they are... depictions of 'fake' UFOs. You challenge people to identify your pix, Amy. There has to be some reason for that. Your pix are intended to be compared to existing photos/video of objects that have been identified as 'unknown'. You have demonstrated that you have a problem understanding what is meant by the term when I or some other List member has used it. Instead of responding directly to what is being said/asked you answer our questions or comments with more questions. A 'question' is not an answer.

>And nothing has been recorded intentionally out of focus in an
>effort to deceive. I aim the camera and let it run to see how it
>operates under certain conditions. If the image becomes blurred,
>I study the causes.

Gee, you must be trying to 'prove' something.

Amy, a disgruntled former believer does not an honest or good skeptic make. When some folks find out that they were fooled or deceived, the shame and anger they feel causes them to bounce to the position which stands in complete polar opposition to where they started out from. That is basically what happened with you. You got snookered/fooled by a couple of people, you disappeared for awhile, and then you returned as a 'born again' skeptic. And a fierce one at that. You took the strength and energy of your initial 'belief' and put a new dress on it. From 'believer' to 'skeptic.'

You still 'believe' only it's now in the opposite of what it used

to be. Just remember the old saying:

"You can put all the lipstick and make-up you want to on a hog and it will still be a hog." (Unless you've had a few drinks. In which case the pig will look gorgeous!)

>I do not deceive, I fight deception. What do you do?

What are you implying I do?

Cheap shot, Amy. You swipe at me. Did I hit a nerve? I didn't mean to. I was merely trying to ascertain if you were going to include any images of "UFOs" among the many 'known' ones you are using to quiz/educate list members with.

>>Contact Tommy King or Bruce Maccabee privately and ask them for
>>their permission to use some examples of the many
>>genuinely anomalous aerial objects that they have archived at
>>their respective web sites.

>I've already contacted both gentlemen.

Excellent!

>>Otherwise, this whole exercise is a 'one-sided' lesson.

>Only to those who lack depth perception. ;>

No, to anyone who wishes to learn how to tell the difference between images of 'known' objects and unidentified/unknown ones.

'Wink' backatcha.

John Velez

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Re: Is Someone There? - Cammack

From: Diana Cammack <cammack@mweb.co.za>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 21:22:42 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:38:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Someone There? - Cammack

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 09:15:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: Is Someone There?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 04:50:02 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Is Someone There?

>>>Source: The Coloradoan - Fort Collins, Colorado

>>><http://www.coloradoan.com/news/stories/20030504/lifestyle/240494.html>

>>>Sunday, May 4, 2003

>>>Is someone there?

>><snip>

>>>>At least twice, Romanek has awakened with rows and rows of
>>>equations he has written spread out in front of him.
>>>Mathematicians have said that the equations have to do with
>>>high-level concepts in quantum physics such as wormholes, zero
>>>point energy and element 115, Romanek said.

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>

>>Hello Stan, list:

>>I hope Stan Romanek was not misquoted here. Newspapers are famous
>>for enhancing stories, but this is important.

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>>man came up with. Can anyone expand on that? Did Stan write them
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>As I recall from the video, only two qualified people in the
>field gave their interpretations of the equations (in the video,
>anyway), one of them being Jack Kasher,
>physicist/astronomer/ufologist from U Nebraska at Omaha. They
>made sense out of most of the symbology. For example, the fine
>structure constant was involved, which Romanek shouldn't have
>known about with his non-physics background.

Why not get a peer reviewed journal, such as Jrnl Scientific
Exploration, to produce the equations and get input from
specialists about their validity and implications? Why confine
them to two people?

Diana Cammack

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Larry Bryant's Journalistic Status

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 00:47:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:32:40 -0400
Subject: Larry Bryant's Journalistic Status

TO: Mr. William W. Wolf
U.S. Department of the Interior
FOIA Appeals Officer
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

SUBJECT: The Journalistic Status of Mr. Larry W. Bryant

FROM: Jess E. Stewart
President, Woodford Memorial Editions, Inc.
P.O. Box 55085
Seattle, WA 98155

DATE: 07 May 2003

Yes, I wholeheartedly support Mr. Larry W. Bryant's (2003--151) appeal to be classified as a bona fide free-lance journalist. He has contributed five times to my Woodford Memorial publishing company by giving us an authoritative piece as introduction of five of our books. Mr. Bryant, being the Administrator of the Woodford estate, further documented his introductions. Not only that, Mr. Bryant rescued from oblivion the last book manuscript of Jack Woodford and sent it to me.

I understand that Mr. Bryant wrote to you for the purpose of acquiring a records-search-fee waiver. If there seems to be some question as to Mr. Bryant's being a bona fide free lance writer, I have known him as such for twenty-seven years. I can tell you that in 1976 we negotiated about getting that last book mss of Woodford's published, which in due time was made ready for the trade. At that time, Mr. Bryant referred me to one of his articles in a national magazine.

I can supply copies of our books that have the writings of Mr. Bryant, with the exception of the letters book, which has long been out of print, if you so desire:

"Jack Woodford on Writing"; "Trial and Error"; "How to Make Your Friends and Murder Your Enemies"; "My Years with Capone."

In the 1990s I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bryant out here in Seattle, and we met previous to that in Washington, DC when he helped me get a photo of Woodford's last typewriter.

I hope the above helps to convince you that Mr. Bryant is who he says he is.

Sincerely,

Jess E. Stewart

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Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 07:10:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:43:19 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - Kaeser

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:11:00 -0400
>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

<snip>

>Things are very different today. We've had half a century of
>frequent UFO sightings, giving ample time for the public to
>realize that the intentions of the occupants are at least not to
>stage a huge invasion. We now have about 80% of the population
>believing that government is withholding information about UFOs,
>and about 50% believing UFOs are alien craft.

Eleanor-

Where do these percentages come from? I hope they're not simple
extrapolations from the rather old "Roper" poll taken a few
years back. Polling and statistics can often be utilized to
one's advantage, so the provenance of such claims should always
be fully disclosed to carry much weight. Unfortunately, "stats"
have come to take on a life of their own on the Internet.

Steve

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Re: Is Someone There? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 04:23:59 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:45:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Someone There? - Hatch

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
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>>do with the highly Lazaresque Element 115?
>>....

>Larry,

>It was more physics than math, I'd say. There's an excellent
>video on Romanek's experiences, made, I think, at the Laughlin
>conference a few months ago. It's been a month since I viewed
>much of it, though.

>As I recall from the video, only two qualified people in the
>field gave their interpretations of the equations (in the video,
>anyway), one of them being Jack Kasher,

>physicist/astronomer/ufologist from U Nebraska at Omaha. They
>made sense out of most of the symbology. For example, the fine
>structure constant was involved, which Romanek shouldn't have
>known about with his non-physics background.

>Of course, it needn't have made entire sense, since the UFO
>aliens involved could have fed him as much gobble-de-gook as
>they wished.

>There were two different and independent video tapes taken of
>the UFOs that appeared in the vicinity (Red Rocks, CO) shortly
>before Romanek had one of his (abduction?) experiences, as I
>recall. Perhaps others who have the Laughlin Romanek video on
>hand can amplify or correct this.

Hello Jim:

Perhaps it was this video that suggested scientific involvement.

Its quite a stretch to start with Jack Kasher, with his well
known interest in UFOs, and to wind up with "All the top
scientists"... and then onward to mathematicians with element
115 theories.

Maybe Bob Lazar can name the mathematicians.

Best

- Larry

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 04:09:57 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:41:43 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 08:53:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 03:24:23 -0700
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>Browsing for "clementine mission" + "missing images" and found
>>several sites including this one:

>><http://astrogeology.usgs.gov/Projects/Clementine/nasaclem/archiv/e/arcsis.html>

>>Scanning that site for "missing images" I found some interesting
>>file names like:

>>MISSINDEX.TAB - Table of missing images. Image file names
>>in this directory were lost during the active flight projects
>>due to a variety of problems including: images not properly
>>transmitted to Earth, image files lost between ground
>>receiving station and mission operations center. Images
>>listed in this directory can not be recovered.

>>MISSINDEX.LBL - Detached PDS label that describes the
>>MISSINDEX.TAB file.
>>MISSINDEX.HDR - Header file used for spread sheet
>>applications for the missing image index file. This file
>>contains a single line that gives heading names to each row
>>in the missing image index file.
>>Maybe a good browse for just those names might turn something
>>up.

>>I tried the first one MISSINDEX.TAB and only turned up a few
>>sites. This is one of them, describing a CD-ROM of the archived
>>images:

>><http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/clemcdinfo.html>

>>I looks like an older document (1990s) but maybe the CD-ROM is
>>still available somewhere.

>Hi Larry, list

>You might be able to get a copy from the addresses provided on
>the above webpage.

>The PDS Imaging Node
>Branch of Astrogeology
>United States Geological Survey
>2255 North Gemini Drive
>Flagstaff, AZ 86002
>e-mail: eeliason@sirius.wr.usgs.gov
>
>Telephone: (602) 556-7113

>or

>PDS NAIF Node
>MS 301-125L
>Jet Propulsion Laboratory
>California Institute of Technology
>4800 Oak Grove Drive
>Pasadena, CA 91109
>Internet e-mail: cacton@naif.jpl.nasa.gov
>Telephone: (818) 354-3869

Hi Terry:

I'm not personally pursuing this matter, but somebody suggesting a conspiracy might want to.

It would be interesting to see just what the majority of missing images were supposed to be... the lunar far-side, or a random mixture of different places and things. A breakdown of numbers might be useful:

As in number and percentage of missing images of:

- a) Lunar front-side (visible from Earth)
- b) Lunar backside (not seen from Earth)
- c) Lunar polar areas poorly seen from here.
- d) Attempted shots of Earth from lunar orbit.
- e) All others. (space, other planets etc.)

I suppose that's asking a lot, but at least we could compare the totals above to the 23,000 lost images mentioned earlier.

Best

- Larry

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 16:23:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:53:26 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 08 May 2003 18:01:18 -0400
>Subject: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>Can anyone explain why any photos of the surface of other worlds
>should be classified? Particularly if NASA's mission is
>ostensibly the exploration of space, rather than military
>operations?

Would Ms. White describe for the group the nature of the evidence she is persuaded by, that this claim has any validity, or isn't just something made up again to excite the gullible? In particular, can she - or anyone -- cite any responses from scientific groups charged with archiving and distributing all planetary surface imagery, such as the Lunar and Planetary Science Institute in Houston? I would respect their expressed evaluation of this allegation - but without backup, I wouldn't do the same for Ms. White's.

>From: John <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 14:19:47 --
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? --
>From: Mac Tonnies macbot@yahoo.com

>But... for crying out loud, what the hell can there be on the
>'moon' that needs to be kept "secret?" To be kept from public
>view or scrutiny? It's insane! Nope, the only reason that the
>military would have for keeping thousands of photos from us,
>the public, that were taken of the of the dark-side of the moon
>is; if there was something 'threatening,' either to them, the
>military, the public, clearly visible and unmistakable, sitting
>there for all to see on the surface of the moon. There is no
>other plausible explanation for their keeping moon photos
>sequestered and secret. Yo, Mr. Oberg, what do you know about
>the closeted Clementine photographic material? What's the
>'party-line' on that one? :)

If Mr. Velez really wanted to know - and I have long ago concluded he doesn't really - he would ask the experts (and tell us what he found out), not drop it in my lap and blame me for his self-imposed ignorance.

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 14:55:36 --
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? --

>From: John <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>

>The Clementine mission was a joint effort between the BMDO
>(Ballistic Missile Defense Organization) and NASA. They wanted
>to qualify light weight imaging sensors and component
>technologies for the next generation of DoD spacecraft. The BMDO
>mission includes Theater missile defense and National missile
>defense as well as advanced technology development. It is

>possible that this survey of the moon was intended to locate
>possible construction sites for ballistic missile launch
>facilities. --

Bill,

No, it (lunar basing for military missiles) is not a 'possible' explanation - that's something silly out of a 1950's comic book, or from wild non-expert ravings at the dawn of the Space Age, not anything ever seriously considered in the past several decades by anybody familiar with space technology (as far as I'm aware).

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Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@charter.net>
Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 08:36:18 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 13:01:46 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - McCoy

>From: Walt Spivey Jr. <MacleodIV@webtv.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 09:24:24 -0400 (EDT)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net (UFO UpDates - Toronto)
>Subject: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>Greetings Fellow Listers,

>I'd like to take a moment to toss in my two cents worth on the
>subject of why the U.S. Government won't ever be more
>forthcoming with UFO-related information.

>snip<

>North Carolina, too many people would respond to a stranded
>motorist knocking on their door at 2:00a.m. with a shotgun
>muzzle, rather than a gas can.

I honestly disagree with that assertion, I really think we have a big problem with the scientific community, I know a few fundamentalist Darwinists that would take a pot shot at Klaatuu or Gort, just because their paradigm, It's all about us! has just been shattered (just like the 12ga. that just melted by a very P.O.ed Gort.)

I also know that things have changed in this country since 1939, one, there is a popular hero, Mr. Spock, who is not of this Earth. Also, look at E.T., Close encounters, Star Wars, et.al. I don't think the majority of folks would be overtly alarmed by a friendly presence of aliens.-even Christians. I know more than a few ah, fundamentalist types who are real Star Trek fans. Fully capable of "Grasping the Concept."

I also know that while one might greet a stranger at 2 am. with a Shot gun, I have by the way, due to this guy setting in my driveway with the lights off and not responding to "Can I help you? other than a profanity, that's when the receiver slams (loudly) shut on the 'ol Browning. Amazing. the lights work, motor too. This is not uncommon in rural southern Oregon which is a lot like oh, North Carolina.

There is a difference with defending your home and being simply hostile. There are parts of Portland, Oregon that I wouldn't go at 11pm, let alone 2am.

>I do not like the way things are. I'm 36, and unless a UFO
>literally lands at the White House, or the Super Bowl, I will
>die never having received the truth from my own government.
>Before you disagree or dismiss this opinion out-of-hand, count
>how many people you know, whom you believe to be a few
>sandwiches short of a full picnic, that own shotguns. Now
>visualize those same people's response when told the truth to
>end all truths!

Some of those sandwich-shy folks own cars, which is in the hands of someone like a former wife of a friend of mine can be as deadly as a Browning Automatic.

>It really isn't a question of whether our government wants to
>tell us the truth, by and large, America can't handle the

>truth...

I think that the Gummit doesn't know how to handle the truth, and that is the problem. I used to fight forest fires for a living, and when you get to a big project fire, with several agencies involved, the prime objective is to keep it going, er, to make sure that confusion is the order of day so you can get more Overhead (management) involved in the non-decision making process.

Sorry I'm cynical, but I really think that the lack of real, true, forthcoming information about UFOs is due to: Ineptitude, lack of fortitude, just simply getting the left hand on the lid of the jar while the right hand is holding it - and trying to figure out whether to turn the jar or the lid.

I'm 50 something, myself and an experimenter, too. I have worked for (under contract) for the whole alphabet -oup of government agencies. While there are good people there, there are some real incompetents. Most concerned with keeping their empires going. I firmly believe it is as much as keeping your job, as anything.

GT McCoy

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Dabrowski

From: Andrew Dabrowski <dabrowsa@indiana.edu>
Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 11:07:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 13:05:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Dabrowski

>From: Vladimir Rubtsov <tolimak@mail.ru>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 23:03:12 +0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 18:10:35 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 10:39:53 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence.

>This thesis sounds good and even poetical... but unfortunately
>it is wrong. A simple counter-example: can you find a more
>extraordinary claim than, say, the idea that the electron is
>both a particle and a wave? And nonetheless, it may be proved
>with the help of quite "ordinary" - even not too sophisticated -
>physical experiments. In fact, any scientific claim, however
>unusual, needs for its acceptance nothing but a
>_normal_scientific_proof_. Otherwise, science could not exist at
>all.

It depends on what you mean by "extraordinary". Particle-wave duality would never have been accepted on the basis of a single instance of an experiment. It was only accepted because the experiments could be replicated at will by any competent lab under controlled conditions. In the wider perspective of human ignorance and impotence that *is* an extraordinary level of evidence. Certainly the claims made earlier in this thread have no comparable support.

Andrew Dabrowski

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Deconstructing Reality - Jones

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 13:07:43 -0400
Subject: Deconstructing Reality - Jones

Deconstructing Reality

Or

All quiet on the Western Front, only there is no Western Front in Ufology is there.

Several people have commented on how "quiet" Ufology is at the moment, both here on the List and elsewhere. But are sightings down? Are UFOs not visiting this pleasant green & blue planet at the moment, have they done enough probes?

When I joined this List some six years ago the TV series "The X Files" was in it's hey day, "Dark Skies" had you believe in government conspiracies, ID4, Independence Day had you believe that aliens where about to invade this fertile planet. Public awareness was at its dizzy height regarding interest in UFOs.

So were the "extra" sightings down to actual sightings of more UFOs or was it just more people reporting seeing UFOs, or was it a bit of both?

It is clear in my mind that with heightened public awareness, increased "acceptance" of being able to report sightings free of ridicule, more genuine sightings did indeed get reported. But I also think a lot more dross was put out than genuine sighting reports. So was the "explosion" of reports only due in part to it being "the latest fad" or was there more sighting reports than ever?

UFO historians will tell you that sighting reports wax & wane. With the advent of programs on TV, film & the explosion of the Internet in the late nineties the public at large had reason to think more about UFOs than ever. I wonder if you check out films & programs how many more where made during this time of "enlightenment" than "normal". So how many of these extra sighting reports are the golden nuggets that we continually look for?

In all honesty I really couldn't tell you. But what I am confident of, with this quiet period of sighting reports, there is a lot less dross. So perhaps we should not be "complaining" about the lack of sightings, but be thankful about the reduced amount of dross.

Just for my thoughts for the lazy Sunday afternoon.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.
Sean Jones
<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 09:48:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:35:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website - Stevenson

>From: Martin Shough <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 20:02:23 +0100
>Subject: Re: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website

>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 8 May 2003 20:18:29 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Lakenheath-Bentwaters Website

<snip>

>Hi Colin,

>Thankyou, I think. On behalf of all of us involved, I hope
>people will study it and get something of value from it - and
>put something of value into it as well. As stated it is an
>open-ended project and we know that there's still information
>out there.....

>Correlating the sightings with earth tremors and tide tables
>will I'm afraid not be top of my list, but your joke (it seems
>to me) conceals a serious point. "Unknowns", per se, are not
>much use to anybody. To scientists, something that could be
>anything is as good as nothing. Potentially interesting events
>are encircled by bottomless moats of maybes that radar
>meteorologists, say, will only be motivated to step across when
>that big empty pit of nothings has been filled up.

>In approaching a conventional problem a great deal is taken as
>"understood". The moat is shallow and there are plenty of others
>planning or building causeways; plenty of camaraderie and
>rivalry; lots of comfy social structure. Approaching the UFO
>question means a lonely step out over an abyss.

>That's why it's important to try to cover all bases. One needs
>to be inventive in doing so, too, remembering the John Stuart
>Mill dictum (wasn't it he?) that an argument is not answered
>until it's answered at its best. So it isn't a finger-exercise.
>I'm sure I don't do it with sufficient expertise or authority,
>but it has to be done. Every time a justifiably sceptical
>scientist comes to the problem with a question that can't be
>answered exhaustively in like terms, the encounter will leave a
>bad taste and he or she is less likely to be back.

>Like it or not, a "UFO" is presently only the negative image of
>all that it isn't, and only by making that negative image as
>well defined as possible will the true shape of the "core"
>phenomenon (given that there is one) finally emerge - if not in
>this case then in others like it that are given "the FBI
>treatment" (a la Hynek) by investigators as dogged as Dave
>Clarke.

Hello again Martin and List

thankyou for your reply. You do know, of course, that
considerable research of Earthlights has been executed in
Finland. These Earthlights do show on radar and can be

associated with ground movement/tremour/slip and Earthquakes.

You must also be aware that the 1950's type radar has been upgraded to omit some false readings.

I also realise that the occurrences could in actual fact be ET craft, from research in other areas, so my post was not an effort of de bunk or leading to one, neither was it a joke.

Over the years there has been quite a lot of unknown activity near the East Coast and over the UK North Sea which still has not been explained in full detail. Some theorists say the seabed there is unstable with, as you may be aware, shifting mud banks and unstable seacoast cliffs etc.

Over the years it seems to me that UFO's seem to occur before land slips and earthquakes and I wonder if ET is very interested in these or use them in some way or if the UFO's themselves are merely earthlights misconstrued by the observer or a combination of the three.

Having seen both earthlights and UFO's in my area both of which have shown on radar I can understand why the military and ordinary folk mix the two and respond to both in a similar manner.

Kind regards,

col

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Re: UFOs In Africa? - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 11:32:19 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 13:09:15 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs In Africa? - Hatch

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 13:01:01 -0300
>Subject: UFOs In Africa?

>I am asking your help once more.

>I am looking for cases reported on the African continent. All
>countries in Africa.

>If you could help me, I will appreciate it.

Hello Thiago:

Africa is an awfully big continent with many countries. Could you possibly narrow down your search a bit? The North African scene is entirely different from the South.

Some countries have no reports at all that I know of. Is there some time frame, certain years/decades you are more interested in?

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:02:15 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 13:13:00 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 10:43:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 03:24:23 -0700
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>>Did the world of science object to this? Its hard to imagine
>>them not screaming their heads off.

>Hi Larry -

>The world of science remained silent when through-the-wall radar
>began to come available to anyone who has the cash, or when Dr.
>Stanislaw Burzynski's cancer breakthrough was squelched via
>government harassment, or when a Toronto doctor found that
>standard treatment for brucellosis also cures multiple sclerosis
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>was a laboratory creation by Dr. Boyd Graves (JD - lawyer), or
>full disclosure of all aspects of the MKULTRA programs including
>child torture, or the disclosure of the medical histories of the
>school shooters and their histories of ties to government
>facilities, or the Tuskegee no-treatment syphilis experiments
>which continued into the 1970s, and on and on.

>In fact, it's a tough job to find any punishment at all when
>crimes are committed "in the name of science".

>So no, I'm not surprised that scientists are not screaming their
>heads off about classified photos paid for by taxpayers.

Hello Eleanor:

You have quite a plateful of goodies here.

Thru-the-wall radar, possibly something of a misnomer, does
indeed exist. Sub millimeter radar can indeed penetrate small
distances through low-density materials.

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

Its a favorite of the 'mind-control' paranoia websites.

As for Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski, there is a nice article about
his fake Ph.D and his antiplasmion cancer cures on the QuackWatch
website:

<http://www.quackwatch.org/01QuackeryRelatedTopics/Cancer/burzynski1.html>

The Polish medical school he attended did not offer doctorates
at the time [chuckle!]

The following link was probably much more sympathetic: "Hero of the Month" etc. The Google blurb reads:

"The case was Criminal Number H-95-290, United States of America Plaintiff, vs. Stanislaw Burzynski, MD and The Burzynski Research Institute, Inc., Defendants .. "

Sadly the link is dead. http://askwaltstollmd.com/body_burz.html

Lets see, who's next..... Oh! the Toronto doctor ordered to never use his novel cure for Multiple Sclerosis. You didn't give his name.

Then there is Dr. Boyd Graves (JD - lawyer), who invented AIDS in his laboratory. I never knew a lawyer who could run a hand drill properly, let alone a bioengineering lab. Does none of this seem unlikely to you? It sounds like the Weekly World News to me.

I need not go on with the rest. Tuskeegie was a well known scandal, it gets beat up regularly, as it should be.

MKULKTRA?

What I see here is a classic case of late-night-talkshowitis.

Listeners are supposed to enjoy the tall tales, and of course buy the products advertised (instant youth in a bottle etc.) Its sad really, but some part of the audience actually believes the stories!

Amazing.

- Larry Hatch

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'Frank M'?

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Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 12:12:51 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 13:35:08 -0400
Subject: 'Frank M'?

Hello All,

Do you know something about the abduction of a man called 'Frank M'?

Here in Brazil we saw promo of a TV program about this case. The researchers are Bruce Maccabee and Budd Hopkins.

Regards

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Secrecy News -- 05/12/03

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Subject: Secrecy News -- 05/12/03

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** SHUTTLE ACCIDENT BOARD ERODES OPEN MEETING LAW
** SSCI REPORT ON INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION

SHUTTLE ACCIDENT BOARD ERODES OPEN MEETING LAW

The five non-governmental members of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board that is reviewing the February 1 space shuttle accident have all been hired as NASA employees, thereby enabling the Board to evade the open meeting requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

"If the civilians had not been hired by NASA, a federal law would have required the investigating board to meet publicly, justify any closed-door sessions and keep transcripts and minutes that would ultimately become public records," according to an astonishing story in the Orlando Sentinel, which first reported that the private board members were now NASA employees.

See "Civilian Members of Shuttle Investigation Board are on NASA Payroll," by Kevin Spear, Jim Leusner and Gwyneth K. Shaw, Orlando Sentinel, May 11, reprinted here:

<http://www.centredaily.com/mld/centredaily/news/5833525.htm>

Members of the Board took umbrage at the implication that their independence had been called into question by the disclosure that they are now NASA employees.

It's "hogwash," Admiral Hal Gehman, the Board chair, told the Washington Post (referring to my comments in particular). "I don't feel compromised," said John M. Logsdon of the George Washington University Space Policy Institute. "I do not compromise my independence in any way," said MIT professor Sheila Widnall.

"This is a pretty independent-minded and stubborn group of people on this Board," said former astronaut Sally Ride in the Orlando Sentinel, "so the investigation won't be compromised."

The issue, however, is not the personal integrity of the Board members nor the fact that they are getting paid for performing a difficult and thankless task. At issue, rather, is the principle of openness in government advisory panels and especially in accident investigations.

To the extent that it has embraced secrecy, the Board has excluded all of the journalists, aerospace professionals and other interested members of the public who might have been able to provide helpful feedback during the course of the investigative process.

But what is worse is that the Board members have lent their

considerable prestige to the notion that incidents like the Columbia disaster cannot be effectively investigated in public.

Admiral Gehman last week went so far as to promise that transcripts of confidential Board interviews "are never going to see the light of day."

This is a stunning and disappointing retreat from the practice of the 1986 presidential commission on the Challenger accident, where officials were questioned in public and under oath -- to great effect.

"Secret testimony is bullshit in an accident investigation," Robert Hotz, a member of the Challenger commission, told the Orlando Sentinel.

For all of their declared integrity and independent-mindedness, the Columbia Board members have now made it more difficult to uphold the Federal Advisory Committee Act. They have made it more likely that the next NASA accident review will also be held behind closed doors. They have reinforced the disastrous idea that honest investigations and other official deliberations cannot be sustained under public scrutiny.

See "Shuttle Panel Neutrality a Concern" by Eric Pianin, Washington Post, May 12:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A42871-2003May11.html>

The web site of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board is here:

<http://www.caib.us/>

SSCI REPORT ON INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) had a little to say about a lot of things in its new report on the intelligence authorization act for fiscal year 2004, published late last week.

The Committee recalled its futile effort to criminalize all "leaks" of classified information (a measure fiercely opposed by civil liberties and media organizations and vetoed by President Clinton in 2000) and asked the Administration to revisit the issue yet again:

"Understanding that such a broad [anti-leak statute] measure still appears to lack political support... the Committee wishes to encourage the Executive Branch to adopt a new and more aggressive approach to leak issues. The Committee recommends that the U.S. Government consider the workability of aggressive criminal and civil enforcement, even civil compensatory remedies (e.g., liquidated damages)."

The SSCI report authorizes funds for research "leading to the development of alternatives to the polygraph as a security evaluation tool for the U.S. Government."

The Committee requests reports on intelligence community data mining capabilities, security clearance procedures, and intelligence lessons learned from the war in Iraq.

The report asks the executive branch to review the executive order on classification policy and to consider potential changes to the order "to facilitate information sharing and data access across the Intelligence Community."

The Committee directs the National Security Agency to develop a pilot program that would permit analysts in other intelligence agencies "to obtain access to and analyze data collected and held by NSA, while retaining appropriate handling safeguards."

And the Committee incorporates the proposed Freedom of Information Act exemption for "operational files" of the National Security Agency, a proposal that also appears in the pending Defense Authorization Act.

These and many other notable provisions can be found in the SSCI

Report on the Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2004, Senate Report 108-44, dated May 8, here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_rpt/srpt108-44.html

The Intelligence Authorization Act (S. 1025) itself, as marked up by the Committee, may be found here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s1025.html

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Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 12:46:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 10:43:03 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

Eleanor White's original:

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>>shooters and their histories of ties to government facilities, or
>>the Tuskegee no-treatment syphilis experiments which continued
>>into the 1970s, and on and on.

<snip>

Ian Rogers responds:

>One Toronto doctor doing that treatment being allegedly threatened
>doesn't stop others from doing it, would it? Or are doctors all over the
>globe being silenced? (I have never bought the whole "government
>silencing witnesses" bit. Don't you think they'd realize by now that it
>never works? People who claim to have been silenced by the FBI, CIA,
>NSA, whatever, invariably blab about their "experience" anyway. Which
>makes these people either very stupid or not at all worried about
>reprisals from govt. hitmen!)

Eleanor answers Ian:

The multiple sclerosis treatment by way of treating for
brucellosis was actually halted by the governing body for
doctors, I believe the Ontario College of Physicians and
Surgeons who control licensing for the government. I'm going to
try to find out why doctors outside Ontario have not tried this.
That is a very good point.

I certainly agree that some do "blab" and get away with it, but
they are more likely motivated by conscience than stupid. Some
things are so important that when you know about a greivous
crime, you don't perceive any choice but to blab anyway.

The suppressed cancer breakthrough by Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski is
documented in this book:

The Burzynski Breakthrough by Thomas Elias
ISBN: 0938530666

In an on air interview with the author he stated this case is very blatant harassment by government and that the book contains actual documents to show this. Dr. Burzynski was taken to court a number of times.

Ian Rogers again:

>It's all such a tight-knit series of statements that preclude
>any actual "explanations." Usually because they aren't any. Most
>of this stuff you're just supposed to accept with a grain of
>salt ... and if you don't, well, you're just a 'skeptic' -- as
>if being skeptical were a bad thing. Frankly, I think we have
>enough believers in this field. What we need is more people with
>objectivity.

Eleanor answers Ian:

My purpose in listing these as-yet not fully exposed crimes, and there are plenty more by the way, is to show that a UFO cover up is not a freak occurrence - that cover up is historical and current practice in government and in quasi-government bodies, like medical licensing boards.

I'm not saying don't be skeptical, rather, I'm saying step back from UFOs and see that there are cover ups going on all the time in many different fields. When you do that, the likelihood of a UFO cover up increases quite a bit.

The more people who realize cover up is a current problem, the more pressure can be applied to get both UFO matters and these other serious crimes disclosed.

>And I have to ask: AIDS as a laboratory experiment is a popular
>conspiracy theory; what evidence do you have that it can all be
>attributed to this one person? Something more than a secret
>government source you can't name, I hope.

* The prime mover in exposing AIDS as a laboratory creation is Dr. Boyd Graves, JD (law), and you can view his evidence which he has all laid out on his web site at:

<http://www.boydgraves.com>

Another activist trying to expose AIDS as a laboratory creation, as well as a number of other "emerging viruses" is DMD (dentist) Dr. Len Horowitz, who has become a full time activist in the area of medical crimes and cover ups.

His web site is:

<http://www.tetrahedron.org>

(Click on "clear this page" to get thru the login)

>From that link, you can search for AIDS and get this long link which goes into some detail:

[http://www.tetrahedron.org/articles/aids-coverups/
PRESS_RELEASE-AIDS_Vancouver.htm](http://www.tetrahedron.org/articles/aids-coverups/PRESS_RELEASE-AIDS_Vancouver.htm)

... about a Vancouver BC conference in which the artificial possibility was discussed.

* The through the wall radar which was, when I phoned the maker in 1999, available with no restrictions except you had to have something like \$100,000+ available, is now called Millivision, and you can see their wares at:

<http://www.millivision.com>

If not scientists, then at least Congressional reps should have been on their feet having that and similar items banned from public use except by a licensing system at least as strict as wire taps or guns.

* The Columbine Research Task Force, established by an independent investigator reported in March 2002 that the Colorado State House committee which had been considering the Columbine shooting voted against any further investigation. That web site is:

<http://columbine.n3.net/>

The site's owner is Mr. Justin Tribble. There has been no subpoena-level investigation of Columbine to date.

* MKULTRA has been only partly exposed to date, and the only victims who have succeeded in getting their case won in court are 8 unlucky Canadians who had their entire life memories erased by Dr. Ewen Cameron in Montreal.

One child victim is Mrs. Carol Rutz, whose site is here:

<http://www2.dmci.net/users/casey>

... and whose story about her being handed over to MKULTRA scientists for torture, to force multiple personalities which could be hypnotically triggered for different tasks is:

"A Nation Betrayed", ISBN: 0-9710102-0-X, 264 pages

I can get anyone interested in contacting Carol or other MKULTRA victims in direct touch.

I can also tell you that very real people have been put in the ground because MKULTRA and other "mind control" programs have driven them to suicide. If you want some names, let me know.

* The Tuskegee untreated syphilis experiments, 40+ years in length, have thankfully been admitted to by President Clinton.

Ditto the decades of feeding and injecting people with radioactive materials.

I think if anyone listens on the air to the experiencers and researchers in the above matters, you will find that they are serious about exposing these causes and not whispering nameless inhabitants of Internet chat rooms. The problem is that the public tends to think that anything that isn't in the major media doesn't exist.

One excellent place to hear about documented government crimes and cover ups is The Power Hour radio show, on shortwave, AM-FM affiliates, and the web:

<http://www.ThePowerHour.com>

<http://www.qcnlive.com>

Mondays-Fridays 8 am to 11 am Eastern live
Mondays-Fridays 10 pm to 1 am Eastern repeat

Former military nurse Joyce Riley and her husband Dave von Kleist do a terrific job of selecting guests who have done substantial research. Although medical cover ups and health matters are prominent, over a month they will cover many different crimes needing disclosure.

Eleanor White

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 12:47:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 13:49:58 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 20:29:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>Suppressed cancer treatments:

>The Burzynski Breakthrough by Thomas Elias ISBN: 0938530666
<http://www.cancer-coverup.com> (Kathleen Deoul, >cesium treatment)

I read the link, which describes a possible cancer treatment, using the mineral cesium. I also did a quick websearch for anything on Cesium and cancer. Found the following, from Randal Nelson, a computer scientist at the University of Rochester. He's a member of the univerisity's Center for Future Health, which he describes as "a consortium of groups from engineering, computer science, research and clinical medicine, and health services that was founded with the goal of utilizing technology to empower the individual in his or her own health care, provide whole-person diagnosis, point of need care, and more efficiently utilize available human resources."

About cesium, he says:

Cesium salts have recently been promoted as therapy for cancer, and I get a lot of inquiries on the subject. This is what I know.

"Cesium chloride is an unproven treatment for cancer; it is not currently endorsed by the medical "establishment". There are some intriguing case studies, but the documented scientific evidence is pretty murky at this point. The few references in the official literature are mostly in obscure journals. There are a couple of early articles on Cesium therapy in "Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior" Vol. 21, supplement 1, pp 7-15, 1984, which you may be able to locate if you have access to a major medical library.

"There is also (as of Feb 2003) an organization providing information on Cesium treatment of cancer, (Dr. Keith Brewer's High Ph Cancer Therapy with Cesium). The address I have for this organization is:

The A. Keith Brewer International Science Library
325 N. Central Avenue
Richland Center, WI 53581
Phone: 608-647-6513; Fax: 608-647-6797
drbrewer@mwt.net; www.mwt.net/~drbrewer

"I would take their literature with a grain of salt, as the library was founded by one of the originators of Cesium therapy."

http://www.cs.rochester.edu/users/faculty/nelson/cesium/cesium_therapy.html

Greg Sandow

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World UFO Tour On Internet UFO TV Programme

From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c@bigpond.com>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 20:00:05 +1000
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 21:59:47 -0400
Subject: World UFO Tour On Internet UFO TV Programme

Hi UFO UpDates,

The UFO TV programme I co-host with Doug Moffett on the Internet has a number of new programmes that should be of interest to you. In particular I draw your attention to a whirlwind UFO world tour we attempt, plus a focus on UFOs in China, in the wake of my own visit there last year. Given the limited time involved these are obviously just touching the surface and sometime generalisations, but I hope it encourages interest in the subjects of each programme.

Forthcoming programmes we have already done that should be appearing as soon as other "bananatv" programme priorities allow include:

- * a "discussion"/"debate" with a representative from the skeptics
- * a discussion on Roswell
- * a programme devoted to the Condon Report and its legacy & impact
- * a look at Project Bluebook

Take a look at the programmes at:

www.bananatv.com/UFO

Regards,

Bill Chalker
www.theozfiles.com

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Re: UFOs In Africa? - Ticchetti

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 14:43:51 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 22:03:13 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs In Africa? - Ticchetti

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 11:32:19 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFOs In Africa?

>>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 13:01:01 -0300
>>Subject: UFOs In Africa?

>>I am asking your help once more.

>>I am looking for cases reported on the African continent. All
>>countries in Africa.

>>If you could help me, I will appreciate it.

>Africa is an awfully big continent with many countries. Could
>you possibly narrow down your search a bit? The North African
>scene is entirely different from the South.

>Some countries have no reports at all that I know of. Is there
>some time frame, certain years/decades you are more interested
>in?

Hello Larry,

My article will show Brazilians what the UFO scene is in Africa.
As many reports I can get is better.

Thank you very much.

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Thiago Luiz Ticchetti
Vice-presidente da EBE-ET/RAB
Brasilia/DF
Brasil

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Re: UFOs In Africa? - Ticchetti

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 14:46:59 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 22:07:43 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs In Africa? - Ticchetti

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack@mweb.co.za>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 16:30:21 +0200
>Subject: Re: UFOs In Africa?

>>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 13:01:01 -0300
>>Subject: UFOs In Africa?

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>The books to get are those by the late Cynthia Hind, who lived
>in Harare, Zimbabwe. She catalogued a number of good cases. She
>also produced a monthly newsletter.

>There was also a young man in Tanzania who wrote to us last
>year, looking for Africa UFO info, and he may have collected
>some new info.

Thank you very much, Diana.

I have one book wrote by Mrs. Hind.

Do you have the e-mail of that man from Tanzania?

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Re: UFOs In Africa? - Rosales

From: **Albert Rosales** <Garuda79@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 14:22:37 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 22:11:43 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs In Africa? - Rosales

Here is a 1996 landing report from South Africa

Location. Near Harare, Zimbabwe
Date: October 20 1996 Time: night

A man named Paul was driving on the Bulawayo Road near the Lilfordia School when he saw a bright light descending silently from the sky. As the object neared him he became aware that it was a disc-shaped craft.

As the object landed on a large open field to his left, Paul pulled over and stopped the car. As he watched, a door opened - moving upwards - on the side of the object, and two men wearing shiny black coveralls climbed out of a dome at the top of the craft.

At this point coming from the opposite direction came another vehicle, which also stopped, on the right hand side of the road. The entities must have then become aware of being watched, and the men went quickly inside the object. Then the door closed, moving downwards.

At this point the occupant from the other vehicle ran across the road and yelled at the witness to leave the area quickly. Both men then drove off very fast.

HC addendum
Source: Cynthia Hind

Albert Rosales

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 10:23:28 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 22:13:57 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 20:06:30 EDT
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 09 May 2003 14:55:36 -0800
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>>John, there is another reason.

>>The Clementine mission was a joint effort between the BMDO
>>(Ballistic Missile Defense Organization) and NASA. They wanted
>>to qualify light weight imaging sensors and component
>>technologies for the next generation of DoD spacecraft.

>How about a more common thought? The BMDO doesn't want to
>release the photos because it could tell somebody exactly what
>these sensors are capable of seeing/resolving.

Some of these photos are now viewable on the web. If there are others with better resolution I am not aware of them and do not know where the figure of 23,000 originated.

My explanation of possible missile bases is, like Oberg said, something discussed a long time ago in a different era and is just a wild shot on my part.

The Clementine lunar image browser is found at:

<http://www.cmf.nrl.navy.mil/clementine/clib/>

If there are classified images, then the reason for the classification is... uh, classified.

I guess what we would like to see are images showing UFOs on the moon.

-Bill

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria** <syturria@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 16:07:44 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 22:18:41 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Yturria

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 23:06:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Santiago Yturria <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 14:43:22 EDT
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 02:10:47 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>In my work once I performed these steps and confirmed it is an
>>authentic UFO sighting I show the footage to other friend
>>colleagues asking their opinions to establish a general criteria.
>>Now returning to my question : Have you found a real UFO video
>>in your reseach ?

>I have found _potential_ UFO footage but it remains thus pending
>further study.

Than you for your reply. I will not ask you what UFO footage you
are mentioning because your answer is enough for me. However I
will be very honest with you.

What's your point with this IFO test like if you were a teacher
in a classroom? To prove that someone can be fooled by a simple
mylar balloon? In our research we have seen these examples a
thousand times for many years. So this is like going back to
kindergarden again and we can not afford such a waste of time.

We are in 2003 and are urged to get to the Real Thing. We can
not give us the luxury to waste any time. Since we don't have
the support of the governments or the scientists we are
researching by ourselves.

Ufology is a science of study and learning and it seems to me
that someone or 'someones' are out there, waiting for us to get
to the knowledge and 'it' or 'them' are giving us clues. So we
must pursue our quest for the truth and the knowledge of this
reality. We must go on looking straight forward without wasting
time.

You have not mentioned in your research the night time UFO
videos and we have some spectacular ones like the famous
triangle over Belgium officially recognized by their Air Force
as a UFO.

You have not mentioned either other important footage from
official sources and we have also some definitive ones. Therefore
and with due all respect I think you still have homework to do
in your research.

This is my opinion and as far as I'm concerned if you want to
remain in kindergarden its all right with me.

Santiago

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From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 13:21:23 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 22:20:13 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

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>release the photos because it could tell somebody exactly what
>these sensors are capable of seeing/resolving.

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Hello Robert, Bill:

Robert's idea sounds way more plausible to me.

One of the most carefully guarded military secrets has long been
the resolving power of our spy satellites. When they do release
an image, it is/was deliberately blurred for that exact reason.

Something similar applied to the range and selectivity of long-
range sonar, which could not only locate but also identify
submarines and other craft.

The Moon sounds like a terrible place for ICBM sites (IPCM
really). Just think of the maintenance costs.

Best

- Larry

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Re: Deconstructing Reality - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 20:27:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 22:21:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Deconstructing Reality - Hall

>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 19:17:49 +0100
>Subject: Deconstructing Reality

>Deconstructing Reality

>Or

>All quiet on the Western Front, only there is no Western Front
>in Ufology is there.

>Several people have commented on how "quiet" Ufology is at the
>moment, both here on the List and elsewhere. But are sightings
>down? Are UFOs not visiting this pleasant green & blue planet at
>the moment, have they done enough probes?

>When I joined this List some six years ago the TV series "The X
>Files" was in it's hey day, "Dark Skies" had you believe in
>government conspiracies, ID4, Independence Day had you believe
>that aliens where about to invade this fertile planet. Public
>awareness was at its dizzy height regarding interest in UFOs.

>So were the "extra" sightings down to actual sightings of more
>UFOs or was it just more people reporting seeing UFOs, or was it
>a bit of both?

>It is clear in my mind that with heightened public awareness,
>increased "acceptance" of being able to report sightings free of
>ridicule, more genuine sightings did indeed get reported. But I
>also think a lot more dross was put out than genuine sighting
>reports. So was the "explosion" of reports only due in part to
>it being "the latest fad" or was there more sighting reports
>than ever?

>UFO historians will tell you that sighting reports wax & wane.
>With the advent of programs on TV, film & the explosion of the
>Internet in the late nineties the public at large had reason to
>think more about UFOs than ever. I wonder if you check out films
>& programs how many more where made during this time of
>"enlightenment" than "normal". So how many of these extra
>sighting reports are the golden nuggets that we continually look
>for?

>In all honesty I really couldn't tell you. But what I am
>confident of, with this quiet period of sighting reports, there
>is a lot less dross. So perhaps we should not be "complaining"
>about the lack of sightings, but be thankful about the reduced
>amount of dross.

>Just for my thoughts for the lazy Sunday afternoon.

Sean,

I agree with almost everything you say in this post, especially
the negative effects of ridicule on the flow of reports and the
confusion of "ufology" today. Are UFOs still showing themselves?
Apropos of this, I am doing a study for the Fund for UFO Research
to compile and analyze "typical" (which will be defined) UFO

reports since 1999 (new millennium). Somewhat to my surprise, I am finding many, many examples of exactly the same types that I reported in The UFO Evidence, Volume II. Stay tuned.

- Dick

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 16:40:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 22:23:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:46:50 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Vladimir Rubtsov <tolimak@mail.ru>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 23:03:12 +0400
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 6 May 2003 18:10:35 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Tue, 06 May 2003 10:39:53 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>>Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence.

>>This thesis sounds good and even poetical... but unfortunately
>>it is wrong. A simple counter-example: can you find a more
>>extraordinary claim than, say, the idea that the electron is
>>both a particle and a wave? And nonetheless, it may be proved
>>with the help of quite "ordinary" - even not too sophisticated -
>>physical experiments. In fact, any scientific claim, however
>>unusual, needs for its acceptance nothing but a
>>_normal_scientific_proof_. Otherwise, science could not exist at
>>all. (I realize, of course, that the question whether ufology in
>>general and "abductology" in particular could be considered as
>>"science" in any definite sense of this word remains open at
>>best!)

>Fair enough. I shall clarify for the list:

>The claim that aliens are habitually visiting the earth
>(crashing into our deserts, abducting humans, mutilating cattle,
>carving crop circles in wheat fields, et al.) requires
>extraordinary evidence.

On the subject of so-called 'crash retrievals,' I personally think we should send out a big thank-you to the aliens, even if they are malevolent, because out of the 272 UFO crashes that have occurred on this planet (as reported on the CSETI website), none have occurred in cities or highly populated areas. That they manage to dump their ships in deserts or other remote areas -- and thus preventing the loss of human life -- is actually quite thoughtful.

Amusingly enough, CSETI's site contains a disclaimer that says entries on the list will be removed as they are deemed hoaxes. Presumed true until proved false. Boy, you've gotta appreciate that kind of enthusiasm.

Ian Rogers

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Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 20:29:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 12:46:57 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>>It's all such a tight-knit series of statements that preclude
>>any actual "explanations." Usually because they aren't any. Most
>>of this stuff you're just supposed to accept with a grain of
>>salt ... and if you don't, well, you're just a 'skeptic' -- as
>>if being skeptical were a bad thing. Frankly, I think we have
>>enough believers in this field. What we need is more people with
>>objectivity.

>>And I have to ask: AIDS as a laboratory experiment is a popular
>>conspiracy theory; what evidence do you have that it can all be
>>attributed to this one person? Something more than a secret
>>government source you can't name, I hope.

>AIDS as a laboratory creation:

><http://www.boydgraves.com>
><http://www.tetrahedron.org>

>Suppressed cancer treatments:

>The Burzynski Breakthrough by Thomas Elias ISBN: 0938530666
><http://www.cancer-coverup.com> (Kathleen Deoul, cesium treatment)

>.... for starters, I have to rush off to work at the moment -
>I'll send more later.

Do you believe everything written on these websites? Is there anything
you don't believe?

Ian Rogers

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From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 17:10:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 23:11:14 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - Rogers

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@charter.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 08:36:18 -0700
>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>From: Walt Spivey Jr. <MacleodIV@webtv.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 09:24:24 -0400 (EDT)
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net (UFO UpDates - Toronto)
>>Subject: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>Greetings Fellow Listers,

>>I'd like to take a moment to toss in my two cents worth on the
>>subject of why the U.S. Government won't ever be more
>>forthcoming with UFO-related information.

>>snip<

>>North Carolina, too many people would respond to a stranded
>>motorist knocking on their door at 2:00a.m. with a shotgun
>>muzzle, rather than a gas can.

>I also know that things have changed in this country since 1939,
>one, there is a popular hero, Mr. Spock, who is not of this
>Earth. Also, look at E.T., Close encounters, Star Wars, et.al.I
>don't think the majority of folks would be overtly alarmed by a
>friendly presence of aliens.-even Christians. I know more than
>a few ah, fundamentalist types who are real Star Trek fans. Fully
>capable of "Grasping the Concept."

It's one thing to grasp the concept of a TV program. It's quite
another to grasp the concept that aliens have landed (much less
that they're abducting us, mutilating cattle, involved in a dark
deal with our govt., and so forth).

Open question to the list: Does anyone honestly think if the
world was told aliens had landed that people (let's say
Americans for this question) wouldn't start stocking up on guns,
ammo, bomb-shelter goodies. Our natural reaction is to panic,
not to embrace the new and different.

>There is a difference with defending your home and being simply
>hostile. There are parts of Portland, Oregon that I wouldn't go
>at 11pm, let alone 2am.

A lot of people define being hostile as part of defending their
home. It's rarely a black -and-white issue for people.

>Some of those sandwich-shy folks own cars, which is in the hands
>of someone like a former wife of a friend of mine can be as
>deadly as a Browning Automatic.

Despite the clever soundbite, there is a world of difference
between a Ford Explorer and a Browning Automatic. I'm more
afraid of the guy behind the door with the Browning; not his
Ford sitting in the driveway.

>Sorry I'm cynical, but I really think that the lack of real,
>>true, forthcoming information about UFOs is due to: Ineptitude,

>lack of fortitude, just simply getting the left hand on the lid
>of the jar while the right hand is holding it - and trying to
>figure out whether to turn the jar or the lid.

Yeah, but for a group of inept people, they're doing a pretty good job of keeping a lid on the whole deal. We can call them the stupid government all we want, but they can't be that dumb if they've supposedly blinded the planet for the last fifty years.

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Re: Deconstructing Reality - Rolfe

From: Chris Rolfe <ufomek@whsmithnet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 22:25:36 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 23:16:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Deconstructing Reality - Rolfe

>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 19:17:49 +0100
>Subject: Deconstructing Reality

>Deconstructing Reality

>Or

>All quiet on the Western Front, only there is no Western Front
>in Ufology is there.

>Several people have commented on how "quiet" Ufology is at the
>moment, both here on the List and elsewhere. But are sightings
>down? Are UFOs not visiting this pleasant green & blue planet at
>the moment, have they done enough probes?

>When I joined this List some six years ago the TV series "The X
>Files" was in it's hey day, "Dark Skies" had you believe in
>government conspiracies, ID4, Independence Day had you believe
>that aliens where about to invade this fertile planet. Public
>awareness was at its dizzy height regarding interest in UFOs.

>So were the "extra" sightings down to actual sightings of more
>UFOs or was it just more people reporting seeing UFOs, or was it
>a bit of both?

>It is clear in my mind that with heightened public awareness,
>increased "acceptance" of being able to report sightings free of
>ridicule, more genuine sightings did indeed get reported. But I
>also think a lot more dross was put out than genuine sighting
>reports. So was the "explosion" of reports only due in part to
>it being "the latest fad" or was there more sighting reports
>than ever?

>UFO historians will tell you that sighting reports wax & wane.
>With the advent of programs on TV, film & the explosion of the
>Internet in the late nineties the public at large had reason to
>think more about UFOs than ever. I wonder if you check out films
>& programs how many more where made during this time of
>"enlightenment" than "normal". So how many of these extra
>sighting reports are the golden nuggets that we continually look
>for?

>In all honesty I really couldn't tell you. But what I am
>confident of, with this quiet period of sighting reports, there
>is a lot less dross. So perhaps we should not be "complaining"
>about the lack of sightings, but be thankful about the reduced
>amount of dross.

>Just for my thoughts for the lazy Sunday afternoon.

Well in Kent we've had very few sightings lately, however we
never really had that many reported to us during the days of the
X-files, etc. Does that mean that the people of Kent in the UK
are more sane than in toher parts of the UK?

So people think that UFO sightings are down? Well that's not

what I've been hearing. Go upto the NE Coast of the UK, as there's been plenty of sightings up there over the past year or so.

Or do those people in the NE need to take more water with it.?

Just because you don't read about it in the tabloids or see it on the news, or have any sightings in your area, doesn't mean there aren't any elsewhere. However one thing I have noticed is, that UFO Groups and researchers still keep info/sightings to themselves, as if they are some kind of secret society. I know that UFO Magazine recieves on a daily basis several peices of video footage and sighting reports, but due to their staffing levels cannot dissiminate the details to every group or reseacher in the Country, which is a shame. When they do have time they do send details of sightings down to me to investigate.

I have allways found that the UK is very bad when it comes to groups/reseachers co-operating with each other. If you know of a sighting in another area of the UK and you cannot look into it, then try to find out if there is a group/researcher in that area who can, and pass on the details. Quite often I have discovered someone in Kent has reported their sighting to another group outside the Kent area, and the group has not bothered to investigate it because it was outside of their area.

So if anyone gets any reports from the County of Kent in the UK that they cannot investigate then please pass it onto myself.

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Stanton Friedman - The Quest For Truth About UFOs

Published: May 10, 2003

After more than 45 years of study and investigations and visits to 19 document archives, I am convinced that:

- a) Earth is being visited by alien spacecraft;
- b) The subject of flying saucers represent a kind of Cosmic Watergate;
- c) There are no good arguments against these conclusions;
- d) Visits to Planet Earth and 55 years of government cover-up of crashed saucers and alien bodies are, together, the biggest story of the past millennium.

I take a clear-cut, unambiguous stand that some UFOs are alien spacecraft but that some of these flying saucers are our own. I am absolutely convinced that the United States government has been withholding data about UFOs since at least 1947. That was the year when at least two crashed flying saucers - alien wreckage and bodies - were recovered in New Mexico.

This does NOT mean everybody in the government knows all about saucers and nobody has talked. Security works on a need-to-know basis with compartmentalization of very highly classified matters. Of course, some people have talked, but without having any confirmatory classified documents to release.

After arduous effort, I have received some of the 6,000 pages of UFO-related documents that have been released - many of them with eight words to a page and paragraph after paragraph blacked out (until they graduated to whiteout several years later.) However, this amount is but a small percentage of what exists in the archives and files of various government agencies.

More than a decade ago, a Freedom of Information request submitted to the CIA by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy elicited the response that the CIA had no information about UFOs. An appeal was denied, but a federal court action forced the CIA to do a document search.

Eventually it released about 900 pages of mildly interesting items. Clearly this was the tip of the iceberg since none were classified above "Secret" and since there were internal references to many other documents that were not released.

The CIA has a history of doling out dribs and drabs in hope that the requester will give up. Of greater importance was the release of a list of 57 UFO documents found in the CIA files but originating with a host of other agencies.

Notable among the identified material were 18 UFO documents originating with the National Security Agency. But these documents could not be released by the CIA.

A Freedom of Information request was then made for the NSA documents, but was denied on the grounds of national security. A subsequent appeal was denied and federal court action followed. Finally, a federal judge ruled that the NSA had to search its files. The search yielded 239 UFO documents with 79 originating with other agencies, including 23 from the CIA, which supposedly had already done an exhaustive search. The NSA refused to release 156 of its UFO documents.

I then filed a Freedom of Information request for the 23 CIA documents identified by the NSA file search. After 35 months the CIA released just nine, which were all, believe it or not, press abstracts of Eastern European newspaper articles about UFOs! It refused to release its own 14 UFO documents on that list.

I appealed and - two years later - received tiny portions of three documents with the rest being withheld.

The now-famous extraterrestrial encounters and cover up at Roswell, N.M., have long been a focus of my work. I was the original civilian investigator of the case and co-authored "Crash at Corona," the definitive study of the Roswell incidents, and instigated the Unsolved Mysteries episode on television about Roswell.

Some attacks on the legitimacy of the Roswell crash have been made by people who accept the notion that Earth is indeed being visited by alien spacecraft but do not believe that Roswell represents the crash of such a vehicle. Much as I have tried to find good reasons for rejecting the reality of the Roswell incident, despite the enormous quantity of verbiage that has been published, I have been unable to do so.

My interest in and study of UFOs date back nearly half a century, and since 1967, I've lectured on the topic, "Flying Saucers ARE Real!" at more than 600 colleges and over 100 professional groups around the world. I also am author of more than 100 papers and articles. I have appeared on hundreds of radio and television programs about various UFO-related topics, including Larry King Live, Nightline, Unsolved Mysteries, Sightings and Entertainment Tonight.

I have provided testimony to congressional hearings, appeared twice before the United Nations, and pioneered many aspects of UFOlogy, including the Betty Hill star map work, crashed saucers and analysis of the Delphos physical trace case.

My explosive book, "Top Secret/MAJIC," in 1996 sheds light on the covert activities and findings of the select group established by President Truman in 1947 to deal with crashed saucers. The book draws from classified documents never before published.

There is no question that the U.S. government recovered two crashed flying saucers and crews in the New Mexico desert in early July, 56 years ago. The government has been quite successful at withholding the physical remnants and the real paper trail.

Yes, Virginia, there really is a Cosmic Watergate!

Editor's note: Stanton T. Friedman, who is grand marshal of today's parade, put his convictions in writing as part of the UFO Fest. We share them with you - with a wee grain of salt.

Guest writer Stanton Friedman was born in New Jersey in 1934 and received B.S. and M.S. degrees in physics from the University of Chicago, where Carl Sagan was a classmate. He worked 14 years as a nuclear physicist with major corporations on such advanced, highly classified, eventually canceled projects as nuclear aircraft, fission and fusion rockets, and nuclear power plants for space.

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Fun no alien to Rachel

Residents of community near Area 51 ready to launch celebration of town's 25 years of existence

By Richard Lake
Review-Journal

RACHEL -- Alfalfa fields and rumors of aliens are about all this town has, aside from a single gas station, a church with no minister and what locals say is a proud heritage worth celebrating every year with a huge parade.

This year, the big party is set to start Saturday morning.

Fewer than 100 people live in Rachel, which sits along the Extraterrestrial Highway, not far from the super-secret government facilities at Area 51.

It's rumored that the government has kept extraterrestrial craft and alien bodies hidden at Area 51, though not everyone here believes it.

Most, if not all, of the people who live here plan on gathering this weekend to celebrate Rachel's official 25th birthday party, called Rachel Days.

"Really, it's just to have fun and get everybody together," said Kaye Medlin, the local Chamber of Commerce president.

Back in the 1970s, when the town was little more than a place for folks who worked at the nearby Tempiute mine to park their trailers, it didn't really have an appealing name.

Tempiute Village, it was called for a while. Sometimes it was called Sand Springs because it sits in the Sand Springs Valley, about 100 miles north of Las Vegas.

But some residents weren't satisfied with those names, and they sought a new one. Then, early in 1978, Rachel Jones was born in her family's trailer here. She is still the only child to have been born here.

And so the town was renamed Rachel.

Since then, locals have been gathering each spring to celebrate their home. They parade down the highway and through town to D.C. Day Park, named after the man considered the town's founder.

This year, because it is Rachel's 25th birthday, organizers hope for a big turnout. The parade starts at 10 a.m. Saturday and will be followed by festivities at the park, including a barbecue, crafts and a battle of the bands.

Fay Day, 78, the widow of D.C. Day, recalled Thursday how there was virtually nothing in town back when she and her husband arrived in the 1960s.

"There was nobody here but us," she said while working the counter at the gas station and convenience store she runs.

By the late =B970s, however, the town had power and telephone service, the local mobile home park was full, and there was even a bar and grill. The population ran somewhere between 200 and 300 at the time.

But the mine soon closed, and scores of people left. Rachel Jones, the town's namesake, had moved to Washington state, where she died in 1980. The locals erected a memorial to her.

Rachel, the town, would not simply fade away, however. Townsfolk latched on to a phenomena that has kept people from around the world interested in it.

Aliens.

"Rachel's more famous in Europe than in the United States," said Devin Loving, who moved to Rachel about a year ago after some time in Southern California and Las Vegas. "In Japan, it's practically a cult."

A peek at the guest sign-in book in Day's convenience store backs that up. Dozens of tourists from near and far have stopped by.

Over at what might be the most famous place in town, the Little A'Le'Inn, a bar and grill, motel and gift shop, Chuck Clark is the resident Area 51 expert. He wrote a book about it, and he can be found at the bar most days chatting about aliens, alternate dimensions and time travel.

Clark moved to Rachel about nine years ago, he said, partly because he likes to take pictures of the sky at night, and it's really dark in Rachel at night.

But he also left California for Rachel because of the alien connection, he said.

"I figured I'd kill a couple of birds with one stone," said Clark, who then told a story about how, when he was 11 years old, he and a group of friends saw a formation of unidentified flying aircraft hovering in the sky in the California desert.

"There was never a word on the news or in the papers," he said.

"That got me interested. Definitely."

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>What's your point with this IFO test like if you were a teacher
>in a classroom? To prove that someone can be fooled by a simple
>mylar balloon? In our research we have seen these examples a
>thousand times for many years. So this is like going back to
>kindergarden again and we can not afford such a waste of time.

>We are in 2003 and are urged to get to the Real Thing. We can
>not give us the luxury to waste any time. Since we don't have
>the support of the goverments or the scientists we are
>researching by ourselves.

Santiago,

You seem to be confused about the meaning of 'UFO'. In the US we generally take this to mean an 'Unidentified Flying Object', just that and no more. You seem to be using it as a synonym for 'extraterrestrial craft'. Any image that is unidentified is a UFO. There's no case that such an image is an extraterrestrial craft untill someone has carefully excluded every other possible identification. Amy's contribution is to the latter task.

How will you be sure that you have evidence of the Real Thing unless you are able to definitively discriminate between an image which has no other plausible explanation than "extraterrestrial craft" and an image of the type which Amy is cataloging? I am very skeptical of your implication that you can identify such images as Amy has cataloged without any problem. The analysis of photos, videos and films of supposed UFOs is not at all an established science.

So I'm puzzled at your hostility to Amy's contribution. It seems to me that if you were really interested in proving the existence of extraterrestrial craft you would be interested in increasing your ability to identify the kinds of images which she is cataloging. Perhaps you are more interested in generating a lot of publicity and excitement about images which are really not so carefully vetted.

Best wishes,
Eric Jacobson

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>If it has been proven that the object in your film is not
>conventional aircraft, a balloon, birds/insects, weather
>phenomena, then it must be an alien spacecraft.

>think that's what he wants to hear. When really the best we
>can do is say the footage is inconclusive. Unfortunately, for
>far too many people in Ufology 'inconclusive' = aliens. Kind of
>a kneejerk reaction if you ask me, but that's the way many
>people think, in this field.

That's why I 'like' photo cases in which the object is depicted
so clearly and has such an 'odd' shape that the object has to be
either the 'real thing (flying object not made by humans) or a
hoax. The final hoax determination generally cannot be
determined by the photo alone. The conclusion real or hoax is
based on the circumstantial evidence and the photo is "merely"
an aid to the recollection of the witness!

A photo a UFO does not make.

(Video can be harder to fake... but, as we know, it, too can be
faked.)

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The CISU at the International Book Fair

For the second consecutive year, the Italian Center for Ufological Studies will be present at the International Book Fair, which will take place at the Lingotto Fiere of Turin between 15 and 19 May.

As in last year, in fact, the CISU's publications will be on display inside the Edizioni Avverbi booth.

Subscribers, supporters and those who are simply curious, will be able to browse and perhaps purchase the various books, monographs and periodicals, as well as meet members of the Center's board of directors and secretariat, who will take turns staffing the booth during the days of the display's run.

[Collaboration by Andrea Ferrero.]

UFOs In Ancient Paintings?

Falling rapidly on the heels of the periodical Focus, the monthly scientific investigative report Newton also devotes space in its May issue to a discussion of UFOs, with regards to identifying images interpretable as UFOs in works of art from previous centuries.

The brief article which is amply illustrated sheds light on the opposing views of those who steadfastly maintain that these concern extraterrestrial objects and, conversely, those who are of the opposite opinion (particularly the Italian scholar Diego Cuoghi, who has dedicated a Website to the debate: http://www.sprezzatura.it/Art/Arte_UFO.htm).

[Newton, May.]

New UFO Novel

Once again making an appearance on newsstands is a new, science-fiction-based novel released as part of the Urania Mondadori Collection

It is entitled Il segreto di Conrad ("Conrad's Secret"), by Rudy Rucker (the original 1985 title: The Secret of Life) and is set

in America during the 1960s where the myth about extraterrestrial visitors has already taken a strong foothold. The protagonist is obsessed with UFOs and, ironically, dwells on being abducted and becoming one of "them."

The cover is also ufological in nature. The volume totals 203 pages and costs 3.55 Euro.

[Report by Paolo Toselli.]

Collaborators on this edition were:
Diego Cuoghi, Andrea Ferrero and Paolo Toselli.

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>>>Subject: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1
>>>IFOs 101 - Pop Quiz Answer

>>>For those who thought the object was a Mylar balloon,
>>>congratulations - you get an "A".

><snip>

>Your response to my post gets a bit 'personal' in places.
>Although I'd much rather discuss 'UFO' related issues, I
>find that I have to deal with your unwarranted sniping.

John, you have called me "sniping", "self-taught amateur",
evasive, "defensive", "disgruntled former believer" and a "born
again skeptic" in response to what you felt I implied (but
didn't say) in my last reply to you. All I want to do is discuss
the scientific study of UFOs and related phenomena. Can we
please get on with our discussion without the name calling?

>>John, how does one define a "genuine unknown"?

>'Unknown' in this instance means; not a balloon, airplane, bird
>or any of the other ordinary things/objects that are usually
>seen in the sky. A "UFO". As in; unidentified flying object.

I do not agree with your definition. According to Webster,
unknown means not identified or determined. If an object (or
objects) is sighted and/or video taped and/or photographed and
no one really knows what it is, then you (or I or anyone) cannot
claim to know what it is not and still claim it is "unknown"
or unidentified. If it is unknown, one can only speculate as to
what it is not but this can never be established as fact until
it has been clearly identified. Whether the 'unknown' or UFO or
what ever it is turns out to be conventional aircraft, naturally
occurring or from another world or dimension, you (or I or
anyone) will never really know what it is not until we can
examine it up close and in person.

You keep insisting that unknown means something that is not a
balloon, airplane, bird, or any other ordinary object usually
seen in the sky. I keep saying that it doesn't make sense to say
it can't be a balloon, airplane, bird or ordinary objects
because you simply do not know this for a fact. If it's unknown
then it's unknown. You can't claim it is unknown or unidentified
yet go around telling people it can't be a balloon, airplane,
bird, etc. because, when you get down to the nitty gritty, you

really don't know what it is or what it is not.

>>How can anyone say what something is not if they don't even
>>know what it is? If it's unknown,

>Through a simple process of elimination, Amy. For example; 'if'
>the image of the recorded object is clear enough to allow it, any
>observer will be able to tell if the object doesn't have engines,
>propellers or wings. That being the case, it's safe to eliminate
>'airplane' as an explanation. Ditto the process for eliminating
>birds, balloons, hub caps etc as an explanation. On video it is
>possible to observe unusual or anomalous flight characteristics.
>Add freak flight characteristics to an image of an 'unknown'
>flying object and you have a "genuine unknown."

John, there are aircraft that do not have visible engines, propellers or wings as in the X-33 and similar aircraft. Since we do not know everything there is to know about every kind of aircraft that exists, especially if it is top secret, I would not be so presumptuous as to eliminate 'airplane' or any kind of man-made aircraft just because you cannot see the engines, wings or propellers.

For example:

"The wingless, lifting body aircraft design was initially conceived as a means of landing an aircraft horizontally after atmospheric reentry. The absence of wings would make the extreme heat of re-entry less damaging to the vehicle. In 1962, Dryden management approved a program to build a lightweight, unpowered lifting body as a prototype to flight test the wingless concept. It would look like a "flying bathtub," and was designated the M2-F1, the "M" referring to "manned" and "F" referring to "flight" version. It featured a plywood shell placed over a tubular steel frame crafted at Dryden. Construction was completed in 1963." <http://www.dfrc.nasa.gov/Gallery/Photo/M2-F1/HTML/EC64-404.html>

And...

"Wingless "Lifting Bodies" Helped to Develop Space Shuttle

Lifting bodies, or wingless aircraft, whose unique shape allows them to fly or glide without conventional wings, were designed and flown by test pilots to fly back to Earth from space and land like an airplane. These unique wingless vehicles generated a database that led to the development of today's space shuttle program. William H. Dana, a retired research engineer, has flight-tested several versions of lifting bodies, while working as a project pilot with NASA's manned lifting body program.

http://www.larc.nasa.gov/news_and_events/inside_pages/2000/00-079.html

And...

<http://www.fas.org/spp/guide/usa/launch/x-33.htm>

for some cool pictures!

As for eliminating the possibility an unknown is a bird, balloon, hub cap, etc., if you can see these objects up close, you will know what they are. If they are too distant to identify, similar to the Mylar balloon images I posted at:

<http://home.attbi.com/~yellowrose129/ifocase1.htm>

and

<http://home.attbi.com/~yellowrose129/Whatisit.htm>

one would be speculating or guessing to declare the unknown is not a bird, balloon, hub cap, etc. I have studied hundreds of IFO images photographed and video taped from various angles, distances and in various weather conditions. I have watched ordinary flying objects become seemingly 'unidentified' in a matter of minutes, sometimes seconds. If one does not know what the object is being viewed, video taped or photographed, it is wise to leave open all possible explanations and keep searching for the truth.

In reference to what you call unusual or anomalous flight

characteristics, I've found these characteristics somewhat dependent upon the "eye of the beholder". What may presented or interpreted as "anomalous" or "unusual" by one person may not appear the same to another. I have reviewed footage and photographs presented to me by others who described the object as "zig-zagging", "darting", "floating", "blinking in and out", "morphing", etc. only to discover they were ordinary flying objects such as birds, bugs, debris and conventional aircraft described in UFO-like terms. These factors need to be considered in our review of alleged UFO footage and photographs rather than poo-pooed and dismissed.

As for adding "freak flight characteristics" to an unknown, what seems 'freaky' to one person may not be so freaky to another if they have seen it before in known flying objects. Sometimes people jump to the conclusion that because an object appears unusual or unknown and flies unusually, it must be a UFO and fail to re-examine their own bias and possible motives for wanting an object to be a UFO rather than identified. These misidentifications make the study of UFOs even more difficult and ridiculed.

>>It's either known or unknown, identified or unidentified. You can >>have it both ways.

>I 'assume' that you meant to say; "I (can't) have it both >ways."

Yes, I meant to say "can't". Thank you for clarifying. ;>

>Of course it is either 'known' or 'unknown.' You state the obvious. >My pictures and video footage was submitted for analysis by >experts. (Not self-taught amateurs, - no offense.)

We are both self-taught amateurs so what's wrong with that? (No offense.)

>They found
>that the material I submitted depicted an 'unknown' (unidentified)
>aerial object. They arrived at that conclusion by systematically
>eliminating as many ordinary/prosaic objects as they could. No
>one called them 'spaceships' or claimed they were from 'another
>world.' What they said was; the objects captured on film or video
>represented objects that were 'there' and which could not be
>identified as anything 'known'. Ergo, 'unknown.'

John, did the experts you consulted say there was no possible way the objects captured could be ordinary/prosaic objects or did they only say they didn't know what they were - not identified as anything known to them at that time? There is a difference between the two statements, which is what I've been trying to clarify all along.

>You seem to be having some difficulty with the whole concept of >an 'unknown/unidentified' flying object.' Or, unidentified aerial >object, which ever term(s) you prefer.

No, John, it is you who is having difficulty understanding the term 'unknown/unidentified' flying object'. You insist you can know what something is not yet, at the same time, not know what it is. That's like a doctor telling a patient, "Well, I don't know what's wrong with you but you are not dying." How can you know and not know at the same time? Doesn't make sense unless...you only presume to know what something cannot be because that is what you want to believe ("you" as in the general population).

>Also, it hasn't escaped
>my notice and that of others, that you haven't given Santiago
>a 'straight' answer to any of his straight forward/simple
>questions.

Oh, I seriously doubt there are that many "others" interested in our conversations, John. Can we please stay focused on **our** own discussion?

I appreciate you telling me when you don't understand something. I am trying to give you simple, straight forward answers. I speak in the manner in which I was taught in college when discussing scientific methodology. It is very important that the definitions of terms be clearly stated when discussing variables

and hypotheses. We can learn a lot from each other by clarifying the terms used in our discussions.

>Amy, nobody is saying that the objects (as recorded,) are
>'space-ships' or from 'other worlds.' So I don't quite understand
>your evasiveness (answering questions with questions) or what
>your difficulty is with understanding what is meant by our use
>of the term 'unknown.'

Perhaps, John, what you perceive as evasiveness is really my refusal to use terms in the same context you use them. Obviously, we do not agree on the meaning of the terms "unknown" or unidentified. I have tried, repeatedly, to explain my concept of these terms but you continue to press me for more "answers". I give an answer but since it is not to your liking, you want more. You know what? I don't think you even grasp the concepts I have put forth and because you don't understand, you want me to give you an answer you will like or can understand. Well, I'm sorry, Sweetheart, I just don't know what else to do for you. I am not going to say everything the way you want me to say it. I will say what I have to say and you can take it or leave it.

>Again, I 'assume' that you are compiling a set of pictures
>and video of "known" (identified) flying objects in order to
>be able to tell them apart from objects which cannot be
>identified. ie; 'UFOs.' Or else why go through all the trouble!

Something like that except I leave an unknown as unknown until further evidence is forthcoming.

>If the purpose of your pictures is to use them in 'comparison'
>to pictures of an 'unknown' flying object, then your pictures
>are of a 'fake' UFO' A picture to be compared to other pictures
>of 'UFOs' as we use the term to describe a 'genuine unknown/
>unidentified' aerial object.

That is your interpretation, John, not mine. I clearly state the purpose of the IFO Database and my studies of IFO's on my web site:

<http://ifo.s5.com>

"The photographs and video stills of Identified Flying Objects (I.F.O.'s) on this web site are presented as a research tool for comparison to and analysis of past, present and future video and photographic materials containing images similar in appearance and nature."

They are not "fake" UFOs because I know exactly what they are (and state the same with each image). If they were fakes, I would have to present them as "UFOs" even though I know what they are. I do not call them UFOs, I call them IFO's as in Identified Flying Objects. Plain and simple. The IFO Database is a research tool to be used to compare images of IFO's to alleged UFOs or any other images of unknown flying objects such as so-called "orbs" and other objects under scientific investigation and study.

Why is this so hard for you to understand, John, and why do you keep re-interpreting what I say and/or twisting it to your liking?

>You are 'defensive' in your responses. Nobody is calling you
>a faker or deceptive. I was merely 'identifying' your pictures
>for what they are... depictions of 'fake' UFOs. You challenge
>people to identify your pix, Amy. There has to be some
>reason for that. Your pix are intended to be compared to
>existing photos/video of objects that have been identified
>as 'unknown'. You have demonstrated that you have a
>problem understanding what is meant by the term when I
>or some other List member has used it. Instead of responding
>directly to what is being said/asked you answer our questions
>or comments with more questions. A 'question' is not an
>answer.

There you go again, calling me names and demanding more answers even though I keep giving you my answers.

>>And nothing has been recorded intentionally out of focus in an
>>effort to deceive. I aim the camera and let it run to see how it
>>operates under certain conditions. If the image becomes blurred,
>>I study the causes.

>Gee, you must be trying to 'prove' something.

>Amy, a disgruntled former believer does not an honest or
>good skeptic make. When some folks find out that they were
>fooled or deceived, the shame and anger they feel causes
>them to bounce to the position which stands in complete polar
>opposition to where they started out from. That is basically
>what happened with you. You got snookered/fooled by a
>couple of people, you disappeared for awhile, and then you
>returned as a 'born again' skeptic. And a fierce one at that.
>You took the strength and energy of your initial 'belief' and
>put a new dress on it. From 'believer' to 'skeptic.'

LOL! You don't know me at all, John.

I have not been "snookered" or fooled by anyone (that I know of). I simply saw something hovering behind my house in 1997 that I could not explain. It shocked me so much that I began questioning everything I believed or disbelieved. I began researching to find answers and left all UFO lists to avoid distractions and to focus on my research. I encountered all kinds of interesting characters (I'll have to tell you about them some day <grin>) and concepts I never even imagined before. What I learned through my studies has led me to write two books (that I will condense into one because I don't have the time to write two books) and has changed my perceptions forever.

I have always been a healthy skeptic, or whatever you want to call it, otherwise I never would have looked beyond the obvious. It was my intense need to know the truth that enabled me to keep searching and reaching for more. You, of all people, should understand the changes I've experienced due to my encounters with the unknown. Instead you assume I am out to debunk UFO sightings and claims and see me as the enemy. Did you ever stop to think we might be on the same side? You can't even give me the benefit of the doubt.

I know something terribly strange is going on and very little is as it seems. The levels of deception we are subjected to each day are incredible. The minute you believe...anything...you become deceived. This is why I do not believe anything or make assumptions about UFOs. (I cannot explain years of research in a few posts so don't start badgering me to explain my research. I am putting it in a book to make it as clear as possible. It is quite complex but thorough research.)

>You still 'believe' only it's now in the opposite of what it used
>to be. Just remember the old saying:

>"You can put all the lipstick and make-up you want to on a
>hog and it will still be a hog." (Unless you've had a few drinks.
>In which case the pig will look gorgeous!)

I don't believe either way, John. I do not believe "UFOs" exist nor do I believe they don't. I simply do not view UFOs as anything that simple. We are witnessing a complex mixture of unexplained phenomena, man-made UFOs (CC&D), misidentifications and deliberate deception. If we don't make some kind of effort to sort each category from the mess, we will never get to the truth.

I refuse to accept every piece of alleged UFO footage or UFO photograph as "genuine" not matter how many "experts" have analyzed the footage/photographs and declared them "authentic". Year after year I have watched many of these esteemed "experts" and professionals make declarations about the authenticity of some UFO footage or photograph only to turn around and admit they had been fooled by a hoaxer or charlatan. In contrast, I have also watched many pieces of UFO footage and UFO photographs declared hoaxes when they were not. Some of the best UFO footage and photographs have been swept under the rug and forgotten either because they revealed too much and someone wanted them out of the public's perceptions or because others were too swift in declaring it a hoax.

>I do not deceive, I fight deception. What do you do?

>What are you implying I do?

There you go again, John, answering a question with another question. ;>

>Cheap shot, Amy. You swipe at me. Did I hit a nerve? I didn't
>mean to. I was merely trying to ascertain if you were going to
>include any images of "UFOs" among the many 'known' ones you are
>using to quiz/educate list members with.

I tell you what, John, just for you... If I find any images of
what I consider to be UFOs, I will post them on a web site. I
can't put them on the same web site as the IFO Database because
they are UFOs not IFO's. However, be careful what you wish
for, you may not like what you get. (winks to Bruce)

>>>Contact Tommy King or Bruce Maccabee privately and ask them for
>>>their permission to use some examples of the many
>>>_genuinely_anomalous_ aerial objects that they have archived at
>>>their respective web sites.

>>I've already contacted both gentlemen.

>Excellent!

Finally, a kind word! Thank you, John.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Taken For A Ride...

By Samantha Amjadali

11 May 03

HOW many times have you read about someone's purported alien abduction and yearned for your turn?

When, you secretly ask yourself, will your mothership come in? But sooner or later you're going to have to face the truth: you may not be abductee material and, frankly, even if you are, you probably won't remember the experience.

A simpler, more effective alternative is to pay someone to dress up like an alien and pretend to abduct you. That way you'll be able to remember and relish every last poke and prod for years to come.

We kid you not, according to the barmy folks at New York-based Alien Abductions Incorporated, plenty of people (they don't say how many, naturally) pay to be abducted each year.

"Most people will probably never have the opportunity to be abducted by aliens," says AAI at its promotional website.

"And even those elite few who are selected for abduction receive no assurances that they will fully remember their experience - much less a guarantee that their abduction will be everything that they hoped it would be."

So why wait?

For a modest fee (again they don't say how much) AAI's "highly trained and professional staff" will provide you with "personalized, realistic memories of the alien abduction that you have been waiting for your entire life?"

AAI's skilled doctors, hypnotists, and memory implant technicians will work with you in pre-abduction orientation sessions to create a one-off, highly personalised abduction according to your tastes: interspecies breeding, medical experimentation. You name it, AAI offer all sorts of services.

If you're slightly wary of a solo abduction you can bring a friend, or a bunch of them, along. AAI offers Group Abduction packages, which they claim are perfect for corporate retreats, school groups, and theme parties.

"Many people find shared abductions to be an interesting and economical alternative to a standard Abduction Experience. Because the same abduction scenario data is implanted in all the participants at once, the cost is lower for each individual."

They guarantee the best abduction experience for the lowest price.

After being abducted customers are bundled off to AAI's main research facility on the outskirts of New York City. The research facility, cum holiday resort and spa, offers an alien abductology centre, a health club, aromatherapy complex and gift shop.

Additional services include a 24/7 Surveillance Special "to give you that added edge of real-life paranoia" as well as an exclusive Evidence Kit, which contains "proof" of your fake abduction.

For those wanting something a tad more tasteful, AAI's Crop Circle Service has proven popular. A hit with rural clients, their urban Crop Circle Service offers smaller crop circles, perfect in size for "largish" front and back yards. All crop circles are clearly visible from the air, so passing alien ships can spot them.

And you never know, extraterrestrials may see the beacons and drop by for a cuppa. They may even take you back with them.

www.alienabductions.com/customer/question.html

~End~

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>From: Diana Cammack <cammack@mweb.co.za>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 16:30:21 +0200
>Subject: Re: UFOs In Africa?

>>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 13:01:01 -0300
>>Subject: UFOs In Africa?

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>also produced a monthly newsletter.

>There was also a young man in Tanzania who wrote to us last
>year, looking for Africa UFO info, and he may have collected
>some new info.

Thiago:

Cynthia Hind's book UFOs in Africa has been published in Brazil.
I guess it is sold out by now, since it was published over 15
years ago... But I have a copy if you want it.

Cynthia was like an 'African Irene Granchi'. She started her
research early and was a tireless investigator. Cynthia was the
one who gave to the world some of the best cases on UFOs in
Africa.

She came to Brazil 2 or 3 times.

Best...

A. J.

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Brazilian UFO & Hoaxer Cases At Seattle Conference

From: **A.J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 07:07:07 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 11:50:13 -0400
Subject: Brazilian UFO & Hoaxer Cases At Seattle Conference

Dear Friends,

Next week I will be speaking at the 3rd Annual Northwest UFO Paranormal Conference, in Seattle, on UFOs in Brazil. I will present at least 5 dozen good cases from all over the country. Many from the Amazon and several remarkable abductions.

Please see details at:

<http://www.seattlechatclub.org/NWUFO.html>

I will save at least 30 minutes of my talk to describe the scam perpetrated by Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, who has already been discussed here and shown as the biggest Brazilian UFO hoaxer of all time. I have detailed info on his fraudulent UFO activity and will be glad to answer any questions.

A. J. Gevaerd, editor
Brazilian UFO Magazine

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 08:40:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 11:53:28 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: Santiago Yturria <syturria@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 16:07:44 EDT
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 23:06:57 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>I have found potential UFO footage but it remains thus pending
>>further study.

>Than you for your reply. I will not ask you what UFO footage you
>are mentioning because your answer is enough for me. However I
>will be very honest with you.

>What's your point with this IFO test like if you were a teacher
>in a classroom? To prove that someone can be fooled by a simple
>mylar balloon? In our research we have seen these examples a
>thousand times for many years. So this is like going back to
>kindergarden again and we can not afford such a waste of time.

Santiago, if you don't have the time to do this kind of study,
locate the delete button on your keyboard.

As for this "we" you refer to (someone else on this list keeps
speaking for others and you too - ah, yes, safety in numbers),
I've received a lot of very positive and encouraging feedback
from people on the list via the list and via private E-mail not
to mention over 265 hits on the first Pop Quiz page. Someone
seems to have the time and interest.

>We are in 2003 and are urged to get to the Real Thing. We can
>not give us the luxury to waste any time. Since we don't have
>the support of the governments or the scientists we are
>researching by ourselves.

>Ufology is a science of study and learning and it seems to me
>that someone or 'someones' are out there, waiting for us to get
>to the knowledge and 'it' or 'them' are giving us clues.

By 'someone or someones', "it" or "them", are you referring to
'aliens' giving us clues?

>So we
>must pursue our quest for the truth and the knowledge of this
>reality. We must go on looking straight forward without wasting
>time.

By 'this reality', do you mean your reality?

>You have not mentioned in your research the night time UFO
>videos and we have some spectacular ones like the famous
>triangle over Belgium officially recognized by their Air Force
>as a UFO.

Excuse me, Santiago, I didn't know I was required to mention the
triangles (you have a lot of rules). The Belgium footage is

amazing, however, I consider these objects more likely man-made than made by "it" or "them". Therefore, I can't quite call it a UFO. (IMHO)

Since I have been studying these particular types of objects for many years, I have found more evidence to support the contention these objects are man-made and not unidentified or unknown to the US government and military than the contention they are made by something or somethings non-human (I just happen to be working on a web site to present my research in this area too, what a coincidence!!).

Hey, pssst - just because an air force calls something a UFO doesn't necessarily mean it's unidentified. I mean, if they know what it is, do you really expect them to tell us?

>You have not mentioned either other important footage from
>official sources and we have also some definitive ones. Therefore
>and with due all respect I think you still have homework to do
>in your research.

As do you.

>This is my opinion and as far as I'm concerned if you want to
>remain in kindergarden its all right with me.

There's a lot to be said for kindergarten! You get to take naps, have snacks, play in the sandbox... Unfortunately, when you're my age, it's the bullstuff ya gotta watch out for instead the catstuff - a lot of it.

Please note, Santiago, that I speak for myself and let others do their own talking. You should try it.

So nice talking with you!

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 08:57:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 11:54:39 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 00:44:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 16:51:37 -0400
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>think that's what he wants to hear. When really the best we
>>can do is say the footage is inconclusive. Unfortunately, for
>>far too many people in ufology 'inconclusive' = aliens. Kind of
>>a kneejerk reaction if you ask me, but that's the way many
>>people think, in this field.

>That's why I 'like' photo cases in which the object is depicted
>so clearly and has such an 'odd' shape that the object has to be
>either the 'real thing (flying object not made by humans) or a
>hoax. The final hoax determination generally cannot be
>determined by the photo alone. The conclusion real or hoax is
>based on the circumstantial evidence and the photo is "merely"
>an aid to the recollection of the witness!

>A photo a UFO does not make.

>(Video can be harder to fake... but, as we know, it, too can be
>faked.)

Hi, Bruce:

You are so right, there are many factors to consider.

I was just wondering...in your analyses, do you ever totally
rule out the possibility an object may be something conventional
or have natural causes? Or do you allow for the possibility
forthcoming information may change your conclusion at a later
date? (As in new information discovered later that may indicate
an object was something other than identified or unidentified.)

Thanks, Bruce!

Amy

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From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 09:16:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 13:58:31 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 23:06:57 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Santiago Yturria <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 14:43:22 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

<snip>

>>>I will wait your straight answer to this because I'm very
>>>interested to know how you apply your criteria in these studies.
>>>But please let's talk straight and clear avoiding the rhetoric.

>>I am talking straight, Santiago. I'm just not saying what you
>>>want me to say. Take it or leave it.

>If it has been proven that the object in your film is not
>conventional aircraft, a balloon, birds/insects, weather
>phenomena, then it must be an alien spacecraft.

>I think that's what he wants to hear. When really the best we
>can do is say the footage is inconclusive. Unfortunately, for
>far too many people in Ufology 'inconclusive' = aliens. Kind of
>a kneejerk reaction if you ask me, but that's the way many
>people think, in this field.

I couldn't agree with you more, Ian.

Well said! Hit the nail on the head. The best we can conclude
about something unknown is that the data is inconclusive.

Thank you!

Amy

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Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 394 - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 10:11:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:02:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 394 - Groff

>From: Edoardo Russo <e.russo@cisu.org>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 08:00:26 +0000
>Subject: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 394

>ITALIAN UFO NEWSFLASH

>UFOs In Ancient Paintings?

>Falling rapidly on the heels of the periodical Focus, the
>monthly scientific investigative report Newton also devotes
>space in its May issue to a discussion of UFOs, with regards to
>identifying images interpretable as UFOs in works of art from
>previous centuries.

>The brief article which is amply illustrated sheds light on the
>opposing views of those who steadfastly maintain that these
>concern extraterrestrial objects and, conversely, those who are
>of the opposite opinion (particularly the Italian scholar Diego
>Cuoghi, who has dedicated a Website to the debate:
>http://www.sprezzatura.it/Art/Arte_UFO.htm).

This is a subject that I am extremely interested in.
Unfortunately the above link failed. Do you have a correct link?

Thanks,

Terry Groff
<http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>

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FOIA Request To NASA Re Shuttle Columbia Disaster

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 12:25:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:06:07 -0400
Subject: FOIA Request To NASA Re Shuttle Columbia Disaster

To: president@whitehouse.gov

TO: Administrator
U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration
ATTN: Freedom of Information Manager
300 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20546

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

DATE: May 13, 2003

According to recent news accounts, certain NASA officials are withholding from public view various insider-interview transcripts collected by and for the specially commissioned board to investigate the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster.

In an effort to help counter that unnecessary, unwise, and dangerous policy decision (which may or may not have been prompted by vested interests committed to shielding certain NASA personnel from accountability/culpability), I hereby submit this e-formatted letter as a formal freedom-of-information request that you furnish me (1) a copy of all the interview transcripts in question, plus (2) a copy of all NASA-generated and NASA-received records pertaining to the NASA decision to withhold those transcripts from public view.

Because of their inherent, highly significant value to the general public in understanding and evaluating NASA policies, operations, activities, and programs, the sought-for transcripts and related records deserve immediate, unqualified public disclosure. What's more, my being granted full access to them for analysis and wide dissemination thereof will aid my incentive for soliciting and eliciting the emergence of certain prospective whistleblowers privy to any NASA-committed/condoned/concealed wrongdoing as regards the disaster. In this regard, I further request that the NASA inspector general's office be searched for all such whistleblower-submitted statements/evidence to date, and that a copy thereof be made and sent promptly to me as part of your processing of this request.

Since I make this request mainly as a journalist serving the worldwide audience of the Internet news-and-information website of <http://www.ufocity.com> ("LWB Chronicles" column), I ask that you waive all records-search/review fees incident to your fulfilling it.

Please note that, by snail-mail (Certified No. 7002 0460 0001 7272 9346), I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

LARRY W. BRYANT

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Peter Robbins, Editor-in-Chief, UFOcity.com

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Re: UFOs In Africa? - Ticchetti

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opendf.com.br>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:07:38 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:10:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs In Africa? - Ticchetti

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>;
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>;
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 07:01:14 -0300
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>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 16:30:21 +0200
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Dear friend Gevaerd,

I do have that precious book 'UFOs in Africa', by Cynthia Hind.
I am discovering so many cases in Africa that I should write a
book not an article (kidding)

Thank you very much.

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 13:33:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:14:25 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Velez

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 02:52:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 23:57:32 -0400
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 13:59:09 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 03:31:17 -0500
>>>>Subject: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1
>>>>IFOs 101 - Pop Quiz Answer

>>>>For those who thought the object was a Mylar balloon,
>>>>congratulations - you get an "A".

>><snip>

>>Your response to my post gets a bit 'personal' in places.
>>Although I'd much rather discuss 'UFO' related issues, I
>>find that I have to deal with your unwarranted sniping.

>John, you have called me "sniping", "self-taught amateur",
>evasive, "defensive", "disgruntled former believer" and a "born
>again skeptic" in response to what you felt I implied (but
>didn't say) in my last reply to you. All I want to do is discuss
>the scientific study of UFOs and related phenomena. Can we
>please get on with our discussion without the name calling?

<snip>

>>>I've already contacted both gentlemen.

>>Excellent!

>Finally, a kind word! Thank you, John.

>Sincerely,

>A. Hebert

Hello Amy,

Excuse the huge snip but, that was a twenty page response. If I were to respond point by point it would turn into a 40 or 50 page e-mail and take up the better part of my day. Not being independently wealthy I do have to make time to earn a living. Again, sorry for the snip.

Amy, it all boils down to what is considered to be acceptable or 'enough' proof for each individual. For some it would take a UFO

landing in their backyard. A landing on the Whitehouse lawn wouldn't be quite good enough for others.

Speaking as a witness to the phenomena, what it took for me was a series of sightings and one uncomfortably close-up encounter to convince me that something very 'real' is going on. It is that way for many. People are skeptical until they have a sighting where they cannot deny that what they have seen can only be described as a "UFO" (flying saucer.)

There is more than enough hard evidence for the reality of phenomena. (The material released by the Belgian government being one good example.) There is in fact more evidence available than would be needed to convict someone of murder in an open court of law. But like I said, for 'some' there just isn't enough evidence in the world -short of being subjected to an anal probe by aliens- themselves.

No amount of debate is going to shift anyone from their position. Again for 'some' no amount of evidence would be enough either. They would just continue to raise the bar (requirements for 'proof') or continue to insist that anyone who believes UFOs are real are just gullible and anyone who claims to have witnessed them is either mistaken or a liar.

That's just the way it is.

The reason why I invested in expensive photo equipment was because I agreed with many people that anecdotal reports are just not enough. I figured if I had photos and video to back up my sighting reports that it would help to make the testimony more credible. But no. After going through all the expense and trouble of recording my sightings the bar is raised once again and I am told that pictures and video don't mean anything because they can be faked.

Horse players have a saying... "I can't win for losing." That's the case for anyone who dares to try to prove that they have seen a UFO. But hey, I'm not trying to sell anybody anything. It is only in response to the dictates of my own conscience that I participate in any public forums at all.

"Frankly Scarlet, I don't give a damn" whether you or anybody else 'believes' it or not. I don't feel like it's my responsibility to convince anyone of anything. I do however feel that it is my responsibility to report. And, to do it as honestly and responsibly as I can.

That, I have done.

The rest is up to those who read these posts to decide for themselves what it is they want to accept or not. Like I said, I don't (personally) care one way or the other. All I will say is this; keep an open mind. Do not dismiss the possibility that UFOs are real and represent 'alien' craft. Don't dismiss (out of hand, without careful scrutiny) the testimony of those witnesses who have either seen or somehow interacted with UFOs or their occupants. For myself, I can tell you that 'some' of these people, myself included, are not lying, imagining, or misperceiving what we have seen or been through.

What people do with that information is up to them

Regards,

John Velez, UFO/alien witness

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Re: Taken For A Ride - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 11:13:57 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:18:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Taken For A Ride - Tonnies

>From: John W. Auchettl <Praufu@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 07:01:08 EDT
>Subject: Taken For A Ride

<snip>

>For those wanting something a tad more tasteful, AAI's Crop
>Circle Service has proven popular. A hit with rural clients,
>their urban Crop Circle Service offers smaller crop circles,
>perfect in size for "largish" front and back yards. All crop
>circles are clearly visible from the air, so passing alien ships
>can spot them.

>And you never know, extraterrestrials may see the beacons and
>drop by for a cuppa. They may even take you back with them.

>www.alienabductions.com/customer/question.html

Whoever wrote this article thinking that the presumed staff at
"Alien Abductions, Inc." was for real was himself taken for
quite a ride. It's a clever satirical site, not reality.

=====

>Mac Tonnies
macbot@yahoo.com

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (daily blog)

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From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 09:39:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:01:06 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: Eric Jacobson <ejacobson74@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 22:48:04 -0400
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>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
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>>We are in 2003 and are urged to get to the Real Thing. We can
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>>the support of the governments or the scientists we are
>>researching by ourselves.

>Santiago,

>You seem to be confused about the meaning of 'UFO'. In the US we
>generally take this to mean an 'Unidentified Flying Object',
>just that and no more. You seem to be using it as a synonym for
>'extraterrestrial craft'. Any image that is unidentified is a
>UFO. There's no case that such an image is an extraterrestrial
>craft untill someone has carefully excluded every other possible
>identification. Amy's contribution is to the latter task.

>How will you be sure that you have evidence of the Real Thing
>unless you are able to definitively discriminate between an
>image which has no other plausible explanation than
>"extraterrestrial craft" and an image of the type which Amy is
>cataloging? I am very skeptical of your implication that you can
>identify such images as Amy has cataloged without any problem.
>The analysis of photos, videos and films of supposed UFOs is not
>at all an established science.

>So I'm puzzled at your hostility to Amy's contribution. It seems
>to me that if you were really interested in proving the
>existence of extraterrestrial craft you would be interested in
>increasing your ability to identify the kinds of images which
>she is cataloging. Perhaps you are more interested in generating
>a lot of publicity and excitement about images which are really
>not so carefully vetted.

Your statements were too good to be snipped. Can't improve on
perfection! <grin>

The reason I set up the IFO Database was because I was so tired
of all the bogus images of 'UFOs' going around and so little
being done to study the true nature of these images. But before
the IFO Database, I began studying images of IFO's for my own
personal research and the need for some kind of comparison tool
to use in my study of UFOs and alleged UFO images. Once I could
see the similarities between some images of alleged UFOs and
IFO's, I could then place these images on the back burner and
focus my studies on potential UFOs and better evidence. I want
to study UFOs not IFO's, hoaxes and misidentifications.
Unfortunately, this field is full of claims and images but so
little research.

Some people seem to feel threatened when their UFO images and claims are put under scrutiny expecting, instead, their words and images to be accepted without question. These are also the individuals who complain the most about those conducting more scientific research. Perhaps it's because they have the most to lose.

Thank you, Eric!

Amy

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RUINS OF KADATH FOUND
IN ANTARCTICA?

A California TV crew missing since November 2002, a video they left behind and a mission by U.S. Navy SEALs are the key elements in a story that claims extensive prehistoric ruins have been found under the ice of Antarctica.

"The U.S. government said it will seek to block the airing of a video found by Navy rescuers in Antarctica that purportedly reveals that a massive archaeological dig is underway two miles (3,200 meters) beneath the ice."

"The AtlantisTV production crew that shot the video is still missing."

"Attorneys for the Beverly Hills-based AtlantisTV stressed that the company's primary concern is for the safety and welfare of the crew. But they stated they will 'vigorously oppose' any attempts to 'censor material that is clearly in the public interest and public domain.' The icy continent of Antarctica, they point out, belongs to no nation. The U.S. has no jurisdiction there."

"That video is the property of AtlantisTV," said a company spokesman, "We shot it. It's ours. And as soon as it is rightfully restored to us, we're going to air it. End of story."

"Two Navy officers who saw the tape described its contents to National Science Foundation (NSF) researchers upon their return to the Amundsen-Scott Station at the South Pole, according to sources at McMurdo Station, the main American base in Antarctica."

"They said it showed spectacular ruins and other things they couldn't go into," an NSF scientist reported. "We chalked it up to some kind of subzero-induced delusion until a chopper (helicopter--J.T.) full of Navy SEALs landed and picked them up and took off. Now, we're scratching our heads."

"Officials of the U.S. Naval Support Task Force, Antarctica deny the story or the possession of any video shot by the missing AtlantisTV crew."

Science fiction author Howard Phillips Lovecraft (1890-1937) claimed in several stories that a prehistoric city existed in Antarctica called "Kadath of the Cold Waste."

Lovecraft described its "discovery" in his novel At the Mountains of Madness, written between January and

March 1931. Incredibly, one of his passages is a precise description of a scene in the AtlantisTV video.

Lovecraft wrote, "But the salient object of the place was the titanic stone ramp, which, eluding the archways by a sharp turn outward into the open floor, wound spirally up the stupendous cylindrical wall like an inside counterpart of those once climbing outside the monstrous towers or ziggurats of ancient Babylon...The thing was excellently preserved up to the present top of the tower-- a highly remarkable circumstance in view of its exposure-- and its shelter had done much to protect the bizarre and disturbing cosmic sculptures on the walls."

"As we stepped out into the awesome half-daylight of this monstrous cylinder-bottom--fifty million years old, and without doubt the most primally ancient structure ever to meet our eyes--we saw that the ramp-traversed sides stretched dizzily up to a height of fully sixty feet (18 meters)."

"According to the sculptures, the original tower had stood in the centre of an immense circular plaza; and had been perhaps 500 or 600 feet (150 to 180 meters) high, with tiers of horizontal discs near the top and a row of needle-like spires along the upper rim."

"News of the video, which Navy sources said they found in an abandoned supply dump 100 miles (160 kilometers) west of Vokstok Station, came on the heels of U.S. attempts to strike passages from Raising Atlantis, the upcoming novel by Thomas Greanias that is the basis for AtlantisTV's popular online Atlantis Mapping Project channel."

"Federal officials agreed to allow an uncensored version of Raising Atlantis to go on sale in April (2003) at Amazon.com as an e-book. But they won court approval to 'block certain portions that might compromise national security' from the hardcover edition due in bookstores at year's end."

"The novel focuses on a secret US. military expedition that discovers ancient ruins two miles beneath the ice in Antarctica. Recent events in Antarctica have raised questions about whether the story is fiction or a novelization of actual events" during the years 2000 and 2001.

"Sources say the current federal review is focusing on the novel's depiction of "Federal Emergency Plan D," which officially doesn't exist, although parts of the plan have become public in the wake of the September 11 (2001) terrorist attacks on America and calls for the activation of a 'shadow government' to operate in secret hideouts outside the national capital" of Washington, D.C. "to ensure the survival of the United States of America and the continuity of government in the event of a global catastrophe or nuclear Armageddon."

(Editor's Note: True enough. Immediately after the attacks, the USA's Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA implemented the Continuity of Government or COG Plan, operating out of Mount Weather and Mount Pony in the state of Virginia.)

"'It's the specifics of Stage Two and Stage Three (of the COG Plan) detailed in Raising Atlantis that concern federal officials,'" an AtlantisTV spokesman said.

"'Hell, I didn't even know about Stage One and the shadow government until 9-11, let alone Stage Two or Stage Three,'" said one CIA source on condition of anonymity."

(See the Atlantis Mapping Project news release for November 17, 2002, "U.S. discovers 'spectacular ruins' in Antarctica captured on video." Also The Annotated H.P. Lovecraft, edited by S.T. Joshi, Dell Publishing, New York, N.Y., 1997, pages 302 and 303. Merci beaucoup a Robert Fischer pour ces nouvelles.)

(Editor's Comment: Welcome to H.P. Lovecraft Week at UFO Roundup. The Kadath ruins are just a start. Wait till you see what else has been found in recent months.)

UFO FLAP BREAKS OUT IN THE CRIMEA

On Wednesday, April 23, 2003, eyewitness Lenura A. Azizova, 53, "since 1991 a resident of Simferopol," capital of the Crimea (also known as the Krym Autonomous Republic in the Ukraine--J.T.) "stepped out of her house

at No. 13 Zapadnaya Street into her yard, and suddenly she noticed a bright flash in the sky and a pulsating light in the middle of the constellation Auriga. The light was very bright, looking like an electric lamp."

"The object, according to Mrs. Azizova, was pulsating constantly with red, violet, yellow and white colors. It was moving in a zigzagging trajectory, up and down through the sky. Definitely neither a satellite nor an airplane. The object was totally soundless. After five minutes of observation, she lost it from sight as the object flew away."

The next day, on Thursday, April 24, 2003, "a disk-shaped UFO was seen hovering over Evpatoriyskoye shosse (highway--J.T.), northwest of Simferopol's outskirts, near the turn that leads to the Feliks Dzerzhinskiy collective farm."

On Saturday, April 26, 2003, at 8 p.m., "two residents of Simferopol, Alexei and Aleksandr Zavus, from the yard of their home in the 'original downtown' of the millenia-old Crimean city, "observed an unusual object in the southwestern part of the sky, not far from the star Sirius."

"Suddenly, the 'bright white star,' brighter than even Sirius, appeared high in the sky after a flash. It was hovering for several seconds, slowly moving, and then suddenly faded away, like an electric lamp being shut off."

On Wednesday, April 30, 2003, a UFO appeared three times over Lenin Square in Simferopol. The sightings were at 8:45, 9:10 and 9:12 p.m.

UFO Roundup correspondent Anton A. Anfalov reported, "While standing in Lenin Square, right in the center of Simferopol, and talking to my friend, Mr. V. Zdorov, about UFOs, aliens, alien implants and underground bases, we noticed several light flashes of a white-silver color and a ruby-red color to the northeast."

"This was definitely neither an airplane nor a satellite, because the flashes were short, stationary, and there was a big time lag of two to five minutes between them. This clearly indicates that the flashes were from a hovering object or an object that vividly demonstrated itself to us in a direct connection to the topic of our talk." (Many thanks to Anton A. Anfalov for these reports.)

SADDAM "SPACE SPEECH" HAS IRAQIS TALKING

As predicted, ousted dictator Saddam Hussein did make a speech to the Iraqi people last week. But there was some question as to whether the speech was made from the moon or from a gigantic disk-shaped UFO orbiting the Earth.

On Monday, May 5, 2003, Australia's Sydney Morning Herald "said it received the 14-minute tape from two men in Baghdad."

"If authentic, it would be the first message from Saddam since Baghdad fell April 9 (2003). The Herald was unable to confirm whether the tired-sounding voice on the tape is Saddam."

According to UFO Roundup's Middle East correspondent Ayesha al-Khatibi, some residents of Baghdad claim to have heard Saddam's 15-minute broadcast over their household radio sets.

"Their impression is that it was a live broadcast," Ayesha reported, "My friend Hiba Rashid says she and her family heard it live. One of her uncles was changing the frequencies on their Grundig radio when he heard Saddam's voice. He called everyone in the house to come and listen. It (the broadcast) was on 1320 on the AM band. Hiba says she recognized Saddam's voice, but there was a lot of static."

"Saddam assured the listeners that he was well, that his sons, Uday and Qusay, were well, and urged Iraqis to resist the occupation. There was no mention of the moon or outer space or aliens."

Last week, Mohammed Daud al-Hayyat reported that the "hot rumor" in Baghdad was that Saddam would shortly make a radio speech "from the moon" in "four or five days." The actual broadcast was made during that time frame.

(See UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 18 for May 7, 2003, "Surprise appearance by Saddam startles Iraqis," page 1.)

"U.S. officials are studying an audio tape that is said to be of fallen leader Saddam Hussein speaking from inside Iraq sometime after April 28 (2003)," which was Saddam's sixty-sixth birthday. "U.S. officials don't know whether he is alive."

In other developments in Iraq, a black helicopter made a surprise appearance over al-Zafaraniya, a neighborhood on the south side of Baghdad, last week.

"Zafaraniya is a working-class neighborhood with a wide, well-integrated ethnic mix. Sunni and Shiite Muslims interact and intermarry and live side by side with Christians, Kurds and other minorities. The streets are unpaved and dusty. Stone walls surround dust-colored two-story houses made of concrete and conceal well-tended courtyards with flower gardens."

"People were startled last week when they heard the sound of a helicopter engine right above their rooftops," Ayesha reported, "When they went outside, they saw a black helicopter hovering overhead. A side door opened, and a flood of leaflets came falling out. The wind (rotor turbulence--J.T.) blew the leaflets all over the neighborhood. Few people actually saw a leaflet or read the Arabic message on it. The people have seen many, many Anglo-American helicopters but never before one of the mystery black helicopters."

According to USA Today, "Last week, for instance, a U.S. military helicopter dropped leaflets over the Zafaraniya neighborhood in south Baghdad. Most blew away before anyone could retrieve them. So few people actually saw what they said. But that didn't stop the local rumor mill from churning out theories about the mysterious missive. Soon many Zafaraniya residents had convinced themselves that they were about to be thrown out of their homes by the U.S. military--a striking example of their willingness to assume the worst about American intentions."

"Over cups of thick Turkish coffee, Zafaraniya residents are eager to discuss the U.S. occupation and share their more fanciful theories."

"Among the theories rampant in Baghdad and Zafaraniya--that Saddam was an American agent all along and is now safely in CIA custody. Or, alternatively, that he's still in hiding and preparing to return to power." (See USA Today for Wednesday, May 7, 2003, "Conspiracy theories and rumors about U.S. intentions swirl in Baghdad," page 2A and for Thursday, May 8, 2003, "New audio tape is reported to be of Saddam after the war," page 4A. Many thanks to Ayesha al-Khatibi for the additional information.)

UFO FLOTILLA CAUSES PANIC IN AUSTRALIA'S NORTHERN TERRITORY

"A set of mysterious bright lights in the Northern Territory's night sky have residents in the beachside suburb of Nightcliff abuzz with tales of an alien encounter."

"'People were out on the road, pointing to the bright lights and yelling it was an alien invasion,' mother of three Yvonne Morris said, 'People were just stunned.'"

"The Northern Territory News was flooded with calls from people who all say they saw the same thing from their Nightcliff homes--eight bright yellowish-orange lights in perfect formation over the Timor Sea" north of Australia.

"Brad MacDonald, 48, was at the Nightcliff Jetty fishing with family and friends when he saw the lights on Saturday (May 3, 2003) about 9 p.m."

"'I've never seen anything like it--it was bloody strange,' Mr. MacDonald said."

"But he said he had a strange feeling before he saw the glowing lights. 'I thought it was odd that because the fish were biting like hell, and then, all of a sudden, the tide went out.'"

"He described the lights as bright orange, about one kilometer away, and in perfect formation."

"'My mate reckons they were weather balloons, but I disagree--they were too perfect. There were forty people

at the jetty, and we were all intrigued.'"

"Mrs. Morris and her four children were sitting on the verandah of their beachfront property when the orange-yellow lights first appeared."

"The eight lights were 45 degrees from each other and appeared to be fairly structured."

"UFO sightings are fairly common in the Northern Territory--no place more so than Wycliff Well, N.T., 1,100 kilometers (660 miles) south of Darwin, where Holiday Park owner Lew Farkas is the local expert on UFOs, having seen them with monotonous regularity over 18 years."

"The closest look I got was one of the spaceship's portholes, but I didn't see the alien bloke inside,' Mr. Farkas, 54, said last night (Monday, May 5, 2003)."

"He said the formation described by the Nightcliff residents was similar to ones he had seen."

"It sounds like it was a mothership, with the supporting craft on the sides,' he said."

Australian "Weather Bureau senior forecaster Pradeep Singh said his bureau did not see anything unusual on its radar." (See the Northern Territory News for May 6, 2003, "Bright lights spark UFO rumours." Many thanks to Diane Harrison and Clinton Dodge of the Australian UFO Research Network--AUFORN--and John Hayes for forwarding this newspaper article.)

UFO SIGHTED IN NIAGARA, NORTH CAROLINA

"A local man and his wife saw what he describes as a UFO Wednesday night," April 30, 2003.

"The unidentified flying object appeared as a bright white light, hovered for a minute, and then flew across the sky 'with the speed of a meteor,' said Fred Lloyd, an assistant golf pro at the Whispering Pines Golf Course."

"The light appeared to him and his wife, Nancy Lee, above the treetops on the right hand side of the road on U.S. (Route) 1 near Niagara, N.C. at about 9 p.m. as the two were coming home from church, Lloyd said. The entire sighting lasted less than two seconds."

"The light was much bigger than a meteor, Lloyd said, and brighter than the moon. When Lloyd and his wife first noticed the UFO, they saw it out of the corner of their eyes, Lloyd said, and it appeared as if there were two or three lights. When they got a better look, then it was just one."

"When the light headed north and disappeared, Lloyd said the sighting left him feeling excited and a little out of sorts."

"It made the hair on the back of my neck stand up,' he said."

"Lloyd joked about whether people would think he was odd for claiming to have seen a UFO."

"Half the people who know me think I'm credible, and the other half know I'm not,' he said, 'My wife is one of the most credible people in the world.'"

Prominent American ufologist George Fawcett of Lincolnton, N.C. (population 9,965) is looking into the case. "Fawcett has investigated over 3,000 UFO sightings in 80 different countries over 60 years."

"Sightings usually happen near military bases or nuclear power plants, Fawcett said."

"Lloyd has no idea what he saw, but he believes it wasn't a meteor or an airplane."

"This, to me, has no explanation,' he said, 'Nothing I know of in the sky can act like that.'" (See the North Carolina newspaper The Pilot for May 4, 2003, "Couple reports seeing UFO Wednesday night." Many thanks to John Hayes for sending along this newspaper article.)

DAYLIGHT DISC SPOTTED NEAR SAN DIEGO

On Tuesday, May 6, 2003, 2:20 p.m., eyewitness E.G. was driving near the Sycuan Casino in El Cajon, California (population 94,869), on Interstate Highway I-8 about 11 miles (17 kilometers) east of San Diego, when she noticed a strange silvery glimmer in the eastern sky.

E.G. reported, "It looked silver-gray in color and

was as big as an airliner. It was a long oval shape. It caught my eye as if the sun had hit a mirror. Then I watched, as I thought it might crash. But it just floated straight behind the cloud. I pulled the car over to wait, but it never showed up again."

E.G. described the object as "a cylindrical UFO with no wings" and "about the size of a Southwest Airlines jetliner." (Email Form Report)

COUPLE AT HOME SIGHT A
UFO IN MEDINA, OHIO

On Wednesday, April 30, 2003, at 10 p.m., Jason Davis was at his home in Medina, Ohio (population 25,139), a small town on Routes 3 and 18 approximately 28 miles (45 kilometers) south of Cleveland, when "my wife yelled downstairs to me to look out the window toward the back of the house."

"It was a generally clear night with the moon almost full and also in the southern sky but almost overhead," he recalled, "There was a light in the sky that seemed to not blink or move or resemble a plane at all from that distance, which was approximately 10 to 20 miles (16 to 32 kilometers) away. The light seemed to be coming towards us at about the same speed as a low-flying jet aircraft would."

"I looked at it through binoculars and was surprised at what I saw, so I grabbed the digital camera and tried to get a couple of good pictures. I'm not a pro. I just fired off a couple photos without using the flash or trying to turn on the digital zoom."

"I must admit that the lights had a more defined shape when viewed through the binoculars than the photo, but it is interesting looking. The object never seemed to change speed or direction, and it was in view for about two minutes. It left no trail, but a jet that went by a few minutes later left a very obvious trail in the intense moonlight." (Email Form Report)

MYSTERIOUS GLOWING LIGHT
SEEN OVER A LONDON PARK

On Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at 12:15 a.m., Gene Perry and his girl friend were strolling through Manor Park in London, the UK's capital, when they spotted a "white light turning reddish as it dimmed over a five-second period."

It was "as bright a light as a first-magnitude star," Gene reported, "and was moving from nearly directly above us, slightly north, to the south. I said to my partner, 'Look, it's a satellite.'"

"She looked up and saw it, too, and said, 'I'm getting my glasses.'"

"I watched it for another ten seconds before it turned dimmer and disappeared. Viewing time in total was 10 to 25 seconds."

"I grew up on American air force bases all around the world and have seen all kinds of aircraft in all kinds of weather and at all angles. This object was brighter than all of the satellites I've ever seen. Weather was clear with no moon. If you held your hand at arm's length, the distance (the UFO) traveled was about two inches. It also had a slight curve in its path." (Email Form Report)

THE SPAWN OF CTHULU?

"A new species of jellyfish with a yard-wide (meter-wide) fleshy red bell and a cluster of wrinkled thick arms has been found by scientists nearly a mile (1,200 meters) beneath the cold, dark waters of the Pacific Ocean."

"Marine biologists at Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute," near San Francisco, California "discovered 23 of what they call Big Reds in Monterey Bay and the Sea of Cortez" in Mexico "and off Hawaii, Japan and the Farallon Islands near San Francisco, according to the latest online edition of the journal Marine Biology."

"Biologists have used a remote-controlled submarine to get video images of the big jellyfish swimming and have collected tissue samples of the bell and the thick arms of

one specimen. From the samples, scientists have concluded that Big Red is a unique species." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for May 8, 2003, "Giant jellyfish found in Pacific," page 2A.)

(Editor's Comment: First it was ancient ruins in Antarctica. Then it was giant red jellyfish. What's next!? The "terrible three-lobed eye" growing on the floor of the Aegean? Stay tuned.)

From the UFO Files...

1903: ANIMAL MUTILATION CASE
IN STAFFORDSHIRE, UK

We tend to think of animal mutilations as a fairly recent phenomenon. Yet there was a strange series of mutilations one hundred years ago, afflicting the farms around Wyrley, Staffordshire, UK.

"The first of a series of outrages occurred upon the night of Feb. 2, 1903. A valuable horse was ripped."

"Then, at intervals, up to August 27th, there were mutilations of horses, cows and sheep."

"Sixteen animals were slashed in a peculiar manner wherein the shallow wound did not penetrate the gut but let the animal bleed to death."

During the summer, anonymous letters appeared in the local newspapers, accusing one George Edalji of the crimes. He was the son of the Rev. Shapurji Edalji, a Hindu who had converted to Christianity, married an Englishwoman and moved to Wyrley to become a Church of England pastor. Between 1892 and 1895, George attended Rugeley School and, in 1903, was studying to become a lawyer.

During 1895, someone had stolen a large key from the Walsall Grammar School and slipped it under the vicarage door. Young Edalji was accused of burglary by Capt. George A. Anson of the Staffordshire Constabulary, who "openly suggested he be given a stiff prison sentence once he was caught." But George Edalji was never charged in this theft.

"At 6:20 a.m." on August 18, 1903, "a pony was found lying in a pool of blood. After inspecting the pony, which had had its stomach slit open, Inspector Campbell proceeded to arrest George Edalji. By 8 a.m. the police arrived at the vicarage and took away several blood-stained razors, a damp coat and trousers covered with horse hair and stained with blood, and a pair of damp muddy boots belonging to George."

Unfortunately, the evidence against George Edalji was compromised from the beginning. "The razor stains proved only to be rust...Inspector Campbell had placed the clothes in the same box with some of the pony's hide...the scene of the crime had been trampled by local colliery workers and sightseers" and "the police insisted the slashing took place around 8 to 8:30 p.m. the previous evening despite the veterinary surgeon's testimony that it had happened about 2:30 a.m."

It became clear that police had the wrong man when yet another horse was mutilated in Wyrley on August 27, 1903, while Edalji was in jail.

"When asked to explain Edalji's guilt after another attack took place while he was in custody, the police said it was the work of his gang, and showed no further interest."

Why the rush to judgement? Well, the Staffordshire Constabulary had received an anonymous letter from the culprit, which stated, "There will be merry times at Wyrley in November when they start on little girls, for they will do twenty wenches like the horses before next March." The letter was signed Greatorex.

In November 1903, Edalji was convicted and sentenced to seven years in prison at the Stafford Assizes. However, "in 1906, for reasons unknown, George Edalji was released after serving only three years of his sentence. He was to remain under police supervision as a discharged convict, but the circumstances were puzzling. Why had he been released prematurely? Had he been pardoned? Had the petition signed by ten thousand people, including hundreds of lawyers protesting at the weakness of the evidence against him, anything to do with it? It was a mystery

worthy of Sherlock Holmes."

The case soon drew the attention of Holmes' creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

"From their first meeting, Doyle knew Edalji was innocent. In the foyer of the Grand Hotel, Charing Cross (in London--J.T.) Doyle diagnosed from the manner Edalji read a newspaper that he had a severe case of astigmatic myopia."

In short, Edalji was so nearsighted that he could not have found his way to the barn in the dark, let alone slashed the pony and evaded the police patrols.

Doyle's expose, "The Case of Mr. George Edalji" appeared in the Daily Telegraph of London on January 11, 1907. Showing himself to be the equal of his fictional creation, Sherlock Holmes, "Doyle deduced the slasher was familiar with George Edalji and his family, had been a resident of Wyrley from 1892 to 1895, probably had attended Walsall School where the stolen key came from, knew a student there by the name of Greatorex. Also it appeared that the slasher was familiar with animals, all too handy with a knife and foul-mouthed. An inspection of the school rolls at Walsall soon revealed the identity of the slasher."

"Royden Sharp had been expelled from Walsall and had been apprenticed to a butcher before joining the merchant marine in 1895. Prior to his return in 1903, he had served aboard a cattle boat for ten months and had taken with him a large horse lancet, which has but one cutting edge which would not penetrate deeply into an animal."

In response to the public outcry, the British government set up the three-man Gladstone Commission to re-examine the case. "Instead of concerning itself with the innocence of Edalji and the possible guilt of Sharp, the Gladstone Commission spent most of its energies shielding Capt. Anson's incompetence."

No surprise there--one of the commission members, Sir Alfred de Rutzen, was a second cousin of Capt. Anson.

"Royden (Sharp) appeared to feel secure from prosecution in his letters to Doyle, for in one he states, 'I know from a detective of Scotland Yard that if you write to Gladstone and say you find Edalji is guilty after all, they will make you a lord next year. Is it not better to be a lord than to run the risk of losing kidneys and liver?'"

Amazingly, Royden Sharp was not arrested, not even after writing this death threat. Had he pulled shit like that in Mississippi, he would have been down on the Parchman prison farm, swinging a brush hook and shuffling along with the rest of the chain gang.

"The fate of Royden Sharp after 1907 seems as elusive as that of his predecessor, Jack the Ripper."

Curiously, after a four-year hiatus, the animal mutilations began again in Staffordshire. Charles Fort wrote, "August 22, 1907--a horse mutilated, near Wyrley. Five nights later (August 27, 1907), two horses, in another field, were slashed so that they died. September 8 (1907)--horse slashed, at Breenwood, Staffordshire. A young butcher, named Morgan, was accused, but he was able to show that he had been in his home at the time."

"For about a month injuries to horses continued to be reported" around Staffordshire. "They had been injured 'by barbed wires' or 'by nails projecting from fences.'"

They are all long dead now, all of the principal figures in the drama--George Edalji, Royden Sharp, Capt. George Anson and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Yet, as we saw last year (2002), in Argentina and Uruguay, the mutilation phenomenon is still going strong. (See The Complete Books of Charles Fort, Dover Publications Inc., New York, N.Y., 1974, pages 878 to 880. Also Fortean Times No. 21 for Spring 1977, "The Edalji Case...Again," pages 8 and 9.)

Steve Wilson Sr. reminds me that there will be a lunar eclipse later this week, the first one in the USA in three years. Barring inclement weather, the lunar eclipse can be seen across North America on Thursday evening, May 15, 2003 and, in western Europe and northwestern Africa, just before dawn on Friday, May 16, 2003.

Here in the USA, readers can watch the eclipse at the following times...

8:13 p.m. Pacific Time (Los Angeles)

9:13 p.m. Mountain Time (Salt Lake City)
10:13 p.m. Central Time (Chicago)
11:13 p.m. Eastern Time (New York City)

For 53 minutes, the Moon will be substantially darker and reddish colored. This would be a good time to aim your telescope at Copernicus crater. There's supposed to be an underground alien base in the crater's north rim. If the blast doors are opened during the eclipse, you might be able to see a tiny lighted area on the slope of Copernicus' north rim.

Hey! Maybe that's where Saddam Hussein and his sons are hiding out...

Eclipse or no, we'll be back in seven days with more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next week!

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Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:19:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:25:08 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - White

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:52:06 -0400
>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

<snip>

>And how do we know that these aliens (assuming they exist) are
>not planning to invade us....? This statement is based on what
>knowledge?

Observations of their constant presence by sightings, and their activities by way of abductions. And if Nick Balaskas' find of papers in Ottawa about the Eisenhower administration are valid, the fact that they chose to negotiate.

One abductee reported, according to Whitley Strieber, that he was shown people at a picnic on a screen, in the UFO. He was asked if he could 'pick out the aliens from the native humans'. He could not, as everyone looked pretty human. If that is true, that points to some sort of eventual integration, rather than an outright invasion.

It may ultimately end up as if an invasion had taken place, of course, but it certainly doesn't look like one so far.

Eleanor White

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Re: 'Frank M'? - Lowry

From: Louise A. Lowry <SHnsASSY1@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:22:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:27:51 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Frank M'? - Lowry

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 12:12:51 -0300
>Subject: 'Frank M'?

>Hello All,

>Do you know something about the abduction of a man called 'Frank
>M'?

>Here in Brazil we saw promo of a TV program about this case. The
>researchers are Bruce Maccabee and Budd Hopkins.

Frank M. is a person that the IF (Intruders Foundation)
investigated, he is an upstate resident of New York, he was
videotaping a UFO when a few moments later he was abducted from
the same craft he had been recording Bruce Maccabee had analyzed
the tape and have found it to be authentic.....

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Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:25:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:30:55 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - White

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 07:10:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>Where do these percentages come from? I hope they're not simple
>extrapolations from the rather old "Roper" poll taken a few
>years back. Polling and statistics can often be utilized to
>one's advantage, so the provenance of such claims should always
>be fully disclosed to carry much weight. Unfortunately, "stats"
>have come to take on a life of their own on the Internet.

I've heard both percentages referenced - say - at least a dozen
times each on both Strange Days Indeed and other shows' UFO
segments over the past three years. That Roper poll was one of
them, yes. I didn't write down every source, but I haven't
heard conflicting numbers.

I've been working nights during that 3-year period so I get to
hear more UFO discussions on air than the average member of the
public.

Do you have different numbers?

Eleanor White

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:51:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:35:26 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Rogers

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 13:33:13 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 02:52:55 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>The reason why I invested in expensive photo equipment was
>because I agreed with many people that anecdotal reports are
>just not enough. I figured if I had photos and video to back up
>my sighting reports that it would help to make the testimony
>more credible. But no. After going through all the expense and
>trouble of recording my sightings the bar is raised once again
>and I am told that pictures and video don't mean anything
>because they can be faked.

>Horse players have a saying... "I can't win for losing." That's
>the case for anyone who dares to try to prove that they have
>seen a UFO. But hey, I'm not trying to sell anybody anything. It
>is only in response to the dictates of my own conscience that I
>participate in any public forums at all.

Again, John, you assume that skeptics would not be pleased by a White House landing, because we would just "raise the bar," citing that we need more evidence. A White House landing would suffice, for me at least. A landing anywhere with enough corroborative evidence would suffice. But there hasn't been one. There's lots of interesting cases, but nothing that proves without a doubt that aliens have been here. Not even Roswell. Sure, something clearly happened there, but the actual evidence is inconclusive at this time. The Army seems to have lied about something, perhaps, but that doesn't automatically mean it was aliens. People too often assume that when the government is caught in a lie -- which is often -- that it must be about aliens. And we put way, way too much stock in deepthroat-esque govt. sources. But we're also told that govt. employees make mistakes just like us, so whose to say they're lying about anything. How do we know they're just totally uninformed and never really knew what to say. Because they're professionals? People hardly think so ... only when we want an explanation from them do we bequeath such parental roles.

And pictures and video can be faked. Which doesn't mean every single one of the is faked. What it means in those instances is that you have something that looks really strange on film, and by golly, it sure doesn't look like one of ours. But does that include experimental aircraft? Stuff we haven't seen? How can you say it's aliens when it could be something natural that we've never seen yet? That alone should preclude the cry of 'Aliens!' Just because our experts can't explain what they see isn't really a good reason to label something an alien ship. We had enough people, even a few of our experts, believe the Guardian footage was indeed proof of a UFO landing. It suckered in a whole bunch of people, in fact, and it turned out to be a hoax.

So what am I trying to say? That I don't believe any UFO videos of photos? Of course not. Some of them look really interesting. Those Billy Meier pictures looked pretty neat, and people have believed in those for years. If video is all we've got, then it's hard to draw conclusions based on something that potentially could have been faked. If that's all there is in one particular case, then yes, I'm going to still be skeptical. I guess I'll just have to live with myself, somehow!

This past week I lauded Stan Romanek's case because it does have lots of evidence. That doesn't mean I believe he was abducted by aliens. But at least he's tried to present as much evidence as possible. At least he's not trying to sell something or convince other people. He's just a guy who's had horrible things done to him, he wants to understand what the hell is going on, and he's respectful of other people's opinions and skepticism.

I'm not trying to attack you, John, but I think you've got the perception that most skeptics will never be happy. Well, I'm here, I'm interested. That should be enough for now. If I really didn't care, believe me, I wouldn't bother. I have a job to go to, books to write. I'm here because I'm genuinely curious.

Ian Rogers

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:55:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:36:53 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:02:15 -0700
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>What I see here is a classic case of late-night-talkshowitis.

>Listeners are supposed to enjoy the tall tales, and of course
>buy the products advertised (instant youth in a bottle etc.)
>Its sad really, but some part of the audience actually believes
>the stories!

>Amazing.

You can call every government crime nonsense, and find people and web sites who will say so. Just as government and big organization crime are real, so are disinfo agents. I'm not speculating, I know this personally.

Saying those crime examples are nonsense is your choice. But whether you want it to be true or not, government and big organization crimes continue, and continue in so-called democratic countries.

I have had my home entered, and small items stolen, sabotaged, sometimes returned, for the past 23 years. Ditto my car, and my workplace. No individual or organization could accomplish that without active cover by agencies whose job it is to protect us. MKULTRA and COINTELPRO were real projects which included just that type of activity, and which have never had the activity stopped, just the names discontinued.

Plenty of others have been through much worse. I do hope neither you nor your family or friends will ever have to go through such atrocities.

Government and big organization crimes are a whole lot more than titillating late-night conversation. If you want to debate this point further, please use my personal email address.

Eleanor White

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Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 394 - Cuoghi

From: **Diego Cuoghi** <diegocuoghi@spamcop.net>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:56:10 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:40:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 394 - Cuoghi

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 10:11:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 394

>>From: Edoardo Russo <e.russo@cisu.org>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 08:00:26 +0000
>>Subject: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 394

>>ITALIAN UFO NEWSFLASH

>>UFOs In Ancient Paintings?

>>Falling rapidly on the heels of the periodical Focus, the
>>monthly scientific investigative report Newton also devotes
>>space in its May issue to a discussion of UFOs, with regards to
>>identifying images interpretable as UFOs in works of art from
>>previous centuries.

>>The brief article which is amply illustrated sheds light on the
>>opposing views of those who steadfastly maintain that these
>>concern extraterrestrial objects and, conversely, those who are
>>of the opposite opinion (particularly the Italian scholar Diego
>>Cuoghi, who has dedicated a Website to the debate:
>>http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO.htm).

>This is a subject that I am extremely interested in.
>Unfortunately the above link failed. Do you have a correct link?

The correct link is:

http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO.htm

and this is the link for two parts in English

http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO_eng.htm

Diego Cuoghi

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Bright

From: Dan Bright <dan@zaziork.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 19:57:31 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:41:44 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Bright

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 08:40:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Santiago Yturria <syturria@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 16:07:44 EDT
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

<snip>

>>What's your point with this IFO test like if you were a teacher
>>in a classroom? To prove that someone can be fooled by a simple
>>mylar balloon? In our research we have seen these examples a
>>thousand times for many years. So this is like going back to
>>kindergarden again and we can not afford such a waste of time.

>Santiago, if you don't have the time to do this kind of study,
>locate the delete button on your keyboard.

>As for this "we" you refer to (someone else on this list keeps
>speaking for others and you too - ah, yes, safety in numbers),
>I've received a lot of very positive and encouraging feedback
>from people on the list via the list and via private E-mail not
>to mention over 265 hits on the first Pop Quiz page. Someone
>seems to have the time and interest.

<snip>

Hi Amy, Santiago, List members,

Santiago: Pardon me if I'm wrong, but I was under the impression that this was an open list, intended for anyone with an interest in researching and understanding the UFO phenomenon. I do not believe anyone was suggesting that you should drop all of your current research in favour of "going back to kindergarden". To be honest, that seemed to be a slightly disingenuous comment. Personally, I think that Amy's images are of benefit to all UFO researchers, be they experienced in the field or otherwise. However, the point is that even should you personally not find the examples of IFOs to be a useful resource, this does not hold true for the vast majority of less experienced UFO researchers, or the general public alike. Indeed, I would suggest that rather than doing the subject harm in the popular arena, such attempts at offering a simple education for those who do seek it does, in fact, promote the serious study of UFO in a far more positive light than the sensationalised promotion of video of an unknown as a bona fide extraterrestrial contact. How else would someone with little or no experience in image or video analysis be able to tell the wheat from the chaff, if not for examining images in which the "object" is identified?

I also agree with Amy in respect to definition. UFO was a term originally coined by the US Airforce, meaning "unidentified flying object". If a "UFO" is then subsequently identified as anything from a blimp to a fleet of Zeta star cruisers, it would immediately cease to be a UFO. However, the ruling out of any given number of possibilities does not mean the ruling out of

all other possibilities except that of an ET spacecraft . I am not for one moment suggesting that you do not acknowledge this to be true, however I do think that in "UFOlogy", like in all other walks of life, semantics are often used, twisted and distorted in order to support a bias, one way or the other. As Amy rightly attests, it is vitally important in any form of scientific inquiry to be specific in your definitions. This ensures that everyone knows _exactly_ what is meant, and are then able to express theory and hypothesis without ambiguity.

Personally, I have never seen evidence of sufficient standard to lead me to conclude that any given UFO sighting is, beyond doubt, extraterrestrial in origin. The usual suspects can sometimes be ruled out (balloons, lanterns, aircraft misidentification, and so forth), which still leaves a UFO. On to the next level of enquiry: earth lights? geo-electromagnetic discharge? and so it goes on. However, even if _every_ possibility imaginable apart from ET contact is dismissed, due to not being able to fulfil the profile of the sighting, _and_ assuming that this sighting is not a hoax, this _still_ does not mean that the observed phenomenon was ET in origin until there is _proof_ of such.

Therefore, as I see it, _all_ UFOs are "genuine", until they're identified; that is to say, genuine "unknowns", and not genuine evidence of ET visitation. Incidentally, I prefer the term "UAP" (Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon). Can a plasma sphere be classified as an "object"? Once again, it all depends upon definition.

Amy, thanks. I for one find your images very useful and am grateful for your work.

Best to all,

Dan

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From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 15:12:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:43:36 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto'" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 16:47:21 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>Do you believe everything written on these websites? Is there
>anything you don't believe?

When I hear from people who were first-hand involved in something testify on the radio, for example, those who have benefitted from a cancer cure, I begin to believe. When I hear something repeated on different shows, I believe a little more.

When the speaker has a good reputation, I believe more.

When _references_ which can be verified are given to back up something on the radio, I believe more.

When something seems to be common sense, such as a huge, complex, and ancient universe having intelligence on other planets, or that governments and corporations commit serious crimes and cover them up, I believe still more.

When something keeps on happening and keeps getting reported, decade after decade, such as UFO abductions, in spite of all the ridicule, I believe still more.

When something very similar to a strange situation reported by others happens to me, particularly over a period of time and repeatedly, I believe a great deal more.

Please don't confuse "believe" with "guaranteeing total accuracy". That's not what belief is. My beliefs get adjusted every time better evidence comes along. I think believing gets undeserved bad press. I never guarantee total accuracy with anything I haven't participated in.

I am not ashamed to believe things.

Eleanor White

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Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 394 - Cuoghi

From: Diego Cuoghi <diegocuoghi@spamcop.net>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 21:18:37 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:46:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 394 - Cuoghi

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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I just made a new folder in my web site, and now also that link works.

Diego Cuoghi
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From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 16:21:15 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:49:46 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Ledger

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 09:16:34 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 16:51:37 -0400
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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>>If it has been proven that the object in your film is not
>>conventional aircraft, a balloon, birds/insects, weather
>>phenomena, then it must be an alien spacecraft.

>>I think that's what he wants to hear. When really the best we
>>can do is say the footage is inconclusive. Unfortunately, for
>>far too many people in Ufology 'inconclusive' = aliens. Kind of
>>a kneejerk reaction if you ask me, but that's the way many
>>people think, in this field.

>I couldn't agree with you more, Ian.

>Well said! Hit the nail on the head. The best we can conclude
>about something unknown is that the data is inconclusive.

>Thank you!

I don't know about that premise. If someone is holding the
winning hand in a poker game and I don't call them, how then
would I ever know if they had the winning hand - if they don't
declare it?

The solution then, is inconclusive for me, and always will be,
but not the winner of the game. If you transpose the winner of
this game in this case is some intelligence in an object not of
this Earth, and this intelligence doesn't want to declare
itself, how the heck are you ever going to prove it?

Proving something is inconclusive is not an answer, it's just
putting the question on hold.

What you seem to be suggesting is that time will eventually
prove that each UFO is really an IFO of prosaic means. That's
just Klass's theory being recycled isn't it?

All of the unsolved UFO sightings are due to the lack of
sufficient information.

Who determines what is sufficient information? Where's the
cut-off point?

Don Ledger

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From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 16:44:45 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:53:42 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Ledger

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 09:39:13 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Eric Jacobson <ejacobson74@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 22:48:04 -0400
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>Some people seem to feel threatened when their UFO images and
>claims are put under scrutiny expecting, instead, their words
>and images to be accepted without question. These are also the
>individuals who complain the most about those conducting more
>scientific research. Perhaps it's because they have the most to
>lose.

>Thank you, Eric!

You know I hear and see this statement a great deal. But I've never actually seen evidence of it. Some people shoot this stuff and then ask what it is and are satisfied when someone proves its prosaic in nature.

Amy, if you are going to start using generalizations as arguments, you are going to weaken your argument. Frankly I'm surprised you would begin using it if you are certain of your own theories. Attacking others in a general form doesn't prove anything other than perhaps you feel you are on shaky ground yourself. Prove or disprove, never mind the tongue in cheek cliches.

What has anyone to lose, BTW? That last statement is rhetoric, not factual.

I've never shot anything on film or video by the way. I'm not protecting my turf. I'm just not prepared to throw the baby out with the bathwater.

I wonder if you wouldn't mind mapping out a frame work or reference guide as to how to initially eliminate photographic evidence of an aerial UO. Would you also include the humanistic traits to the recording of the incident as to important or unimportant.

Don

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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:59:10 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 13:32:04 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2003 17:20:24 -0700
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>Of course, you're fine with the samples being "agate-like", but
>it is clear you're not fine with the samples being agate
>(chalcedony), because (as I have recently learned) you have long
>been committed to making the ludicrous "Alien Autopsy" affair
>into a reality, for personal reasons.

Ray,

Yes, you're correct; I don't have a problem with the material being agate-like. For the rest of this post, I'll refer to the material as A-LM (agate-like material).

I also champion the alien autopsy as being a real event, but don't understand the "for personal reasons"; perhaps you could elaborate.

>Because you cannot personally understand how over vast ages
>(very possibly even in the millions of years) chalcedony coated
>some areas of the rocks is no reason to believe the chalcedony
>if the result of a spaceship crash.

But I do understand how chalcedony can form. I've listened to you and have done my own research. There's only one problem: the A-LM covering this area of the desert wasn't deposited in the normal fashion portrayed by you or by the references I researched.

>>I wouldn't know what I was looking at.

>That doesn't excuse your not looking, to get a clearer idea of
>whether it was really glass-like or only superficially so,
>before making a rather sensational report to this list and God
>knows where else.

I knew the A-LM was unusual. I also knew my understanding of the material was incomplete so I brought the matter to the list with the intention of involving more folks and generating interest in the site. I want others to visit the area and see how fascinating it actually is. I also wanted folks like you to contribute their knowledge and maybe start a working group to study the site.

>You know that the material is very unusual simply because you,
>personally, have never seen it "scattered across the desert?!!
>Ridiculous in the extreme! A little rationality would help in
>this, Ed!

As I've told you, it's the way the A-LM is scattered or splashed across the desert and on the rocks that makes it unusual.

>You also know perfectly well that I told you on the phone that I
>have done much roaming (during the six years I lived in Phoenix,
>Arizona) around the Arizona desert (and even in New Mexico)
>looking for meteorites, on UFO related trips, and just pleasure
>trips, and that I have seen such deposits on quite a few
>occasions at diverse places.

I believe that you've seen something similar to this, but not exactly like this.

>Also, you are using the propaganda technique of exaggeration to
>try and make your case. You know that in fact it was not, to use
>your words, "scattered across the desert"! The truth actually is
>that you found it on certain places on certain rocks. Period.

Why do you insist in denying my reality and experience? So I'll say this again. The A-LM at this site is scattered across an area at least three football fields in size. In some areas it's much thicker than others and on some rocks it's just a thin coating. It's on large rocks the size of a car and on small rocks the size of a loaf of bread and some the size of apples. It's more concentrated around the first impact site and the eventual crash (landing) site.

>I can prove that by a photo you sent me which shows an area (at
>the widest view) of maybe forty to fifty feet across, and on
>only three locations do you have rocks circled with the caption,
>"areas with glass-like material".

That photo accounts for about five percent of the total site. The areas I circled were where I found concentrations of material, not the only areas. Again, the photos were not meant to prove anything but to familiarize you with the general nature of the site.

>Well the material on the rocks which you sent me is
>unquestionably chalcedony, not just "agate-like", but if you are
>going to claim it to have been formed there by a spaceship
>crash, you'd better be prepared to explain; (1) how it looks
>like chalcedony, has the gross morphology of chalcedony
>deposits, has the hardness of chalcedony, produces the streak of
>chalcedony on a test surface, and has the kind of
>microcrystalline growth patterns that characterize chalcedony,
>and; (2) how it is that this imagined UFO-related plasma didn't
>deposit the same substance on the soil all around the area.
>After all, soil is primarily silica (especially so in deserts,
>where there is little organic debris), and it, like the rocks,
>should have retained a coating of the "polymer" you propose.
>Common, Ed, tell us why it doesn't coat the ground?

Good question. If the A-LM were deposited from a disabled craft, then it should be found on individual sand pebbles and in the dirt just as you say. I haven't looked but I will when I return to the site, hopefully with you and other interested listers, this summer. The wind and rain over the last fifty-five years have probably dispersed the individual sand particles, but there should still be evidence of their existence if we screen the sand around heavy concentrations of the A-LM.

If we did find areas of sand that are covered with the A-LM, what would those findings prove to you?

>So, do you want to get rational and reasonable about this and
>admit the material is nothing but a natural chalcedony, and
>therefore 'save face' a bit (by demonstrating that you're not a
>die-hard fanatic), or would you prefer I have an electron
>microprobe or other analytical test done on it, get a print-out
>showing that it is primarily silica dioxide, and let the facts
>make you look like an extremely fantasy-prone person?
>As I told you on the phone, I can do that if you insist.

Yes, I'm asking that you do a microprobe, as you said you would. We'll need all the information we can get. I'm willing to admit that the A-LM will be "primarily silica dioxide". But I'd like to know what other chemicals and elements are present.

>Good, you admit that, but had you looked at the material with a
>loupe -- thanks for correcting my spelling on that, Jim :) -- I
>think you might have used a more accurate term.

Sure, I could have done many things differently.

>What do you mean by "exact match"?! You surely must know that
>chalcedony can grow (I refer to crystal growth) on surfaces of
>any shape, if that shape is in silica carrying water long
>enough. It doesn't even matter if that surface is
>gravitationally up, down, or anywhere in-between, provided
>silica-bearing water is in contact with it long enough. You know
>very well that I said nothing about an "exact match", because no
>two specimens of chalcedony will ever be exactly alike. No areas
>of chalcedony on the two pieces of rock you sent me are anywhere
>nearly exact in form.

>My wife, who collects chalcedony in the form of polished slices
>of agate (chalcedony), and has a whole file with the drawers
>full of beautiful slices, suggests that, rather than sending you
>one of her more expensive sliced and polished examples, I wait
>until next weekend's mineral show and try to find an inexpensive
>example to send you. If not, I'll get a sample from my friend,
>Jim (a true chalcedony freak), and send you one.

Don't bother; what I wanted was a rhyolite rock covered with
agate. In other words I wanted a sample similar to the one I
sent you. You seemed to think you could produce one so I took
you up on your offer. I don't need a sample of agate. I have my
own.

>But as I said before, Ed, the kind of wild speculating you are
>doing about a mercury-based engine and an undefined vortex
>picking up atmospheric debris, etc, is not theorizing. It is not
>even valid hypothesis formation, because it is not based on
>actual evidence. Do you not even understand the basics of the
>scientific process?

Until we are able to study the actual propulsion systems of UFO,
one theory is as good as another. I base my ideas on the work of
Ivan Sanderson, and my understanding of vehemas, the flying
crafts used by the ancients of India. The basic concept is that
heated mercury in a circular container creates an
electromagnetic vortex and the craft rides in the middle, as in
the eye of a storm. I believe this vortex is responsible for
simple crop circles, and falls of angel hair. That's why I
theorized about polymer (spider webs, caterpillar silk etc.),
but now that I think about it, silica dioxide would work just as
well. The disabled craft picked up sand and converted it along
with atmospheric moisture and other chemicals and debris to form
the A-LM which it dispersed when it crash-landed.

>Can you really expect any intelligent person to want to listen
>to that kind of pseudoscientific crap? I hoped, since it was "my
>dime", as you say, that it would be more constructive to explain
>to you the process of chalcedony formation and more about its
>characteristics, plus to correct the flawed nature of your
>reasoning. It looks, however, that my time and phone expense was
>wasted.

Not at all. I learned alot.

>Seem to be?!!! It would be more intellectually honest just to
>admit that you were absolutely incorrect. By the way, have you
>ever known of a plastic that had a hardness of 7 on Mohs' scale,
>and crystalline growth? :)

Let's wait until you get the results of the probe. There may
still be a few surprises.

>I suspect the reason you do not understand is that you look at
>the area only as it is today and not across the ages,
>geologically. I don't feel like this list would really be
>interested in my taking up space to give a you an education in
>geology and petrogenesis. Grab yourself some basic geology books
>and books on rocks and minerals at the library, Ed, and open for
>yourself a whole new world of wonder that is a lot more well
>established and fact-based than this particular "Alien
>Abduction" fiasco.

I told you I understood basic geology. I know how the earth is
formed and I've hiked and explored many amazing places. The A-LM
deposition was different than anything I'd ever seen before.

>Do that, and you will learn the valuable lesson that anything as
>common as chalcedony should not be mistaken for the 'flotsam or

>jetsam" of a UFO crash.

I know, it's hard to understand; you'll have to visit the site to grasp the significance of what's there.

>>I've been there, you haven't.

>I've analyzed the only 'hard evidence' -- 7 on Mohs' scale :o) ->- you offer, and found it to be a very common substance. So, now>I have better things to do than to travel half way across the>continental U.S., rent a four-wheel-drive vehicle, and see one>wide-eyed, die-hard believer's Ufological 'Field of Dreams'.>Thanks, but no thanks.

It would be a wonderful experience for you; the chance in a lifetime.

>I was referring to the fact that you unequivocally describe it>as the crash site without a single bit of evidence, except the>claim that it matches an anonymous person's claim! If that's not>wishful thinking and highly subjective, what is it?

I have the cameraman's drawing and matching it to the site, the area I circled is the crash site. Also the concentration of A-LM is very heavy there.

>By the way, have you ever considered the possibility that>someone came across this place, decided that the chalcedony on>some of the rocks might easily be mistaken for glass by>believers, adding a few ambiguities to the route, to make it>seem like he is describing the route as it might have been over>half a century ago, and led you down the 'primrose path'.

I don't see the point to all that. What would this person gain?

>>...and the cameraman...said a craft crashed somewhere in this area.

>You believe the, IMO, fictional 'camera man'. I suppose you>believe in Santa Clause and the tooth fairy, too. The alleged>camera man has not really even verified that the specific area>you claim as the crash site is where he is alleging a UFO>crashed, has he, Ed? 'He' will likely never put his finger on a>specific area for reasons that, if you wanted to be objective>about this, you could easily guess. I suppose it is about time>for the pushers of this, IMO, hoax to declare that the alleged>camera man has recently 'passed on', too.

>>>Another photo is labeled "burned cottonwood tree", but nothing>>>on the tree's remains give the slightest suggestion to me that>>>anything extraordinary happened there.

>>You'll have to see it for yourself.

>I saw the photo, and having seen diverse trees in the desert>burned and broken by lightning strikes, I don't need or want to>see it any closer. Where is your evidence a UFO caused there>over a half century ago, Ed?

>>Let me say this again. I believe my brother and I have>>found the cameraman's crash site. There are many reasons>>for this belief and finding that the material is chalcedony>>doesn't change a thing, except it isn't polymer.

>Anyone who could have looked at that chalcedony (even without>the aid of a loupe) and thought it was a UFO-formed polymer>(until I demonstrated otherwise) doesn't need a dose of active>imagination, so your beliefs do not carry a lot of weight with>me at this point.

>So you believe it was a UFO crash site. Provide us some hard>evidence strongly suggesting that, or allow this to be relegated>to the folly file.

Hopefully our discussion will motivate some listers to visit the site and see for themselves whether it's a crash site possibility or not.

>I suspect he was a bit turned off by the UFO crash tale you had>told him, and that he didn't want to waste the time of day>arguing with a true believer.

After he finished his examination, he asked me why I was exploring that area and I told him about the AA. I'm sure he was skeptical; but he listened politely and he didn't seem too put off by my explanation.

>And, just as I said, you did not report the more down-to-earth comments of this person at the NM School of Mines to the List. A serious researcher-investigator would have done so, even if adding comments that he didn't take the comments to be accurate.

I've talked to many folks about this and just as many had opinions about the nature of the material. Am I to report everything they said, too? I told you, didn't I.

>Common, Ed! Tell us how you knew he was incorrect! You admitted to me that you hadn't even looked at the stuff with a loupe, hadn't done a hardness test, hadn't even poured an easily available acid solution like household vinegar on it to see if it fizzed like calcite (calcium carbonate) does (in liberating carbon dioxide) when vinegar poured upon it! You had consulted him because you thought he might be an expert. Since you admitted you didn't test for calcite, why didn't you believe him? That looks very much like wishful thinking before science, again!

If I had it to do again, that's exactly what I'd do. I have seen many examples of calcite and the A-LM didn't resemble the samples I'd seen.

>Maybe you should say, "List, my slip-up! My apology!", instead of being sarcastic. It would be more to your credit, Ed.

I have no apology to the List. The List should be thanking me for bringing this to them.

Anyone can visit the site and have an eye-opening experience.

>>I don't think so. The information you've provided has been an excellent contribution. Everyone has part of the truth.

>Maybe in the minds of what I call "metaphizzlers", "true believers", and "post modernists", but what if this whole UFO crash episode is pure fiction? Would the perpetrators have even a smidgen of the truth?

Yes, everyone has a part of the truth, even post modernists.

>>I want folks involved. Real adventure.

>Yes, real adventure if you're 'fishing around' around for some joker to declare that the chalcedony is hard evidence of a UFO crash. Indeed!

I'm fishing for participants and I think you've nibbled. I just have to set the hook. I know you'll put up a good fight, and you're getting closer to the net with every word.

>Once again, I ask: How many rocks did you check for chalcedony beneath the soil line?

Ten or so.

>How many of them did you carefully wash off before deciding if any chalcedony was below the soil line?

I didn't wash any off; there was no need to do so. The sand brushes off without a problem.

>You have deliberately skirted those questions in order to push your position.
>And, by the way, would you like to describe for us how a crashing UFO forms growth phase atop growth phase of chalcedony anywhere on rocks or anything else? :) -- and, please, why did it not, likewise, form atop the soil?

A growth phase appearance could happen in split seconds or over thousands/millions of years. I believe this event took place in a matter of seconds. The A-LM probably was on top of the soil at one time but it's not noticeable now, but as I said, I didn't look closely at the topsoil.

>>Now here's the real problem. There is zero way that this
>>material could have been water deposited on this site and on
>>the individual rocks on the site-some are three feet apart.

>That is a deliberate distortion of fact, and you are being
>dishonest in even saying that. You know quite well that it is
>not "deposited on this site", but only upon certain areas of
>certain rocks there.

Maybe somewhere during this discussion you'll get this clear:
The A-LM is scattered or splashed across the desert in a way
that would make one suspect that the material was thrown down
from above or better - spun down from above

>Perhaps you secretly hope prevent me from revealing the truth
>about how it formed by saying:

>>Please don't write a lengthy discourse.

No I didn't want you to waste your time, but secretly knew
that you'd go ahead anyway.

>O.K., I'll grant your wish and write a short one that will
>hopefully fill your geologic and petrologic vacuum:

>You are not seeing these rocks in the context in which the
>chalcedony naturally formed upon them over the ages when the
>rocks were water-saturated and they were under ground. These
>rocks were tectonically pushed up from underneath the surface
>during the time those mountains in the area were pushed up. It
>was once a relatively flat land. When the rocks were
>underground, subsurface waters flowed through every crack made
>in them during earlier stages of tectonic pressure. It flowed
>for hundreds of thousands to millions of years (depending on the
>area), slowly allowing growth phase upon growth phase (through
>dry and wet periods) of chalcedony to form from molecular silica
>dioxide being carried in the water.

>After the chalcedony-bearing substrate was tectonically pushed
>to the surface, it further broke apart along tectonically
>created (and even chalcedony-bearing) fissures, aided over long
>period by rains, flooding, freezing, extreme of cold and heat,
>etc.

>What you are finding are larger and smaller examples of the rock
>that has in that way broken up.

>The reason we see chalcedony formed on these particular rocks
>(instead of calcite) is because this kind of pyroclastic rock is
>very high in silica and quite low in calcium (unlike rocks
>formed of marine sediments, like those around Carlsbad Caverns
>in New Mexico).

>But you will now ask, "Why so much in this area and not in
>adjacent areas?"

>Such situations occur under the condition wherein the now
>surface-exposed rocks were in one of the underground areas
>through which subsurface waters flowed more abundantly than in
>the adjacent areas of possibly more solid rock and/or more
>elevated rock (just we find underground, today). So, you will
>find chalcedony on some surfaces of rock that, when underground,
>had greater exposure to waters than did some other adjacent
>areas. Also, if the adjacent rocks happen not to be this type
>of pyroclastic rock, but are of the sedimentary type mentioned
>earlier, what will accumulate in their cracks is calcite and not
>chalcedony. Rainwater tends to dissolve the calcite in fissures
>of surface rocks (especially in these days of increased acid
>rain), so you would likely see very little, if any, sub-vitreous
>calcitic growths remaining on them. Plain, simple, Petrology
>101. :)

>>It would be a waste of your time...

>Knowing your attitude and unwillingness to look at the facts and
>learn, I probably am wasting my time!

Just as I said, it was a waste of your time. The deposits of A-
LM were not formed in that fashion or in the manner you've just
described. There's nothing wrong with your description. In fact

it's quite well done, but it doesn't apply to this site. What more can I say: "because one visit to the site would destroy your efforts".

>No visit to the site could ever show me how
>chalcedony would be formed by the crash of a UFO,
>real or fictional!

Yes it would!

>>Just show me an example of an area three football fields covered
>>with agate.

>Another propagandistic exaggeration and distortion of fact. Ed
>knows quite well that the area is not covered in agate. Again,
>it is found only on specific areas of certain rocks, as his
>notes on the photos he sent me conclusively prove.

It's found across the entire area of the site. The photos prove nothing and were not meant to prove anything.

>>A better exercise would be to ask how a craft(UFO)
>>could make a deposit of chalcedony of this magnitude.

>The chalcedony was not formed by the crash of a UFO, Ed. I've
>just explained (short version) how it formed.

You explained how you think it was formed, armchair version.

>Toss your fantasy UFOillogical 'all day sucker' in the circular
>file (AKA, trash can).
>You are surely not going to make 'suckers' out of the thinkers
>on this List.

EBK and Listers know that I wouldn't try to sucker them. I'm not writing a book or selling anything and can't profit from this in any way. It has been very expensive and time consuming but it's a labor of love and so far, quite a heart warming adventure.

Ed

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Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 394 - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:23:49 -500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 20:51:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 394 - Hutchinson

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 10:11:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 394

>>http://www.sprezzatura.it/Art/Arte_UFO.htm).

>This is a subject that I am extremely interested in.
>Unfortunately the above link failed. Do you have a correct link?

Edoardo forgot an "e"
http://www.sprezzatura.it/Arte/Arte_UFO.htm

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Re: Request For Cost Estimate For A NASA-Expose Ad

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 16:31:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 21:16:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Request For Cost Estimate For A NASA-Expose Ad

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TO: Classified Ads Manager
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FROM: Larry W. Bryant
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DATE: May 13, 2003

Ms. Rumburg:

Please tell me the cost for placing the following ANNOUNCEMENT advertisement in a forthcoming edition of the "Pentagram" weekly newspaper, as published by the Fort Myer, Va., Military Community:

DOLLARS-FOR-DISCLOSURE: BLOW THE WHISTLE ON NASA

Help me set up a Whistleblower Reward Fund to compel full NASA accountability as to what certain officials know (and when they knew it) about the events leading up to Columbia's crash. Call Larry W. Bryant at 703-931-3341 (e-mail: overtci@cavtel.net).

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 22:47:24 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 22:00:12 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hall

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 16:51:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 23:06:57 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Santiago Yturria <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 14:43:22 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 02:10:47 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>>If I don't know what it is, Santiago, it is unidentified... for
>>>>the moment. I continue to analyze until I find the truth. If
>>>>something is unknown, I never rule out any possible explanation
>>>>including the possibility it was a bird, balloon, airplane,
>>>>blimp, etc.

>>>>In my work once I performed these steps and confirmed it is an
>>>>authentic UFO sighting I show the footage to other friend
>>>>colleagues asking their opinions to establish a general criteria.
>>>>Now returning to my question : Have you found a real UFO video
>>>>in your reseach ?

>>I have found _potential_ UFO footage but it remains thus pending
>>further study.

>>>I will wait your straight answer to this because I'm very
>>>interested to know how you apply your criteria in these studies.
>>>But please let's talk straight and clear avoiding the rhetoric.

>>I _am_ talking straight, Santiago. I'm just not saying what you
>>want me to say. Take it or leave it.

>If it has been proven that the object in your film is not
>conventional aircraft, a balloon, birds/insects, weather
>phenomena, then it must be an alien spacecraft.

>I think that's what he wants to hear. When really the best we
>can do is say the footage is inconclusive. Unfortunately, for
>far too many people in Ufology 'inconclusive' = aliens. Kind of
>a kneejerk reaction if you ask me, but that's the way many
>people think, in this field.

Ian,

Whether some, many, or most self-styled "ufologists" display the sort of credulous attitude you describe here is subject to debate. But your logic that inconclusive = alien is not a commonly held position by any rational students of UFOs in my circles. Plus, your definiton of "inconclusive" leaves something

to be desired.

Anyway, I think that I gave the only scientifically "correct" answer to Amy's amusing guessing game about the identify of unexplained objects in the sky. Namely, that without knowledge of witness testimony as to what the object did or didn't do, that's all it is: a guessing game. Entertaining, but hardly real science. A photo or film in and of itself cannot be interpreted in any meaningful way (one exception being that if it shows wings and tails and other obvious aircraft features, then almost certainly is an aircraft; I am referring to photos that have no immediate, obvious explanation).

It is all well and good to catalogue and study IFOs as Amy is doing. All rational students of UFO phenomena have been doing that for many years, and that is why some people tend to object to Amy's seemingly didactic approach and semantical quibbling.

- Dick

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Re: Taken For A Ride - Balaskas

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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 22:04:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Taken For A Ride - Balaskas

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>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 07:01:08 EDT
>Subject: Taken For A Ride

>Source: The Herald Sun - Melbourne, Australia

>http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,6411075%255E11869,00.html

<snip>

>HOW many times have you read about someone's purported alien
>abduction and yearned for your turn?

>When, you secretly ask yourself, will your mothership come in?
>But sooner or later you're going to have to face the truth: you
>may not be abductee material and, frankly, even if you are, you
>probably won't remember the experience.

>A simpler, more effective alternative is to pay someone to dress
>up like an alien and pretend to abduct you. That way you'll be
>able to remember and relish every last poke and prod for years
>to come.

>We kid you not, according to the barmy folks at New York-based
>Alien Abductions Incorporated, plenty of people (they don't say
>how many, naturally) pay to be abducted each year.

<snip>

Hi everyone!

I recalled reading something very similar not too long ago so
after a quick Internet search I think I found the story about
another New York-based company that also arranges kidnapping and
abduction experiences for a fee that I was looking for. I don't
think we have anything like this in Canada yet but I would not
be surprised if franchises are available.

http://www.themorningnews.org/archives/personalities/designer_kidnappings.shtml

Designer Kidnappings
Crissa-Jean Chappell, 21 January 2003

It begins with a list of your greatest fears. For a few thousand
dollars, Brock Enright's personalized kidnapping service will
make them come true.

<snip>

The kidnappings often take place on Manhattan's streets in broad
daylight, yet nobody has bothered to intervene on a victim's
behalf. Because Enright and his masked conspirators are
videotaping the performance, many people mistake the organized
chaos for a reality TV show. Enright says, "We've done things
very close to police and they have no clue it's even happening."

Nick Balaskas

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Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information -

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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 22:07:11 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information -

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 17:10:52 -0400
>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@charter.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 08:36:18 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

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>>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 09:24:24 -0400 (EDT)
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>>>Subject: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>>I'd like to take a moment to toss in my two cents worth on the
>>>subject of why the U.S. Government won't ever be more
>>>forthcoming with UFO-related information.

<snip>

>Yeah, but for a group of inept people, they're doing a pretty
>good job of keeping a lid on the whole deal. We can call them
>the stupid government all we want, but they can't be that dumb
>if they've supposedly blinded the planet for the last fifty

Hello all

Ahh, come on guys and girls, we all know its down to big dollar
signs in the eyes of the government. Let's not mince words over
trifles. If UFO and ET were said to be real by them then the
spin-off technology and dollars made would be much less. Plus
there is the superiority of armanent, defence etc.

A person with a gun pales to insignificance compared with the
technology they steal or back engineer from ET.

All this, of course, presumes ET are real and not a 'put on'.

Governments say ET is not real so do we trust them to tell us
the truth or not, and that is the question here really?
Personally I dont based on experience but I'm not too paranoid
as to mistrust everything they say.

col

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Maccabee

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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 22:03:28 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Maccabee

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>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>think that's what he wants to hear. When really the best we
>>>can do is say the footage is inconclusive. Unfortunately, for
>>>far too many people in Ufology 'inconclusive' = aliens. Kind of
>>>a kneejerk reaction if you ask me, but that's the way many
>>>people think, in this field.

>>That's why I 'like' photo cases in which the object is depicted
>>so clearly and has such an 'odd' shape that the object has to be
>>either the 'real thing (flying object not made by humans) or a
>>hoax. The final hoax determination generally cannot be
>>determined by the photo alone. The conclusion real or hoax is
>>based on the circumstantial evidence and the photo is "merely"
>>an aid to the recollection of the witness!

>>A photo a UFO does not make.

>>(Video can be harder to fake... but, as we know, it, too can be
>>faked.)

>You are so right, there are many factors to consider.

>I was just wondering...in your analyses, do you ever totally
>rule out the possibility an object may be something conventional
>or have natural causes? Or do you allow for the possibility
>forthcoming information may change your conclusion at a later
>date? (As in new information discovered later that may indicate
>an object was something other than identified or unidentified.)

Impossibility may be in the eye of the beholder. If I have a
distant picture of an object that looks like a car, can I rule
out the possibility that it could actually be an alligator, or
an airplane, or a monkey?

One has to compare basic characteristic s of known phenomena
with what are or appear to be the basic characteristics of the
unknown object or phenomenon. If an object is observed to travel
by through the air it would be stupid to allow for the
possibilitiy that it was a snake because fundamental
characteristics just do not match. But if an object is seen
flying through the air, then that one characteristic can be
compared with insects, birds, airplanes, etc. that do fly
through the air. Then one must compare further characteristics
of the unknown with characteristics of the known objects. Was

there any periodicity of motion suggestive of wings flapping?
If so, then bird would be a reasonable explanation.... unless there was something to contradict bird. An object with wings flapping plus landing wheels and a size determined to be hundreds of feet was not a bird. An airplane with movable wings, perhaps? A top secret project of the US gov't? How would you rule out the possibility that the government has invented a large "ornithopter" when, after all, we don't know everything the government does? (This is on par with suggesting that totally silent, slow moving triangle objects are actually top secret gov't devices that use antigravity means to provide the support for the device..... even though there is no evidence in the "open" world of science that someone has created an antigravity device.)

One can't logically try to explain one unknown with another unknown. Many years ago bright glowing unexplained lights that could have been "unidentified flying objects" were sometimes explained as large plasmas or ball lightning. PJKlass was a proponent of the plasma explanation. He soon found out that one does not explain one unknown as another unknown (his explanation was dismissed).... because scientists at that time didn't "believe" (there's that 7 letter word) that ball lightning was a real "thing." Ball lightning reports were actually reports of afterimages of lightning strikes or something like that, they thought. Nowadays the evidence has accumulated to the point where ball lightning is accepted as a real, unique phenomenon even though no one knew exactly how it works. (So now it is OK to explain a UFO light as ball lightning. LOL)

I have defined a TRUFO report as the report of a phenomenon that remains unidentified after investigation. It could be a new natural phenomenon (e.g., ball lightning, years ago; sprites and such in the upper atmosphere until a few years ago) or it might have characteristics that make it seem unnatural. The really interesting TRUFO reports contain descriptions of some phenomenon that seems "unnatural" or evidence of "intelligence,"...but not human intelligence.

Example: the Trent photo object. In 1950 we didn't have any circular airplanes with posts on the top, slightly asymmetric and so on. The object certainly doesn't look like a circular pelican or other bird. Doesn't look like a balloon or blimp (it has a flat bottom, flat topped "dome" and a "post on top" , so, what could it have been? Either a hoax or something that we can't recognize. Since after years of investigation I don't accept the hoax explanation for the Trent's sighting (and I do not believe it is a truck mirror hanging from a string) then I have to accept that the presence of that object moving past the Trent's house is evidence that some unusual object passed by. The shape of the object and its aerodynamic capabilities are not consistent with aircraft made by mankind at that time (oh, there might' be a small model something or other, stashed somewhere, but not a large object that would happen to fly past the Trent's farm) . In the early days of UFO reports it was claimed by the AF that sightings were of the "flapjack" semicircular type aircraft. The AF didn't bother to point out that the one wingless test craft never got more than a few feet from the ground. All the wonderful things that were supposed to happen if Project Silverbug was developed never did happen.

So the answer to your question is, yes, in some cases I conclude that the object/phenomenon was not man-made and not natural and that no explanation would be found in the future.

As another example I would refer to the New Zealand sightings of Dec. 1978 which have never been explained as natural or manmade phenomena. Oh, yes, of course, explanations have been proposed and the press has picked them up and run with them, but upon analysis they all fall apart. The data collected during the sightings (color movie film, radar returns, observations by the witnesses recorded at the time on audio tape) suggest some unnatural phenomenon was seen. Motions of the bright light suggest reaction to actions (turning) of the airplane. Hence there is some evidence that intelligence was involved... but not human intelligence.

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Writ Of Habeas Corpus Extraterrestrial

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Petition For Writ Of Habeas Corpus Extraterrestrial

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LARRY W. BRYANT, PETITIONER V. FRANK C. CARLUCCI, SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE, ET AL.

No. 87-1898

In The Supreme Court Of The United States

October Term, 1988

On Petition For A Writ Of Certiorari To The United States Court
Of Appeals For The Fourth Circuit

Memorandum For The Respondents In Opposition

Petitioner, a federal employee who sought equitable relief against alleged retaliation by his superiors for his exercise of First Amendment rights, claims that the courts below erred in holding that he is limited to the remedies provided by the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (CSRA).

1. Petitioner, a GS-11 civilian employee of the Army News Service, is also the director of a group called Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, which believes that the government is suppressing information about unidentified flying objects (UFOs). In 1983, petitioner filed a "Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus Extraterrestrial," in which, by his account, he asked a district court "to order the Air Force to produce, for the Court's disposition, the bodies of all crew members retrieved from crash-landed 'flying saucers' during the past three decades" (C.A. App. 36). After that petition was dismissed, he placed advertisements in newspapers reaching members of the armed forces, seeking information to support his contentions. For example, one advertisement (appended to the consent judgment reprinted at Pet. App. 15a-17a) asked service members who were "stationed at Homestead AFB back in the seventies, when Richard M. Nixon allegedly allowed entertainer Jackie Gleason to view a repository of UFO artifacts (including some of their alien occupants)," to "(h)elp us find and reveal the truth" (Exh. A).

Petitioner claims that, after he publicized his concerns, his performance ratings generally declined from "exceptional" to "satisfactory" and that, in retaliation for his actions, his supervisors have given him less responsibility (Pet. 4-5). Petitioner has not, however, been demoted, suspended, or subjected to any other adverse personnel action.

Invoking his remedies under the CSRA, petitioner filed a prohibited personnel practice claim with the Office of Special Counsel of the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) (see 5 U.S.C. 1206). The Special Counsel found no basis for concluding that a prohibited personnel practice (see 5 U.S.C. 2302) had occurred (Pet. App. 6a, 9a; Pet. 13 n.11). Petitioner

subsequently filed a grievance, focusing on an "unsatisfactory" performance rating he received in early 1986. /1/ A representative of the United States Army Civilian Appellate Review Agency, an independent organization that investigates grievances, held a meeting at which petitioner (who chose not to be represented by counsel) presented evidence and questioned witnesses (C.A. App. 17-18). The investigator concluded that the "unsatisfactory" performance rating was accurate and was not given in reprisal for petitioner's UFO activities (id. at 19).

Petitioner thereupon sued the Secretaries of Defense, the Army, and the Air Force in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, invoking jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. 1331. Alleging that his First Amendment rights had been violated, petitioner sought equitable relief, but did not seek damages under *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971). The district court granted the defendants' motion to dismiss on the authority of *Pinar v. Dole*, 747 F.2d 899 (4th Cir. 1984), cert. denied, 471 U.S. 1016 (1985). In that case the Fourth Circuit held that a federal employee alleging a violation of his constitutional rights, who had no right to judicial review under the CSRA because he had suffered only minor adverse actions (a reprimand, a two-day suspension, and termination of a temporary promotion), could not otherwise invoke a court's jurisdiction (Pet. App. 13a). The district court concluded that, under *Pinar*, it likewise had no jurisdiction over petitioner's claim.

The Fourth Circuit affirmed in an unpublished opinion (Pet. App. 1a-6a). Noting that it had concluded in *Pinar* "that judicial review of minor personnel actions would fly in the face of Congress' clear intent to distinguish between disciplinary actions according to the severity of the punishment imposed and provide for varying degrees of review based on the deprivation in question," the court stated that "to challenge personnel actions, (petitioner's) remedies are limited to those provided in the CSRA" (id. at 6a).

2. The courts below correctly dismissed petitioner's suit. Although there is presently a conflict between the Fourth Circuit and the District of Columbia Circuit on the question whether federal employees may bring suit in federal district court challenging personnel decisions on constitutional grounds other than through the procedures set forth in the CSRA, review of that question is not warranted at this time. The Court has recently decided a number of cases bearing on the rights of federal employees suffering adverse personnel actions -- *United States v. Fausto*, No. 86-595 (Jan. 25, 1988), *Schweiker v. Chilicky*, No. 86-1781 (June 24, 1988), and *Webster v. Doe*, No. 86-1294 (June 15, 1988) -- and the courts of appeals should reconsider what sorts of claims federal employees may bring in light of those cases before this Court considers the matter.

a. The Court held in *Fausto* that "the comprehensive nature of the CSRA" (slip op. 8) compelled the conclusion that a federal employee, who did not allege a constitutional violation, could not challenge a 30-day suspension by bringing suit under the Tucker Act in the Claims Court. The Court reached that conclusion even though the employee, a member of the "excepted service" (see 5 U.S.C. 2103(a) and 5 C.F.R. 213.3201), had no right to judicial review of the suspension under the CSRA, unlike non-probationary employees in the competitive service (see 5 U.S.C. 7511-7513, 7703). /2/ Applying the test of *Abbott Laboratories v. Gardner*, 387 U.S. 136, 140 (1967), the Court found that "the presumption favoring judicial review . . . (has been) overcome by inference of intent drawn from the statutory scheme as a whole." *Fausto*, slip op. 13 (quoting *Block v. Community Nutrition Inst.*, 467 U.S. 340, 349 (1984)). In reaching that conclusion, the Court noted that Congress intended the CSRA to replace the "'outdated patchwork of statutes and rules built up over almost a century'" (id. at 4, quoting S. Rep. 95-969, 95th Cong., 2d Sess. 3 (1978)). The Court particularly relied on the fact that it would turn the scheme of the CSRA "upside down" to allow excepted service employees to challenge suspensions directly in the Claims Court, while competitive service employees, who are generally given greater rights under the CSRA, would have to go to the MSPB before obtaining limited judicial review in the Federal Circuit (slip op. 10).

Fausto lends support to the Fourth Circuit's position that

employees challenging personnel actions on constitutional grounds must proceed under the CSRA or not at all. The test applied in *Fausto* in concluding that "'congressional intent to preclude review is 'fairly discernible in the statutory scheme'" (slip op. 12-13, quoting *Block v. Community Nutrition Inst.*, 467 U.S. at 351, quoting *Data Processing Serv. v. Camp*, 397 U.S. 150, 157 (1970)), derived from *Abbott Laboratories*, and is the same test that this Court has applied in analyzing whether review of constitutional claims has been precluded. See *Johnson v. Robison*, 415 U.S. 361, 373-374 (1974).

To be sure, *Webster v. Doe* the Court concluded that a constitutional claim based on the discharge of an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was subject to review by a district court (slip op. 10), even though Congress had plainly indicated in Section 102(c) of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. 403(c), that it did not intend to allow review of discharges. For two reasons, however, this Court's decision in *Webster v. Doe* does not mean that the district court must hold a trial to consider whether petitioner's performance ratings were lowered in retaliation for his publication of his belief that the government is suppressing information about UFOs. First, unlike the CIA employee in *Webster v. Doe*, petitioner has specific remedies available to him under the CSRA, which he in fact invoked. Indeed, the prohibited personnel practice provisions were established in part so that the Special Counsel could protect whistleblowers, which is what petitioner supposes he is, from retaliation (see 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(8)). CIA employees, in contrast, may not complain to the Special Counsel, because the CIA is specifically exempted from the prohibited personnel practice provisions by 5 U.S.C. 2302(a)(2)(C). Nor can such employees file grievances under the procedures established by OPM (see note 1, supra), since the CIA is specifically exempted from OPM's grievance regulations by 5 C.F.R. 771.206(a). /3/ The fact that Congress provided appropriate remedies for petitioner under the CSRA supports the conclusion that it intended that he not be allowed to pursue others. Cf. *Bush v. Lucas*, 462 U.S. 367 (1983); *Brown v. GSA*, 425 U.S. 820, 834-835 (1976).

Second, the employee in *Webster v. Doe* was discharged, whereas petitioner primarily complains that his performance ratings have declined. The scheme of the CSRA shows that Congress did not intend to authorize judicial review of such minor matters. Under the performance appraisal system set forth in Chapter 43 of Title 5, 5 U.S.C. 4301 et seq., which was established by the CSRA, employees who are proposed to be demoted or removed on account of unacceptable performance ratings have certain procedural rights (5 U.S.C. 4303(b)), and competitive service employees who are demoted or removed may challenge the adverse action in the MSPB (5 U.S.C. 4303(e)), with review in the Federal Circuit (5 U.S.C. 7703). Employees like petitioner, however, who have not been either demoted or removed, are entitled only to file a grievance and complain to the MSPB's Office of Special Counsel about a prohibited personnel practice, as the court below recognized (Pet. App. 5a). /4/ Thus, the scheme of the CSRA, under which the procedures available to an employee depend on the severity of the action taken against him, makes clear that Congress did not intend to authorize review of minor complaints such as a decline in performance ratings. Indeed, it would turn the CSRA "upside down" (*Fausto*, slip op. 10) to allow petitioner to go directly to court to challenge his performance ratings, while employees who have been demoted or removed on account of unacceptable performance ratings must complain to the MSPB, with limited review in the Federal Circuit.

Moreover, the scheme of the CSRA, under which judicial review is available only in cases involving serious adverse actions, is plainly sensible. The approach petitioner advocates, in contrast, would require judicial review of any personnel matter where an employee can frame his complaint in constitutional terms. As this case illustrates, "even the most minor of disciplinary actions can be alleged to have been taken in retaliation for something an employee once said" (*Pinar*, 747 F.2d at 911). But there is no good reason why courts should "become involved in the most rudimentary of personnel matters"; to the contrary, permitting judicial review whenever an employee alleges a constitutional deprivation would "inhibit supervisors from taking even the most minor disciplinary actions for fear of having to justify their actions in federal court" (*ibid.*).

b. As petitioner states (Pet. 8-9), there is a conflict in the circuits on the question presented. The conflict, however, is much more limited than petitioner suggests. Two of the decisions petitioner cites as conflicting with the decision below --

McIntosh v. Weinberger, 810 F.2d 1411 (8th Cir. 1987), vacated, No. 87-174 (June 27, 1988), and Kotarski v. Cooper, 799 F.2d 1342 (9th Cir. 1986), vacated, No. 86-1813 (June 27, 1988) --

are not squarely on point because they are Bivens cases. /5/ As petitioner recognizes (see Pet. 8-9 n.7), the question whether equitable relief is available to remedy an alleged constitutional violation is not the same as the question whether a damage remedy against individual government employees should be created under Bivens. Moreover, this Court recently vacated McIntosh and Kotarski and remanded for reconsideration in light of Schweiker v. Chilicky. /6/ The only other case petitioner cites from outside the District of Columbia Circuit, Egger v. Phillips, 710 F.2d 292 (7th Cir.), cert. denied, 464 U.S. 918 (1983), is also a Bivens case. /7/

The decisions of the Fourth Circuit and the District of Columbia Circuit do conflict, however. The Fourth Circuit has concluded that personnel decisions, including those allegedly made in violation of the Constitution, may be challenged only as provided in the CSRA, while the District of Columbia Circuit has held that an employee without a judicial remedy under the CSRA may obtain review of a constitutional claim under other statutes. /8/

In light of the decision to remand McIntosh and Kotarski for further proceedings, it seems clear that the Court has decided that the Bivens issue does not warrant review at this time. The question presented here is somewhat different in that petitioner alleges a constitutional violation but does not seek a Bivens remedy. Nevertheless, we think that review of the question presented here is not warranted at this time either. Although it remains our position that the Fourth Circuit has correctly concluded that Congress can preclude review of personnel decisions and has done so with respect to cases like this one, the courts of appeals should be allowed to analyze these cases under the standards of Fausto, Schweiker v. Chilicky, and Webster v. Doe before this Court again addresses the rights of federal employees challenging personnel decisions.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the petition for a writ of certiorari should be denied.

CHARLES FRIED

Solicitor General

AUGUST 1988

/1/ Under authority granted to it in the CSRA (5 U.S.C. 1302), the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) requires federal agencies, including the military, to establish grievance systems in which employees may raise "any matter of concern or dissatisfaction relating to the employment of an employee which is subject to the control of agency management" (5 C.F.R. 771.205).

/2/ Moreover, the employee would have had a right to review under the Tucker Act prior to the enactment of the CSRA and the CSRA did not expressly repeal that cause of action (Fausto, slip op. 12-15).

/3/ We argued in passing in Webster v. Doe (see Pet. Br. at 12-13 n.9) that CIA employees were limited to their remedies under the CSRA. The Court did not address that argument.

/4/ The provisions governing adverse actions not based on unacceptable performance ratings, which are in Chapter 75 of Title 5, 5 U.S.C. 7501 et seq., like the provisions of Chapter 43, distinguish between the remedies available in adverse action cases based on the severity of the action. Judicial review is available only in cases of "major" adverse actions, which are defined as removals, suspensions for more than 14 days, reductions in grade or pay, and furloughs (5 U.S.C. 7512).

/5/ Although this Court declined to recognize a Bivens remedy for federal employees in Bush v. Lucas, 462 U.S. at 388, citing

the "elaborate remedial scheme" constructed by Congress to consider employees' claims, the courts in Kotarski and McIntosh distinguished Bush v. Lucas because the plaintiffs in those cases had more limited rights under the CSRA. McIntosh, 810 F.2d at 1435; Kotarski, 799 F.2d at 1346.

/6/ The Court in Schweiker v. Chilicky declined to create a Bivens remedy for allegedly unconstitutional deprivations of disability benefits. Reading the decision in Fausto, where the Court stressed the comprehensive nature of the CSRA, together with the decision in Schweiker v. Chilicky, where the Court held that a Bivens remedy is not appropriate "(w)hen the design of a government program suggests that Congress has provided what it considers remedial mechanisms for constitutional violation that may occur in the course of its administration" (slip op. 10), we would submit that no Bivens remedy should be created authorizing damages for unconstitutional federal personnel actions.

/7/ The District of Columbia Circuit is presently considering en banc whether federal employees with limited rights under the CSRA may bring Bivens actions, in order to resolve its conflicting decisions on that question in Hubbard v. Environmental Protections Agency, 809 F.2d 1 (1986), and Spagnola v. Mathis, 809 F.2d 16 (1986). See 809 F.2d at 40-41.

/8/ The decisions of the Fourth Circuit and the District of Columbia Circuit differ somewhat in that petitioner and the employee in Pinar alleged minor injuries, and the court here (Pet. App. 6a) and the court in Pinar relied on that fact (747 F.2d at 911). Most of the employees in the cases in the District of Columbia Circuit, in contrast, suffered more severe injuries. The employee in Hubbard was denied employment; the employee in Spagnola was denied a promotion; the employee in Williams v. IRS, 745 F.2d 702 (D.C. Cir. 1984), was suspended for five days; the employee in Cutts v. Fowler, 692 F.2d 138 (D.C. Cir. 1982), was transferred; and the employee in Borrell v. United States Int'l Communications Agency, 682 F.2d 981 (D.C. Cir. 1982), was discharged.

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List,

Didn't someone do a thorough expose on this series of
"documentaries" that the Sci-Fi channel is now broadcasting?
Anyone know if it is archived online?

Thanks,

Chris Burns

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Re: 'Frank M'? - Rogers

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Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:32:14 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:26:22 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Frank M'? - Rogers

>From: Louise A. Lowry <SHnSASSY1@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:22:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Frank M'?

>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 12:12:51 -0300
>>Subject: 'Frank M'?

>>Hello All,

>>Do you know something about the abduction of a man called 'Frank
>>M'?

>>Here in Brazil we saw promo of a TV program about this case. The
>>researchers are Bruce Maccabee and Budd Hopkins.

>Frank M. is a person that the IF (Intruders Foundation)
>investigated, he is an upstate resident of New York, he was
>videotaping a UFO when a few moments later he was abducted from
>the same craft he had been recording Bruce Maccabee had analyzed
>the tape and have found it to be authentic.....

What does 'authentic' mean? That it was an alien spaceship?

Ian Rogers

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 22:32:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:28:24 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 16:44:45 -0300
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 09:39:13 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>Some people seem to feel threatened when their UFO images and
>>claims are put under scrutiny expecting, instead, their words
>>and images to be accepted without question. These are also the
>>individuals who complain the most about those conducting more
>>scientific research. Perhaps it's because they have the most to
>>lose.

>You know I hear and see this statement a great deal. But I've
>never actually seen evidence of it. Some people shoot this stuff
>and then ask what it is and are satisfied when someone proves
>its prosaic in nature.

>Amy, if you are going to start using generalizations as
>arguments, you are going to weaken your argument. Frankly I'm
>surprised you would begin using it if you are certain of your
>own theories. Attacking others in a general form doesn't prove
>anything other than perhaps you feel you are on shaky ground
>yourself. Prove or disprove, never mind the tongue in cheek
>cliches.

You just used a generalization in your own statement when you
referred to "some people", Don. Sometimes it's just a way of
expressing opinion, not necessarily fact, which is exactly what
I was doing.

As for tongue-in-cheek cliches, you might want to read over a
few of the statements made by others recently - something to do
with hogs and lipstick, kindergarten and recycled Klass
theories. We have a colorful group on this List and cliches
abound. Are cliches against the rules?

>I wonder if you wouldn't mind mapping out a frame work or
>reference guide as to how to initially eliminate photographic
>evidence of an aerial UO. Would you also include the humanistic
>traits to the recording of the incident as to important or
>unimportant.

Ya know, Don, I'm beginning to hate the word "eliminate". I do
not advocate the elimination of any evidence, only careful study
and analysis. But the idea of mapping out an initial frame work
or reference guide is exactly what I am doing with the IFO
Database. When a researcher or investigator comes across or is
presented with alleged images of UFO's, he or she can use the
IFO Database as a comparison tool to see if any of the images in
the Database appear similar to the images of alleged UFO's.
Whether or not there is a match between the alleged UFO images
and IFO images, further study must always follow. The IFO
Database is not intended to eliminate photographic evidence,
only provide a guide for further study.

In reference to "humanistic traits", do you mean human behavior or... what? Humanistic is an adjective usually used to describe a philosophy or attitude that centers on the values, interests and potential of human beings. I'm not sure what this has to do with UFO's and UFO witnesses.

If you are referring to the importance of human behaviors involved in UFO sightings and investigations, yes, I think this is an important component to be considered. However, just as professionals are important in the analysis of alleged UFO materials, professionally trained behavioral scientists need to be consulted in the analysis of human reactions and behaviors that may be involved. Just interviewing a witness and calling them "honest", "upstanding", "truthful" or "trustworthy" is a subjective conclusion not based on professional behavioral analysis.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:37:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:30:05 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:55:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:02:15 -0700
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>>What I see here is a classic case of late-night-talkshowitis.

>>Listeners are supposed to enjoy the tall tales, and of course
>>buy the products advertised (instant youth in a bottle etc.)
>>Its sad really, but some part of the audience actually believes
>>the stories!

>>Amazing.

>You can call every government crime nonsense, and find people
>and web sites who will say so. Just as government and big
>organization crime are real, so are disinfo agents. I'm not
>speculating, I know this personally.

>Saying those crime examples are nonsense is your choice. But
>whether you want it to be true or not, government and big
>organization crimes continue, and continue in so-called
>democratic countries.

>I have had my home entered, and small items stolen, sabotaged,
>sometimes returned, for the past 23 years. Ditto my car, and my
>workplace. No individual or organization could accomplish that
>without active cover by agencies whose job it is to protect us.
>MKULTRA and COINTELPRO were real projects which included just
>that type of activity, and which have never had the activity
>stopped, just the names discontinued.

>
>Plenty of others have been through much worse. I do hope neither
>you nor your family or friends will ever have to go through such
>atrocities.

>
>Government and big organization crimes are a whole lot more than
>titillating late-night conversation. If you want to debate this
>point further, please use my personal email address.

So you, Eleanor White, have officially been hassled by The Man?

You should have told me from the beginning that you think you've
been stalked by covert government agencies for the last 23
years. I wouldn't have wasted my time trying to convince you of
anything. You're clearly a believer, tried and true.

Ian Rogers

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:41:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:33:58 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 15:12:22 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto'" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 16:47:21 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>>Do you believe everything written on these websites? Is there
>>anything you don't believe?

>When I hear from people who were first-hand involved in
>something testify on the radio, for example, those who have
>benefitted from a cancer cure, I begin to believe. When I hear
>something repeated on different shows, I believe a little more.

>When the speaker has a good reputation, I believe more.

>When _references_ which can be verified are given to back up
>something on the radio, I believe more.

So, more or less, you believe what people tell you. And if
they've got letters after their name (oh, say... Ph.D), then
you believe them more - because who with a Ph. D would lie? Who
with a Ph. D would lie?

BTW, I hope your references consist of more than just websites.
Because I have a website. I could put all kinds of stuff on it
and say it was true.

>Please don't confuse "believe" with "guaranteeing total
>accuracy". That's not what belief is. My beliefs get adjusted
>every time better evidence comes along. I think believing gets
>undeserved bad press. I never guarantee total accuracy with
>anything I haven't participated in.

>I am not ashamed to believe things.

Of course you wouldn't. You believe things so easily, Eleanor.

Ian Rogers

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:36:51 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Rogers

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 16:21:15 -0300
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 09:16:34 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 16:51:37 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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>>>If it has been proven that the object in your film is not
>>>conventional aircraft, a balloon, birds/insects, weather
>>>phenomena, then it must be an alien spacecraft.

>>>I think that's what he wants to hear. When really the best we
>>>can do is say the footage is inconclusive. Unfortunately, for
>>>far too many people in Ufology 'inconclusive' = aliens. Kind of
>>>a kneejerk reaction if you ask me, but that's the way many
>>>people think, in this field.

>>I couldn't agree with you more, Ian.

>>Well said! Hit the nail on the head. The best we can conclude
>>about something unknown is that the data is inconclusive.

>>Thank you!

>I don't know about that premise. If someone is holding the
>winning hand in a poker game and I don't call them, how then
>would I ever know if they had the winning hand - if they don't
>declare it?

>The solution then, is inconclusive for me, and always will be,
>but not the winner of the game. If you transpose the winner of
>this game in this case is some intelligence in an object not of
>this Earth, and this intelligence doesn't want to declare
>itself, how the heck are you ever going to prove it?

You're presuming too much already. Who said anything about
intelligences in objects not of this earth? We're talking about
inconclusive images on videotapes. Let's not jump ahead.

>Proving something is inconclusive is not an answer, it's just
>putting the question on hold.

Alien spacecraft wouldn't be a good answer, though. It's not
backed up with evidence. Inconclusive is not evidence. That's
why I refuse to call inconclusive videos proof of alien
spacecraft visiting earth.

>What you seem to be suggesting is that time will eventually
>prove that each UFO is really an IFO of prosaic means. That's

>just Klass's theory being recycled isn't it?

All I'm saying is that to presume something is alien just because you can't tell what it is, is beyond irresponsible. It's certainly not scientific!! It's more akin to religion since it's more a matter of what you believe it to be.

>All of the unsolved UFO sightings are due to the lack of
>sufficient information.

>Who determines what is sufficient information? Where's the
>cut-off point?

Frankly, I'm more interested in who determines what is an alien spaceship. There doesn't seem to be any cut-off point there. Not even a little bit!

Ian Rogers

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Re: he U.S. Government & UFO Information - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:50:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:40:12 -0400
Subject: Re: he U.S. Government & UFO Information - Rogers

>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 00:40:24 +0100
>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 17:10:52 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@charter.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 08:36:18 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>>>From: Walt Spivey Jr. <MacleodIV@webtv.net>
>>>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 09:24:24 -0400 (EDT)
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net (UFO UpDates - Toronto)
>>>>Subject: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>>>I'd like to take a moment to toss in my two cents worth on the
>>>>subject of why the U.S. Government won't ever be more
>>>>forthcoming with UFO-related information.

><snip>

>>Yeah, but for a group of inept people, they're doing a pretty
>>good job of keeping a lid on the whole deal. We can call them
>>the stupid government all we want, but they can't be that dumb
>>if they've supposedly blinded the planet for the last fifty

>Ahh, come on guys and girls, we all know its down to big dollar
>signs in the eyes of the government. Let's not mince words over
>trifles. If UFO and ET were said to be real by them then the
>spin-off technology and dollars made would be much less. Plus
>there is the superiority of armanent, defence etc.

Yeah, but if you listen to some "ufologists", the spin-off
technology is here. That DVD players and microwave ovens are
not really natural progressions of our technology but reverse-
engineered goodies from the brave aliens that died during the
Roswell UFO crash of '47.

Ian Rogers

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:11:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:42:22 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 22:47:24 +0000
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 16:51:37 -0400
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 23:06:57 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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>Anyway, I think that I gave the only scientifically "correct"
>answer to Amy's amusing guessing game about the identify of
>unexplained objects in the sky. Namely, that without knowledge
>of witness testimony as to what the object did or didn't do,
>that's all it is: a guessing game.

Ah, but Dick, you missed the point of the Pop Quiz. All I asked is could you identify the object just by looking at the images presented. The point being, we must be careful when reviewing alleged images of UFO's and not assume that just because an object looks unusual, it must be anomalous. You may know this but, believe it or not, there are people out there who don't bother to go beyond the mere images in their analyses. There are many web sites on the internet that demonstrate this tendency.

You are right, it is a guessing game. Even with witness testimony, it's a guessing game. There is no way we can know for sure when someone is telling the absolute truth or not misinterpreting their sighting therefore, with or without photographic images, investigators and researchers must always remain aware of just how little fact they actually have to work with.

>It is all well and good to catalogue and study IFOs as Amy is
>doing. All rational students of UFO phenomena have been doing
>that for many years, and that is why some people tend to object
>to Amy's seemingly didactic approach and semantical quibbling.

Dick, this is exciting! Could you please share all the URLs to these IFO databases so that I may link to them in my own Database? If all rational students of UFO phenomena have been compiling IFO databases for many years, I can't wait to see them! So far, I've only found a handful of others who have shared their studies in this area, such as Mr. Tom King, Dr. Maccabee, Dr. Eltjo Haselhoff and Mr. Gary Burton. But I've never found a large collection of IFO studies collected and presented on one web site (except mine).

Some people seem to like my approach, some don't. Same for your work, Dick. That's how this list functions - a little something for everyone.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:31:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:21:13 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - Rogers

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:19:48 -0400
>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:52:06 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

><snip>

>>And how do we know that these aliens (assuming they exist) are
>>not planning to invade us....? This statement is based on what
>>knowledge?

>Observations of their constant presence by sightings, and their
>activities by way of abductions. And if Nick Balaskas' find of
>papers in Ottawa about the Eisenhower administration are valid,
>the fact that they chose to negotiate.

>One abductee reported, according to Whitley Strieber, that he
>was shown people at a picnic on a screen, in the UFO. He was
>asked if he could 'pick out the aliens from the native humans'.
>He could not, as everyone looked pretty human. If that is true,
>that points to some sort of eventual integration, rather than an
>outright invasion.

>It may ultimately end up as if an invasion had taken place, of
>course, but it certainly doesn't look like one so far.

I think I'm gonna need a ruling on this one. First, I don't believe that Nick Balaskas found the smoking gun of Ufology in an Ottawa govt. document archive. And as far as I understand, the abductions are not exactly pleasant experiences. Also, you're basing this statement on third-hand testimony, from a single alien abductee ask to pick out the aliens in a human lineup.

Eleanor, surely you must know this doesn't hold an ounce of water.

Ian Rogers

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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 00:54:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:55:35 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 13:29:25 -0700
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 13:32:04 -0400
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>I also champion the alien autopsy as being a real event, but
>don't understand the "for personal reasons"; perhaps you could
>elaborate.

I shall spare you the embarrassment.

<snip>

Then you go on:

>Good question. If the A-LM were deposited from a disabled craft,
>then it should be found on individual sand pebbles and in the
>dirt just as you say. I haven't looked but I will when I return
>to the site, hopefully with you and other interested listers,
>this summer. The wind and rain over the last fifty-five years
>have probably dispersed the individual sand particles, but there
>should still be evidence of their existence if we screen the
>sand around heavy concentrations of the A-LM.

You know well that if the chalcedony had been deposited in the ground it would not only be on individual sand particles but would exist like a crust, holding the soil together and it would not have blown away.

I strongly suspect, seeing your will-to-believe attitude, that you would go out, find tiny particles of the rocks (that have weathered off the larger rocks) with water-deposited chalcedony remaining on them, and claim it is proof the ground was once covered with the stuff. Well, that will not make your case!

You would have to show large areas of soil with the 'A-LM' binding the sand particles together. You will never, ever find that, Ed, because your 'theory' is nothing but a ludicrous pipe dream.

I have decided not to play your game. Let the micro probe reveal it is nothing but silica dioxide with minor traces, and you will immediately say, regardless, that it was deposited by the UFO. So, where would we be? I would have wasted the lab's instrument time, and you would still be singing the same old B.S. song.

This decision is based on your response, today, and upon letters I have received from several esteemed members of this List who, unlike you, have good objectivity and, in several cases, records of important contributions to UFO studies. They have advised me to not waste my time, for they have witnessed your behavior on this List and elsewhere. They tell me you are a hopeless case, and you have pretty well convinced me of that.

>Until we are able to study the actual propulsion systems of UFO,
>one theory is as good as another.

Ridiculous! The theory based on fact is far superior to ideas based on hoaxes and the pipe dreams of their believers.

>I base my ideas on the work of
>Ivan Sanderson, and my understanding of vehemas, the flying
>crafts used by the ancients of India.

In the first place, what relevance has that to this?! Hey, I'm one step (or more) ahead of you on that stuff, and was likely reading it before you were ever born. The old Indian word is not "vehemas", but "vimana". If you prefer to do your 'science' by parroting (albeit inaccurately) old writings of India, then that's fine, but don't try to explain naturally occurring chalcedony on rocks in a New Mexico desert as being from a "vimana"!

<snip>

>...The disabled craft picked up sand and converted it along
>with atmospheric moisture and other chemicals and debris to form
>the A-LM which it dispersed when it crash-landed.

Damn! I wish I had a crystal ball like yours that can reveal exactly the truth about every situation without factual basis or any research!!! Must be nice! :)

I had said:

>>Can you really expect any intelligent person to want to listen
>>to that kind of pseudoscientific crap? I hoped, since it was "my
>>dime", as you say, that it would be more constructive to explain
>>to you the process of chalcedony formation and more about its
>>characteristics, plus to correct the flawed nature of your
>>reasoning. It looks, however, that my time and phone expense was
>>wasted.

And you responded:

>Not at all. I learned alot.

Not enough!

>It [visiting the alleged crash site] would be a wonderful
>experience for you; the chance in a lifetime.

LMAO! - like I my wife and I did when we saw that ludicrously flawed AA film!

>I don't see the point to all that [hoax description of crash
>site.]. What would this person gain?

Some people hoax for money, some for a sense of power over those who fall for it, others do so for both reasons. Where have you been all your life, Ed?

<snip>

>Hopefully our discussion will motivate some listers to visit the
>site and see for themselves whether it's a crash site
>possibility or not.

If anyone is unobservant and 'wide-eyed' enough to believe the AA film, they deserve their 'just reward', so let them waste their money and time with you out in your 'Field of Dreams', Ed.

Have fun, use sunscreen, careful of scorpions and snakes, but you can be certain that I will not be there.

>There's nothing wrong with your description. In fact
>it's quite well done, but it doesn't apply to this site.

Dream on, Ed!

<snip>

>EBK and Listers know that I wouldn't try to sucker them.

I wouldn't want to speak for EBK, but the Listers who have

written me declare that you are the sucker, Ed, and we know that self-deception seeks company.

Yes, Ed, I've changed my mind about asking for a microprobe because I refuse to lead a laboratory on your 'wild goose chase', in which (in view of your letter to this list, of May 13) you would once more try to twist the result into your own misperception of reality -- and that's putting it about as kindly as I know how.

If you're so convinced you have something other than chalcedony, I leave it to you to make a fool of yourself to the staff of some lab with a microprobe, but don't try to 'force my hand'.

Have fun, because fields of dreams can dissolve before your very eyes - but only if you dare open your eyes to see what's really there, and not there.

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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IFO's 101 - Case #2

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 00:52:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 22:12:26 -0400
Subject: IFO's 101 - Case #2

IFO's 101, Case #2 is now available at:

<http://home.attbi.com/~vanguardresearch/ifocase2.htm>

for those interested. (This one is easy.)

Please note that I have very limited web space and cannot, at the moment, post these AVI's and MPG's permanently. I can only present the materials one case at a time so if you wish to save these images for future reference, please feel free to do so. I will need to remove IFO's 101, case #1 within the next two days in order to share new information and images I have recently obtained concerning alleged "rods".

When I find the web space I need, all cases will be posted at the new URL. We are also moving at the end of this month so I may be off line for a while until I re-establish my new internet connection.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:15:54 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 22:43:57 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:55:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 11 May 2003 12:02:15 -0700
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

><snip>

>>What I see here is a classic case of late-night-talkshowitis.

>>Listeners are supposed to enjoy the tall tales, and of course
>>buy the products advertised (instant youth in a bottle etc.)
>>Its sad really, but some part of the audience actually believes
>>the stories!

>>Amazing.

>You can call every government crime nonsense, and find people
>and web sites who will say so. Just as government and big
>organization crime are real, so are disinfo agents. I'm not
>speculating, I know this personally.

>Saying those crime examples are nonsense is your choice. But
>whether you want it to be true or not, government and big
>organization crimes continue, and continue in so-called
>democratic countries.

>I have had my home entered, and small items stolen, sabotaged,
>sometimes returned, for the past 23 years. Ditto my car, and my
>workplace. No individual or organization could accomplish that
>without active cover by agencies whose job it is to protect us.
>MKULTRA and COINTELPRO were real projects which included just
>that type of activity, and which have never had the activity
>stopped, just the names discontinued.

>Plenty of others have been through much worse. I do hope neither
>you nor your family or friends will ever have to go through such
>atrocities.

>Government and big organization crimes are a whole lot more than
>tittillating late-night conversation. If you want to debate this
>point further, please use my personal email address.

>Eleanor White

Hello Eleanor:

I have no idea how the highly questionable story of 23,000
Clementine lunar backside images getting squelched, drifted off
into organized crime, thefts, COINTELPRO/MLULTRA conspiracies
etc.

I have no time to pursue such matters, especially if they are
going to drift all over the map. Lets just agree to disagree.

I hope that the obscure figures who steal small items from your home, work or car return them all promptly.

Best wishes

- Larry

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Another Abduction Question

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 14:30:37 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 22:44:59 -0400
Subject: Another Abduction Question

Reading Allan Hendry's "The UFO Handbook"
(p. 136) I have found the following:

"k) A sixty-three-year-old retired automobile dealer left his trailer home in southwestern Georgia for a walk with his two dogs. Crossing a pasture, he saw a round UFO flash out of the sky and hover two feet off the ground in front of him. The witness, his dogs, and the cattle around him were all paralyzed. Three men and two women with pale white skin, sharp upturned noses, pointed ears, and no necks stepped out of an open hatch. Two of them were completely nude, and none of them had any hair on their bodies. The medical examination the UFO-nauts gave this man differs somewhat from the mainstream of abduction cases in that it happened in a pasture in broad daylight..."

Can anybody confirm me if this is the same case described under the title "Dawson encounter" (p. 150) in Ronald Story's "The Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters"?

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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Ecuadorian Gnome Sighting Investigated

From: Scitt Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 09:17:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 22:47:22 -0400
Subject: Ecuadorian Gnome Sighting Investigated

Police investigating gnome reports in Ecuador

Police in a town in Ecuador are investigating reports of a little, green man seen walking down the street.

A number of Quininde residents called police after seeing what they described as a "gnome" in the town centre.

They all described the creature as being very small, green and ugly.

Marco Preciado told Diario Extra online: "It was less than three feet tall and I saw it three times. I tried to follow him but he disappeared."

Cecilia Cedeno who owns a liquor shop, said: "He appeared in front of the shop to a group of people. He gave a loud laugh and ran away."

A police spokesperson said: "People are scared and fascinated by the story. We are investigating and we believe it is someone trying to make fun of the whole town."

Source: Ananova.com

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Re: 'Frank M'? - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:06:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 22:50:23 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Frank M'? - Maccabee

>From: Louise A. Lowry <SHnSASSY1@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:22:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Frank M'?

>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 12:12:51 -0300
>>Subject: 'Frank M'?

>>Hello All,

>>Do you know something about the abduction of a man called 'Frank
>>M'?

>>Here in Brazil we saw promo of a TV program about this case. The
>>researchers are Bruce Maccabee and Budd Hopkins.

>Frank M. is a person that the IF (Intruders Foundation)
>investigated, he ia an upstate resident of New York, he was
>videotaping a UFO when a few moments later he was abducted from
>the same craft he had been recording Bruce Maccabee had analyzed
>the tape and have found it to be authentic.....

The videotape analysis is presented at:

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

where the witnesses are referred to as "Fred and Mary."

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Secrecy News -- 05/14/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 11:06:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 03:00:37 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 05/14/03

SECRECY NEWS
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PENTAGON SEEKS NEW EXEMPTIONS FROM OVERSIGHT

In the name of "transformation," the Department of Defense has advanced an audacious series of legislative proposals that would "substantially reduce congressional oversight and public accountability," four Democratic congressional leaders warned in a May 13 letter.

The Pentagon seeks the repeal of over 100 reporting and notification requirements, including essential and widely utilized reports on cost overruns, technical failures and schedule delays.

"In addition to the outright repeal of these reporting requirements, [the DoD proposal includes] a sunset provision that would eliminate all remaining Defense Department reports after five years," wrote Reps. Henry Waxman, Ike Skelton, David Obey and John M. Spratt.

The only exception would be the Secretary of Defense's annual report to Congress. "Notably, Defense Secretary Rumsfeld failed to submit even this report in two out of the last three years."

The Pentagon also seeks wholesale changes in DoD employment policy that would enable it to waive existing statutory requirements while curtailing oversight of civil service laws. It further proposes significant exemptions from environmental laws. And it would collapse government spending on missile defense into a single budget line item.

"The Department's proposal would reduce oversight of the Missile Defense Agency's budget and give it unprecedented spending authority enjoyed by no other federal agency," the congressmen wrote.

See their May 13 letter to House Speaker Hastert and Minority Leader Pelosi here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2003/dod051303.html>

These DoD proposals "would not be in the interests of ensuring the financial transparency and oversight of billions of dollars

in weapons systems development and acquisition," wrote Danielle Brian of the Project on Government Oversight, understating the matter in a May 2 letter to the House Armed Services Committee:

<http://www.pogo.org/p/defense/do-030501-missile.html>

Thirty-five of the most important annual reports that the Pentagon proposes to eliminate were culled from the larger list and posted by Daniel Cornwall of the Alaska State Library along with his brief comments here (thanks to PM):

http://daniel.cornwall.home.att.net/DoD_Reports_Concern.html

POST 9/11 PENTAGON SPENDING UNACCOUNTED FOR

One might think that as a matter of good public policy, oversight would increase as spending increases. But incredibly, what is actually happening is closer to the opposite, as billions of defense dollars vanish into unaccountable thin air.

Writing in Defense Week this week, John Donnelly notes that "In the year after the Sept. 11 attacks, Congress gave the Pentagon \$28.5 billion in 'emergency-response' money to fight terrorism. The Pentagon has spent almost all of it. But nothing on the public record shows in any meaningful way how the money was actually used. And even confidential reports to congressional staff about the spending leave defense-budget experts wondering exactly what was bought in many cases."

See "Key Details Lacking On Post-9/11 Billions" by John M. Donnelly, Defense Week, May 14, here:

<http://www.kingpublishing.com/publications/dw/>

ANNUAL REPORT ON ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE

"Some 75 countries -- a mix of rich and poor, high- and low-tech, friend and foe -- targeted US technologies in 2001 using a wide range of collection techniques," according to a new "Annual Report to Congress on Foreign Economic Collection and Industrial Espionage" prepared by the National Counterintelligence Executive (NCIX).

Particular targets of foreign espionage included information technologies, aeronautical systems, sensors and lasers and, in fact, all eighteen of the technologies on the Defense Department Militarily Critical Technologies List.

On closer inspection, however, the espionage threat appears somewhat less ominous.

"The efforts were not, as a rule, directed against the 'crown jewels' of US technological supremacy. Instead, much of the sought after information and technology was dated military-related or infrastructure-supportive technologies that are no longer classified and that often have both military and civilian applications," according to the NCIX annual report, which is the eighth in a series.

A copy of the 2002 Annual Report to Congress on Foreign Economic Collection and Industrial Espionage, dated February 2003 but only published on May 6, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/docs/2002.pdf>

RELIANCE ON COMMERCIAL IMAGERY TO GROW

The United States Government will "rely to the maximum practical extent on U.S. commercial remote sensing space capabilities for filling imagery and geospatial needs for military, intelligence, foreign policy, homeland security, and civil users," according to a new statement of U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Policy.

The new Policy, approved by the President on April 25, is the culmination of a review process that was initiated by National Security Presidential Directive 15 in June 2002.

A fact sheet that describes the Policy is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nspd/remsens.html>

A FOIA CASE GOES TO THE SUPREME COURT

A Freedom of Information Act lawsuit seeking disclosure of graphic crime scene photographs of the death of former White House Counsel Vince Foster will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court next fall.

The photographs have been withheld up to now based on the privacy interests of the Foster family. Their disclosure is sought by Allan J. Favish, formerly associated with conservative watch dog organizations Judicial Watch and Accuracy in Media.

The death of Vincent Foster was the focus of discredited conspiracy theories in some sectors of the political right.

The circumstances of the case are described by the Justice Department Office of Information and Privacy here:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2003foiapost17.htm>

NSA INFORMATION OPERATIONS

The "potential role of RF [radio frequency] weapons in IO [information operations]" will be among the topics discussed at a June 17-18 conference on National Security Agency Information Operations, jointly sponsored by NSA and the Association of Old Crows.

"This is a conference not to be missed for IO professionals or those in related fields," according to a notice on the Federal Business Opportunities web site (thanks to MJR). "The conference will focus on IO and IO applications that are critical to the ongoing success of NSA's mission."

"The classification of the conference will be TS/SI/TK, U.S. ONLY." See:

<http://www.iaevents.com/InfoOper03/newinfo.cfm>

KEEP A SECRET, GO TO JAIL

It sounds like a spoof, but it's not:

"A former president of the Florida Senate reported to jail Tuesday for violating the state's open-government 'sunshine' law, one of the toughest in the nation.

"W.D. Childers ... is the first elected official ever sent to jail for violating the 1967 law's open-meeting section, records show. He was sentenced to 60 days."

See "Ex-president of Florida Senate goes to jail for 'sunshine' violation," Associated Press, May 13:

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/LAW/05/13/sunshine.law.ap/>

NIMA NEWS

The National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) will be inelegantly renamed the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, to be abbreviated NGA, upon the enactment of the 2004 Defense Authorization Act (see section 902 of S. 1050).

The latest two issues of Pathfinder, the NIMA public affairs newsletter, and other recent NIMA releases may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/nima/index.html>

BLABBERMOUTH NEWS

Secrecy News was parodied as Blabbermouth News on UFO UpDates, a mailing list devoted to UFO news and views. See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/may/m10-019.shtml>

"I was full of suds when I belched up that bit of foam," the author amiably advised.

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 15:40:22 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 03:06:43 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:11:36 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 22:47:24 +0000
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

<snip>

>>Anyway, I think that I gave the only scientifically "correct"
>>answer to Amy's amusing guessing game about the identify of
>>unexplained objects in the sky. Namely, that without knowledge
>>of witness testimony as to what the object did or didn't do,
>>that's all it is: a guessing game.

>Ah, but Dick, you missed the point of the Pop Quiz. All I asked
>is could you identify the object just by looking at the images
>presented. The point being, we must be careful when reviewing
>alleged images of UFO's and not assume that just because an
>object looks unusual, it must be anomalous. You may know this
>but, believe it or not, there are people out there who don't
>bother to go beyond the mere images in their analyses. There are
>many web sites on the internet that demonstrate this tendency.

Amy,

Sometimes you can and sometimes you can't identify a film or
video image depending on the detail it contains, as I pointed
out. But for unidentified images it requires witness testimony,
which can be and often is reliable and useful; science and other
types of investigation couldn't get very far without it.

>You are right, it is a guessing game. Even with witness
>testimony, it's a guessing game. There is no way we can know for
>sure when someone is telling the absolute truth or not
>misinterpreting their sighting therefore, with or without
>photographic images, investigators and researchers must always
>remain aware of just how little fact they actually have to work
>with.

So what is the point of your admitted guessing game? To try to
argue that human knowledge is impossible? That's what you seem
to be saying. We have a ton of data to work with by quite
standard scientific methods, as I have extensively reported. I
swore a while back to give up on trying to debate rationally
with you, but let's see if you can stay on point and avoid
persiflage. I'll try for a while to discuss issues with you.

>>It is all well and good to catalogue and study IFOs as Amy is
>>doing. All rational students of UFO phenomena have been doing
>>that for many years, and that is why some people tend to object
>>to Amy's seemingly didactic approach and semantical quibbling.

>Dick, this is exciting! Could you please share all the URLs to
>these IFO databases so that I may link to them in my own
>Database? If all rational students of UFO phenomena have been

>compiling IFO databases for many years, I can't wait to see
>them! So far, I've only found a handful of others who have
>shared their studies in this area, such as Mr. Tom King, Dr.
>Maccabee, Dr. Eltjo Haselhoff and Mr. Gary Burton. But I've
>never found a large collection of IFO studies collected and
>presented on one web site (except mine).

This comes across as one of those typically sarcastic-sounding
utterances that you seem to excel at. There are (fortunately
and thankfully) lots of good media of record beyond the
internet. Books and articles and columns have been written
partly or almost entirely about IFOs. Both Jenny Randles and I
have commented extensively on IFOs in journals and at symposia.
Is it not a false generalization on your part to suggest that
all "ufologists" (a word that I hate) are equally naive about
interpreting photos? I have expressed strong cautions about it
in both volumes of The UFO Evidence.

>Some people seem to like my approach, some don't. Same for your
>work, Dick. That's how this list functions - a little something
>for everyone.

I assume there is some point to this statement of the obvious,
but it eludes me.

- Dick

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Filer's Files #20 -- 2003

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 12:44:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 03:13:02 -0400
Subject: Filer's Files #20 -- 2003

Filer's Files #20 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.
George A. Filer, Director Mutual UFO Network Eastern
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My website is at:
<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/files/2002/index.php>

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WORLDWIDE UFO SIGHTINGS INCREASE

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. Eclipse of the Moon will occur Thursday evening, Sun is racked by powerful solar flares causing hundreds of tornados. Aliens may be sending each other secret messages, Asteroid Connecticut metallic saucer spotted, New Hampshire - mysterious metal found, Pennsylvania - reflective" white "tube" flying low, Georgia - Daylight disk, Florida - an orange ball, Illinois - two flying triangles spotted, Wisconsin - five small flickering lights, Oklahoma possible missing time, Idaho - aqua blue sphere with a long trail shot across sky, California- New technology fly by, Washington - flying triangle and lights, Canada - V shaped object and truck size lights, Ireland - bright lights, England - UFO or perhaps a kite? Netherlands - flying triangle, Ukraine - possible base as UFO wave over Crimea continues, India - light with long tail, and circular object over New Zealand. Ancient ruins of Kadath allegedly found in Antarctica?

ECLIPSE OF THE MOON

On Thursday evening, May 15th, there will be a total eclipse of the Moon. It begins at 10:03 PM (EDT) when the Moon first enters the edge of the Earth's shadow, and the Earth shadow gradually covers the Moon and at 11:14 PM, totality begins. The Moon starts to come out of the shadow at 12:06 AM, when totality ends and it leaves the Earth's shadow at 1:17 AM, when the eclipse finally ends. Mid-eclipse is at 11:40 PM and while totally eclipsed, the Moon will be red in color. All you need to view it is the unaided eye or a pair of binoculars. This should be an awesome sight if it's clear! Lunar Eclipse -
http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/12may_lunareclipse.htm +

ALIENS MAY BE SENDING EACH OTHER SECRET MESSAGES

Two scientists have come up with a possible solution to the long-standing puzzle of why, if alien civilizations are out there, no one has ever picked up signals from them. Their signals are buried in background noise. The Fermium paradox, first posed by the physicist Enrico Fermi, is still one of the strongest arguments against the existence of intelligent aliens. But Walter Simmons and Sandip Pakvasa, from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, have worked out how the aliens could be hiding. First the signaller splits the message into two parts, so that its photons are sent in opposite directions to mirrors far from the home planet. The mirrors redirect the signals to the intended receiver, who recombines the photons to reconstruct the message. Neither the intended receiver nor any eavesdropper

would be able to locate the home planet of the sender. Also, it would be impossible to detect the message at all without extremely sophisticated technology, New Scientist magazine reported. To recombine the beams and recreate the message you would need to detect the arrival time of the photons extremely accurately to identify pairs of photons split by the sender. Mr. Simmons said, "Such photons are distinguishable from the background of stellar photons because they arrive very close together in time. But any eavesdropper, like us, might not realize this and see only the background." Thanks to The Western Mail - The National Newspaper Of Wales [<http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/>] <http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/>

EXTREME WEATHER ON EARTH CAUSED BY SUNSPOTS?

The most ever devastating tornados have been reported across the US that may be in part due to the strong sunspot activity with 66 already reported this year. For the third month in a row, high-latitude observers have spotted auroras triggered by solar wind streams flowing from coronal holes on the Sun. Our Earth's magnetic field was buffeted by solar wind gusts on May 1st and May 7th-9th, that may be effecting our weather. Heavy Sunspot activity happens when energy stored in twisted magnetic fields (usually above sunspots) is suddenly released. Flares produce a burst of radiation across the electromagnetic spectrum, from radio waves to x-rays and gamma-rays. A flare is defined as a sudden, rapid, and intense variation in brightness. A solar flare occurs when magnetic energy that has built up in the solar atmosphere is suddenly released. Radiation is emitted across virtually the entire electromagnetic spectrum, from radio waves at the long wavelength end, through optical emission to x-rays and gamma rays at the short wavelength end. The amount of energy released is the equivalent of millions of 100-megaton hydrogen bombs exploding at the same time! Scientists classify solar flares according to their x-ray brightness in the wavelength range 1 to 8 Angstroms. There are 3 categories: X-class flares are big; they are major events that can trigger planet-wide radio blackouts and long-lasting radiation storms. M-class flares are medium-sized; they generally cause brief radio blackouts that affect Earth's polar regions. Minor radiation storms sometimes follow an M-class flare. Compared to X- and M-class events, C-class flares are small with few noticeable consequences here on Earth. Geomagnetic storms caused by the sunspots can cause significant disturbances in Earth's magnetic field. During the recent activity there have been bright Auroras over the Antarctic lighting up the night skies. Thanks to space.com and NASA

PENNSYLVANIA REFLECTIVE" WHITE "TUBE" FLYING LOW

POTTSTOWN -- The witness was driving on Highway 422 west on May 1, 2003, when he noticed a reflective" white "tube" flying 100 feet or so under a low flying passenger plane during daylight at 1:30 PM. The witness states, "The passenger jet had red and white paint with white words, that caught my attention, because it was flying lower than usual." I stopped my car in middle of the intersection when I saw a sunlight glint moving about 100 ft. underneath the jet. A "reflection" followed exactly with the jet but it was 1/5th the size. The best I can say it was either a "steel pipe" shape or tube. Absolutely stunning, it moved with the jet perfectly timed but definitely an object, as it moved it stopped reflecting the sun, and I saw it had white color, then it faded away. Cars honking behind me made me move. I pulled into a parking lot and could see the passenger jet, but not the object. I watched for about 30 seconds. It was broad daylight, great visibility that day. I stared again and again to try and make out more, but it was mostly a bright "reflection," like shiny metal. The object seemed white when the reflection of the sun died down. It was about the size of an automobile in relation to the jet.

ST. CLAIR - The witness reported seeing a bright light hovering above on May 3, 2003, at 2:45 AM, and states, "Traveling to work in my car I noticed a greenish-blue light at the altitude of a small aircraft that appeared to be hovering or moving very slowly above a nearby treeline." As I slowed to view the object, it shot away to the east at high speed. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>] www.UFOCENTER.com

NEW HAMPSHIRE - MYSTERIOUS METAL FOUND

CONCORD MONITOR - The newspaper reports, "Hope MacDonald awoke to a loud bang and a bright light. The next day, her tenant found a small piece of charred metal that reeked of fuel and was covered in more than an inch of gobs. The noise was enough to alarm MacDonald and scare her cat off the bed. The metal was enough to prompt her to call her son, a state trooper, who then called the Federal Aviation Administration. The metal appears to be from a snowmobile, said Jim Peters, a spokesman for the FAA, adding that MacDonald's home is near a trail. That's a lie," said MacDonald. "There's no trail near my house." MacDonald wants to make two things clear about the incident: She's not crazy, and she knows what she saw. "It was about 11:30 at night and something banged the back of the house. At the same time, there was the brightest light I've ever seen in my life. "I had to shut my eyes but as quickly as the sound and light came, it went," she said. Candy Hovey, who lives in the lower level of MacDonald's two-story chalet, found a 4 by 7 inch piece of metal on the lawn the next day. "I didn't see or hear anything," She said. "But it wasn't there the day before." Hovey said the metal had a very strong fuel smell and it looked charred. "If you touched it with your hand, you'd get ash on it." She said. The ground beneath the metal appeared unharmed. FAA safety inspector Sylvester Dye went to MacDonald's home and took the metal for testing shortly after she reported the incident. MacDonald said she initially thought the metal may have been "space junk." And she made a point of asking Dye if it could be just that. (Dye) knew it wasn't from an airplane," she said. "I asked him if it could have been from the shuttle, and he just shrugged his shoulders. There's so much stuff flying around up there." Dye told MacDonald the metal couldn't be from a plane because it appeared to have been welded onto something, she said. "There were no planes around that night either," she said. Her second-floor bedroom is high enough off the ground so that a passing snow machine or vehicle most likely would not have thrown a piece of metal near her window, she said. "There was no snow in the yard at the time," I just think they (FAA inspectors) don't know what it is and they're passing the buck. But I'm sure it's not from a snow machine. Thanks to Rebecca Tsaros
rtsaros@cmonitor.com CONCORD MONITOR 5/3/03

GEORGIA DAYLIGHT DISK

ATLANTA -- The saucer was flying south, parallel to I-75 While riding north through Atlanta on I-75, on April 26, 2003. I noticed an object just below the clouds and flying south at 5 PM. At first I thought it was a plane until it rotated and it did not have wings that I could see. Having observed planes flying into the Atlanta airport all afternoon, this object stood out because of the altitude it was flying, and its size, which was smaller than a plane would have been. After observing this for thirty seconds, it went west, and that was the last I saw of it. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]
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FLORIDA - AN ORANGE BALL

CHOCTAWHATCHEE BAY, IN WALTON COUNTY -- I was facing north looking at Legion Park on Choctawhatchee Bay on April 26, 2003. There is a security light in the park that has a bluish/white light on a telephone pole and almost directly over the security light was an orange ball. The orange ball was just slightly larger than the security light but much further away at 8:35 PM. It appeared to be over the middle of the bay. I watched it for about five minutes during which time it did not move. It was much larger than a planet or star but not nearly as large as a full moon would have appeared that close to the horizon. It did not appear to be a flare as it was stationary in the sky and it did not appear to be burning. I went inside to get my wife and when I returned it was gone. [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]
www.UFOCENTER.com

ILLINOIS - IT WAS A VERY BRIGHT FLYING TRIANGLE

DES PLAINES -- The witness reports seeing a large object in the night skies April 28, 2003, on a humid and hot clear night near Elk Grove. He explains, "The object was bright, big, triangular and it came real close to me and after about 20 seconds it just disappeared at 10:30 PM." My friend, my brother and my two sisters saw it as it took off real fast." It flew northeast into a clear sky. Ten minutes later it came back once again and it was the same thing, but now there were two flying triangles. We

got a better look the second time and it appeared to me as a UFO or an alien type object. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]www.UFOCENTER.com

WISCONSIN - FIVE SMALL FLICKERING LIGHTS

MILWAUKEE -- On May 1, 2003, at 2 AM, the witness reports seeing a white flicker in the sky, then another, and another till there where five flickering lights. They seemed to have made a box with one craft on the outside moving away. Then the others followed. The remaining four lights shined unsteadily at a half second pace simultaneously and then came together in a line. They moved on the same path as the first light and they all slowly departed. As they left a bluish color replaced the white light. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]www.UFOCENTER.com

OKLAHOMA POSSIBLE MISSING TIME

BESSIE -- Jim Hickman writes, I got a call on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, from a teacher in the town of Bessie, stating one of his students had see a very bright light, then a big flash, and then reported missing time. Susan will do the investigation and forward the report to me, I will send it to you. Thanks to Jim Hickman MUFON

IDAHO - AQUA BLUE SPHERE

SANDPOINT -- While riding my motorcycle north toward Sandpoint on Highway 95 at 11:45 PM, on April 23, 2003, a very bright, aqua colored, round object with an extremely long trail caught my attention, as it came across the sky traveling from east to west and downward in a fashion that suggested it would impact the ground. I expected to see a flash or perhaps feel a jolt from the event but neither occurred. It was simply there and gone. The color was quite remarkable and unlike anything I have ever witnessed.

CALIFORNIA NEW TECHNOLOGY FLY BY

NEWARK -- The witness claims, "Never saw anything like it - if it's military (ours) its decades ahead of "known" technology!" The witness was taking his dog for a walk at 9:04 P.M. on April 24, 2003, when he saw a bird flying overhead. I looked directly at the object and thought that's not a bird its a hang glider because of it's altitude, shape, and lack of noise. Then I said, " Oh my God, what the heck IS that?" I watched the object, perfectly focused for about 6 seconds before it flew into some clouds. I followed the path of the object hoping it would hold it's course. I thought I saw it circle tightly and turn towards the east. Then four planes came out of no where and converged on the mountains east of my house; where the object headed. Then, what I thought were two F-16? jets headed over towards my direction. They made very little noise, but I could still hear the jets. I grabbed the binoculars and ran back outside as my wife came out for a short look, but went back in because it was too cold for her. I watched the sky intensely and watched for the craft. I ran into the garage, grabbed the ladder and climbed onto the roof. There were a lot of aircraft over the mountain range. Two passenger jets went over head slightly west of me The object had now flown over the mountain range and disappeared. .

BUENA PARK -- On May 1, 2003, the witness who has considerable technical background noticed round spheres of light above his home at 10: 42 PM. He states, "There were four spheres of light that were very noticeable. They were each about two to three feet in size. The one sphere of light was west of me where I stood. The other two spheres of light were north of me. The last sphere of light was straight above my head and my home. The four spheres of light were white in color and I heard beeping sounds from one of the spheres. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]www.UFOCENTER.com

WASHINGTON - FLYING TRIANGLE AND LIGHTS

WAUCONDA -- On May 1, 2003, the witness who lives in a very rural area with no city lights nearby stepped out of the back door and observed a circular blue-white light about 3" in diameter at arm's length coming from the north. It was heading toward the southeast at about satellite speed at 10: 45 PM. When I first saw the object it was about 20 degrees elevation in the

north. The object became gradually smaller as it proceeded across the sky until in the southeastern sky at about 70 degrees elevation it instantly returned to a 3" size at arm's length again and shot off.

WEST SEATTLE -- A married couple were walking into their house on May 1, 2003, when something caught the wife's peripheral vision at 10 PM. She looked up and said something like "What the hell is that?" She states, "A triangular craft was moving across the sky above us at an altitude similar to airplanes in this part of the city near Boeing field, not far from SeaTac Airport." It had a light at each of the points that was a dim orange and the lights seemed striped rather than solid. The craft was completely silent. We watched it fly in a northeasterly direction until it encountered the city light reflection in the sky and we could no longer see it. Our dog was trembling and became lethargic and lost his balance.

The witness sent an MS Paint image of the husband's recollection. I recall big, round lights, while he recalls trapezium-shaped lights and wings. I recall the round lights, as I said, and drew the wings as round, although I'm not sure they were. They were definitely not pointed; we both recall the corners were blunt or rounded. [<http://www.nuforc.org/>] www.UFOCENTER.com

CANADA - RED LIGHT AND BRIGHT WHITE FLASH

HALIFAX INVESTIGATION - Sydnie reports, "Four of us were outside as it was dusk and just getting dark when we saw the UFO that was about the size of a pea. " There were no lights on the object (it was completely blank). There was a little wind, and it only passed through one misty cloud, other than that the weather was warm. It was sort of moving like an arrow through the sky. It was flying towards Sherwater Air Base and it took three or four minutes to go across the sky. Thanks to Sydnie

CHILLIWACK, BC - The Mother was driving her son home from work on May 1, 2003, when they saw a red flashing light just to the left of the mountains in the west. It was flashing consistently and sitting in one spot. The son says, "I told my mother to stop the car as we were on a back road that had little traffic and I rolled down my window and looked at the strange red light." At 10:30 PM, we noticed that it would move south horizontally in little spurts, but mostly stayed in one spot. We drove home and could just see it over the roof of a house. I noticed the light drop down a bit, so I stood up a bit straighter, but the light dropped down again. I moved over to where my Mom was standing, and we observed it clearly. It was staying in one place again. Suddenly a bright flash of light came from about the same place I'd initially seen the red light. It happened again a few seconds later, closer to the location of the red light that was now fading, and the flashing wasn't as brilliant. After fifteen minutes of viewing I went inside. [<http://www.nuforc.org/>] www.UFOCENTER.com

IRELAND - VERY BRIGHT LIGHT SEEN

WATERFORD -- A bright light appeared in the sky on April 28, 2003, above the Waterford area. It was too early in the evening to be a star, but that's exactly what it looked like. At first I thought it was a reflection of an aircraft as it was a bright evening but it suddenly disappeared and a minute later reappeared in a slightly different location. There were some clouds around but not in this area of the sky. It was moving in a westerly direction at 7 PM.

ENGLAND UFO OR PERHAPS A KITE?

LINCOLN -- On April 22, 2003, around 4 PM, the witness was skating outside the Lincolnshire College and noticed a small dot in the sky above the South Common. He states, "I looked at the object thinking that it was a distant approaching plane, but the object stayed stationary and moved side ways and upwards like no other aircraft I have seen." My friends who were also with me saw this object, but they thought it was a kite, but the object was about half a mile away and was flying too high to be a kite. The object stayed there for about 15 minutes. [<http://www.nuforc.org/>] www.UFOCENTER.com

NETHERLANDS - FLYING TRIANGLE

ALMERE -- Two witnesses spotted a triangular shaped object flying over the highway on May 3, 2003. The witness reports, "At 12:30 AM, I was driving my car north with my brother when I noticed a police car with lights coming from the side lane, so I changed lanes and looked in my rearview mirror and saw two red lights in a horizontal line flying southwest across the highway." A second later there was a third light, which was flashing white/green. That is when I realized the craft had a triangle shape. I shouted to my brother that there was a UFO. The craft hovered over the highway. The red lights were not flashing. It hung over an open field for a minute and than sped off. I got off the highway and started following it. I stopped the car and got the camera out and we started recording for 20 seconds, but it was already far away. It shows one red light as a dot in the night sky and no sound. We knew it had to be a UFO because of the shape of it. [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]
[www.UFOCENTER.com]

UKRAINE - UFO HOTSPOT CONTINUES

SIMFEROPOL' -- Anton Anfalov, Ukrainian UFO Association writes, "On Saturday, April 30, 2003, at 8:45 PM, while standing on the Lenin Square and talking with my friend, Mr.V. Zdorov, we noticed several bright flashes of white-silver and of ruby red colors to the northeast. This was definitely neither airplane nor satellite, because the flashes were short, stationary, and with a big time lag (2-5 minutes) between them indicating that the flashes were from a hovering object.

CRIMEA -- New UFOs were observed over the Crimean peninsula, south of Ukraine, on Monday, May 5, 2003, starting from 12:30 AM until 3 PM. A large strange and definitely outlined lens-shaped cloud hovered over Chatyrdag Mountain and plateau south of Simferopol.' The large cloud was present in an almost cloudless sky. Despite the laws of atmospheric circulation, this cloud had a definitely outlined form and shape for over two hours DESPITE THE WIND. This was noticed by many local residents of Simferopol', and Anton photographed these strange clouds. The clear impression was that this was just camouflaged hovering UFO, no less than 50 meters in diameter.

Simferopol' -- On Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at 9:20 PM a UFO was observed again over flying south over Mrs. Lenura Azizova house at 13 West Street. Like on April 23, it was moving in a zigzag trajectory without any sound. The six cornered in shape UFO had a clearly visible single bright red blinking light, but not like an airplane, that changed color to brighter white. The impression was that the first red light was a navigation light and the bigger white light was the shining plasma envelope around the alien craft on a standard route to underwater alien base in the center of the Black Sea.

ANTON ANFALOV writes, "Crimea is a " UFO hot spot." There are frequent sightings of craft leaving and entering the Black Sea about 150 km south of Foros, between Crimea and Turkey. We have contacted several remote viewers who have used their talents to penetrate this base. The remote viewers have observed a complex of watertight underground compartments, hangars and tunnels built inside the rock using some natural caves, in the depths of the Black Sea that perfectly hides the alien activity. This is confirmed by constant observations of fiery globes descending and ascending out of the sea. The base has two basic openings that are connected by a complicated system of tunnels. Remote viewers observed the aliens are involved in some kind of mining, manufacturing operations, repair and technical examinations of their crafts. They supposedly produce trans-uranium fuel from depths of the Earth for their engines. Thanks to Anton Anfalov, Ukrainian UFO Association an@crimea.com

INDIA - UNKNOWN OBJECT WITH A LONG TRAIL

CHANDIGARH -- On April 23, 2003, at 6 AM, I saw an object appearing from the east and moving towards the north. it had a long whitish trail behind it. ((NUFORC Note: Description by witness is not inconsistent with a contrail behind a high-altitude aircraft, but we do not know what the witness observed. PD))

NEW ZEALAND CIRCULAR OBJECT

TAURANGA -- On Christmas morning 2002, at 4:50 AM, near dawn with a very clear sky, Mr. A. Thompson witnessed a circular object with blue, silver and white pulsating lights. It was flying at 12,000 feet and was observed for about 12 minutes from an elevated rural location. The object moved along coast a short way towards Papamoa, turned back towards Tauranga then headed out to sea. Mr. Thompson remarks how clear the object was and the lack of sound in the stillness of the early morning.

RUINS OF KADATH ALLEGEDLY FOUND IN ANTARCTICA?

According to Joseph Trainor, editor of UFO Roundup, "A California TV crew missing since November 2002, a video they left behind and a mission by US Navy SEALs are the key elements in a story that claims extensive prehistoric ruins have been found under the ice of Antarctica. "The US government said it will seek to block the airing of a video found by Navy rescuers in Antarctica that purportedly reveals that a massive archaeological dig is underway two miles beneath the ice." "AtlantisTV stressed that the company's primary concern is for the safety and welfare of the missing crew, but they will 'vigorously oppose' any attempts to 'censor material that is clearly in the public domain.' The video is the property of AtlantisTV. Two Navy officers who saw the tape said it showed spectacular ruins. Officials of the U.S. Naval Support Task Force, Antarctica deny the story or the possession of any video shot by the missing AtlantisTV crew."

Science fiction author Howard Phillips Lovecraft (1890-1937) claimed in several stories that a prehistoric city existed in Antarctica called "Kadath of the Cold Waste." Lovecraft described its discovery in his novel "At the Mountains of Madness," written in 1931. Incredibly, one of his passages is a precise description of a scene in the AtlantisTV video. Lovecraft wrote, "But the salient object of the place was the titanic stone ramp, which, eluding the archways by a sharp turn outward into the open floor, wound spirally up the stupendous cylindrical wall like an inside counterpart of those once climbing outside the monstrous towers or ziggurats of ancient Babylon...The thing was excellently preserved up to the present top of the tower-- a highly remarkable circumstance in view of its exposure-- and its shelter had done much to protect the bizarre and dinsturbing cosmic sculptures on the walls." "As we stepped out into the awesome half-daylight of this monstrous cylinder-bottom--fifty million years old, and without doubt the most primal ancient structure ever to meet our eyes." "According to the sculptures, the original tower had stood in the center of an immense circular plaza; and had been perhaps 500 or 600 feet high, with tiers of horizontal discs near the top and a row of needle-like spires along the upper rim." Thanks to UFO ROUNDUP Vol. 8, #19 5/14, Joseph Trainor [<http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>] <http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/> N HIRING A REAL ESTATE AGENT! how you can obtain the l estate agent for your needs. To get a free copy of treport e-mail me at SCIENTIFIC STUDIES HELP YOU STAY YOUNG AND HEALTHY

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Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 03:19:07 -0400
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>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
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>>From: Louise A. Lowry <SHnSASSY1@aol.com>
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>>>Subject: 'Frank M'?

>What does 'authentic' mean? That it was an alien spaceship?

>Ian Rogers

Ian;
It means that Bruce had found the video tape to be genuine and could not prove it a hoax.

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Louise
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>>>>IFOs 101 - Pop Quiz Answer

>>>>For those who thought the object was a Mylar balloon,
>>>>congratulations - you get an "A".

<snip>

Hello again Amy,

Something has come to my attention. Originally, I wrote:

>>>>Contact Tommy King or Bruce Maccabee privately and ask them for
>>>>their permission to use some examples of the many
>>>>_genuinely_anomalous_ aerial objects that they have archived at
>>>>their respective web sites.

You responded:

>>>I've already contacted both gentlemen.

Your reply gives the casual reader the false impression that you contacted Tommy King and Bruce Maccabee in 'response' to my recent suggestion. At least that was the impression that I got. Tommy King informs me that you contacted him more than a half a year ago on an entirely different matter and that you refused to follow-up on some evidence he was trying to present to you. (?)

That aside for the moment, you should have made it clear to me and other List readers that you had not complied (recently) with the suggestion that I made. Your response to me (above) gives the impression that you contacted both gentlemen in regard to our recent discussion.

Not true.

Now, why does someone who claims to be conducting honest and open research/inquiry refuse to check out material that is being offered/proffered? Tom King was ready and willing to provide you with information/data about the case/video you had inquired about. You refused to look at it or follow up on it in favor of

following your own 'pre-formed' conclusions about it. The man offered you relevant material that he considered to be evidence that contradicted your conclusions. Yet you didn't follow up on it, or even look at it. What kind of 'research' is that?

You wrote to me:

>I do not deceive, I fight deception. What do you do?

I'd like to turn that question around (in the light of the new information I have acquired above) and ask you the same thing.

"What do you do?"

Writing a book? Is there something you need to prove?

Respectfully,

John Velez

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 13:45:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 03:29:55 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Velez

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:51:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 13:33:13 -0400
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 02:52:55 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>The reason why I invested in expensive photo equipment was
>>because I agreed with many people that anecdotal reports are
>>just not enough. I figured if I had photos and video to back up
>>my sighting reports that it would help to make the testimony
>>more credible. But no. After going through all the expense and
>>trouble of recording my sightings the bar is raised once again
>>and I am told that pictures and video don't mean anything
>>because they can be faked.

>>Horse players have a saying... "I can't win for losing." That's
>>the case for anyone who dares to try to prove that they have
>>seen a UFO. But hey, I'm not trying to sell anybody anything. It
>>is only in response to the dictates of my own conscience that I
>>participate in any public forums at all.

Hello Ian,

In the following you respond to a statement I made which you did not include in the quoted material above.

>Again, John, you assume that skeptics would not be pleased by a
>White House landing, because we would just "raise the bar,"
>citing that we need more evidence.

In my original post I was very careful to say that 'some' skeptics react thus and so. I even put little quote marks around the word 'some' in order to emphasize it. How could you have missed it?

I rarely if ever make blanket statements when it comes to people, Ian. And, I haven't 'assumed' that 'some' skeptics would not be satisfied with a landing on the white house lawn. It is a statement of fact.

There are people out there whose minds are so closed to the idea of there being any other life forms in the universe (besides us) or that those life forms may be studying the Earth and its inhabitants, that they would sooner believe such a landing to be a Hollywood stunt than a genuine event. Don't kid yourself, there are people with such narrow, limited, closed minds.

I'm glad to hear that you are not among them. But please, don't attribute statements to me that I have not made. (Don't presume to put words in my mouth.)

>How can you say it's aliens when it could be something natural that
>we've never seen yet?

I never said/claimed any such thing.

Are you reading what I actually wrote or what you'd like hear?
Re-read both of my original posts to Amy. If I attribute
anything to aliens anywhere in those posts I challenge you to
produce the direct quotations.

Again, if you're going to respond to one or more of my posts,
how about responding to what I actually said rather than what
you'd like to think I said.

>That alone should preclude the cry of 'Aliens!'

I "cried aliens! "? Where? Man, you have some kind of vivid
imagination!

>Just because our experts can't explain what they see
>isn't really a good reason to label something an alien ship.

Please show me anywhere in my posts where I have done
that. If you can't, I expect a public apology for your incessant
creation of imaginary statements that you falsely attribute
to me. Again... quit putting words in my mouth. Either address
something I have actually said or don't bother responding at all.

>So what am I trying to say?

Apparently a whole bunch of stuff that you've pulled out of thin
air and that you're trying to attribute to me.

>I guess I'll just have to live with myself, somehow!

I guess so. Sounds like it must be hard for you sometimes eh?

>I'm not trying to attack you, John,

No, not at all. You're just trying to stuff every cliché that
'some' skeptics attribute to 'true believers' down my throat.
In an effort to do what? Make yourself look good? Or to make me
look like a gullible boob? Never mind. Rhetorical question.

>I'm here because I'm genuinely curious.

Really? You could have fooled me! Sounds like you've got your
mind made up about a great many things. Including several
imaginary ones. I would like an on-List apology for all the
completely made-up crap that you've tried to lay at my doorstep,
Ian.

John Velez, In my own words.

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Mack/Jamieson 'Shamanic Journeys & UFO Encounters'

From: **Will Beuche - Center for Psychology & Social Change**
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:49:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 03:34:47 -0400
Subject: Mack/Jamieson 'Shamanic Journeys & UFO Encounters'

Center for Psychology & Social Change

This journal is not widely known, so we're presenting this blurb as an FYI:

A new 12-page article written collaboratively by Dr. John Mack and Sue Jamieson has been published in Shamanism: the Journal of the Foundation for Shamanic Studies. This article will not appear online.

Shamanic Journeys and UFO Encounters:
A Consideration of Two Avenues to an Expanded Reality

ABSTRACT -- Shamanism and the study of what we in our Western culture call UFO "abductions" or "encounters" both involve other worlds with phenomenological differences and similarities. A comparative study of these has the potential to augment, advance, and expand our understanding of "reality." With this end in view, we examine the similarities and differences between shamanic journeys and UFO encounters. Similarities (e.g. non-ordinary reality, altered space and time, other "beings", reports of flying, moving through tunnels, light, healings, and other world families) exist between the essential reality of shamanic practices and journeys and UFO encounters. There are noticeable experiential differences especially with respect to "agency" in relation to the experience, the realm in which the experience is perceived to occur, and in the resultant physical and emotional trauma. There are circumstances within both experiences in which differences and similarities overlap and are difficult to distinguish.

Many indigenous shamans and medicine people acknowledge UFO encounters as part of their reality and speak easily of myths and legends telling of peoples that come from the sky or the stars. Indigenous acknowledgments, coupled with collections of thousands of reports from experiencers, seem to be increasing public awareness and acceptance of the reality of the phenomenon within our own society. Mutual exploration of shamanism and the UFO encounter phenomenon -- mapping the non-ordinary states of consciousness and realities -- can help us to expand the current paradigm of reality to include the full range of human experience.

Bringing the two studies together may serve to complement our understanding of the complex interplay of inner and outer reality, the relations of spirit to matter, and the possible existence of other physical domains and principles.

The current issue of Shamanism (vol. 16, no. 1) can be ordered directly from the Foundation for Shamanic Studies. Info is available:

http://centerchange.org/center/center_news.asp?id=170

[Preemptive msg for Richard Hall: We'll just have to agree to disagree.]

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 12:13:15 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 07:48:15 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hatch

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:11:36 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 22:47:24 +0000
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

<snip>

>>It is all well and good to catalogue and study IFOs as Amy is
>>doing. All rational students of UFO phenomena have been doing
>>that for many years, and that is why some people tend to object
>>to Amy's seemingly didactic approach and semantical quibbling.

>Dick, this is exciting! Could you please share all the URLs to
>these IFO databases so that I may link to them in my own
>Database? If all rational students of UFO phenomena have been
>compiling IFO databases for many years, I can't wait to see
>them! So far, I've only found a handful of others who have
>shared their studies in this area, such as Mr. Tom King, Dr.
>Maccabee, Dr. Eltjo Haselhoff and Mr. Gary Burton. But I've
>never found a large collection of IFO studies collected and
>presented on one web site (except mine).

>Some people seem to like my approach, some don't. Same for your
>work, Dick. That's how this list functions - a little something
>for everyone.

Hello Amy, Dick:

If I understand Dick properly (stop me if I don't) he was saying
that the saner UFO students have long noted IFOs. I'm sure he
never meant to imply that they all have websites up full of
them. I would have written "and/or" in his sentence above to
clarify that.

Relatively few put up web pages of IFOs, even those of us who
recognize them as such, preferring to concentrate on the
stranger cases which do exist in the literature.

I don't know how large 'large' is, but there are over 100
discredited sightings listed on this page of mine:

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

As noted up top:

"This list is NOT intended to be comprehensive, a lifetime of
work would not be enough. Nor is this a list of junk sightings,
night-lights, flying triangles by the score, every balloon since
Montgolfier etc. .. clearly a waste of bandwidth. "

In short, I concentrated on well known cases that waste lots of
people's time. These are not my studies, just a listing of the
findings of others who did the real leg-work. Credits and a few

links appear on the page.

Best wishes

- Larry

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Re: Taken For A Ride - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 16:57:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 07:50:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Taken For A Ride - Velez

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 19:21:12 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Taken For A Ride

>>From: John W. Auchettl <Prauf@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 07:01:08 EDT
>>Subject: Taken For A Ride

>>Source: The Herald Sun - Melbourne, Australia

>>http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,6411075%255E11869,00.html

><snip>

>>HOW many times have you read about someone's purported alien
>>abduction and yearned for your turn?

>>When, you secretly ask yourself, will your mothership come in?
>>But sooner or later you're going to have to face the truth: you
>>may not be abductee material and, frankly, even if you are, you
>>probably won't remember the experience.

>>A simpler, more effective alternative is to pay someone to dress
>>up like an alien and pretend to abduct you. That way you'll be
>>able to remember and relish every last poke and prod for years
>>to come.

>>We kid you not, according to the barmy folks at New York-based
>>Alien Abductions Incorporated, plenty of people (they don't say
>>how many, naturally) pay to be abducted each year.

><snip>

>I recalled reading something very similar not too long ago so
>after a quick Internet search I think I found the story about
>another New York-based company that also arranges kidnapping and
>abduction experiences for a fee that I was looking for. I don't
>think we have anything like this in Canada yet but I would not
>be surprised if franchises are available.

>http://www.themorningnews.org/archives/personalities/designer_kidnappings.shtm>1

>Designer Kidnappings
>Crissa-Jean Chappell, 21 January 2003

>It begins with a list of your greatest fears. For a few thousand
>dollars, Brock Enright's personalized kidnapping service will
>make them come true.

><snip>

>The kidnappings often take place on Manhattan's streets in broad
>daylight, yet nobody has bothered to intervene on a victim's
>behalf. Because Enright and his masked conspirators are
>videotaping the performance, many people mistake the organized
>chaos for a reality TV show. Enright says, "We've done things
>very close to police and they have no clue it's even happening."

Hi Nick,

Mac Tonnies is correct. The Alien Abduction site is a spoof. And a well written, clever one it is too! I laughed my ass off.

If we start taking all this stuff seriously, especially material that is intended to be satirical/humorous, then we are the ones who need help. Not the people who create these sites.

It's funny stuff. Read it and laugh. Then forget it. I think that is what it was intended for in the first place. For laughs.

Regards,

John Velez

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DOI Seek More Appeal Time

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 17:12:59 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 07:56:00 -0400
Subject: DOI Seek More Appeal Time

TO: Larry W. Bryant

FROM: William W. Wolf (FOIA Appeals Officer for Dept. of the Interior)

DATE: May 12, 2003

Dear Mr. Bryant:

This concerns your April 12, 2003, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal (FOIA 2003-144), which was received in this Office on April 14, 2003. Your FOIA appeal pertains to the April 4, 2003, partial denial on the basis of exemption (3) of the FOIA, of your November 7, 2002, FOIA request to the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office (BLM). In your FOIA request, you sought copies of documents pertaining to the Standard Archeological Plan for the excavation of the Roswell UFO-crash-landing debris field (designated as NM site No. 1000000). Specifically, BLM withheld the site location information under the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 470w-3).

Your appeal is with the Office of the Solicitor for legal review. The extraordinarily large number of FOIA appeals that the Department has received has created a heavy workload which will delay the Department's response to your appeal. Please be assured that the Department will make every effort to provide you with a determination on your appeal as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding this legal review, you may contact Ms. Darrel Strayhorn in SOL at (202) 208-5216.

You have a right to treat the delay in responding to your appeal as a final denial of your request and to seek judicial review in the United States District Court for the District in which you reside or have your principal place of business, the District in which the records subject to your appeal are located, or the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

However, the Department hopes that you will defer action until a substantive decision has been reached on your appeal.

The Department regrets the delay and appreciates your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

William W. Wolf

[LWB Note: Having expected the "Department" to reject my appeal re the exact location of the Roswell dig, this plea from Wolf comes as no surprise. But if they intend to sit on their hands in the processing of my appeal No. 2003-151 (by which I contest their labeling me a non-journalist in my quest for a records-search-fee waiver), you can expect me not to sit on mine. Delay of their "determination" on the latter appeal will adversely affect my efficacy in current/future FOIA actions, and also will chill my First Amendment freedom from such stonewalling -- both unacceptable prospects subject to prompt judicial review/remedy. Of course, if the delay on Appeal No. 2003-144 still exists at

month's end, that fact will be incorporated as Count No. 1 of a two-count complaint to be filed as soon as possible thereafter.]

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 18:39:30 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:01:09 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Friedman

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:45:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 16:21:15 -0300
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 09:16:34 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 16:51:37 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>><snip>

>>>>If it has been proven that the object in your film is not
>>>>conventional aircraft, a balloon, birds/insects, weather
>>>>phenomena, then it must be an alien spacecraft.

>>>>I think that's what he wants to hear. When really the best we
>>>>can do is say the footage is inconclusive. Unfortunately, for
>>>>far too many people in Ufology 'inconclusive' = aliens. Kind of
>>>>a kneejerk reaction if you ask me, but that's the way many
>>>>people think, in this field.

>>>I couldn't agree with you more, Ian.

>>>Well said! Hit the nail on the head. The best we can conclude
>>>about something unknown is that the data is inconclusive.

>>>Thank you!

>>I don't know about that premise. If someone is holding the
>>winning hand in a poker game and I don't call them, how then
>>would I ever know if they had the winning hand - if they don't
>>declare it?

>>The solution then, is inconclusive for me, and always will be,
>>but not the winner of the game. If you transpose the winner of
>>this game in this case is some intelligence in an object not of
>>this Earth, and this intelligence doesn't want to declare
>>itself, how the heck are you ever going to prove it?

>You're presuming too much already. Who said anything about
>intelligences in objects not of this earth? We're talking about
>inconclusive images on videotapes. Let's not jump ahead.

>>Proving something is inconclusive is not an answer, it's just
>>putting the question on hold.

>Alien spacecraft wouldn't be a good answer, though. It's not
>backed up with evidence. Inconclusive is not evidence. That's

>why I refuse to call inconclusive videos proof of alien
>spacecraft visiting earth.

>>What you seem to be suggesting is that time will eventually
>>prove that each UFO is really an IFO of prosaic means. That's
>>just Klass's theory being recycled isn't it?

>All I'm saying is that to presume something is alien just
>because you can't tell what it is, is beyond irresponsible. It's
>certainly not scientific!! It's more akin to religion since it's
>more a matter of what you believe it to be.

>>All of the unsolved UFO sightings are due to the lack of
>>sufficient information.

>>Who determines what is sufficient information? Where's the
>>cut-off point?

>Frankly, I'm more interested in who determines what is an alien
>spaceship. There doesn't seem to be any cut-off point there. Not
>even a little bit!

I was gone for a week and am trying to catch up. Frankly Ian, I think you are grossly misrepresenting the approach of those many of us who are convinced that some UFOs are alien spacecraft... not because "what else could it be?" , but because of a huge number of similar reports from all over the world of objects (not just lights in the sky) whose appearance clearly indicates they are manufactured and whose behavior indicates they couldn't have been made here since if they had been, they would have been used for military purposes long ago.

Not only is there impressive eyewitness testimony, but there are the 5000 physical trace cases from 70 countries that Ted Phillips has collected. There are the many multiple witness radar visual cases... manufactured, intelligent control, behavior we cannot... duplicate especially when one considers the low noise levels, the ability to land and take off vertically, to hover, to make right angle turns, move at very high speed, etc., etc.

The question, after all, is not what are UFOs, but are any ET Spacecraft? Sure some UFOs are balloons, aircraft, astronomical, insufficient information, etc. So what? The simple fact that most isotopes aren't fissionable doesn't mean none are. Note we need not know where the flying saucers come from, how they operate, what their purpose is, why they don't land on the white house lawn? Manufactured and behaving in the air in ways that we can't duplicate. Some pictures clearly indicate they are of real and large very strange flying objects. Do carefully read the 41 cases described by Jim McDonald . Read Dick Hall's excellent books.

The simple fact that I cannot provide an alien body or a craft, surely cannot be taken to mean they aren't around. I also cannot provide you with a nuclear weapon. They are real, too.

Stan Friedman

www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html

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Send Your Name To Comet Temple 1

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 20:26:05 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:03:39 -0400
Subject: Send Your Name To Comet Temple 1

Hi everyone!

People from many different places on Earth, including many UFO UpDates readers and MUFON Ontario members, have already sent their names into space aboard a variety of spacecraft launched in recent years to Mars and other celestial bodies in our solar system.

Here is another chance to add your name on the soon-to-be launched 'Deep Impact' spacecraft which will crash into Comet Temple 1 on July 1 (Canada Day), 2005. Go to the NASA web site below for further details and be part of the fireworks! Let's hope any ETs who may be out there do not interpret the massive explosion as an aggressive act or a threat to them by us Earthlings. ;o)

<http://deepimpact.jpl.nasa.gov/sendyourname/>

Nick Balaskas

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UFO Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 01:10:08 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:05:22 -0400
Subject: UFO Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia

UFO Conference October 11 & 12
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Canada

Speakers:

Stanton Friedman
Budd Hopkins
Antonio Huneeus
Chris Styles
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**Note the special bus tour to Shag Harbour, NS.

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Terrace British Columbia - 05-09-03

From: **Brian Vike - HBCCUFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 22:18:54 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:08:08 -0400
Subject: Terrace British Columbia - 05-09-03

Hi List

This is one of three sighting reports I received. Two reports last Sunday night which were telephoned into me and another today (all taking place in Terrace, B.C.). I still have the other reports to type up and will post later on.

Thank you
Brian

Terrace, British Columbia

Date: May 9, 2003
Time: 10:35 p.m.
Toll Free Hotline

I received a telephone call from a Terrace, B.C. resident using the toll free hotline, he wanted to report a strange sighting he witnessed on May 9, 2003. It was a cloudless night and this witness was walking from the north end of his property towards his home and was looking at the night sky, viewing the northeastern part of the sky he noticed a strange, small, out of place light. As the witness watched the light, it began to grow in size, and grew in brightness by the second. Within 5 to 6 seconds the light went from being the approx: size and brightness of a star to approx: double the size of the moon. The light, or object was traveling at a very high altitude heading toward the southwest and at this point straight over top of him, still at a high altitude. After the light/object had disappeared from the fellows sight, another strange light showed up some 5 minutes later.

Thank you to the witness for the report.
HBCC UFO Research

Please Note: All UFO sighting reports HBCC UFO Research receives will be posted at my new website. "No pop-up ads folks. This site can be found at:

http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/hbcc_ufo_research.htm

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Re: Another Abduction Question - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 00:04:07 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:09:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Abduction Question - Hatch

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 14:30:37 +0200
>Subject: Another Abduction Question

>Reading Allan Hendry's "The UFO Handbook"
>(p. 136) I have found the following:

>"k) A sixty-three-year-old retired automobile dealer left his
>trailer home in southwestern Georgia for a walk with his two
>dogs. Crossing a pasture, he saw a round UFO flash out of the
>sky and hover two feet off the ground in front of him. The
>witness, his dogs, and the cattle around him were all paralyzed.
>Three men and two women with pale white skin, sharp upturned
>noses, pointed ears, and no necks stepped out of an open hatch.
>Two of them were completely nude, and none of them had any hair
>on their bodies. The medical examination the UFOonauts gave this
>man differs somewhat from the mainstream of abduction cases in
>that it happened in a pasture in broad daylight..."

>Can anybody confirm me if this is the same case described under
>the title "Dawson encounter" (p. 150) in Ronald Story's "The
>Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters"?

> Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

Hello Luis:

If you can provide the dates and locations of the two incidents,
maybe I can sort it out here. I don't have Hendry or Story's
encyclopedia at hand.

Best

- Larry

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JLA: Identify Theft

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 4:51:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:10:49 -0400
Subject: JLA: Identify Theft

Greetings List,

Someone has lifted my E-mail address to send spam messages. As a countermeasure, all original messages issuing from my computer will be prefaced with "JLA" in the subject line. If you don't see this in the subject line just delete the message.

Thank you.

Jan Aldrich

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Re: 'Frank M'? - Lowry

From: Louise A. Lowry <SHnSASSY1@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 07:12:52 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:13:07 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Frank M'? - Lowry

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:06:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Frank M'?

>>From: Louise A. Lowry <SHnSASSY1@aol.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:22:15 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Frank M'?

>>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 12:12:51 -0300
>>>Subject: 'Frank M'?

>>>Hello All,

>>>Do you know something about the abduction of a man called 'Frank
>>>M'?

>>>Here in Brazil we saw promo of a TV program about this case. The
>>>researchers are Bruce Maccabee and Budd Hopkins.

>>Frank M. is a person that the IF (Intruders Foundation)
>>investigated, he ia an upstate resident of New York, he was
>>videotaping a UFO when a few moments later he was abducted from
>>the same craft he had been recording Bruce Maccabee had analyzed
>>the tape and have found it to be authentic.....

>The videotape analysis is presented at:

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

>where the witnesses are referred to as "Fred and Mary."

Great write-up Bruce, thank you so much for sharing with us.

L&L

Louise

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UFO Plan Sparks War Of Words

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:19:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:19:15 -0400
Subject: UFO Plan Sparks War Of Words

Source: The Blackpool Gazette - Lancashire, UK

<http://www.blackpooltoday.co.uk/contactus.asp>

UFO Plan Sparks War Of Words

AN INTERGALACTIC war of words has broken out over plans to open a paranormal show in Blackpool.

Businessman Tony Carson announced last week he wants to create a multi-million pound World UFO Centre with spectacular attractions powered by the latest technology.

He hopes to apply for permission to build a five-storey high flying saucer on an unnamed site in the resort, which would be hosted by an alien creature who would show visitors around 19 different zones.

But a top alien expert, whose promenade exhibition is the only one of its kind in the UK, claims plans to open another show right on his doorstep is a close encounter he could do without.

David Boyle, who set up the Exhibition of The Universe five years ago after he had a personal extraterrestrial experience, hopes to blow Mr Carson's ambitious proposal out of the universe.

He has been inundated with phone calls from worried visitors and fellow UFO enthusiasts since Mr Carson, son of comedian Frank, revealed his grand vision.

Speaking to The Gazette last week, Mr Carson said his proposal would help to pull visitors into Blackpool and would fit in with the resort's masterplan.

Annoyed

After reading about the proposed attractions for the new centre, Mr Boyle is convinced that someone has passed on details of his own exhibition to his would-be rival.

He is annoyed that what is being proposed - including footage of UFO sightings, stories of abductions and contact with aliens - is already featured at his attraction.

The Exhibition of The Universe, which Mr Boyle said he collated after a lifetime of research, also includes details about auras, ghosts, near-death and out-of-body experiences.

"We were astounded that somebody could say that they would do what we have already done," he said. "While we can't match the outside of his plan, our centre is the most advanced in the world, and the only one in the UK.

"We have carried out continuous, in-depth investigating, spoken to thousands of people all over the world and have come back with a complete alternative theory.

"After having spent every penny building the most advanced UFO centre in the world, we have a full explanation of flying saucers and have worked out how science fits in too.

"We are not going to do anything about this, we are already here and have all of this in our show and what they have suggested is just a pipe dream."

[UFO UpDates thanks www.<http://anomalist.com> for the lead]

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'Aliens' In McMinnville

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:24:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:24:40 -0400
Subject: 'Aliens' In McMinnville

Source: The News-Register - McMinnville, Oregon

http://www.newsregister.com/news/story.cfm?story_no=166003

Published: May 13, 2003

Aliens invade! Aliens invade!
By Starla Pointer

Of the News-Register

A galaxy of visitors, ranging from serious scientists to fun-seekers, landed in McMinnville Thursday through Saturday for the annual UFO Festival and Alien Daze celebration.

Hundreds lined Third Street on Saturday afternoon for what has become the highlight for many - the alien parade. The event celebrates diversity not only of race, creed and color, but also of planetary origin.

Cars covered with aluminum foil rolled along behind people wearing green makeup or wrinkly, brainlike headgear. Some aliens rode buses or bicycles or skateboards, while others traveled on their own two, six or 17 feet.

Two of the floats celebrated the UFO photos taken at the Trent farm near McMinnville in 1950. The Trent sighting inspired McMenamins Hotel Oregon to start the festival five years ago.

Grand marshal for the parade was Stanton Friedman, a physicist who has focused his scientific research on the Roswell, N.M., UFO incident and, he says, subsequent cover-up.

Friedman was the keynote speaker at the festival. The other main speaker was Peter Robbins, a crop circle authority and author of "Left at East Gate," the meticulously researched story of three days of UFO activity at American Air Force bases in England in 1980.

Both men spoke Friday night in the Mack Theater, following a presentation by Oregon UFO Research.

The Salem-based group collects information about UFO sightings and investigates some of the cases. Last year, Oregon UFO Research received 63 reports of sightings, including that of a quick-moving, football-shaped light over Carlton, a crop formation near Forest Grove and a 100-foot-wide, plate-like fluorescent craft near Dallas.

In a talk called "Debunking the Roswell Debunkers," Friedman said many people have dismissed his research without any knowledge of their own or by picking and choosing bits of information that fit their predetermined conclusions. "They say, 'Don't bother me with facts,'" he mimicked.

He said he is a scientist who bases his conclusions on evidence gained from interviewing witnesses, visiting sites and reading what little documentation he can get from the government.

Not all UFOs are of alien origin, he said. However, he said, "The evidence is overwhelming that the U.S. is being visited by intelligent life from other planets. It's time we revised our priorities and started looking at what's really important, instead of things like Monica Lewinsky and Gary Condit."

Robbins used his portion of the evening to talk about the sightings in the Rendelsham Forest, the case described in "Left at East Gate."

The forest on the East Coast of England divides two bases that were then used by the U.S. Air Force. The bases also were used for storing massive nuclear weapons, he said.

Robbins discussed the process he used to write the book after meeting Larry Walters, who witnessed the incident while stationed in England as an Air Force security officer.

He conducted dozens of interviews, visited the site many times, sought answers from the military and analyzed soil from the field where a UFO landed.

He even ignored no trespassing signs to get onto the air bases, which now are closed. "It's funny, the stuff you do when you become obsessed," he said.

Robbins also spoke briefly Saturday at a UFO film festival, introducing a program about crop circles.

As the weekend of activities ended, Robbins said he had enjoyed his visit to McMinnville very much.

A few years ago, he said, he probably would have passed up the invitation, which was extended by the SciFi Channel at its expense. In fact, although he has spoken at many scholarly UFO events, this was his first light-hearted festival.

"I take myself seriously," he said, "and earlier, I wouldn't have wanted to be part of something in which my research might be demeaned."

But, he said, "We're living human lives here, and a fair amount of doing that is about having a good time. There was nothing mocking or mean-spirited in the way McMinnville tied together the fun and the serious."

He was especially touched to see all the children lining the street as he rode in the parade. Raising healthy children who are accepting of a variety of viewpoints is important, he said.

Maybe by being exposed to scientific research and UFO investigation in a carefree way, he said, children may catch some of his enthusiasm for the subject.

"The fun might make it a little less intimidating for them to look at the serious," Robbins said. "For a lot of youngsters, this is a weekend they'll remember, and that will help them grow up with an open mind. They'll be open to the idea that there is stuff in life that is mysterious and that life is an adventure, and that we may be able to be involved in solving some of those mysteries."

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:16:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:39:17 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Rogers

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 13:45:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:51:15 -0400
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 13:33:13 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 02:52:55 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>>The reason why I invested in expensive photo equipment was
>>>>because I agreed with many people that anecdotal reports are
>>>>just not enough. I figured if I had photos and video to back up
>>>>my sighting reports that it would help to make the testimony
>>>>more credible. But no. After going through all the expense and
>>>>trouble of recording my sightings the bar is raised once again
>>>>and I am told that pictures and video don't mean anything
>>>>because they can be faked.

>>>>Horse players have a saying... "I can't win for losing." That's
>>>>the case for anyone who dares to try to prove that they have
>>>>seen a UFO. But hey, I'm not trying to sell anybody anything. It
>>>>is only in response to the dictates of my own conscience that I
>>>>participate in any public forums at all.

>In the following you respond to a statement I made which you
>did not include in the quoted material above.

>>Again, John, you assume that skeptics would not be pleased by a
>>White House landing, because we would just "raise the bar,"
>>citing that we need more evidence.

>In my original post I was very careful to say that 'some' skeptics
>react thus and so. I even put little quote marks around the word
>'some' in order to emphasize it. How could you have missed it?

>I rarely if ever make blanket statements when it comes to people,
>Ian. And, I haven't 'assumed' that 'some' skeptics would not be
>satisfied with a landing on the white house lawn. It is a statement
>of fact.

>There are people out there whose minds are so closed to the idea
>of there being any other life forms in the universe (besides us)
>or that those life forms may be studying the Earth and its
>inhabitants, that they would sooner believe such a landing to be
>a Hollywood stunt than a genuine event. Don't kid yourself, there
>are_ people with such narrow, limited, closed minds.

>I'm glad to hear that you are not among them. But please, don't

>attribute statements to me that I have not made. (Don't presume
>to put words in my mouth.)

>>How can you say it's aliens when it could be something natural that
>>we've never seen yet?

>I never said/claimed any such thing.

>Are you reading what I actually wrote or what you'd like hear?
>Re-read both of my original posts to Amy. If I attribute
>anything to aliens anywhere in those posts I challenge you to
>produce the direct quotations.

>Again, if you're going to respond to one or more of my posts,
>how about responding to what I actually said rather than what
>you'd like to think I said.

>>That alone should preclude the cry of 'Aliens!'

>I "cried aliens! "? Where? Man, you have some kind of vivid
>imagination!

>>Just because our experts can't explain what they see
>>isn't really a good reason to label something an alien ship.

>Please show me anywhere in my posts where I have done
>that. If you can't, I expect a public apology for your incessant
>creation of imaginary statements that you falsely attribute
>to me. Again... quit putting words in my mouth. Either address
>something I have actually said or don't bother responding at all.

>>So what am I trying to say?

>Apparently a whole bunch of stuff that you've pulled out of thin
>air and that you're trying to attribute to me.

>>I guess I'll just have to live with myself, somehow!

>I guess so. Sounds like it must be hard for you sometimes eh?

>>I'm not trying to attack you, John,

>No, not at all. You're just trying to stuff every cliché that
>'some' skeptics attribute to 'true believers' down my throat.
>In an effort to do what? Make yourself look good? Or to make me
>look like a gullible boob? Never mind. Rhetorical question.

>>I'm here because I'm genuinely curious.

>Really? You could have fooled me! Sounds like you've got your
>mind made up about a great many things. Including several
>imaginary ones. I would like an on-List apology for all the
>completely made-up crap that you've tried to lay at my doorstep,
>Ian.

True believers are also trying to stuff clichés down people's
throats, as well, and you've made it pretty clear what side of
the fence you stand on on the UFO question. I'll apologize for
my "creations of imaginary statements," since I can freely admit
that I did attribute statements to you that you only danced
around and didn't actually write in stone. Regardless, you have
your apology.

But I hope you know that until people who experience supposed
alien encounters (of which you are one) can produce irrefutable
proof, your own words are little more than potential imaginary
statements.

Ian Rogers

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Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:55:40 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 07:44:33 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 00:54:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 13:29:25 -0700
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 13:32:04 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>I also champion the alien autopsy as being a real event, but
>>don't understand the "for personal reasons"; perhaps you could
>>elaborate.

>I shall spare you the embarrassment.

Ray, All my dealings with the AA have been open and honest.

There's nothing that I've done that could possibly be embarrassing. I'm proud of my work on the AA and believe my persistence will eventually result in the AA footage being recognized as the record of an actual event. You need to explain this so the List isn't left with the impression that I have something to hide, because I don't.

>>Good question. If the A-LM were deposited from a disabled craft,
>>then it should be found on individual sand pebbles and in the
>>dirt just as you say. I haven't looked but I will when I return
>>to the site, hopefully with you and other interested listers,
>>this summer. The wind and rain over the last fifty-five years
>>have probably dispersed the individual sand particles, but there
>>should still be evidence of their existance if we screen the
>>sand around heavy concentrations of the A-LM.

>You know well that if the chalcedony had been deposited in the
>ground it would not only be on individual sand particles but
>would exist like a crust, holding the soil together and it would
>not have blown away.

I don't know that at all. But we might find something just like that. The site needs careful examination and I'm not equipped with the scientific or technical expertise to do it myself.

>I strongly suspect, seeing your will-to-believe attitude, that
>you would go out, find tiny particles of the rocks (that have
>weathered off the larger rocks) with water-deposited chalcedony
>remaining on them, and claim it is proof the ground was once
>covered with the stuff. Well, that will not make your case!

I don't go about things that way and won't do it by myself; this calls for a group effort.

>You would have to show large areas of soil with the 'A-LM'
>binding the sand particles together. You will never, ever find
>that, Ed, because your 'theory' is nothing but a ludicrous pipe

>dream.

You'll never know until you visit the site and see for yourself.
It's not a pipe dream; I've reported my experience accurately.

>I have decided not to play your game. Let the micro probe reveal
>it is nothing but silica dioxide with minor traces, and you will
>immediately say, regardless, that it was deposited by the UFO.
>So, where would we be? I would have wasted the lab's instrument
>time, and you would still be singing the same old B.S. song.

You committed to doing a probe; I expect a probe. It might be
wasted time, but I sent you the samples with the understanding
that you'd test them with all the means at your disposal. That
was our agreement wasn't it?

>This decision is based on your response, today, and upon letters
>I have received from several esteemed members of this List who,
>unlike you, have good objectivity and, in several cases, records
>of important contributions to UFO studies. They have advised me
>to not waste my time, for they have witnessed your behavior on
>this List and elsewhere. They tell me you are a hopeless case,
>and you have pretty well convinced me of that.

My behavior on this List is an open book. Read the archives. Yes
I have been a little impetuous in the past, but with EBK's
insistence, I've modified my behavior. My only problem is I
support Corso's version of events and believe Ray Santilli and
the cameraman are telling the truth. Aside from those two
indiscretions, I'm just your run-of-the-mill UFO nut.

>>Until we are able to study the actual propulsion systems of UFO,
>>one theory is as good as another.
>Ridiculous! The theory based on fact is far superior to ideas
>based on hoaxes and the pipe dreams of their believers.

How do you think these crafts are propelled?

>>I base my ideas on the work of
>>Ivan Sanderson, and my understanding of vehemas, the flying
>>crafts used by the ancients of India.

>In the first place, what relevance has that to this?! Hey, I'm
>one step (or more) ahead of you on that stuff, and was likely
>reading it before you were ever born. The old Indian word is not
>"vehemas", but "vimana". If you prefer to do your 'science' by
>parrotting (albeit inaccurately) old writings of India, then
>that's fine, but don't try to explain naturally occurring
>chalcedony on rocks in a New Mexico desert as being from a
>"vimana"!

You wanted to know how I thought it might happen. I told you.
Why the derisive tone? Were "vimanas" somehow debunked while I
was in NM. And Ivan Sanderson - are you familiar with his
research on the subject of UFO propulsion?

>>...The disabled craft picked up sand and converted it along
>>with atmospheric moisture and other chemicals and debris to form
>>the A-LM which it dispersed when it crash-landed.

>Damn! I wish I had a crystal ball like yours that can reveal
>exactly the truth about every situation without factual basis or
>any research!!! Must be nice! :)

If vimanas do exist and if they use an electromagnetic vortex
for propulsion, then it's entirely conceivable that the silica
dioxide could be converted as I theorize. The craft that the
cameraman drew was not a disk. I don't have all the answers.
Have I given the impression that I do?

>>>Can you really expect any intelligent person to want to listen
>>>to that kind of pseudoscientific crap? I hoped, since it was "my
>>>dime", as you say, that it would be more constructive to explain
>>>to you the process of chalcedony formation and more about its
>>>characteristics, plus to correct the flawed nature of your
>>>reasoning. It looks, however, that my time and phone expense was
>>>wasted.

>And you responded:

>>Not at all. I learned alot.

>Not enough!

You can't seem to take a complement. What's that all about?

>>It [visiting the alleged crash site] would be a wonderful
>>experience for you; the chance in a lifetime.

>LMAO! - like I my wife and I did when we saw that ludicrously
>flawed AA film!

I asked you if you wanted a copy of the AA on CD and you refused. Why? It's much better than the fox version, uncut and you can move along frame by frame.

Check out this site; you might want to buy a set for yourself:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/aafilm/aaindex.html>

>>I don't see the point to all that [hoax description of crash
>>site.]. What would this person gain?

>
>Some people hoax for money, some for a sense of power over those
>who fall for it, others do so for both reasons. Where have you
>been all your life, Ed?

The cameraman's story is well known. Your example is silly; many folks have tried to find the crash site, including some on this List.

>>Hopefully our discussion will motivate some listers to visit the
>>site and see for themselves whether it's a crash site
>>possibility or not.

>If anyone is unobservant and 'wide-eyed' enough to believe the
>AA film, they deserve their 'just reward', so let them waste
>their money and time with you out in your 'Field of Dreams', Ed.

You can characterize it any way you wish but I'd like it referred to as the "cameraman's crash site" (CCS).

>Have fun, use sunscreen, careful of scorpions and snakes, but
>you can be certain that I will not be there.

Damn! I didn't set the hook soon enough.

>>There's nothing wrong with your description. In fact
>>it's quite well done, but it doesn't apply to this site.

>Dream on, Ed!

>>EBK and Listers know that I wouldn't try to sucker them.

>I wouldn't want to speak for EBK, but the Listers who have
>written me declare that you are the sucker, Ed, and we know that
>self-deception seeks company.

Glad we got that cleared up! I have not backed down from any verbal tussle on the List, but I've always kept my word, and tried to tell the truth as I saw it. If that makes me a sucker, so be it. If some Listers aren't pleased with this behavior, they're perfectly free to confront me, off List.

>Yes, Ed, I've changed my mind about asking for a microprobe
>because I refuse to lead a laboratory on your 'wild goose
>chase', in which (in view of your letter to this list, of May
>13) you would once more try to twist the result into your own
>misperception of reality -- and that's putting it about as
>kindly as I know how.

You said you'd do a microprobe and that's still what I expect. We can then discuss the results, just as we have discussed the other information you have provided, all of which is excellent. You're the person making this process difficult, but as I said, I knew you'd be a fighter.

>If you're so convinced you have something other than chalcedony,
>I leave it to you to make a fool of yourself to the staff of
>some lab with a microprobe, but don't try to 'force my hand'.

Yes I think the probe will show that the material is not normal

agate and there will be some anomalies. But we'll never know
until you test the material as you said you would.

>Have fun, because fields of dreams can dissolve before your very
>eyes - but only if you dare open your eyes to see what's really
>there, and not there.

Just test the material and get back to me with the results.

Ed

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UFOs & Scandinavia?

From: **Thiago Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opendf.com.br>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 9:45:53 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 13:36:56 -0400
Subject: UFOs & Scandinavia?

Hello List

I am asking again some help.

I am writing articles for UFO Magazine Brazil about the UFO activity in all the continents.

I wrote about Cubaa and Africa, and now I am starting to write about UFO activity in Scandinavia.

So, would you help me sending cases and informations?

Thank you very much.

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Thiago Luiz Ticchetti
Vice-Presidente EBE-ET - Brasilia/DF
International Coordenator UFO Magazine Brazil

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 10:26:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 13:40:29 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Velez

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:16:50 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 13:45:41 -0400
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:51:15 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

<snip>

Ian wrote:

>>>How can you say it's aliens when it could be something natural that
>>>we've never seen yet?

I responded:

>>I never said/claimed any such thing.

>>Are you reading what I actually wrote or what you'd like hear?
>>Re-read both of my original posts to Amy. If I attribute
>>anything to aliens anywhere in those posts I challenge you to
>>produce the direct quotations.

>>Again, if you're going to respond to one or more of my posts,
>>how about responding to what I actually said rather than what
>>you'd like to think I said.

>>>That alone should preclude the cry of 'Aliens!'

>>I "cried aliens!?" Where? Man, you have some kind of vivid
>>imagination!

>>>Just because our experts can't explain what they see
>>>isn't really a good reason to label something an alien ship.

>>Please show me anywhere in my posts where I have done
>>that. If you can't, I expect a public apology for your incessant
>>creation of imaginary statements that you falsely attribute
>>to me. Again... quit putting words in my mouth. Either address
>>something I have actually said or don't bother responding at all.

>>>So what am I trying to say?

>>Apparently a whole bunch of stuff that you've pulled out of thin
>>air and that you're trying to attribute to me.

>>>I guess I'll just have to live with myself, somehow!

>>I guess so. Sounds like it must be hard for you sometimes eh?

>>>I'm not trying to attack you, John,

>>No, not at all. You're just trying to stuff every cliché that
>>'some' skeptics attribute to 'true believers' down my throat.
>>In an effort to do what? Make yourself look good? Or to make me
>>look like a gullible boob? Never mind. Rhetorical question.

>>>I'm here because I'm genuinely curious.

>>Really? You could have fooled me! Sounds like you've got your
>>mind made up about a great many things. Including several
>>imaginary ones. I would like an on-List apology for all the
>>completely made-up crap that you've tried to lay at my doorstep,
>>Ian.

Ian's public "apology":

>True believers are also trying to stuff clichés down people'
>throats, as well, and you've made it pretty clear what side of
>the fence you stand on on the UFO question. I'll apologize for
>my "creations of imaginary statements," since I can freely admit
>that I did attribute statements to you that you only danced
>around and didn't actually write in stone. Regardless, you have
>your apology.

>But I hope you know that until people who experience supposed
>alien encounters (of which you are one) can produce irrefutable
>proof, your own words are little more than potential imaginary
>statements.

LMAO! Wow, that was one hell of a back-handed apology. Almost as
insulting as your original fabrications. But, it is an apology
nonetheless. And I suppose the best you are capable of.

Apology accepted.

Don't let it happen again. ;)

John Velez

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Hybrid Ultra Large Aircraft R&D Project

From: Joel Carpenter <imagery@ufx.org>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 10:30:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 13:42:51 -0400
Subject: Hybrid Ultra Large Aircraft R&D Project

NIDS may be interested.

Joel Carpenter

Source: Department of The Navy - USA

[http://pao.navair.navy.mil/press_releases/index.cfm?
fuseaction=press_release_view&Press_release_id=2270&site_id=1](http://pao.navair.navy.mil/press_releases/index.cfm?fuseaction=press_release_view&Press_release_id=2270&site_id=1)

Hybrid Ultra Large Aircraft R&D Project

NAVAIR News Release

Press Release Number: EPX200305141

Release Date: 5/14/2003

NAVAIR Patuxent River, Md., will be host an industry day conference June 5 to discuss new technologies in the area of Hybrid Ultra Large Aircraft (HULA). This conference will be a forum to inform interested companies and individuals of the government's intent to explore hybrid aircraft technology for various military missions, especially for transglobal heavy lift. The envisioned product of this effort is a family of HULA with a 30 to 1,000 ton payload capability which can transport outsized cargo between areas which lack prepared reception facilities, including operations from water.

Hybrid aircraft are lighter than air vehicles which combine static lift from the buoyancy of helium gas with aerodynamic lift derived from the lifting body shape of the pressure envelope.

A feature that is vital to the perceived military utility of a HULA is its ability to operate from unprepared surfaces and without forward base support; it is not dependent upon access to runways or seaports. The program plan entails beginning with the design, construction, flight test and evaluation of relatively small 500 pound payload models which will serve to create a data base of information on aerodynamic and control characteristics and yield insights into construction techniques and operational aspects which are, to a degree, scalable up through the envisioned larger vehicles.

As many as four contractors will be funded up to \$2.5 million each to produce and demonstrate their individual designs with first flight goals of one year from contract award (to occur in FY-04). Additionally, the selected participants will be expected to produce conceptual pre-designs of 30 and 500 ton HULAs for which the data from their model demonstrations has application.

The meeting will be held in the Titan facility in Lexington Park, Md. from 9 a.m. to noon. To participate or for more information, email to huetts@navair.navy.mil or cmymyrsaero@aol.com.

Following the NAVAIR presentations and exchange of views, the

industrial participants are invited to submit comments and suggestions or questions, not to exceed five pages, regarding the proposed competitive program. Comments should be received by June 15.

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Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information -

From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 16:33:54 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 13:47:25 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information -

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:50:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 00:40:24 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 17:10:52 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>><snip>

>>>Yeah, but for a group of inept people, they're doing a pretty
>>>good job of keeping a lid on the whole deal. We can call them
>>>the stupid government all we want, but they can't be that dumb
>>>if they've supposedly blinded the planet for the last fifty years.

>>Ahh, come on guys and girls, we all know its down to big dollar
>>signs in the eyes of the government. Let's not mince words over
>>trifles. If UFO and ET were said to be real by them then the
>>spin-off technology and dollars made would be much less. Plus
>>there is the superiority of armanent, defence etc.

>Yeah, but if you listen to some "ufologists", the spin-off
>technology is here. That DVD players and microwave ovens are
>not really natural progressions of our technology but reverse-
>engineered goodies from the brave aliens that died during the
>Roswell UFO crash of '47.

Don't know about those things Ian, but often wonder why we
originally had hexadecimal (8 binary digits) rather than 10.
ET grays supposably have 8 digits, we have 10 (fingers and
thumbs). Also wonder where the idea came from for transistors,
optic data transfer, the shape of some cutting edge planes etc.

Bet you that some ufologists claim that telepathic ETs gave the
inventers the ideas unbeknownst to them if the ET technology
wasn't back engineered.

Wonder what other goodies will be available soon. Maybe free
energy, faster than light travel and communication and the 10
terahertze optical home pc.

If ET did die to give us all this then they should be
acknowledged for it and honoured to the highest degree possible.
When will we be able to do this one wonders ? Hope I live to see
it.

col

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 10:38:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 17:48:45 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 14:04:56 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 02:52:55 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>Something has come to my attention. Originally, I wrote:

>>>>Contact Tommy King or Bruce Maccabee privately and ask them for
>>>>their permission to use some examples of the many
>>>>_genuinely_anomalous_ aerial objects that they have archived at
>>>>their respective web sites.

>You responded:

>>>>I've already contacted both gentlemen.

>Your reply gives the casual reader the false impression that you
>contacted Tommy King and Bruce Maccabee in 'response' to my
>recent suggestion. At least that was the impression that I got.
>Tommy King informs me that you contacted him more than a half a
>year ago on an entirely different matter and that you refused to
>follow-up on some evidence he was trying to present to you. (?)

You suggested that I contact these gentlemen and I said I had
already contacted them. What's so hard about that, John?
You're scraping the bottom of the barrel.

I also note, with some amusement, that you don't indicate why I
contacted Mr. King. I contacted him about the alleged UFO
footage shot by Tim Edwards posted at

<http://home.gzinc.com/mmz/tim.htm>,

some of which is posted on Mr. King's web site at

<http://www.ufovideo.com/videos.php>

(you have to enter a username and password to view the footage).

I wrote to Tom first complimenting him on his work of
stabilizing the Mexico UFO images and tried to share what I had
learned about the Tim Edwards alleged UFO footage. Below is the
passage from my original letter to Tom:

"In reference to the video images from Tim Edwards on your web
site, I have replicated these images by video taping spider silk
reflecting sun light. I came across it by accident while filming
various images of birds, bugs, debris and conventional aircraft
in flight for my IFO Database. I happened to see the spider silk
images in footage I'd shot one day so I set out to deliberately
film spider silk reflecting sunlight to compare to Mr. Edwards
footage of an alleged UFO. I have a lot of video footage of
spider silk reflecting sunlight and have been able to replicate
almost all the images and characteristics in Mr. Edward's

footage including the "rippling lights" seen in Tim's footage and other characteristics of the alleged UFO.

I can create AVI's but not MPG's (working on obtaining the software) so I don't have any actual footage on the internet at the moment. I can send you a copy of the footage if you would like to compare it to Mr. Edward's footage but you can easily replicate these results yourself by video taping various strands of spider silk reflecting sunlight from various angles. Just find a strand of spider silk blowing free in the wind or suspended and find the angle which best reflects the sun light and video tape it. When you review the footage, you will find that only the sunlit portions of the spider silk tend to show up on video and will display all the characteristics in the Tim Edwards footage."

To which Tom replied that he would like to review the information and footage I had in reference to Mr. Edwards footage. I then spent part of my afternoon putting together 3 AVI's from the footage I had shot of spider silk reflecting sunlight and posted it on a web page for Tom to view with ease and offered to send him a copy of the original video footage if he wanted to give me an address where I could send the footage.

Tom's reply:

"I'm having some "mine type errors" when trying to get those AVI files. I guess my browser choice does have the same codecs you do. Do you need some assistance for MPG or MOV? I might be able to help ya."

I find it interesting that I had presented the materials, AVI's, in a simple format yet Mr. King, who supposedly had all these video skills, couldn't view the AVI's? Instead he offers assistance in converting the footage to other formats. I told Tom I could use any suggestions he might care to give.

Tom and I then engage in a discussion about the witnesses and what they claimed they saw that day. I asked several questions but Tom never answered them. Instead, Tom refers me to old reruns of Mr. Edwards story as presented on Sightings and other programs. To which I replied:

"Yes, I have viewed some of the old programs and video tapes that include Tim's video and witness testimony. As I said, I don't know how the other witnesses fit in but I am quite sure Tim video taped spider silk reflecting sunlight. In fact, in one of the video stills on his web site, you can make out where the silk strand appears to have been attached to his house or some structure on his roof (see attached - I enhanced the still to help you see the white line that extends downward at an angle, therefore not likely to be video artifact, and to the edge of the roof). You can also see where the spider silk strand appears attached between the "UFO" and to the roof in places in Tim's video if you look for it. If you look at it as only a UFO, then you will not look for the rest of the information available in the footage."

I indicated that if you look closely, you can even see where the spider silk (aka "UFO") in Mr. Edwards' footage is visible but Tom didn't seem interested neither did he reflect having any cognizance of what I was trying to show him.

Here is the original web page I tried to share with Mr. King (with a few additions and modifications due to new materials added and new address):

http://home.attbi.com/~yellowrosel29/comparison_avi.htm
(click on "Refresh" to start the AVI's again)

Tom's final reply after having _never reviewed the footage_ I was trying to share with him:

>Now if Tim and family watched this thru binoculars I find it hard to
>believe it was a spiderweb on the roof.

I then realized that Tom was not interested in reviewing the information I had to share as his mind was made up. Not once did Tom take me up on my offer to send him a copy of the footage I had of spider silk reflecting sunlight - which I offered to send repeatedly. This indicated to me that Tom was not going to

consider alternative theories or evidence and I was wasting my time.

Now tell me, John, just who was it that really "refused follow-up"? Hrrrrrr?

Seems to me that anyone claiming to do good UFO research would review new evidence when brought to their attention rather than avoid it. I have contacted many individuals in private offering to share information I have but repeatedly, I have found it a waste of time. Do I give up? NO! I am confident that someday, hopefully soon, UFO investigators and researchers will realize just how many misidentifications and hoaxes they are really faced with and will reach for better tools in their analyses. Why? Because of the need to know the truth.

>That aside for the moment, you should have made it clear to me
>and other List readers that you had not complied (recently) with
>the suggestion that I made. Your response to me (above) gives
>the impression that you contacted both gentlemen in regard to
>our recent discussion.

That was your interpretation, John. I had already contacted both gentlemen and indicated as such. Do you really think this is an issue (your issue, I might add) worthy of our time?

>Now, why does someone who claims to be conducting honest and
>open research/inquiry refuse to check out material that is being
>offered/proffered?

Good question, John. Why not ask Tom why he never checked out the materials I offered/proffered?

>Tom King was ready and willing to provide you
>with information/data about the case/video you had inquired
>about. You refused to look at it or follow up on it in favor of
>following your own 'pre-formed' conclusions about it. The man
>offered you relevant material that he considered to be evidence
>that contradicted your conclusions. Yet you didn't follow up on
>it, or even look at it. What kind of 'research' is that?

John, I had already reviewed the information and had copies of the Tim Edwards' footage in my own video files (I indicated to Tom I had already reviewed the materials). I didn't have "pre-formed" conclusions, I came across the spider silk similarities by accident and recognized having seen it before in Mr. Edwards' alleged UFO footage. It was Mr. King who refused to follow up on it or even look at the footage I had offered (same for Tim Edwards when I shared the same information with him). Now YOU tell me, what kind of 'research' is that?

>You wrote to me:

>>I do not deceive, I fight deception. What do you do?

>I'd like to turn that question around (in the light of the new
>information I have acquired above) and ask you the same thing.

>"What do you do?"

Research.

>Writing a book? Is there something you need to prove?

John, grow up.

I'm sorry but I have to work, just like you, and have two kids to raise. I also need sleep from time to time and these conversations with you have become pointless. I can either share my research (which takes time to set up) or chit chat with you. Since we seem to be getting no where, I am returning to my work.

If Mr. King wishes to address our previous conversations about the Tim Edwards footage, please pass the keyboard to him.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: 'Frank M'? - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 18:33:06 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 17:58:41 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Frank M'? - Gonzalez

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:06:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Frank M'?

>>From: Louise A. Lowry <SHnSASSY1@aol.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:22:15 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Frank M'?

>>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 12:12:51 -0300
>>>Subject: 'Frank M'?

>>>Hello All,

>>>Do you know something about the abduction of a man called 'Frank
>>>M'?

>>>Here in Brazil we saw promo of a TV program about this case. The
>>>researchers are Bruce Maccabee and Budd Hopkins.

>>Frank M. is a person that the IF (Intruders Foundation)
>>investigated, he is an upstate resident of New York, he was
>>videotaping a UFO when a few moments later he was abducted from
>>the same craft he had been recording Bruce Maccabee had analyzed
>>the tape and have found it to be authentic.....

>The videotape analysis is presented at:

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

>where the witnesses are referred to as "Fred and Mary."

In Dr. Maccabee's analysis there is no mention about any alleged
abduction, on the contrary:

"She (Frank M's wife) walked over toward him and stood there
watching as he got about 12 1/2 seconds of video before the
object disappeared above a cloud. Fred walked to another
location to see if it might come out of the cloud but...no luck.
That was it. The sighting had lasted, perhaps, 25 to 30 seconds,
maximum.

About a week later Fred was wondering who to tell about this
event. He managed to locate Stanton Friedman and a local MUFON
investigator, Jim Bouck".

How did the idea of an abduction come around? Did the wife
commented anything?

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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The Extra-Terrestrial Exposure Law

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 14:00:03 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 17:56:57 -0400
Subject: The Extra-Terrestrial Exposure Law

On 16 July 1969, a United States law was passed called the "Extra-Terrestrial Exposure Law" that made it illegal for the public to come in contact with extra-terrestrials or their vehicles. (Title 14, Section 1211 of the Code of Federal Regulations). Anyone found guilty of such contact could face up to one year imprisonment as well as a fine of \$5000. Also, any individual who had been "exposed" could be quarantined under armed guard by the NASA administrator without a hearing.

The law was passed originally to protect Earth from possible biological contamination resulting from the US Apollo Space Program and other space exploration programs. It has been suggested by researchers and scientists that the U.S. government was very concerned that contact with extra-terrestrial bacteria could result in a worldwide plague. The immune system of human beings wouldn't be able to fight off extra-terrestrial bacteria, so therefore any kind of "extra-terrestrial exposure" was taken very seriously.

People in the UFO community especially were alarmed with the law because its broad definitions could allow the US government to prosecute people in NASA as well as individuals of the general public who come into contact with extra-terrestrials and their vehicles.

UFO and ET believers found it interesting that in one hand the government was denying they had any interest in extra-terrestrials, yet they had a law which forbid contact with ETs and their craft.

1211.100 Title 14 - Aeronautics and Space
Part 1211 - Extra-terrestrial Exposure
1211.100 - Scope

This part establishes:

NASA policy, responsibility and authority to guard the Earth against any harmful contamination or adverse changes in its environment resulting from personnel, spacecraft and other property returning to the Earth after landing on or coming within the atmospheric envelope of a celestial body; and

security requirements, restrictions and safeguards that are necessary in the interest of national security.

1211.101 - Applicability

The provisions of this part to all NASA manned and unmanned space missions which land or come within the atmospheric envelope of a celestial body and return to the Earth.

1211.102 - Definitions

"NASA" and the "Administrator" mean, respectively, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or his authorized representative.

"Extra-terrestrially exposed" means the state of condition of

any person, property, animal or other form of life or matter whatever, who or which has:

1. Touched directly or come within the atmospheric envelope or any other celestial body

2. Touched directly or been in close proximity to (or been exposed indirectly to) any person, property, animal or other form of life or matter who or which has been extra-terrestrially exposed by virtue of paragraph (b)(1) of this section. For example, if person or thing "A" touches the surface of the Moon, and on "A's" return to Earth, "B" touches "A" and, subsequently, "C" touches "B", all of these - "A" through "C" inclusive - would be extra-terrestrially exposed ("A" and "B" directly; "C" indirectly).

3. "Quarantine" means the detention, examination and decontamination of any persons, property, animal or other form of life or matter whatever that is extra-terrestrially exposed, and includes the apprehension or seizure of such person, property, animal or other form of life or matter whatever.

4. "Quarantine period" means a period of consecutive calendar days as may be established in accordance with 1211.104

Administrative actions.

The Administrator or his designee..shall in his discretion:

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3. Determine that a particular person, property, animal, or other form of life or matter, whatever is extra-terrestrially exposed and quarantine such person, property, animal, or other form of life or matter whatever. The quarantine may be based only on a determination, with or without the benefit of a hearing, that there is probable cause to believe that such person, property, animal or other form of life or matter whatever is extra-terrestrially exposed.

4. Determine within the United States or within vessels or vehicles of the United States the place, boundaries, and rules of operation of necessary quarantine stations.

5. Provide for guard services by contract or otherwise, as many be necessary, to maintain security and inviolability of quarantine stations and quarantined persons, property, animals or other form of life or matter whatever.

6. Provide for the subsistence, health and welfare of persons quarantined under the provisions of this part.

7. Hold such hearings at such times, in such manner and for such purposes as may be desirable or necessary under this part, including hearings for the purpose of creating a record for use in making any determination under this part for the purpose of reviewing any such determination.

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2. Any person who enters the limits of any quarantine station during the quarantine period shall be deemed to have consented to the quarantine of his person if it is determined that he is or has become extra-terrestrially exposed.

3. At the earliest practicable time, each person who is quarantined by NASA shall be given a reasonable opportunity to communicate by telephone with legal counsel or other persons of

his choice.

1211.107 Court or other process

NASA officers and employees are prohibited from discharging from the limits of a quarantine station any quarantined person, property, animal or other form of life or matter whatever during order or other request, order or demand an announced quarantine period in compliance with a subpoena, show cause or any court or other authority without the prior approval of the General Counsel and the Administrator.

Where approval to discharge a quarantined person, property, animal or other form of life or matter whatever in compliance with such a request, order or demand of any court or other authority is not given, the person to whom it is directed shall, if possible, appear in court or before the other authority and respectfully state his inability to comply, relying for his action on this 1211.107.

1211.108 Violations

Whoever willfully violates, attempts to violate, or conspires to violate any provision of this part or any regulation or order issued under this part or who enters or departs from the limits of a quarantine station in disregard of the quarantine rules or regulations or without permission of the NASA quarantine officer shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

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The law was passed originally to protect Earth from possible biological contamination resulting from the US Apollo Space Program and other space exploration programs. It has been suggested by researchers and scientists that the U.S. government was very concerned that contact with extra-terrestrial bacteria could result in a worldwide plague. The immune system of human beings wouldn't be able to fight off extra-terrestrial bacteria, so therefore any kind of "extra-terrestrial exposure" was taken very seriously.

People in the UFO community especially were alarmed with the law because its broad definitions could allow the US government to prosecute people in NASA as well as individuals of the general public who come into contact with extra-terrestrials and their vehicles.

UFO and ET believers found it interesting that in one hand the government was denying they had any interest in extra-terrestrials, yet they had a law which forbid contact with ETs and their craft.

1211.100 Title 14 - Aeronautics and Space Part 1211 - Extra-terrestrial Exposure 1211.100 - Scope

This part establishes:

NASA policy, responsibility and authority to guard the Earth against any harmful contamination or adverse changes in its environment resulting from personnel, spacecraft and other property returning to the Earth after landing on or coming within the atmospheric envelope of a celestial body; and security requirements, restrictions and safeguards that are necessary in the interest of national security.

1211.101 - Applicability

The provisions of this part to all NASA manned and unmanned space missions which land or come within the atmospheric envelope of a celestial body and return to the Earth.

1211.102 - Definitions

"NASA" and the "Administrator" mean, respectively, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or his authorized representative. "Extra-terrestrially exposed" means the state of condition of any person, property, animal or other form of life or matter whatever, who or which has: Touched directly or come within the atmospheric envelope or any other celestial body Touched directly or been in close proximity to (or been exposed indirectly to) any person, property, animal or other form of life or matter who or which has been extra-terrestrially exposed by virtue of paragraph (b)(1) of this section. For example, if person or thing "A" touches the surface of the Moon, and on "A's" return to Earth, "B" touches "A" and, subsequently, "C" touches "B", all of these - "A" through "C" inclusive - would be extra-terrestrially exposed ("A" and "B" directly; "C" indirectly). "Quarantine" means the detention, examination and decontamination of any persons, property, animal or other form of life or matter whatever that is extra-terrestrially exposed, and includes the apprehension or seizure of such person, property, animal or other form of life or matter whatever. "Quarantine period" means a period of consecutive calendar days as may be established in accordance with 1211.104

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Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 13:58:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 17:59:58 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - White

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:31:12 -0400
>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

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>I think I'm gonna need a ruling on this one. First, I don't
>believe that Nick Balaskas found the smoking gun of Ufology in
>an Ottawa govt. document archive. And as far as I understand,
>the abductions are not exactly pleasant experiences. Also,
>you're basing this statement on third-hand testimony, from a
>_single_ alien abductee ask to pick out the aliens in a human
>lineup.

>Eleanor, surely you must know this doesn't hold an ounce of
>water.

It makes as much sense to me as any of the other ideas as to
what the aliens are up to.

I don't know whether it's true or not, but it's your privilege
to believe it doesn't, right?

Eleanor White

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 14:09:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 06:38:59 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:37:56 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>So you, Eleanor White, have officially been hassled by The Man?

All I can say is I've been "hassled" (worse, actually) by an entity which has tacit support from "The Man", as have many citizens of democratic countries who now know that real life doesn't always match constitutional principles.

>You should have told me from the beginning that you think you've
>been stalked by covert government agencies for the last 23
>years. I wouldn't have wasted my time trying to convince you of
>anything. You're clearly a believer, tried and true.

No, I am an experienter, and the physical evidence is available to be seen by anyone, just as the evidence in the form of scoops, scars, and implants is available from the abductees. Just as the burn marks and impressions at sites where UFOs have been seen to land is available for a period after the event.

Because someone believes something does not preclude them from fairly evaluating the evidence. If belief was truly a disqualifier, then the criminal court system is a sham and should be shut down immediately. Both sides have very firm beliefs, yet are permitted to present evidence and evaluate the evidence from the opposite side.

Judges don't disqualify either side because they believe their version of events is the right one, do they?

I would think that someone who is interested in the truth would work with evidence, rather than trying to disqualify other people who believe things.

Eleanor White

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 14:09:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 06:41:50 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Rogers

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 10:26:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 08:16:50 -0400
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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>Ian's public "apology":

>>True believers are also trying to stuff cliches down people'
>>throats, as well, and you've made it pretty clear what side of
>>the fence you stand on on the UFO question. I'll apologize for
>>my "creations of imaginary statements," since I can freely admit
>>that I did attribute statements to you that you only danced
>>around and didn't actually write in stone. Regardless, you have
>>your apology.

>>But I hope you know that until people who experience supposed
>>alien encounters (of which you are one) can produce irrefutable
>>proof, your own words are little more than potential imaginary
>>statements.

>LMAO! Wow, that was one hell of a back-handed apology. Almost as
>insulting as your original fabrications. But, it is an apology
>nonetheless. And I suppose the best you are capable of.

>Apology accepted.

>_Don't_ let it happen again. ;)

Thank you, John. I can guarantee you it won't happen again.

Ian Rogers

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 14:17:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 06:45:07 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Kaeser

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 12:13:15 -0700
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

<snip>

Larry wrote in response to Amy and Richard:

>Hello Amy, Dick:

>If I understand Dick properly (stop me if I don't) he was saying
>that the saner UFO students have long noted IFOs. I'm sure he
>never meant to imply that they all have websites up full of
>them. I would have written "and/or" in his sentence above to
>clarify that.

>Relatively few put up web pages of IFOs, even those of us who
>recognize them as such, preferring to concentrate on the
>stranger cases which do exist in the literature.

<snip>

I'm curious as to how IFO is defined in this context.

Is there an assumption that all IFOs have mundane explanations?
It would seem to me that researchers would be very interested in
cases where the witnesses have identified an unknown object as
an alien space craft, which would also make it an "IFO".

Steve

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'Lifters' Look Very Interesting

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 14:21:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 06:46:44 -0400
Subject: 'Lifters' Look Very Interesting

This is a technology I hadn't been aware of until recently, but could be some sort of breakthrough.

<http://jnaudin.free.fr/lifters/main.htm>

Now if I can just ride on one to work and avoid the traffic.

Steve

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Re: UFOs & Scandinavia? - Cunha

From: **Pedro Luz Cunha** <pp1cunha@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 16:09:12 -0300 (ART)
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 06:51:13 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs & Scandinavia? - Cunha

>From: Thiago Ticchetti
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 9:45:53 -0300
>Subject: UFOs & Scandinavia?

>Hello List

>I am asking again some help.

>I am writing articles for UFO Magazine Brazil about the UFO
>activity in all the continents.

>I wrote about Cubaa and Africa, and now I am starting to write
>about UFO activity in Scandinavia.

>So, would you help me sending cases and information?

Hello List, Thiago,

Thiago, you can get some data on Hessdalen Project at:

<http://www.itacomm.net/PH/>

and

http://hessdalen.hiof.no/index_e.shtml

Very interesting about research in Norway.

Pedro Cunha

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Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 14:45:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 06:48:03 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - Kaeser

>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 16:33:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

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>Don't know about those things Ian, but often wonder why we
>originally had hexadecimal (8 binary digits) rather than 10.
>ET grays supposably have 8 digits, we have 10 (fingers and
>thumbs). Also wonder where the idea came from for transistors,
>optic data transfer, the shape of some cutting edge planes etc.

If you're referring to the use of hexadecimal numbers in programming, I think that it has more to do with how binary code developed than the number of fingers on ET's hands.

As far as the other technologies mentioned, there are ways to trace back and establish a development path for most of them, and it should be fully researched before we start generating too much idle speculation.

Steve

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 14:14:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 06:43:42 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:41:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

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>So, more or less, you believe what people tell you. And if
>they've got letters after their name (oh, say... Ph.D), then
>you believe them more - because who with a Ph. D would lie? Who
>with a Ph. D would lie?

I never said that, and it isn't true anyway.

>BTW, I hope your references consist of more than just websites.
>Because I have a website. I could put all kinds of stuff on it
>and say it was true.

I use web sites so you and other Listers can look up things, for convenience. This is common in virtually all fields today.

>>Please don't confuse "believe" with "guaranteeing total
>>accuracy". That's not what belief is. My beliefs get adjusted
>>every time better evidence comes along. I think believing gets
>>undeserved bad press. I never guarantee total accuracy with
>>anything I haven't participated in.

>>I am not ashamed to believe things.

>Of course you wouldn't. You believe things so easily, Eleanor.

It would seem you have a few beliefs too, about who is and who isn't qualified to judge life's events, right?

Eleanor White

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Crop Circles Puzzle Queensland Farmer

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Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 17:24:16 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 07:13:52 -0400
Subject: Crop Circles Puzzle Queensland Farmer

Source: The Courier-Mail - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

http://www.couriermail.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5936,6439851%255E3102,00.html

May 16, 2003

The overnight appearance of dozens of bizarre crop circles in a field of sorghum has spooked a Sunshine Coast hinterland farmer and his workers.

The phenomenon, which was accompanied by loud "zapping noises", a flash of green light, lost power and barking dogs has the Gowen family of Glass House Mountains flumoxed.

Fifth generation land owner Kel Gowen said he was woken about midnight on Wednesday by two loud "zaps".

His farm hand, Noel Brady, whose cottage overlooks the 4ha of sorghum, said he was also woken by the first zapping sound, which was followed by the loss of power and bright green flashes.

Mr Gowen said it was only during a routine check of his property early yesterday morning that he noticed the 30 flattened circles in the sorghum.

Mr Gowen said his family had never taken notice of stories of crop circles or UFOs.

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Re: The Extra-Terrestrial Exposure Law - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 17:34:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 07:18:28 -0400
Subject: Re: The Extra-Terrestrial Exposure Law - Groff

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 14:00:03 -0300
>Subject: The Extra-Terrestrial Exposure Law

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>to one year imprisonment as well as a fine of \$5000. Also, any
>individual who had been "exposed" could be quarantined under
>armed guard by the NASA administrator without a hearing.

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According to Snopes-Urban Legends, this "law" was removed in
1991. Even when in effect it was only a crime to make contact
then not submit to "quarantine" (which may have been a
diplomatic way of saying incarceration).

<http://www.snopes.com/legal/et.htm#repeal>

Terry Groff

<http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>

Name a Star!
The International Star Registry
<http://shorterlink.com/?6A4ODK>

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UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 07:33:35 -0400
Subject: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood

As many people recall today, May 15th was the big day for many of the planet-x-ers, Hazelwood, Zeta talk for the earth to stop spinning, the magnetic field to change, massive earthquakes and everything else to happen. What does all of this have to do with UFOs? A brief review, then the UFO tie in.

Its 5/15/03, still no sign of Zeta talk/Hazelwood's Pole Shift/Planet X. No sign of the so-called earth changes and no sign of anything else other than all the usual events on Planet Earth. Folks have already started rationalizing away the thus-far non-event with tales about how this is a good lesson to be watchful, how the event is really going to happen at a later date, and why all the bandwidth, books and videos that were sold were really not wasted, etc., etc.

The real truth is looking quite simple and should be acknowledged by all involved.

The skeptics and debunkers were correct, no matter what story or rationalization is used. The people that were incorrect were the ones who advocated, promoted, sold books and videos and did lectures maintaining that May 15 2003 was the date. Those folks who advocated and promoted May 15th were just as 'accurate' as the folks who advocated global disaster when the white buffalo was born in 1997, the folks that advocated Nostradamus's comet in 1999, the folks who promoted Y2K, the various Earth Change folks who have been promoting global disaster since the 80s, who merely turn around, publish a new date on the top of their Earth Change Map and release it to people as fact.

The Zeta talk Planet X event of May 15th was a non-event. The Pole Shift was a non-event. All the theories, books, web sites, videos, DVDs and literature that was sold or given away will not change that. Remember where the Zeta information allegedly came from which was so called 'channeling' from the Zetas. If the people that previously had promoted the theory, sold the books and videos are honest, they will admit that it was all wrong, bogus information, and bogus interpretation of events. Further if they were honest they would admit that the channeled information was bogus. Sadly, they likely will not. I am reminded of the Y2Kers who were dead sure that when Y2K happened there would be this big disaster, so they ran to the hills and set up these communities, blah blah blah.... Now these same people who advocated pure garbage can't be located or found, nor can you find anybody that will now admit to have believed them in the first place.

We also know that some May 15th planet-x-ers blather endlessly about the dis-honesty and corruption of this or that Presidential Administration, or this or that policy, or how this evil cabal is in place. Interestingly they fail to blather endlessly about bogus information that they peddled as fact. They fail to blather endlessly about the cabal that sells videos, books, and lectures of an event that does not happen.

May 15th planet-x-ers will essentially be split into two belief groups. The people who are die-hard May 15th planet-x-ers will rationalize, as they are starting to do, why the date is later or at some future year, why the writings, theories,

Nostradamus's, or whomever point, to that later date. The other group will not want to talk about May 15th anymore, nor will they admit that they believed it, or that it was bogus, instead wanting to focus on some future disaster event that will happen down the road. Interestingly the Zeta talk web site is off-line as of this writing... it sure wasn't from the Pole Shift, Planet X or the Earth Changes.

Everybody should take a giant lesson learned, which is that the world is full of books, tapes, videos, lectures from people promoting/hyping some end of the world theory as reality when it isn't. I am reminded of people going bananas over the birth of a White Buffalo around 1997 and how that was going to herald, according to 'Indian Elders', all these earth changes before or at Y2K. It didn't happen and thus far around 15 or so White Buffalo have been born.

So how does all of this tie in with UFOs? While some in the UFO field will laugh and chuckle while saying "I would never fall for that", the truth is there are people in the UFO field who unload information as being fact and many people who gullibly lap it up. Usually this information comes from just as nebulous sources as Zeta talk, but we generally hear things like "top level informant" "intelligence community source" and other such qualifiers, as they are breathlessly unloading the tale.

What we see happen is some "high level source" whispers some story into the ear of a UFO researcher. Who instantly gets on Talk Radio or the Internet and blathers it all over the air waves without checking out or investigating the information. The researchers never seem to qualify the tale by saying this is not reliable information and has not been investigated or checked out yet..... Because if they did, most people would turn the radio off and write-off the story as total garbage. When the story turns out to be total garbage the researchers never manage to go back on the Internet or radio show and say something like "Well my top level informant mislead me and the entire story is bogus garbage....." Instead we move on to the next top level source with the next load of garbage.

There are many good researchers who honestly report the facts.

The point is that information should be carefully looked at, investigated and checked out. We should view breathless information from 'top-level sources' with a huge grain of salt and we shouldn't gullibly buy into every notion that is floated even if we like the message.

Cheers,

Robert

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CI: The Face on Mars: Where Would "Skeptics" Be

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
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The Face on Mars: Where Would "Skeptics" Be Without It?

by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 38)

The mainstream skeptical community, composed of such entities as the Skeptics Society and the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, rallies around a few notorious icons in order to prove its debunking prowess. Foremost among these are the alleged Roswell crash and the Face on Mars (both of which receive their share of recycled wrath in the current edition of "Skeptic" magazine).

Unfortunately, both "Skeptic" and CSICOP's "Skeptical Inquirer" are curiously unenlightening publications. Instead of taking on pseudoscience and popular delusion (and few in our media-soaked culture would argue that we're adrift in a veritable sea of the latter) with finesse and wit, their articles are routinely devoted to the same subjects: tried-and-true straw men that move ideology as effectively as Wal-Mart moves power tools and dog food. To the self-proclaimed skeptical elite this repetition is somehow reassuring, like attending a church service every Sunday to sing the same comforting hymns. Among the favorite "debunking" hymns:

- 1.) Why it's improbable that aliens are visiting us, therefore neatly excluding attention from the continuing spectacle of UFOs in our skies.
- 2.) How sleep paralysis explains all perceived alien abductions.
- 3.) How a weather balloon and a healthy dose of mass hysteria fooled an elite air base into thinking it had recovered pieces of a "flying saucer."
- 4.) How tricks of light and shadow create illusory "faces" on other planets.

Ironically, the so-called "fame" of the Face on Mars can probably be more correctly attributed to the repeated "debunkings" it receives in the pages of skeptical publications than popular recognition, which is scarce at best. Most people don't realize there is a face-like formation on Mars until they stumble across a page devoted to its nonexistence in an astronomy book.

The mission of the hard-core debunkers is not to separate truth from fiction, but rather rouse components of the fringe-science pantheon from their complacent slumber and then slaughter them for all to see. The articles in the "Skeptical Inquirer" denouncing UFOs, crop circles and Martian megaliths are presented with all the candor and good taste of medieval witch-burnings.

[image]

Skeptics often seize on the worst available imagery to "make their case," as they did after NASA released the "contrast enhanced" image of the Face released by JPL in 1998 (left). Image courtesy Lan Fleming.

"Skeptic" sometimes aspires to a commendable (if condescending) "educational outreach" modality. But make no mistake: "Skeptic" is written for those who have made up their minds, not neutral parties. The current cover story on the Roswell incident is a case in point. Essentially, it's a watered-down reprint of the Air Force's 1997 "Case Closed" report on the controversial events in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. The question that bubbles instantly to mind after reading it: Why bother? If the case has been "closed" since 1997, why the loud cover story in 2003?

Even mainstream news publications poked fun at the Air Force's attempt to explain apparent alien bodies by citing balloon tests involving "anthropomorphic dummies." Yet "Skeptic" seems frozen in time, recounting the dummy story as if it had just broken.

Most magazine editors would concede that this is pitifully bad journalism. But "Skeptic" isn't out to conduct journalism so much as issue official doctrine -- even if this means repeating itself. The goal, as always, is to reassure. This overriding agenda has a debilitating and obvious effect on objectivity.

For example, selective omission is not only tolerated, but actively encouraged. Witness an issue of the "Skeptical Inquirer" a few years ago when the Roswell case was hot news. CSICOP relied on the testimony of Gerald Anderson, a known hoaxer who claimed to have seen a crashed space vehicle and bodies, in order to strengthen the already-ludicrous "anthropomorphic dummy" explanation.

Before exposed as a charlatan by the UFO community, Anderson had described alien bodies in a manner that vaguely coincided with the acceptable mainstream view: that the "aliens" were humanoid mannequins tossed out of airplanes. The "Inquirer" knew perfectly well that Anderson had been debunked (and moreover, not by one of their own). But since a single element of his otherwise unlikely story melded with its own conclusion, his testimony was craftily "repurposed."

Readers who had actually followed the Roswell controversy and had taken the time to weigh the evidence constituted only a small percentage of the magazine's readership, so the risk of the truth emerging about Anderson's "testimony" was deemed low. But staunch "SI" readers would simply never recognize the magazine's mauling of the facts. And that, it would seem, was precisely what CSICOP intended.

The logic above is the logic of the self-same cults and quacks would-be "debunkers" endlessly lament. When you commit yourself to an organization's definition of "skepticism" -- which in practice is seldom the correct definition -- you run the risk of being taken for many long rides. Your reward is a certain smugness and vicarious sense of intellectual infallibility. After all, it's much more academically becoming to be seen reading the latest "Skeptic" than, say, "UFO Universe."

[image]

The "Picasso Face," a rendering of the image above achieved by gross misuse of orthorectification ("nostril" features are at far right instead of center). This image has become the "final word" for most debunkers despite high-resolution overhead imagery.

The new issue of "Skeptic" features a rote "debunking" of the Face on Mars in its "Junior Skeptic" section. This issue's "Junior Skeptic" is committed to banishing all notions of interstellar flight from impressionable young minds by raising such anthropocentric biases as cost, as if beings from another star system will inevitably share the financial infrastructure of the modern United States.

The editors at "Skeptic" should -- and probably do -- know better. After all, ancient Egyptians built incredibly

"expensive" pyramids because they were considered a necessary and defining aspect of their culture. Might not interstellar flight be a suitably defining characteristic of an advanced extraterrestrial civilization?

Junior Skeptics are also treated to a side-by-side comparison of the Face on Mars as photographed by the Viking mission in the 1970s and by the Mars Global Surveyor and told that what they're seeing is a "hill." No resources are given, and the images featured are of the "thumbnail" variety, which of course eliminates any sort of fair-minded assessment. This is precisely "Skeptic's" intent, and it perfectly reflects the myopic "fact-management" regime controlled by mainstream "skepticism."

All of this results in an ugly false dichotomy between so-called "skeptics" and so-called "true believers." No doubt many indeed believe that the Face is an extraterrestrial monument, and there may even be some soft-spoken souls at the Skeptics Society and CSICOP who are willing to take a good look at the evidence for artificiality. But lightweight dismissals of the sort found in "Junior Skeptic" continue to be the rule. Illustrated books on space exploration include snide, seemingly devastating comments about the Face almost as if under obligation.

The editors and writers behind such lofty sentiments think they're acting out of a pursuit of scientific truth, and this is where pop-skepticism is most hurtful. By fostering a spurious "us vs. them" mentality toward the anomalous, the producers of Skepticism(tm) provide an unprepared audience with an instant dogmatic certainty that specific things simply cannot be and that those who suggest otherwise are, by definition, hucksters and pseudoscientists.

When the "Skeptical Inquirer" ran a recent cover article on the Face (which it subjected to an interesting graphical filter to help stifle the feature's likeness), it didn't have much to say about the Face at all. Rather, it dissected the merits and motivations of Richard Hoagland, who, rightly or wrongly, is considered the most readily apparent human face behind the Cydonia controversy.

Skeptics groups rail against "pseudoscience." But perhaps the time has come for independent thinkers, armed with real knowledge as opposed to lofty (if false) conceptions, to begin questioning the agenda behind pseudoskepticism.

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 01:18:30 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 07:59:38 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - King

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 10:38:37 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 14:04:56 -0400
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 02:52:55 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>Something has come to my attention. Originally, I wrote:

>>>>>Contact Tommy King or Bruce Maccabee privately and ask them for
>>>>>their permission to use some examples of the many
>>>>>_genuinely_anomalous_ aerial objects that they have archived at
>>>>>their respective web sites.

>>You responded:

>>>>>I've already contacted both gentlemen.

>>Your reply gives the casual reader the false impression that you
>>contacted Tommy King and Bruce Maccabee in 'response' to my
>>recent suggestion. At least that was the impression that I got.
>>Tommy King informs me that you contacted him more than a half a
>>year ago on an entirely different matter and that you refused to
>>follow-up on some evidence he was trying to present to you. (?)

>You suggested that I contact these gentlemen and I said I had
>_already_ contacted them. What's so hard about that, John?
>You're scraping the bottom of the barrel.

>I also note, with some amusement, that you don't indicate why I
>contacted Mr. King. I contacted him about the alleged UFO
>footage shot by Tim Edwards posted at

><http://home.gzinc.com/mmz/tim.htm>,

>some of which is posted on Mr. King's web site at

><http://www.ufovideo.com/videos.php>

>(you have to enter a username and password to view the footage).

>I wrote to Tom first complimenting him on his work of
>stabilizing the Mexico UFO images and tried to share what I had
>learned about the Tim Edwards alleged UFO footage. Below is the
>passage from my original letter to Tom:

>"In reference to the video images from Tim Edwards on your web
>site, I have replicated these images by video taping spider silk
>reflecting sun light. I came across it by accident while filming
>various images of birds, bugs, debris and conventional aircraft
>in flight for my IFO Database. I happened to see the spider silk

>images in footage I'd shot one day so I set out to deliberately
>film spider silk reflecting sunlight to compare to Mr. Edwards
>footage of an alleged UFO. I have a lot of video footage of
>spider silk reflecting sunlight and have been able to replicate
>almost all the images and characteristics in Mr. Edward's
>footage including the "rippling lights" seen in Tim's footage
>and other characteristics of the alleged UFO.

>I can create AVI's but not MPG's (working on obtaining the
>software)

I have noticed you have been saying that for years now, along with you don't have the money to afford putting video clips on the Web. Skynet hosts nearly 300 Meg online free of charge and only costs the amount of taking your loved one to a movie. We've been online doing that for over 7 years now.

Your excuses for not having resources to put up clips is wearing thin, because if you really wanted to, or cared enough this obstacle certainly won't be a problem. \$10 bucks a month to display your research is not a monumental task to ask of a vocal UFO researcher.

>so I don't have any actual footage on the internet at
>the moment. I can send you a copy of the footage if you would
>like to compare it to Mr. Edward's footage but you can easily
>replicate these results yourself by video taping various strands
>of spider silk reflecting sunlight from various angles. Just
>find a strand of spider silk blowing free in the wind or
>suspended and find the angle which best reflects the sun light
>and video tape it. When you review the footage, you will find
>that only the sunlit portions of the spider silk tend to show up
>on video and will display all the characteristics in the Tim
>Edwards footage."

>To which Tom replied that he would like to review the
>information and footage I had in reference to Mr. Edwards
>footage. I then spent part of my afternoon putting together 3
>AVI's from the footage I had shot of spider silk reflecting
>sunlight and posted it on a web page for Tom to view with ease
>and offered to send him a copy of the original video footage if
>he wanted to give me an address where I could send the footage.

>Tom's reply:

>"I'm having some "mine type errors" when trying to get those AVI
>files. I guess my browser choice does have the same codecs you
>do. Do you need some assistance for MPG or MOV? I might be able
>to help ya."

>I find it interesting that I had presented the materials, AVI's,
>in a simple format yet Mr. King, who supposedly had all these
>video skills, couldn't view the AVI's? Instead he offers
>assistance in converting the footage to other formats. I told
>Tom I could use any suggestions he might care to give.

Amy had it ever occurred to you that you might not have rendered the AVI properly so others could view it? You were most likely rendering in proprietary codecs that came with your video capture software that only can be viewed with the capture device. I have ran into this problem several times trading clips on the web. But as you stated you can't do MPGs and only AVI's so its your own limited software that presented the problem.

AVI creates problems for Mac users and some PC users alike and I'll bet many people still can't view your AVI file to this day. MPG I is a universal format that you should have used to begin with. There is alot of shareware out there to convert AVI-MPG is you ever bother to look.

What is the name of the video capture hardware and software you are using to do these IFO 101 studies?

>Tom and I then engage in a discussion about the witnesses and
>what they claimed they saw that day. I asked several questions
>but Tom never answered them. Instead, Tom refers me to old
>reruns of Mr. Edwards story as presented on Sightings and other
>programs. To which I replied:

Yes and on some the shows Tim Edwards were on had many of the "witnesses", something Amy didn't want to deal with and she

simply ignored them altogether and only wanted people to focus on her IFO claims.

>"Yes, I have viewed some of the old programs and video tapes >that include Tim's video and witness testimony. As I said, I >don't know how the other witnesses fit in but I am quite sure >Tim video taped spider silk reflecting sunlight. In fact, in one >of the video stills on his web site, you can make out where the >silk strand appears to have been attached to his house or some >structure on his roof (see attached - I enhanced the still to >help you see the white line that extends downward at an angle, >therefore not likely to be video artifact, and to the edge of >the roof). You can also see where the spider silk strand appears >attached between the "UFO" and to the roof in places in Tim's >video if you look for it. If you look at it as only a UFO, then >you will not look for the rest of the information available in >the footage."

I have been to Tim Edwards house 3 times and met most of the witnesses to this event. I also have a digitally mastered copy of his footage. I have stabilized his video when its near the gutter of his house. Go to my website and download the clip. Notice how the object 'rotates' in the clip. Something a spider web can't do if its attached to the roof of the house.

>I indicated that if you look closely, you can even see where the >spider silk (aka "UFO") in Mr. Edwards' footage is visible but >Tom didn't seem interested neither did he reflect having any >cognizance of what I was trying to show him.

Amy that is a lie! You are a master of taking everything out of context. You contacted me months ago, but try to appear to this List that you recently contacting me in reference to John's post.

>Here is the original web page I tried to share with Mr. King >(with a few additions and modifications due to new materials >added and new address):

><http://home.attbi.com/~yellowrosel29/comparison.avi.htm>

>(click on "Refresh" to start the AVI's again)

>Tom's final reply after having _never reviewed the footage_ I >was trying to share with him:

>>Now if Tim and family watched this thru binoculars I find it >>hard to believe it was a spiderweb on the roof.

>I then realized that Tom was not interested in reviewing the >information I had to share as his mind was made up. Not once did >Tom take me up on my offer to send him a copy of the footage I >had of spider silk reflecting sunlight - which I offered to send >repeatedly. This indicated to me that Tom was not going to >consider alternative theories or evidence and I was wasting my >time.

Putting words in my mouth, huh, Amy? You contacted me, trying to convince me of your spider web theory which we researched 7-8 years ago! What she said above simply isn't true. Read on...

>Now tell me, John, just who was it that really "refused follow-up"? HMMMMM?

It's Amy who refuses to follow up on anything that don't fit into her flimsy investigations. She is so convinced its a spider web and refuses to deal with the eyewitnesses to this sighting.

A cook at Tim's restarant saw this object 2 1/2 miles away! But that didn't fit nicely into Amys preconieved idea of what happened. There was also a DJ that saw the object about 1 hour before Tim did in another location and a cop saw it at another location after Tim had finished video taping it.

It became apparent Amy didn't want to deal with the witnesses at all since it dismissed her theory. I offered her Tim's home phone number to contact him directly and get data straight from the horses mouth. Her reply? You might ask

{never mind, forget I ever brought this up}.

I was shocked! Here I have this person I don't know offering a

theory Tim, I, and others had looked at years ago. She wasted my time with uploading improperly formatted AVI files, then I cut to the chase and tell her to call Tim and she does an "about face" and disappears and tells me to forget about it. Now she claims I didn't want to look at her AVI's or a tape when she high tailed it out of here instead of calling Tim Edwards and getting first hand reports.

Now she tells this List I ignored her evidence and has totally spun her story.

Let me ask Amy this. Have you ever spoke to Tim Edwards, or E-Mailed him, or attempted to do so? How and where did you get a copy of his footage to study? What generation is this copy you have and how long is the running time? How many witness were there to this event?

Those are general questions you should have answers to before you begin a serious study of this case.

Also have you ever spoken or E-Mailed Anthony Woods? You have dismissed his footage, also based upon web clips, recently. I guess grainy clips, 1/20 of the footage are enough for you to dismiss a case publically.

I certainly don't think you have any right to dictate analysis to this List and attempt to give lessons in video when you never bother to contact orginators of the videos you debunk.

Here is the big question you seem to be avoiding. Are there any UFO videos out there Amy? You certainly have the ability to explain them without ever bothering to speak directly with the person who shot the video and obtain good copies.

Tom King
www.ufovideo.com

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Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 00:01:15 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 08:03:19 -0400
Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information - Ledger

>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 16:33:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:50:42 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 00:40:24 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 17:10:52 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: The U.S. Government & UFO Information

>>>><snip>

>>>>Yeah, but for a group of inept people, they're doing a pretty
>>>>good job of keeping a lid on the whole deal. We can call them
>>>>the stupid government all we want, but they can't be that dumb
>>>>if they've supposedly blinded the planet for the last fifty years.

>>>Ahh, come on guys and girls, we all know its down to big dollar
>>>signs in the eyes of the government. Let's not mince words over
>>>trifles. If UFO and ET were said to be real by them then the
>>>spin-off technology and dollars made would be much less. Plus
>>>there is the superiority of armanent, defence etc.

>>Yeah, but if you listen to some "ufologists", the spin-off
>>technology is here. That DVD players and microwave ovens are
>>not really natural progressions of our technology but reverse-
>>engineered goodies from the brave aliens that died during the
>>Roswell UFO crash of '47.

In text:

Sheesh. Some guy writes a book called The Day After Roswell and we take the rap for it. Why ufologists.

That another one of those skeptic ploys, like "true believers".

>Don't know about those things Ian, but often wonder why we
>originally had hexadecimal (8 binary digits) rather than 10. ET
>grays supposably have 8 digits, we have 10 (fingers and thumbs).
>Also wonder where the idea came from for transistors, optic data
>transfer, the shape of some cutting edge planes etc.

Sure, Colin, that's what must have happened. Transistors-The Bell Labs. Optic Data Transfer-Someone invented spun glass and shot light through it. Said hey Alex Bell was talking about sending information via light waves back in the 1800s. Nothing new there.

And there are no cutting-edge planes. They might be cutting-edge

if you're Wilbur Wright and you see one from his end of the progression of aviation, but from my end as an aviator, just more horsepower and more money. A logical extension of the technology. As is the case with the automobile we really haven't come up with anything new. The aeroplane got a boot in the butt with the turbine jet about halfway through its evolution. But the principle of flight is still the same. Lift exceeds weight. Thrust exceeds drag.

>Bet you that some ufologists claim that telepathic ETs gave the >inventers the ideas unbeknownst to them if the ET technology >wasn't back engineered.

Well I'm sure someone will take that statement Colin and quote it as a given a few months from now. That should help make the statement so.

Don Ledger

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Re: Ecuadorian Gnome Sighting Investigated -

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 23:07:14 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 08:07:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Ecuadorian Gnome Sighting Investigated -

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 09:17:07 -0400
>Subject: Ecuadorian Gnome Sighting Investigated

>Police investigating gnome reports in Ecuador

>Police in a town in Ecuador are investigating reports of a
>little, green man seen walking down the street.

>A number of Quininde residents called police after seeing what
>they described as a "gnome" in the town centre.

>They all described the creature as being very small, green and
>ugly.

>Marco Preciado told Diario Extra online: "It was less than three
>feet tall and I saw it three times. I tried to follow him but he
>disappeared."

>Cecilia Cedeno who owns a liquor shop, said: "He appeared in
>front of the shop to a group of people. He gave a loud laugh and
>ran away."

>A police spokesperson said: "People are scared and fascinated by
>the story. We are investigating and we believe it is someone
>trying to make fun of the whole town."

>Source: Ananova.com

Hi everyone!

A few years ago I was sent photos, and even actual bones - by mail - of what was claimed to be an Ecuadorian elf or possibly an ET. When examined by various experts here, including someone with the Royal Ontario Museum who is very familiar with South American animals as well as several forensic scientists, they positively identified the bones as those of a two-year-old human child. Some of the bones were altered to make them look unusual. I returned the bones to the sender from Ecuador.

According to a caretaker who works at the Behavioural Sciences Building at York University, several times he and others have seen a mischievous old man at the bottom of one stairwell at night who seems to enjoy startling people before vanishing into thin air!

With the possible exception of the huge and continuing numbers of so-called 'chemtrail' sightings (I am surprised anyone is still alive on Earth!), I think it is safe to say that there are more such "gnome" stories than there are reports of UFOs sighted in the skies above. Just like UFOs too, most of these stories can be readily explained as honest misinterpretations or just someone "trying to make fun" as the Ecuadorian police spokesperson suspected in the gnome article.

I wonder if the same Ecuadorian elf person(s) are behind these recent gnome sightings.

Nick Balaskas

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More Terrace, B.C. Sightings

From: **Brian Vike - HBCCUFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 20:47:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 08:10:27 -0400
Subject: More Terrace, B.C. Sightings

Terrace, British Columbia

Date: May 13, 2003
Time: approx: 11:35 p.m.
Toll Free Hotline

Three witnesses

I received a call from a woman who reported that her and two other witnesses who were on Ferry Island at the Ferry Island campground when they saw the weirdest thing happening in the sky above them, or over Ferry Island. She told me that they watched a number of funny colored lights (blue/red/yellow/white) traveling in their direction from the north. What made this a strange looking sight was that the lights seemed to pulsate, and only the white lights on the object grew very bright in intensity, and the other colored lights stayed at the same brightness. As the object drew closer to their location it seemed as if the lights, in a ring, surrounded a dark solid object which was in the center. From the glow off the lights they noted the dark object in the center was completely round in shape, with this ring of colored lights running around it. The object moved very quickly across the sky heading south. The approx length of the sighting lasted about 10 seconds before they lost sight of it due to the trees. She said it traveled in a straight line and up rather high in the sky, but low enough to catch a good look at it. No sound was heard coming from it and no tail was observed.

HBCC UFO Note: Last year in 2002 I had a similar sighting report come in from two Arrow truck drivers who were carrying concentrate ore from the mine here in Houston, B.C. Two trucks had pulled over to the side of the highway for 10 minutes at Meziadin Junction to watch an object which sounds like the same thing here in the report above.

Thank you to the witnesses for their report.

Terrace, British Columbia

Date: May 10, 2003
Time: 10:55 p.m.
Toll Free Hotline
One witness

On May 10, 2003 at 10:55 p.m. a witness living in Terrace, B.C. was outside burning wood in a barrel, his girlfriend had left to go inside. The witness was sitting on a bench watching the fire when he looked up into the southwestern part of the sky and saw a small white colored light heading to the northeast. The light was rather bright and traveling quickly. He viewed the light for approx: 15 seconds, it blinked a couple of times while he watched it before it finally disappeared.

HBCC UFO Note: Possible satellite?

Thank you to the witness for their report.

Brian Vike

HBCC UFO Research

http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/hbcc_ufo_research.htm

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Rods Exposed

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 08:21:00 -0400
Subject: Rods Exposed

Dear Errol and List Subscribers:

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http://home.attbi.com/~ifo_database/rods1.htm

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I encourage anyone interested to go to a parking lot at night with your camcorder set on "Sports", aim and focus your camera on the insects flying close to the light, record, then review the footage in slow motion to see for yourself (most of the time you don't even need to review in slow motion).

But please, do not make DVD's, videos, etc. and try to sell your images as "UFO's" or "Rods"! It's time to stop this type of hoax.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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University Profs Not Above 'Superstition'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 08:35:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 08:35:06 -0400
Subject: University Profs Not Above 'Superstition'

Source: Leicester Mercury - UK

<http://www.thisisleicestershire.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=42629&command=displayContent&sourceNode=42628&contentPK=5568141>

The Truth Is Out There

By Tom Pegden

10:30 - 14 May 2003

You would expect scientists to be the first to pour scorn on stories of alien landings and haunted houses.

However, new research has shown that scientists at the University of Leicester are not immune to superstition. A survey of professors has found they do not dismiss the existence of ghosts or the idea that aliens may once have landed on earth.

They will even go as far as to say certain crystals may be able to keep you healthy and ouija boards could make contact with the other side.

However, they readily dismissed two of the nation's most popular superstitions - astrology and palmistry.

Eighteen professors and honorary fellows from the University of Leicester and Waikato University in New Zealand were interviewed.

The study, submitted to the International Journal of Science Education, was carried out by Dr Richard Coll and Dr Neil Taylor.

Dr Coll, an honorary visiting fellow at Leicester from the University of Waikato, said: "We investigated scientists' perceptions about superstitions and new-age beliefs.

"We were interested to try to understand how scientists think, how they weigh evidence and judge testimony.

"Two things stimulated the research; one was a study of UK schoolchildren that showed, despite years of science education, many students were highly superstitious.

"Second, was an observation by the researchers that many reports in the science education literature work from a prior assumption that scientists work and think in certain ways - specifically that they are totally objective.

"We were suspicious of this rather simplistic stance and decided it warranted investigation."

Dr Taylor, who was a lecturer in primary science education at the University of Leicester when the study was conducted, is now at the University of New England, Australia. He said: "The findings were remarkable and provided a fascinating insight into

the way scientists think. Many were much more open-minded than we thought about things such as water-divining and acupuncture.

"A few were even open-minded about things such as the healing powers of crystals, or that aliens have visited the earth and that some houses are haunted."

Dr Coll said: "One would have expected them to say these things were complete nonsense - they didn't.

"The ones they were more likely to believe in were aliens and ghosts - the latter surprised me."

They concluded although the scientists liked to base their ideas on hard facts, they were also ready to consider the unusual.

Stuart Warburton, managing curator at Belgrave Hall, reputedly one of Leicestershire's most haunted locations, said he wasn't surprised by the findings.

He said: "I've heard things and experienced things in Belgrave, but until I've seen a ghost I can't say.

"That's not to say there are not certain things that can't be explained in life."

[UFO UpDates thanks www.<http://anomalist.com> for the lead]

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Secrecy News -- 05/16/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
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Subject: Secrecy News -- 05/16/03

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** NSA FOIA EXEMPTION DRAWS CRITICISM
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** NORTH KOREA ON FAILURE OF DENUCLEARIZATION

CONGRESS COULD RELEASE THE 9/11 JOINT INQUIRY REPORT

Five months after the completion of an 800 page report by the congressional joint inquiry into the September 11 terrorist attacks, the report remains classified and unavailable to the public. But if Congress had the will, it could release the report itself.

Under a little-known provision of the rules that established the House and Senate select intelligence committees, Congress granted itself the authority to disclose whatever information it deems to be in the public interest.

"The select committee may... disclose publicly any information in the possession of such committee after a determination by such committee that the public interest would be served by such disclosure," according to Section 8 of the 1976 Senate Resolution 400. A similar provision appears in Section 7 of House Rule XLVIII.

In cases where the information in question is classified, the intelligence committee must notify the President five days in advance of disclosing the information. If the President objects in writing, the disclosure may nevertheless proceed, but in that case it must be approved by the full Senate or House.

See Section 8 of Senate Resolution 400 here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s022503.html#8

This authority has never been exercised, but it remains in effect. And it seems uniquely suited to the present circumstance.

Senator Bob Graham, a co-chair of the congressional joint inquiry, has certified that disclosure of the inquiry report is a matter of rather urgent public interest.

"By continuing to classify that information so that it's not available to the American people, the American people have been denied important information for their own protection, for the protection of the communities," Senator Graham said on CBS Face the Nation May 11. "Local agencies have been denied information which would help them be more effective. First responders and the American people do not have the information upon which they can hold the administration and responsible agencies

accountable." See:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/05/12/ftn/main553425.shtml>

A CIA spokesman said that progress was being made on declassification of the report and that a sanitized version of the report might still be released by the end of the month.

See "CIA responds to Florida lawmakers' call for terror report" by Tamara Lytle, Orlando Sentinel, May 13, linked from here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/05/index.html>

But if the promised disclosure does not take place, or if the released document is censored beyond reason, Congress has another option.

GUATEMALA 1954 DECLASSIFIED

The U.S. State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency have declassified and published thousands of pages of documents concerning the U.S. covert action in Guatemala that led to the overthrow of Guatemalan President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman in 1954.

The overthrow of Arbenz had profound consequences for Guatemala, the CIA and the conduct of the cold war generally that were explored at a public conference sponsored by the State Department May 15-16.

The conference coincided with the publication of a new supplementary volume of Foreign Relations of the United States (1954) devoted to Guatemala, 1952-54. See:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/ike/quat/>

A 1983 FRUS volume concerning Guatemala in the same period drew widespread criticism because it omitted mention of the CIA-instigated coup. The State Department has posted the relevant portions of that earlier volume here:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/ike/iv/>

The Central Intelligence Agency has published an impressive selection of declassified documents reflecting its role in the 1954 Guatemala coup which are available here:

<http://www.foia.cia.gov/guatemala.asp>

NSA FOIA EXEMPTION DRAWS CRITICISM

A proposed exemption from the Freedom of Information Act for "operational files" of the National Security Agency is causing growing concern among public interest groups, media groups, historians and NSA watchers.

There is a subset of NSA technical information on signals intelligence collection that is rarely if ever disclosed. So exempting it from the requirements of the FOIA would make little difference.

But the definition of just what constitutes "operational files" -- i.e., "files that document the means by which foreign intelligence or counterintelligence is collected through technical systems" -- seems sufficiently loose that it could be used to deflect legitimate FOIA requests.

NSA officials insist that such is not their intention. But neither have they explained why, fifty-one years after the agency was established and thirty-seven years after the FOIA was enacted, they need this exemption now. Disclosure of classified information concerning "cryptographic systems" is already prohibited by law.

See "Bill would tighten cloak of NSA secrecy, critics say" by Ariel Sabar, Baltimore Sun, May 16:

<http://www.sunspot.net/news/nationworld/bal-te.nsa16may16,0,629061.story>

UK: SPECIAL OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE FILES

The Public Record Office of the United Kingdom announced its latest monthly release, including declassified personnel files of the World War II-era Special Operations Executive (SOE) relating to "a number of the more celebrated SOE agents, and to individuals who achieved fame outside of their work for SOE."

See:

http://www.pro.gov.uk/releases/may2003/soe_list.htm

Additional historical background concerning many of these SOE agents may be found here:

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/2WWsoe.htm>

NORTH KOREA ON FAILURE OF DENUCLEARIZATION

North Korea issued a lengthy denunciation of the United States this week, holding the U.S. responsible for derailing the process of "denuclearization" of the Korean peninsula.

See this May 12 "detailed report" published by the Korean Central News Agency and translated by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/dprk/nuke/dprk051203.html>

In a May 14 White House statement with the president of South Korea, "President Bush and President Roh reaffirmed that they will not tolerate nuclear weapons in North Korea." See:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/05/20030514-17.html>

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Re: Rods Exposed - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 11:12:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 16:58:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Gates

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>Subject: Rods Exposed

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Amy,

An excellent experiment, one that I suspect you will get much heat over.

Have you also tried this under broad daylight conditions as the so called Rods video alleges to be? Just curious

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Rods Exposed - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 10:56:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 16:51:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Stanford

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
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>images as "UFO's" or "Rods"! It's time to stop this type of
>hoax.

A big amen! Try it with dragon flies in bright sunlight, and you
will record real 'hot rods' :) making incredible turns almost
putting any legendary UFO to shame.

Those "rods" recorded over Iraq during the war were quite
laughable, and it is a shame that certain 'UFO researchers' were
declaring them to be something extraordinary or worthy of
UFOlogical interest other than as examples of 'noise' and not of
signal.

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: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Bright

From: Dan Bright <dan@zaziork.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:46:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:00:41 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Bright

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 14:17:38 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

<snip>

>I'm curious as to how IFO is defined in this context.

>Is there an assumption that all IFOs have mundane explanations?
>It would seem to me that researchers would be very interested in
>cases where the witnesses have identified an unknown object as
>an alien space craft, which would also make it an "IFO".
>Steve

Hi Steve,

I can't speak for anyone else, but I'd argue that where a witness has "identified an unknown object as an alien space craft", the object would be defined in relation to the standard of evidence that the investigator would be willing to accept as proof.

To the witness, the object would indeed be an "IFO". It's then up to other individuals to decide, depending upon the information available to them. One man's UFO is another man's IFO. It would ultimately fall upon an investigator to hypothesise as to the nature of the object, based upon all available evidence.

Every case must of course be taken on it's own particular merits, but generally speaking it would take more than an eye witness testimony to convince me that an object was of ET origin, given the unreliable nature of human memory and the ease with which the conscious mind can be fooled by hallucination (induced by EM radiation, for example). Therefore, the terms are subjective in nature: what would it take to convince you? The same applies not only of the ETH, but indeed of any given hypothesis.

All the best,

Dan

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Re: Rods Exposed - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 14:51:19 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:08:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Ledger

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
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<snip>

Hi Amy,

Confirmation is good. And there are others who've shown the same thing. But I was under the impression that many if not most believed these to be bugs captured at high shutter speeds.

It's been below my horizon of interest and that of many others, for several years now.

Don Ledger

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 11:52:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:06:11 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 01:18:30 +0000
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 10:38:37 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

<snip>

>>"In reference to the video images from Tim Edwards on your web
>>site, I have replicated these images by video taping spider silk
>>reflecting sun light. I came across it by accident while filming
>>various images of birds, bugs, debris and conventional aircraft
>>in flight for my IFO Database. I happened to see the spider silk
>>images in footage I'd shot one day so I set out to deliberately
>>film spider silk reflecting sunlight to compare to Mr. Edwards
>>footage of an alleged UFO. I have a lot of video footage of
>>spider silk reflecting sunlight and have been able to replicate
>>almost all the images and characteristics in Mr. Edward's
>>footage including the "rippling lights" seen in Tim's footage
>>and other characteristics of the alleged UFO.

>>I can create AVI's but not MPG's (working on obtaining the
>>software)

>I have noticed you have been saying that for years now, along
>with you don't have the money to afford putting video clips on
>the Web. Skynet hosts nearly 300 Meg online free of charge and
>only costs the amount of taking your loved one to a movie. We've
>been online doing that for over 7 years now.

>Your excuses for not having resources to put up clips is wearing
>thin, because if you really wanted to, or cared enough this
>obstacle certainly won't be a problem. \$10 bucks a month to
>display your research is not a monumental task to ask of a vocal
>UFO researcher.

As far as I know, Skynet is your domain. I need my own domain. I
purchased my own domain last year only to find out, the web host
I also purchased space from did not support certain domains. I
lost all the money I invested in trying to set up my own domain
so now I am learning more about owning and hosting your own
domain so I won't get ripped off again.

The point is, however, that I not only offered to show you the
AVI's by posting them on a web page, I also offered, repeatedly,
to send you a copy of the footage I wanted to share with you but
not once did you indicate any interest in receiving the
footage - free of charge. You had your mind made up and you did
not seem interested in studying alternative theories.

>>I find it interesting that I had presented the materials, AVI's,
>>in a simple format yet Mr. King, who supposedly had all these
>>video skills, couldn't view the AVI's? Instead he offers
>>assistance in converting the footage to other formats. I told
>>Tom I could use any suggestions he might care to give.

>Amy had it ever occurred to you that you might not have rendered
>the AVI properly so others could view it? You were most likely
>rendering in proprietary codecs that came with your video
>capture software that only can be viewed with the capture
>device. I have ran into this problem several times trading clips
>on the web. But as you stated you can't do MPGs and only AVI's
>so its your own limited software that presented the problem.

I told you, up front, that all I could do was make AVI's (at that time) to share with you. You never indicated that you had problems viewing AVI's (I had no problem viewing the AVI's with both of my computers - which I do to check anything I post to others to make sure my materials are available). Besides, again, the whole point was that I not only tried to share my footage with you via AVI's, I also offered to SEND you a copy of the footage via snail-mail but you were not interested.

You are trying to shift the focus from your lack of follow-up to my software. I'm sure there was nothing preventing you from reviewing a VHS, which I gladly would have sent to you, so you have no excuse and my software or lack of was not the problem.

>AVI creates problems for Mac users and some PC users alike and
>I'll bet many people still can't view your AVI file to this day.
>MPG I is a universal format that you should have used to begin
>with. There is alot of shareware out there to convert AVI-MPG is
>you ever bother to look.

>What is the name of the video capture hardware and software you
>are using to do these IFO 101 studies?

I have been looking for the right kind of software and recently purchased a digital video camera that came with various kinds of software that I am quickly learning to use (unfortunately, the Showbiz program that came with my new DVD burner cooperates one day but not the next and will convert formats when it's in the mood - I am now looking to buy a better program = more \$\$\$). Not everyone has the money to go around investing in all the equipment you are able to obtain. I had to use my income tax refund to buy my new camera and other equipment instead of a new car - which I needed badly. Now you admonish me for not buying web space, software and equipment just so you can view AVI's instead of a VHS which I offered to mail to you?

I'm an independent researcher, a single, working mom with two kids, little time and even less money to do the research I do let alone purchase all the equipment, software and web space you recommend. I'm working on it but for now, you will just have to settle for my research presented the best way I can manage and when I have the time. Actually, I am quite proud of how much I have learned and purchased by way of equipment (video and computer) and the skills I have learned to present the information I have to share. Now that my children and I must move soon to keep my ex-husband from hurting us, I will have even less time and money to do the work that needs to be done and bring it to you doorstep, er, internet. Not that you really care anyway.

>>Tom and I then engage in a discussion about the witnesses and
>>what they claimed they saw that day. I asked several questions
>>but Tom never answered them. Instead, Tom refers me to old
>>reruns of Mr. Edwards story as presented on Sightings and other
>>programs. To which I replied:

>Yes and on some the shows Tim Edwards were on had many of the
>"witnesses", something Amy didn't want to deal with and she
>simply ignored them altogether and only wanted people to focus
>on her IFO claims.

Hey, Tom, I'm over here? Who are you talking to? One minute you address me in person, the next you are talking about me.?

I didn't "ignore" the witnesses. In fact, I asked you questions about the witnesses and the timing of their testimonies. I asked you if the witnesses reported seeing the alleged UFO Tim claimed to have video taped BEFORE or AFTER they saw and/or heard about Tim's sighting and video footage. If they claimed to have seen the same UFO before Tim's footage and claims were made public (and not Tim's relatives), then I have to wonder why they didn't report the UFO they saw themselves - before Tim

filled his sighting report. If they claimed to have seen the UFO after Tim's footage and claims were made public, considering the similarities between Tim's footage and my footage of spider silk reflecting sunlight, I have to wonder what really happened.

But you never addressed these questions and, instead, referred me to old programs containing witness testimonies, which I'd already heard. Seems you never followed up on these lines of questioning or refused to share the informatio.

>>"Yes, I have viewed some of the old programs and video tapes >>that include Tim's video and witness testimony. As I said, I >>don't know how the other witnesses fit in but I am quite sure >>Tim video taped spider silk reflecting sunlight. In fact, in one >>of the video stills on his web site, you can make out where the >>silk strand appears to have been attached to his house or some >>structure on his roof (see attached - I enhanced the still to >>help you see the white line that extends downward at an angle, >>therefore not likely to be video artifact, and to the edge of >>the roof). You can also see where the spider silk strand appears >>attached between the "UFO" and to the roof in places in Tim's >>video if you look for it. If you look at it as only a UFO, then >>you will not look for the rest of the information available in >>the footage."

>I have been to Tim Edwards house 3 times and met most of the >witnesses to this event. I also have a digitally mastered copy >of his footage. I have stabilized his video when its near the >gutter of his house. Go to my website and download the clip. >Notice how the object 'rotates' in the clip. Something a spider >web can't do if its attached to the roof of the house.

Yes, Tom, I've reviewed you 'stabilized' footage of Tim's images. When I compare the stabilization processed footage to the original footage, also posted on your web site, I note how much the stabilization process actually seems to distort the original footage. I hadn't noticed it before but because I am more familiar with the Tim Edwards footage, I'm beginning to wonder just how much your stabilization process actually clarifies or distorts original images. It looked good with the Mexico footage but I had never really studied the original alleged Mexico UFO footage before.

The images can appear quite different when "stabilized" and I'm not sure that is even the correct name for the process. Seems to me what you are really doing when "stabilizing" an image is editing the footage so that one image remains basically static while the other portion is allowed to move in it's original capacity. This process doesn't necessarily make the image clearer or convey the original behavior of objects involved, it seems to distort the overall picture creating a false image and false representation of the original footage.

Have you tried "stabilizing" the alleged UFO in Tim's original footage to see what happens? My guess is, a whole new picture would evolve making the house (roof edge in this case) look more like a UFO than the alleged UFO itself. This is why we must be careful when editing or altering original footage by subjecting the footage to various processes such as "stabilization", enlarging, enhancing, etc. It may sound good but it may also cause more problems that it solves.

In the original, unstabilized version of Tim's alleged UFO footage, you can actually see the line connecting the "UFO" to some portion of the roof (not necessarily the edge of the house as visible in the footage). This is quite typical of spider webs/spider silk as demonstrated in the AVI's I have shared. Several times you can even see a thin, white line curve as it blows in the wind. If Tim Edwards would allow me to post several stills from his original footage on the internet, I can show you (and everyone) where these lines appear. Since Mr. Edwards footage is copyrighted, I would need his permission. Without his permission, I cannot indicate the lines clearly for others to see and make this available on the internet.

Would you do me a favor, Tom? Would you ask Tim if I can be allowed to: 1) receive a copy of your "digitally mastered" copy of his footage in order to obtain the various stills I need to demonstrate the location of the white lines attached to the alleged UFO in his footage? I've tried contacting him in the past but received no response. I will, of course, try again.

>>I indicated that if you look closely, you can even see where the
>>spider silk (aka "UFO") in Mr. Edwards' footage is visible but
>>Tom didn't seem interested neither did he reflect having any
>>cognizance of what I was trying to show him.

>Amy that is a lie! You are a master of taking everything out of
>context. You contacted me months ago, but try to appear to this
>List that you recently contacting me in reference to John's
>post.

I swear, you and John are so stuck on that interpretation. I never said I contacted you recently, that is yours and John's interpretation and cop-out when you want to shift the focus of these discussions. What difference would it make anyway if I had contacted you months ago (late September and early October, 2002 to be exact) or recently, our discussion remains the same. You did not indicate even trying to look for the white lines I pointed out to you that can be seen connecting the "UFO" to the top of the house (I even circled a white line connecting the "UFO" to the top of the house in a still from Tim's footage that I sent to you so how could you miss it?)

>>I then realized that Tom was not interested in reviewing the
>>information I had to share as his mind was made up. Not once did
>>Tom take me up on my offer to send him a copy of the footage I
>>had of spider silk reflecting sunlight - which I offered to send
>>repeatedly. This indicated to me that Tom was not going to
>>consider alternative theories or evidence and I was wasting my
>>time.

>Putting words in my mouth, huh, Amy?

Nope. Tell me exactly where did I quote you as saying something you didn't? I have the original E-mails and have quoted you from our correspondence.

>You contacted me, trying to
>convince me of your spider web theory which we researched 7-8
>years ago! What she said above simply isn't true. Read on...

I contacted you offering to share my studies in this area. I wasn't trying to convince you of anything. In fact, even in my original E-mails I said,

"I will send you a copy of the video footage I have of spider silk reflecting sunlight if you will give me a mailing address and about two weeks to put it together as I am very busy. All I ask in return is for you to review the footage with an open mind and re-evaluate."

And in another E-mail I said,

"I am quite certain about what Tim video taped based on my own experiments with spider silk and recommend the case be re-evaluated. I know that you are a good researcher, Tom, and I know that you are sincerely interested in finding the truth. Please keep searching and never settle for anything less."

All I was asking you to do was examine new information and re-evaluate the case - which you never did.

>>Now tell me, John, just who was it that really "refused follow-up"? HMMMMM?

>It's Amy who refuses to follow up on anything that don't fit
>into her flimsy investigations. She is so convinced its a spider
>web and refuses to deal with the eyewitnesses to this sighting.

Here we go again... Tom, I'm right here. You may quote me from my reply to John but this is your reply to me and the UFO Updates list. Please do not address me in the third person. It's rude.

As I said in one of my letters to you in reference to witness testimonies:

"In many cases multiple eye-witnesses clench the deal but I'm afraid that in this case it only adds more to the mystery of what really happened that day. I do not discount their testimony but I can't deny what I see in my video of spider silks

reflecting sunlight. Either Tim taped spider silk reflecting sunlight or we have UFOs that look *exactly* like spider silk in the sun. I suspect a bit of "UFO-itis" touched the other witnesses that day and this should be investigated more fully BEFORE reaching conclusions that UFO's were seen and video taped that day."

Tom, you seem quite interested in posting Tim's alleged UFO footage on your web site and adding to your "UFO footage" collection but you don't seem interested in studying the evidence I have to share. When new evidence is forthcoming, it behooves us, as researchers and investigators, to carefully examine the information and if necessary, re-evaluate our original conclusions.

>A cook at Tim's restarant saw this object 2 1/2 miles away! But
>that didn't fit nicely into Amys preconieved idea of what
>happened. There was also a DJ that saw the object about 1 hour
>before Tim did in another location and a cop saw it at another
>location after Tim had finished video taping it.

Is it possible, Tom, the events transpired differently than what you want to believe? Again, did these witnesses report seeing a UFO before or after Tim's sighting and footage were made public via TV, etc.? Did they call the police or contact any authorities before learning of Tim's sighting? If so, is there any documentation of this?

>It became apparent Amy didn't want to deal with the witnesses at
>all since it dismissed her theory. I offered her Tim's home
>phone number to contact him directly and get data straight from
>the horses mouth. Her reply? You might ask

You never gave me Tim's phone number and Tim has never responded to my E-mails when I've tried to contact him. I will try again, and again, and again.

By all means, please send Tim's phone number to my private E-mail address at yellowrose129@attbi.com and I will try to contact him. I have a lot of questions I want to ask Tim. So nice of you to send me his phone number, finally.

>I was shocked! Here I have this person I don't know offering a
>theory Tim, I, and others had looked at years ago. She wasted my
>time with uploading improperly formatted AVI files, then I cut
>to the chase and tell her to call Tim and she does an "about
>face" and disappears and tells me to forget about it. Now she
>claims I didn't want to look at her AVI's or a tape when she
>high tailed it out of here instead of calling Tim Edwards and
>getting first hand reports.

I gave up trying to share the footage I had of spider silk reflecting sunlight with you because, after 5 correspondences, you still insisted what Tim filmed was a UFO and never even considered the possibility it could have been something else nor were you even willing to review the footage I offered to send to you. I had better things to do with my time and we were going around in circles (like now) so I simply moved on. If you are willing now to study alternate possibilities and actually do some research in this area, I would be more than happy to continue our discussions and we can share materials.

I tell you what, Tom, you send me a copy of your digitally mastered copy of Tim's footage and allow me to use stills (with Tim's permission) from his footage to illustrate the white lines that can be seen connecting the "object" to the top of the house (as in spider silk) and I'll send you a copy of the footage I have obtained of spider silk reflecting sunlight. I am more than willing to work together on this investigation. But I don't have time for idle chit-chat and closed minds.

>Now she tells this List I ignored her evidence and has totally
>spun her story.

>Let me ask Amy this. Have you ever spoke to Tim Edwards, or E-
>Mailed him, or attempted to do so?

Yes, I E-mailed him but received no reply.

>How and where did you get a

>copy of his footage to study?

>From your web site and his footage released on TV programs and
>produced in videos about UFOs (over and over and over).

>What generation is this copy you
>have and how long is the running time?

Whatever generation the TV programs obtained and the running time of the footage Tim gave them. I look forward to reviewing a copy of your digitally mastered copy so I can learn more and make more comparisons. These copies should be available to all UFO researchers for study rather than only a select few with their own possible bias.

>How many witness were
>there to this event?

Uh, I viewed it at home with maybe my cats as witnesses? Don't remember where the kids were but they probably saw the same footage several times when it came on TV or when I reviewed the copies I was able to obtain. (I don't understand what this has to do with the case.)

>Those are general questions you should have answers to before
>you begin a serious study of this case.

And more questions need to be asked and researched before reaching conclusions and posting alleged UFO footage all over the place - especially when new information and evidence comes to our attention.

>Also have you ever spoken or E-Mailed Anthony Woods? You have
>dismissed his footage, also based upon web clips, recently. I
>guess grainy clips, 1/20 of the footage are enough for you to
>dismiss a case publically.

Yes, I have tried to E-mail Mr. Woods. No answer yet. And I haven't "dismissed" his footage. If you have been paying attention, I indicated I could only share a preliminary analysis pending the release of the documentary and more complete footage I plan to review.

Let me ask you if you have accepted Mr. Woods claims as genuine...based only on the grainy clips released thus far? Have you spoken to Mr. Woods and has he agreed to send you his alleged UFO footage for your analysis?

>I certainly don't think you have any right to dictate analysis
>to this List and attempt to give lessons in video when you never
>bother to contact orginators of the videos you debunk.

Ah, ha! There it is. You consider my attempts to compare images of allegedUFOs to images of IFOs as "debunking" rather than research. Furthermore, without even waiting for my answers to your questions as to whether or not I have tried to contact these people, you conclude that I never bothered to contact them. Obviously your mind is made up about me and my work and you will not even give me a chance to answer before attacking me.

>Here is the big question you seem to be avoiding. Are there any
>UFO videos out there Amy? You certainly have the ability to
>explain them without ever bothering to speak directly with the
>person who shot the video and obtain good copies.

LOL! What is so important to you (and Santiago and John) about whether or not there are any "UFO videos" out there? You keep beating a dead horse that really has nothing to do with the topics under discussion. Of course there are UFO videos out there, Tom. Whether or not these videos reflect images of unknown objects is the question (about which you have already made up your mind). Why is this so hard for you (and others) to understand? Gees!

If you (and Santiago and John) are trying to determine if I believe inUFOs or thatUFOs exist, why don't you ask me that question?

Of course UFOs exist. Any flying object that cannot be identified is to be considered an unidentified flying object.

What these objects are or are not remains to be determined. Whether these objects are from another planet, from our military or merely misidentifications of conventional aircraft and/or insects, debris, lens flare, etc. also remains to be determined. But I sure as heck am not going to go around promoting ANY footage of an undetermined nature as a "genuine UFO" or "authentic" when no one really knows what the heck it is or is not.

I am not a debunker, I just genuinely want to know the truth. Neither am I a believer, what's to believe in? I search for answers and attempt to limit the variables so that I may get closer to the real phenomena and thus closer to the truth about these phenomena. Unlike others who are willing to accept evidence and information with little or no real investigation or research, I am determined to keep digging until I find out what's really going on. If that offends you, too bad. Maybe it's time for a little fresh air around here so open your mind and a few windows of opportunity to learn more.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 12:05:57 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:41:31 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood - Hatch

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 18:36:08 -0400
>Subject: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood

>As many people recall today, May 15th was the big day for many
>of the planet-x-ers, Hazelwood, Zeta talk for the earth to stop
>spinning, the magnetic field to change, massive earthquakes and
>everything else to happen. What does all of this have to do with
>UFOs? A brief review, then the UFO tie in.

>Its 5/15/03, still no sign of Zeta talk/Hazelwood's Pole
>Shift/Planet X. No sign of the so-called earth changes and no
>sign of anything else other than all the usual events on Planet
>Earth. Folks have already started rationalizing away the thus-
>far non-event with tales about how this is a good lesson to be
>watchful, how the event is really going to happen at a later
>date, and why all the bandwidth, books and videos that were sold
>were really not wasted, etc., etc.

<snip>

Hello Robert:

How about some full names and URLs so we can see just what was
predicted, by whom, and who bought into it?

That might be instructive. All the back-pedaling could have been
predicted well in advance of 15 May.

I suppose I could search thru my trashed E-Mails from this and
other Lists, but I usually comb those files out to save disk
space. I don't read Zeta-Talk and may have missed a lot.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Amy Hebert's UFO Sighting?

From: **Santiago Yturria** <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 14:33:00 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:31:56 -0400
Subject: Amy Hebert's UFO Sighting?

Amy,

I came across a sighting report, made in 1999, by you.

As I find this report interesting I would like to know what your final conclusions were on those three lights you saw:

Source: <http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/jun/m11-015.shtml>

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Fri, 11 Jun 1999 10:21:24 EDT
Subject: Filer's Files #23 1999

Filer's Files #23 --1999, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Mutual UFO Network Eastern Director,
June 11, 1999, Majorstar@aol.com

<snip>

TEXAS

LAKE LEWISVILLE -- Amy Hebert reports that on June 6, 1999, I was in my back yard helping my daughter check on her turtle in our pond. I looked up to the west while talking with my daughter and noticed three, large, bright white lights in a row (horizontal) flying to the west at a steady speed at 1:10 PM. I assumed it was an airplane but something seemed strange about the three white lights. I kept watching it while talking to my daughter. Then suddenly three bright red lights emerged from the left side of the three white lights and flew south faster than an airplane would fly. The three bright white lights continued to fly off to the west until I lost sight of it behind the trees. The first object or the three white lights would have been over Lake Lewisville about the time the three red lights emerged. The three white lights were very bright and unusually big as were the three red lights that were a very, very bright red. The lights were not flashing or strobing. The lights were larger than a dime held at arm's length. Thanks to Amy Hebert: yelorose@swbell.net.

I think it was indeed an unusual sighting for you. Can you comment on this one ? Thank you.

Santiago

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 16:00:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:45:01 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 12:13:15 -0700
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:11:36 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>I don't know how large 'large' is, but there are over 100

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

Yes, Larry, this kind of information is a great resource in the study of UFOs. You did a great job with this web page.

I also like the way you only list those so-called UFO sightings/encounters that have enough evidence to label them a hoax or misidentification. I admire this kind of work because it makes less work for others in their efforts to find the truth about UFO phenomena. It helps sort the wheat from the chaff.

>As noted up top:

>"This list is NOT intended to be comprehensive, a lifetime of work would not be enough. Nor is this a list of junk sightings, night-lights, flying triangles by the score, every balloon since Montgolfier etc. .. clearly a waste of bandwidth. "

>In short, I concentrated on well known cases that waste lots of people's time. These are not my studies, just a listing of the findings of others who did the real leg-work. Credits and a few links appear on the page.

Excellent resource, Larry. Thank you for making this effort to help others.

Amy

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Re: Rods Exposed - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:21:14 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:49:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Rogers

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 10:56:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>>Subject: Rods Exposed

>>I have posted my latest experiments in reference to the so-
>>called "Rods" phenomenon at:

>>http://home.attbi.com/~ifo_database/rods1.htm

><snip>

>>Although I'm sure those who promote the "rods" phenomenon will
>>now say, "Rods are attracted to lights!", the more rational
>>among us will know rods are really insects.

><snip>

>>But please, do not make DVD's, videos, etc. and try to sell your
>>images as "UFO's" or "Rods"! It's time to stop this type of
>>hoax.

>A big amen! Try it with dragon flies in bright sunlight, and you
>will record real 'hot rods' :) making incredible turns almost
>putting any legendary UFO to shame.

>Those "rods" recorded over Iraq during the war were quite
>laughable, and it is a shame that certain 'UFO researchers' were
>declaring them to be something extraordinary or worthy of
>UFOlogical interest other than as examples of 'noise' and not of
>signal.

There seems to be an onus on some Ufologists to associate
popular world events with UFOs. When war with Iraq seemed
inevitable, I started hearing stories that Saddam had a crashed
UFO in his possession and that was the real reason the U.S. was
invading him.

Likewise, when I learned Columbia had gone down, I thought, 'How
long will it take someone to blame that on UFOs?' I think a
great many of our so-called 'space disasters' have been blamed
on aliens by someone or another.

Reminds me of that Seinfeld episode where Jerry's Uncle Leo
blames every bad thing that happens to him on anti-Semitism.
Such is life. Fiddle-dee-dee.

Ian Rogers

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:16:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 18:09:35 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 14:09:38 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>I would think that someone who is interested in the truth would
>work with evidence, rather than trying to disqualify other
>people who believe things.

The topic of this thread is "23,000 Clementine photos", alleged by Ms. White to be secreted away from public viewing. Despite repeated requests she has avoided offering a single shread of evidence why this claim should be considered credible. One might wonder just who is 'interested in the truth', and who merely enjoys 'believing'.

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JANAP - 50 years

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 11:31:12 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 18:16:34 -0400
Subject: JANAP - 50 years

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CHAPTER II

CIRVIS REPORTS

SECTION I - GENERAL

201. INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED AND WHEN TO REPORT

a. Sightings within the scope of this chapter, as outlined in Article 102b(1), (2), and (3), are to be reported as follows:

(1) While airborne (except over foreign territory - See Article 212).

(a) Single aircraft or formations of aircraft which appear to be directed against the United States, its territories or possessions.

(b) Missiles.

(c) Unidentified flying objects.

(d) Submarines.

(e) A group or groups of military surface vessels.

(2) Upon Landing.

(a) Individual surface vessels, submarines, or aircraft of unconventional design, or engaged in suspicious activity or observed in an unusual location or following an unusual course.

(b) Confirmation reports.

202. SIGHTINGS NOT TO BE REPORTED

Reports are not desired concerning surface craft or aircraft in normal passage, or known U.S. military or government vessels and aircraft.

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CHAPTER III

MERINT REPORTS

SECTION I - GENERAL

301. INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED AND WHEN TO REPORT

a. Sightings within the scope of this chapter (as outlined in Article 102b., (4), (5), (6), (7) are to be reported as follows:

(1) Immediately (except when within territorial waters of other nations as prescribed by international law)

- a) Guided Missiles
- b) Unidentified flying objects
- c) Submarines
- d) Group or groups of military vessels
- e) Formation of aircraft (which appear to be directed against the United States, its territories or possessions).
- f) Individual surface vessels, submarines, or aircraft of unconventional design, or engaged in suspicious activity or observed in an unusual location or following an unusual course.

(2) When situation changes sufficiently to warrant an amplifying report (see Art. 409).

SECTION III - SECURITY

308. MILITARY AND CIVILIAN

a. All persons aware of the contents or existence of a MERINT Report are governed by the Communications Act of 1934 and amendments Thereto, and Espionage Laws. MERINT reports contain information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, 18 U.S. Code, 793 and 794. The unauthorized transmission or revelation of the contents of MERINT reports in any manner is prohibited.

b. Military commands and activities in making local distribution Of MERINT reports and in subsequent communications regarding the contents of any MERINT report shall handle such communications in accordance with current security regulations.

402. EXAMPLES BY TYPE

The following are examples of the types of "MERINT" reports. Specific application of Military or commercial procedure has been avoided since the means of transmission would determine the procedure to be used. Of primary importance is the expeditious handling and accuracy of the reports.

a. "MERINT" REPORT

(1) A radiotelegraph transmission:

RAPID US GOVT

TO

COMEASTSEAFRON 90 CHURCH ST. NEW YORK

MERINT 5126 N 14230W 3 UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
HEADED NW AT 17000 FEET CIGAR SHAPE 50 FEET TO SW AT
2 MILES VERIFIED BY NAVIGATOR VISIBILITY UNLIMITED
211513Z JONES NKLN

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Re: Rods Exposed - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 00:38:23 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 07:46:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Goldstein

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>Subject: Rods Exposed

>Dear Errol and List Subscribers:

>I have posted my latest experiments in reference to the so-called "Rods" phenomenon at:

>http://home.attbi.com/~ifo_database/rods1.htm

>Last fall I noticed insects flying around a light in the Wal-Mart parking lot and out of the corner of my eye, they looked just like the images being presented for years as "rods".> Shortly afterwards, the insect population decreased so I couldn't catch them flying around the lights with my video camera. I have been waiting all winter for the insects to return.

>On May 5th, 2003, I finally got my chance to test my hypothesis and spent several hours filming insects flying near the lights in the parking lot near our one-and-only McDonalds restaurant. > I filmed the insects (seemed like hundreds of them) with various shutter speeds but got the best results capturing "rod" like images by using the Sports setting. Even through the viewfinder, I could see the "rods" (aka insects, bugs) flying near the lights.

<snip>

Amy,

I don't think you understand what is really going on. What you saw near the light really were rods. Their camouflage is that when they slow down they look like insects so that people would not get freaked out when they see them flying slowly or see rods sitting still on objects.

They are some form of mutant aliens here to observe us but do not want direct contact. One way to tell which are real insects or which are these hidden aliens is that the artificial insects never land on people or dog droppings. They also never let humans capture them. :-)

Josh

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Re: Rods Exposed - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 14:40:30 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 18:05:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Tonnies

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
><ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>Subject: Rods Exposed

>I have posted my latest experiments in reference to
>the so-
>called "Rods" phenomenon at:

>http://home.attbi.com/~ifo_database/rods1.htm

Excellent field research. We need more hands-on study like this.

=====

>Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com)

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

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

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (daily blog)

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 21:38:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 17:41:28 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:16:18 -0500
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: Eleanor White <eleonor@raven1.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 14:09:38 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>I would think that someone who is interested in the truth would
>>work with evidence, rather than trying to disqualify other
>>people who believe things.

>The topic of this thread is "23,000 Clementine photos", alleged
>by Ms. White to be secreted away from public viewing. Despite
>repeated requests she has avoided offering a single shread of
>evidence why this claim should be considered credible. One might
>wonder just who is 'interested in the truth', and who merely
>enjoys 'believing'.

Herr Oberg,

Clementine photographic material was classified and kept from the public. (Right before they claimed that it was experiencing mechanical problems.) Whether that material was ever declassified and passed on for public consumption I do not know. I do know that it was classified at one point.

Just an aside, you are very condescending every time you communicate with anybody who happens to think that UFOs are real and that there is strong evidence that the government isn't telling us all that it knows about it.

Before you even ask, go spend some time at the Black Vault website downloading retrieved government documents that relate specifically to UFOs. Then, talk to Jan Aldrich or to Dick Hall about the hundreds of UFO reports that Bluebook could not explain. And if you still have any questions after absorbing all that material, contact Richard Haines and ask him about all the first hand professional pilot and military pilot sighting reports/testimony that he has archived. You might also want to talk to John Callahan, former head of air/accident investigations for the FAA about radar data that corroborates a UFO sighting involving multiple professional pilot witnesses.)

Gimme a break Mr. Know-it-all. It's (UFOs) not all as cut and dry as you'd like everybody to think.

Stop talking down to everybody. For some unfathomable reason you think yourself to be right and everybody else wrong. You relate to others as if there is no doubt about it.

Last I heard, "we all put our pants on one leg at a time."

And for Keerist sake, do your homework about UFOs before shooting your mouth off. There is enough solid evidence available to convince any intellectually honest individual that there is a genuine mystery that our government has kept hidden

from us.

But no, you have all the answers when it comes to UFOs. Or at least it comforts you to think so. Be nice to Eleanor. It's okay to disagree with her, but it's not okay to talk down at her the way that you do. She is a friend and agree or disagree a member of this List whose opinion holds as much weight or validity as the next person. We're all equals here. Nobody, regardless of what delusions they may be laboring under, is any better than anybody else.

Just who do you imagine yourself to be that you think it's okay to talk to anybody that way? Especially to Eleanor. I don't agree with some of the things she says or believes in, but I would never disrespect them or her. Or 'talk down my nose' at her like you do.

John Velez

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 03:18:30 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 17:44:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Stevenson

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:46:50 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

<snip>

>Fair enough. I shall clarify for the List:

>The claim that aliens are habitually visiting the earth
>(crashing into our deserts, abducting humans, mutilating cattle,
>carving crop circles in wheat fields, et al.) requires
>extraordinary evidence.

>The reason most people are wary of UFOs and Ufology is because
>bald statements are being made without a lot of follow-up
>evidence. Alien bases on the Moon, Mars, underground, aliens
>abducting us, mutilating us and our cattle, are some fairly wild
>ideas. Unless you've got the proof to back these things up, I
>don't know why anyone would expect me or any other sound person
>to believe them.

>Because the people who tell such stories seem sincere? Because
>they have no reason to lie?

>I really hope they have more proof than that. Sadly, they
>usually don't.

OK then Ian -

Please prove that it isn't ET perpetrating these things and who
is actually perpetrating them. Could it be the military? If it
is then the folk suffering should take their own country to
high court and get true justice done.

These things have gone on for too many years now and anyone with
an ounce of sense wants answers, not to be told they are mad.

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New At Roswell Proof Site

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 20:12:17 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 17:46:13 -0400
Subject: New At Roswell Proof Site

The following material has been added to the Roswellproof website:

1. Testimony of Brig. Gen. Steven Lovekin (ret.): Lovekin, a Disclosure Project witness, said that in 1959 he was shown a metallic beam with "encryptions" on it and briefed that 3 or 5 alien bodies were recovered from one of the New Mexico crashes (one still alive). They were still trying to decipher the beam symbols. Lovekin's testimony at:

www.roswellproof.com/lovekin.html

2. The essay on Gen. Ramey's involvement with UFOs has been expanded and placed on a separate page. Many new links to source material have been added, particularly his participation in the debunking during the 1952 UFO flap, USAF Chief of Staff Vandenberg's debunking remarks during same, and Chief of Staff Twining's UFO remarks in 1954 in the midst of the orbiting satellites story, with possible Ramey participation. (Twining said the Air Force had some of their top people studying them and that if they were an advanced civilization then we had nothing to worry about.) Two days before Twining's remarks, Donald Keyhoe broke the orbiting satellites story on Frank Edwards program. Not only can you read news accounts of Keyhoe's remarks, you can also listen to them, courtesy of a rare recording obtained by Grant Cameron. See:

www.roswellproof.com/Ramey_info.html
www.roswellproof.com/Ramey_and_UFOs.html

Incidentally, Grant has a new CD out on Wilbert Smith, which he is practically giving away for \$5.00 + \$2.00 S/H. This has not only the Keyhoe/Edwards program, but over an hour of audio recordings from Smith's lectures and over a thousand pages of scanned material from Smith's government documents, personal correspondence and articles. Check it out at:

<http://presidentialufo.com/flyer.htm>

3. If you haven't done so already, check out the section on Roswell debris descriptions:

www.roswellproof.com/debris_main.html

David Rudiak

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Re: 'Frank M'? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 23:13:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 17:48:25 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Frank M'? - Maccabee

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 18:33:06 +0200
>Subject: Re: 'Frank M'?

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 10:06:37 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Frank M'?

>>From: Louise A. Lowry <SHnSASSY1@aol.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 14:22:15 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Frank M'?

>>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2003 12:12:51 -0300
>>>Subject: 'Frank M'?

>>>Hello All,

>>>Do you know something about the abduction of a man called 'Frank
>>>M'?

>>>Here in Brazil we saw promo of a TV program about this case. The

>>>Frank M. is a person that the IF (Intruders Foundation)
>>>investigated, he is an upstate resident of New York, he was
>>>the tape and have found it to be authentic.....

>>The videotape analysis is presented at:

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

>>where the witnesses are referred to as "Fred and Mary."

>In Dr. Maccabee's analysis there is no mention about any alleged
>abduction, on the contrary:

>"She (Frank M's wife) walked over toward him and stood there
>watching as he got about 12 1/2 seconds of video before the
>object disappeared above a cloud. Fred walked to another
>location to see if it might come out of the cloud but...no luck.
>That was it. The sighting had lasted, perhaps, 25 to 30 seconds,
>maximum.

>About a week later Fred was wondering who to tell about this
>event. He managed to locate Stanton Friedman and a local MUFON
>investigator, Jim Bouck".

>How did the idea of an abduction come around? Did the wife
>commented anything?

I am not certain of how the abduction story first came about but
it was within the last year or two after Frank had contacted
Budd Hopkins, I think about other events in Frank's and his
wife's life. At the time I was investigating his tape he was

puzzled by the fact that neither he nor his wife talked about the sighting and tape or watched the tape for 8 days after he took it. He told me on August 10, 1998 that he put the camera away after the sighting and it wasn't until 8 days later that they reviewed the tape, apparently to see other things (family events) recorded on the tape. He also said, back on Aug. 10 1998, that he couldn't remember what happened during the 1 1/2 hours after the sighting.

Over the next several months I had several conversations and letter communications with Frank, but they all were concentrated on the video.

On Nov. 20, 1998, he again mentioned that he put the camera away and he and his wife didn't discuss the event until 8 days later, when they were reviewing the videotape (which had numerous family events taped as well as the UFO sighting). They discussed the event for the first time and his wife told him that she had been standing beside him while ne videotaped. He had not recalled that. He told me he was puzzled over their failure to speak about the event right after it occurred and even forgot about it until 8 days later.

At the time of my video investigation (which lasted through the summer and fall of 1998) I did not think of a missing time experience so I did not pursue his failure to look at the tape for 8 days or his claim that he didn't recall exactly what happened in the hour or so following the sighting. Probably I should have been more alert, but I was busy analyzing the video, a procedure which took many months (part time) and didn't pursue other aspects of that sighting.

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - King

From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 03:15:46 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 17:56:01 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - King

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 11:52:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Tom King <tomking2030@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 01:18:30 +0000
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 10:38:37 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

><snip>

>You are trying to shift the focus from your lack of follow-up to
>my software.

>I'm an independent researcher, a single, working mom with two
>kids, little time and even less money to do the research I do
>let alone purchase all the equipment, software and web space you
>recommend. I'm working on it but for now, you will just have to
>settle for my research presented the best way I can manage and
>when I have the time. Actually, I am quite proud of how much I
>have learned and purchased by way of equipment (video and
>computer) and the skills I have learned to present the
>information I have to share. Now that my children and I must
>move soon to keep my ex-husband from hurting us, I will have
>even less time and money to do the work that needs to be done
>and bring it to you doorstep, er, internet. Not that you really
>care anyway.

>>I have been to Tim Edwards house 3 times and met most of the
>>witnesses to this event. I also have a digitally mastered copy
>>of his footage. I have stabilized his video when its near the
>>gutter of his house. Go to my website and download the clip.
>>Notice how the object 'rotates' in the clip. Something a spider
>>web can't do if its attached to the roof of the house.

>Yes, Tom, I've reviewed you 'stabilized' footage of Tim's
>images. When I compare the stabilization processed footage to
>the original footage, also posted on your web site, I note how
>much the stabilization process actually seems to distort the
>original footage. I hadn't noticed it before but because I am
>more familiar with the Tim Edwards footage, I'm beginning to
>wonder just how much your stabilization process actually
>clarifies or distorts original images. It looked good with the
>Mexico footage but I had never really studied the original
>alleged Mexico UFO footage before.

>The images can appear quite different when "stabilized" and I'm
>not sure that is even the correct name for the process. Seems to
>me what you are really doing when "stabilizing" an image is
>editing the footage so that one image remains basically static
>while the other portion is allowed to move in it's original
>capacity. This process doesn't necessarily make the image
>clearer or convey the original behavior of objects involved, it

>seems to distort the overall picture creating a false image and
>>false representation of the original footage.

Its to bring out possible object movement, not exactly to
clarify the image.

>Have you tried "stabilizing" the alleged UFO in Tim's original
>footage to see what happens? My guess is, a whole new picture
>would evolve making the house (roof edge in this case) look more
>like a UFO than the alleged UFO itself. This is why we must be
>careful when editing or altering original footage by subjecting
>the footage to various processes such as "stabilization",
>enlarging, enhancing, etc. It may sound good but it may also
>cause more problems that it solves.

You would need to actually work with a number of different
stabilization software programs on several different videos to
even get a grip to how it works and what it can do.

How can you say "we must be careful when editing or altering
original footage by subjecting the footage to various processes
such as "stabilization"".

>From what I understand you don't own any of these types of
>programs. Before you start to dictate how this software should
>be used try actually using it first before you comment on it!
>That way you know what you're talking about and are aware of its
>limitations.

>Would you do me a favor, Tom? Would you ask Tim if I can be
>allowed to: 1) receive a copy of your "digitally mastered" copy
>of his footage in order to obtain the various stills I need to
>demonstrate the location of the white lines attached to the
>alleged UFO in his footage? I've tried contacting him in the
>past but received no response. I will, of course, try again.

You're a dollar short and 8 years later investigating this case
and I'm all in favor of people who jump the gun. Everything
you're saying about Tim Edwards case was covered 8 years ago by
several different investigators and not just me. We're leaps and
bounds ahead of you at this point in studying UFOs Vs IFOs.

It's obvious your mind is made up on the Edwards case, your only
interested in his video to prove your theory but I know you
won't bother contacting witnesses, since you can't afford it as
you always point out.

I drove to his house 3 times and spent a considerable amount of
time researching his sighting. Who are you to judge my research
8 years after the fact, when you're studying web clips and old
Sightings episodes? You certainly have a bizarre non-friendly
approach to easing case data out of an investigator.

You expect people on this List to hand over all their hard
research to you so you can pick them and the research apart and
make judgements of them. I'm obligated to give you nothing.

You tend to rub everyone the wrong way around here from the
posts I've been reading. You've never investigated his case at
all and dismissed it. That's the most un-professional type of UFO
investigation I've seen in quite some time.

If you really want to know about Tim Edwards then start the hard
way like I did, calling information. I'll certainly share
information with many people on UpDates, but you had your chance
and blew it. I offered Edwards' number and you said (nevermind,
forget I ever brought this up). Sorry no second chances, do it
right the first time or don't do it at all.

>And more questions need to be asked and researched before
>reaching conclusions and posting alleged UFO footage all over
>the place - especially when new information and evidence comes
>to our attention.

As I said, all that was covered but you're 8 years late to the
party. I'm done going around with circles with you so argue with
someone else.

Tom King
www.ufovideo.com

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Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony!

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 22:17:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 17:58:18 -0400
Subject: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony!

I've never used the word "proof" outside of math classes, but irregularities in the STS-48 video time stamps that I found a few days ago are proof beyond any reasonable doubt that the time stamps displayed on the video frames were NOT encoded by any master timing unit aboard the space shuttle as has been claimed by a so-called "space expert" and CSICOP big shot.

The proof is shown in a series of frames captured from a loss of signal event in the video as shown at:

<http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/STS-48/LOS.htm>

I consider this to be proof because:

(1) I believe it is not possible to encode a time stamp in telemetry after the telemetry signal has been lost

(2) I believe that a precision master timing unit would not assign time stamps that differ by more than a minute to two nearly identical frames that were obviously taken a few hundredths of a second apart.

I'm a real "true believer" in those two propositions.

What I can't prove, of course, is that the mislabeling of the frames was intentional. It might be just a freakish coincidence that the video frames were mislabeled in a way that gives the false impression that a rocket firing coincided with the light flash that suddenly sent the "debris particles" on their zigzag course.

The apparent tampering with the video seems much too amateurish to suggest any sinister plot by the CIA or something like that. It looks more to me like the work of members of the subculture within NASA whose lack of competence in image processing is rivaled only by the intensity of their obsessive hatred of "UFO nuts". (There are some similarities here with the dis-enhancement of the Mars Face known as the Catbox or the "blotchy white patch" as CNN science reporter John Holliman first called it). I'm quite sure that some of these people would rather hurl themselves off a cliff than admit to the possibility that the UFO nuts might be right about something once and a while. As far as I'm concerned, they can start hurling. This sort of nonsense has gone on for far too many years.

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More On 'Crop Circle' At Glass House Mountains, Oz

From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c@bigpond.com>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 16:05:38 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 18:03:35 -0400
Subject: More On 'Crop Circle' At Glass House Mountains, Oz

I advised Diane Harrison of the Australian UFO Research Network (AUFORN) on Thursday evening that a TV item would appear on the Channel 10 TV Network news, re mystery "crop circles" in the Glass House Mountains area of south east Queensland.

The "zapping" noise, green light flash and localised blackout occurred around midnight during the night of Wednesday, May 14th. The blackout was about one and a half hours duration and very localised to the area. Contact with the local electricity authorities failed to identify cause, but a power surge was suggested. This may have accounted for the noise, light effect and blackout, along with the animal disturbances. The flattened areas vary in size. The patches number between 20 to 30 over about 5 acres of sorghum crop. The patches of "flattened" crop" are varied in size and intensity, and would not be accurately described as "crop circles".

I sent images of the find to Diane Harrison who has put up a preliminary link:

http://www.hypermax.net.au/~auforn/Crop_Circle.html

The basic details are also described in the following Courier Mail newspaper piece:

http://news.com.au/common/story_page/0,4057,6441922%255E13762,00.html

Diane spoke with Kerry Staight the TV journalist who did the Channel story, and also spoke with Mrs. Sandra Gowen, wife of the property owner Kel Gowen. Kel Gowen called me early on Friday morning, and we discussed the find. I also spoke with Noel Brady the farm hand who witnessed the green flashes and noise. He seemed certain these came from the paddock that had the flattened patches, which appear to be away from powerlines & signal boxes. Kel Gowen also witnessed the noise but did not see the flashes. He was located in the farm house about one kilometre from the house Noel Brady was in. Kel regularly inspects the property and was certain that the flattened areas were not there between 4pm Wednesday and 8 am Thursday.

This is the first time Kel Gowen has planted sorghum, and has only done so as a fertiliser feed to the soil, namely the crop will be plowed into the soil in about another 8 weeks to increase the nitrogen content of the soil. Zuchinis are normally planted as the commercial crop. The sorghum crop is quit thin steemed and as such may be prone to "lodging effects" where the crop will fall over, often due to load effects, brought on by varying factors such as water saturation. There has been heavy rain in the preceding week, with som clear days.

In the day immediately prior to the find, there was light drizzle and overcast, but little in the way of significant wind or turbulence effects. However by about 4 am heavy rain started to full. No this level of waterfall may have catalysed the possible lodging effects. Kel Gowen was not familiar with this natural phenomenon amongst crops. It should be noted that there does not seem to be any pattern of these effects. With lodging one would expect the tallest crops to be the most affected, but again this can vary from crop to crop, in terms of species and maturation effects, along with the variability of loading

effects from rain, head loads, wind, etc.

Kel Gowen has kindly agreed to minimise entry into the site, to preserve it until site inspections are undertaken by an AUFORN team headed by Diane Harrison and Robert Frola, editor of the Australian Ufologist. This site inspection should occur today, Saturday, May 17th. I have discussed with Diane the specific things to look for. Site inspection should go some way to determining if "lodging" is a viable explanation for the crop damage. The so called "humanoid" tree, allegedly pointing at the site, seems at best a nice piece of simulcra, and little else.

There is no evidence to date to suggest hoaxing. On balance the most likely explanation for the find is "lodging", with a coincidental electrical outage contributing the noise, green flash and blackout.

I look forward to the results of the AUFORN field visit to see what explanations are most relevant to this interesting affair.

The Glass House ground traces are for me an intriguing reminder of the 1969 north coast NSW ground traces found at Bungawalban, that strengthened and cemented my ground trace interests. Have a look at the following link and scroll down to "the "UFO Nest" milieu":

<http://www.theozfiles.com/trace-cases-1.html>

It should be noticed that while lodging was suggested as an explanation for the 1969 "nest" milieu it also had a strong UFO correlation. Currently in the case of the current Glass House mountain find there is little to support a UFO connection, and nothing to support a "crop circle" link.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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Re: Rods Exposed - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 01:28:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 18:05:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Hebert

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 14:51:19 -0300
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>>Subject: Rods Exposed

>>http://home.attbi.com/~ifo_database/rods1.htm

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>Confirmation is good. And there are others who've shown the same
>thing. But I was under the impression that many if not most
>believed these to be bugs captured at high shutter speeds.

Actually, Don, you'd be surprised at the E-mails and discussions I am having with those, including Jose Escamilla, who believe in "rods" wholeheartedly. There still seems to be a lot of people who believe in this myth and some have been pounding me with all sorts of curse words and rude comments (seems to be my lot in life for doing research, alas).

As for others who've shown the same thing, I've yet to find anyone, on line or otherwise, who has filmed such a large collection of flying insects at one time presenting just about every kind of "rod" image ever posted on the internet.

But it's not important who has the most "rod" images in one video sequence or who has the biggest UFO book or web site, etc. What's really important is there are individuals, like me, who cared enough to study this myth and how it's being perpetrated/spread and took the time to alert others to this scam. My research concerning alleged "rods" was definitely built on a foundation of research instituted by those who came before me and who bothered to share their results on their web sites so others might learn from their studies (see the links at the bottom of page 1 on the "Rods Exposed" web site).

>It's been below my horizon of interest and that of many others,
>for several years now.

Maybe that's why the "rods" myth continues to this day with Jose and others still selling videos and DVD's containing their so-called "rods" footage. If more people had bothered to do the research that needed to be done, we might have had the evidence needed to stop these outrageous claims long ago. It's not glamorous work, won't help you win friends or get you on TV but someone's gotta do it. ;>

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 02:16:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 18:06:55 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 15:40:22 +0000
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:11:36 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

<snip>
>>You are right, it is a guessing game. Even with witness
>>testimony, it's a guessing game. There is no way we can know for
>>sure when someone is telling the absolute truth or not
>>misinterpreting their sighting therefore, with or without
>>photographic images, investigators and researchers must always
>>remain aware of just how little fact they actually have to work
>>with.

>So what is the point of your admitted guessing game? To try to
>argue that human knowledge is impossible? That's what you seem
>to be saying. We have a ton of data to work with by quite
>standard scientific methods, as I have extensively reported. I
>swore a while back to give up on trying to debate rationally
>with you, but let's see if you can stay on point and avoid
>persiflage. I'll try for a while to discuss issues with you.

Hi, Dick:

Sorry I took so long replying. My personal E-mail-box has been swamped with E-mails expressing support for my endeavors and my encounters on this List. Your reply was listed as "Hebert" instead of "Hall" so I had difficulty finding it to reply.

I would like, very much, to experience a rational debate with you, Dick. By all means, let us discuss a topic without calling names, twisting each other's words, making accusations or shifting the focus. Agreed?

>>>It is all well and good to catalogue and study IFOs as Amy is
>>>doing. All rational students of UFO phenomena have been doing
>>>that for many years, and that is why some people tend to object
>>>to Amy's seemingly didactic approach and semantical quibbling.

>>Dick, this is exciting! Could you please share all the URLs to
>>these IFO databases so that I may link to them in my own
>>Database? If all rational students of UFO phenomena have been
>>compiling IFO databases for many years, I can't wait to see
>>them! So far, I've only found a handful of others who have
>>shared their studies in this area, such as Mr. Tom King, Dr.
>>Maccabee, Dr. Eltjo Haselhoff and Mr. Gary Burton. But I've
>>never found a large collection of IFO studies collected and
>>presented on one web site (except mine).

>This comes across as one of those typically sarcastic-sounding
>utterances that you seem to excel at.

No accusations, please.

Perhaps my statements were a little tongue-in-cheek but I was also dead serious. I am always on the look-out for research and databases to link to and learn from.

>There are (fortunately
>and thankfully) lots of good media of record beyond the
>internet. Books and articles and columns have been written
>partly or almost entirely about IFOs. Both Jenny Randles and I
>have commented extensively on IFOs in journals and at symposia.

Dick, could you please tell me exactly where these articles and columns written partly or almost entirely about IFO's may be found, including references to each magazine, volume, number and page numbers? In which journals or other forums may I find your extensive comments concerning IFO's and those of Jenny Randles? I would like to review these materials and add the information to my IFO Database.

>Is it not a false generalization on your part to suggest that
>all "ufologists" (a word that I hate) are equally naive about
>interpreting photos? I have expressed strong cautions about it
>in both volumes of The UFO Evidence.

At no time have I suggested or generalized any such thing. Please try to avoid putting words in my mouth that I did not say. Remember, we are trying to have a rational and hopefully mature discussion.

Please elaborate as to what you were trying to say about interpreting photo's. I am not sure I understand what you are trying to say here and I want to give an appropriate reply.

>>Some people seem to like my approach, some don't. Same for your
>>work, Dick. That's how this list functions - a little something
>>for everyone.

>I assume there is some point to this statement of the obvious,
>but it eludes me.

Sounded pretty-straight forward to me.

A. Hebert

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Re: Amy Hebert's UFO Sighting? - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 23:55:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 18:00:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Amy Hebert's UFO Sighting? - Hebert

>From: Santiago Yturria <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 14:33:00 EDT
>Subject: Amy Hebert's UFO Sighting?

>I came across a sighting report, made in 1999, by you.

>As I find this report interesting I would like to know
>what your final conclusions were on those three lights you
>saw:

>Source:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/jun/ml1-015.shtml>

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jun 1999 10:21:24 EDT
>Subject: Filer's Files #23 1999

>Filer's Files #23 --1999, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>George A. Filer, Mutual UFO Network Eastern Director,
>June 11, 1999, Majorstar@aol.com

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>TEXAS
>LAKE LEWISVILLE -- Amy Hebert reports that on June 6, 1999, I
>was in my back yard helping my daughter check on her turtle in
>our pond. I looked up to the west while talking with my
>daughter and noticed three, large, bright white lights in a row
>(horizontal) flying to the west at a steady speed at 1:10 PM. I
>assumed it was an airplane but something seemed strange about
>the three white lights. I kept watching it while talking to my
>daughter. Then suddenly three bright red lights emerged from the
>left side of the three white lights and flew south faster than
>an airplane would fly. The three bright white lights continued
>to fly off to the west until I lost sight of it behind the
>trees. The first object or the three white lights would have
>been over Lake Lewisville about the time the three red lights
>emerged. The three white lights were very bright and unusually
>big as were the three red lights that were a very, very bright
>red. The lights were not flashing or strobing. The lights were
>larger than a dime held at arm's length. Thanks to Amy Hebert:
>yellowrose@swbell.net.

>I think it was indeed an unusual sighting for you. Can you
>comment on this one ? Thank you.

Santiago,

This sighting is nothing compared to the thing I saw almost
exactly two years prior to the date of this sighting. As I
indicated to John in a previous conversation, what I saw in 1997
is what made me so obsessed with finding the truth.

Since you haven't exactly been friendly towards me lately, you
would have a hey-day with that sighting. <LOL>

If you are trying to dig up stuff on me, maybe you didn't know I

originally started out as an abductions researcher. Got thoroughly thrashed for that too. I stopped researching abduction claims when I saw that thing (whatever it was) hovering over a field behind my house in 1997 (began abductions research in 1992). However, I am still quite interested in researching what's called abduction phenomena and intend to return to my studies in that area when I am through with my current research into CC&D.

Santiago, I've probably seen more phenomena than you can shake a stick at (oops, gotta what those clich=E9s!) but I am not going to reach any conclusions until I have gathered enough evidence to convince me first, others...well, I'm more interested in finding the truth for myself and don't really care what others think. Deep down inside, you and I are probably much the same - we are both puzzled by phenomena and just want to know what is going on.

What I have seen personally remains, to this day, a mystery. In my search to find answers, I've found evidence and information that provides clues as to the possible nature of some phenomena and claims but I still don't have the answers as to what it was I have personally seen.

As for those lights I saw, I don't know what they were or were not. Could have been just about anything from a UFO to a misidentification, I don't know. And I leave it at that until more information and/or evidence is forthcoming.

I'm sorry, Santiago, but I can't help but wonder if you are asking because you have a genuine interest or because you are looking for something to throw at my head. (You haven't been very polite towards me lately.)

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: Rods Exposed - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 00:36:26 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 18:08:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Hatch

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 10:56:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>>Subject: Rods Exposed

>>I have posted my latest experiments in reference to the so-
>>called "Rods" phenomenon at:

>>http://home.attbi.com/~ifo_database/rods1.htm

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>>Although I'm sure those who promote the "rods" phenomenon will
>>now say, "Rods are attracted to lights!", the more rational
>>among us will know rods are really insects.

><snip>

>>But please, do not make DVD's, videos, etc. and try to sell your
>>images as "UFO's" or "Rods"! It's time to stop this type of
>>hoax.

>A big amen! Try it with dragon flies in bright sunlight, and you
>will record real 'hot rods' :) making incredible turns almost
>putting any legendary UFO to shame.

>Those "rods" recorded over Iraq during the war were quite
>laughable, and it is a shame that certain 'UFO researchers' were
>declaring them to be something extraordinary or worthy of
>UFOlogical interest other than as examples of 'noise' and not of
>signal.

>Ray Stanford

Hello Ray, Amy and others.

I suppose I have to chime in and agree as well.

My impression was that "rods" started out as another ploy to
hawk videos, books, what-have-you on the Art Bell (now George
Noory) late nite radio show.

Like Richard Hall, I'm getting a bit bothered by the term
'ufologist' as well. I still use it but with caution, applying
it to people whose judgment in these matters seems sound to me.
There are some really good people out there, doing fine work,
but they are way in the minority.

Oh well, back to UFOs. I think I need a cold one first though,
I'm getting too testy.

Re: Rods Exposed - Hatch

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 01:44:35 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 18:10:24 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hatch

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 11:52:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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Hello Amy:

First let me say that I think you are doing a valuable service by putting up IFO images. This is a welcome change from all the fuzzy and inconclusive 'UFO' pix out there.

Known IFO images give us a way of calibrating our eyeballs, a very useful tool. If I could offer some suggestions:

1) Contact me off-List for a recommended host ISP for your website. By all means register your own domain name. I registered mine: <http://www.larryhatch.net> for way less than I thought it would cost. Site hosting costs something like \$11 a month. Compare that to simple AOL dial up service [chuckle!]

You can email me at any of the following addresses:

<webmaster@larryhatch.net>
<larry@larryhatch.net>
<spot-the-dead-beagle@larryhatch.net>

That's another nice thing, you get all email going to your domain if you like. The first part helps identify if somebody wrote in from my website, from this list, or from someplace else again. Netscape lets you sort incoming messages that way, IE probably does too.

2) If you have some images that you consider anomalous, by all means put those up too. This balances the ticket a bit.

3) The next one is a tough call: .avi footage versus still images. If it were me, I would stick with the stills. Stills are way faster for site visitors to download. Personally, I don't have the patience to download movies. I move right on to the next site. My dial up service is still 56k at best, and life is short. If somebody wants movies, they should go to Blockbuster Video. Lots of fun stuff there.

4) I wouldn't debate trifles. This takes precious time away from more useful things.

5) Please put up IFOs 101 #2! We have all seen way too much electronic ink on #1.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: Spot the beagle died long, long ago. If I start getting spammed at the "spot" address, I will know the spammer found it

by dredging thru List archives.

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A David Jacobs Case

From: **Eustquio Anddrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 07:36:58 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 18:28:51 -0400
Subject: A David Jacobs Case

Last weekend, at The Brazilian International Congress I spoke with David Jacobs and he has interesting cases. This is one.

Regards

Memoirs of Shadows by Laura

From my earliest memory I knew beyond a doubt that my life was different than other children's lives. I feared the visitors that would come to my bedroom unseen by my parents in the night. At the time that I was a child in the late 1940s there were no movies about ET, Close Encounters, or Independence Day. I knew, however, that I was fearful of "space aliens" who came to visit when I was alone and defenseless. Their preferred method of entry to my room was through a window and my parents were perplexed at my inordinate fear of sleeping near one. They would also lure me outdoors where they would be waiting. I struggled against these liaisons but in the end their will prevailed. I would hide in a secret refuge in a walk-through closet that led to my parent's room. I would see bright lights emanating from my room that no one else was awake to see.

Childhood In childhood, and to some degree in the present, I had an overwhelming fear of doctors and dentists with their bright lights and sharp tools. Fear was my constant companion fear of the darkness, of windows, of being alone in a church, the outdoors, and of parked aircraft that I imagined would come to life along with the occupants.

I learned early on not to admit my true fears to adults as they would very quickly tell me that space aliens did not exist. If I persisted I was punished. Of the many events occurred in my childhood two events stand out one of which was explored through the use of regression. The first one is a partial memory of encountering a male and female alien couple when I was approximately seven years of age. One night I was coming home from visiting my grandmother who lived nearly adjacent to us. As I reached the halfway point I saw two figures standing behind the fence. My heart began to race as these were my night visitors not outwardly different from one another but one male and one female. They did not speak aloud but they called me to come to them. In horror I shouted I would not and tried to run the rest of the way home calling them monsters. The next thing they uttered I have not forgotten to this day. They told me that they were my "real parents" and that I should go with them. I have little memory of what happened after that however I like to think that I ran and made it home.

Adolescence/Teen Years

Adolescence was for me as everyone an awkward age. Not quite grown up but flying towards it. The fear remained but I could no longer run to adults for comfort and protection. I was developing feelings about my sexuality but most of the time I was still a child. To the grays I was of reproductive age and of use to them. Teen years are always turbulent and mine were as well, but the added hidden dimension was ever present. Odd occurrences were the norm for me. I worked hard at school, but nights were unpredictable. I tried in my own way to create a

sense of safety. In my teen years I found that alcohol often quickly obliterated my fear. This would prove to be a destructive pattern for my later years. It was during these years of change that I began feel that I was leading a double life being a young teen by day, and a reproductive age female when I was abducted. As I got older I began to rely on alcohol at night to ease the fear I always felt after dark. In my teen years I was not abducted as frequently as in adulthood but still enough to maintain that gnawing fear of being taken.

Adulthood

When I became an adult I had already had many years of training and indoctrination in what it was like to be a victim of an act that was both unreportable and unbelievable. I continued to have abductions but I had the comfort of two things alcohol and the "spiritual" event people. I became involved with some New Age and traditional spiritual practices and they for the most part were able to explain my experiences as visitations from angels, spirit guides, demons, or ghosts. The problem was that these explanations didn't always work as the grays couldn't always pull off looking like any of these. My screen memories were somewhat convincing in appearance, but the behavior of these entities never quite fit. Why do spirit guides need to perform gynecological procedures and why couldn't I remember all the great stuff they were supposedly teaching me? Why do angels and demons need spaceships? In my twenties I was driving down a highway when "the devil" appeared in the back seat of my car and tried to take it over. Also several times the spirit of my deceased grandfather appeared to me always when I was alone. These events have not been fully explored but I suspect they are not paranormal events.

The fear remained and my alcohol consumption eventually had to stop. The spiritual solution quit working, so I turned to the UFO groups. I joined MUFON and it was there that I met Dr. David Jacobs. At that point in my life I was fairly certain of my abductions and needed answers and support. I was more aware of the abductions and some of the memories were very detailed and I turned to Dr. Jacobs for help investigating them. Regression hypnosis is not to be undertaken lightly and it tends to open a door that can never be closed again. I do not regret my decision to proceed and it gave me a new peace that I cannot fully explain. It also presented new problems but they are not shadowy and fragmentary. I have had much support with the memories and ongoing events. The events have been frequent but I feel somehow more able to deal with them. I have a video camera trained on me at night. It has provided relief as I perceive a decrease in events and a feeling of security that has allowed me to sleep with less fear. Nothing works 100%, but I am willing to take something that works perhaps 80% of the time. I feel at times that I am leading two lives, one that I share with everyone and the other one that involves abductions. As I am new to these awarenesses I am still learning how to integrate all of this information. The grays are not spirit guides and I believe not here to help anyone but themselves. As Dr. Jacobs once told me, I have broken through their secrecy and now I feel I have hope.

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Re: Rods Exposed - Gevaerd

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista** <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 08:33:13 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 12:13:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Gevaerd

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:21:14 -0400
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 10:56:17 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

<snip>

>There seems to be an onus on some Ufologists to associate
>popular world events with UFOs. When war with Iraq seemed
>inevitable, I started hearing stories that Saddam had a crashed
>UFO in his possession and that was the real reason the U.S. was
>invading him.

>Likewise, when I learned Columbia had gone down, I thought, 'How
>long will it take someone to blame that on UFOs?' I think a
>great many of our so-called 'space disasters' have been blamed
>on aliens by someone or another.

>Reminds me of that Seinfeld episode where Jerry's Uncle Leo
>blames every bad thing that happens to him on anti-Semitism.
>Such is life. Fiddle-dee-dee.

Ian:

I have got many e-mails for people and Lists all over the world
actuacly blaming UFOs for the crash of Columbia. And hundreds
of posts describing how UFOs watched closely the attacks of
September 11. Some e-mails I got recently even blame the UFOs
for tornados in USA and earthquakes in Turkey... Nobody that I
know, however, blamed UFOs for the recent killings in Castro's
regime. Yet...

Best, A. J.

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Re: Rods Exposed - Herbiet

From: Noel Herbiet <2orpheus6@telkomsa.net>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 13:59:22 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 12:14:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Herbiet

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>Subject: Rods Exposed

>Last fall I noticed insects flying around a light in the Wal-
>Mart parking lot and out of the corner of my eye, they looked
>just like the images being presented for years as "rods".
>Shortly afterwards, the insect population decreased so I
>couldn't catch them flying around the lights with my video
>camera. I have been waiting all winter for the insects to
>return.

>On May 5th, 2003, I finally got my chance to test my hypothesis
>and spent several hours filming insects flying near the lights
>in the parking lot near our one-and-only McDonalds restaurant.
>I filmed the insects (seemed like hundreds of them) with
>various shutter speeds but got the best results capturing "rod"
>like images by using the Sports setting. Even through the
>viewfinder, I could see the "rods" (aka insects, bugs) flying
>near the lights.

Hi Amy and the List

I am new to the list but not the phenomena of UFOs. Founded the ECUFOR in South Africa back in 1982 and was a Mufon member for some years. Our purpose : to assist in eliminating that which clouds the proper UFO subject, exposing hoaxes mis-interpretations and opportunistic individuals trying to make a name for themselves through Ufology.

Now Amy, re your findings about Rods ... 100% correct ! We had a similar case here in SA where the person also presented video footage taken off his balcony of "ufo" flying in our sky but only visible through " occlusion ", i.e.: screening off the direct sun disc appearance by means of a roof edge or other opaque object and videoing the bright " corona " now visible. I repeated the experiment myself and was able to prove that as you say these are no more than insects, dust particles and fibers floating about. The same would apply to any bright source of light, natural or artificial, when videoing by means of occlusion. As you say no doubt some folk will not believe this but this is yet again an example of what confuses the whole UFO issue. Bottom line, " Rods" in terms of the above do not constitute a UFO.

Well done Amy ! Try it near the sun and see. Quite spectacular.

Regards to all

Noel Herbiet
ECUFOR

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Re: JANAP - 50 years - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 12:25:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 12:43:30 -0400
Subject: Re: JANAP - 50 years - Aldrich

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 11:31:12 -0300
>Subject: JANAP - 50 years

>JANAP 146(C) COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING VITAL
>INTELLIGENCE SIGHTINGS FROM AIRBORNE AND WATERBORNE SOURCES -
>10 MARCH 1954

>JANAP 146(C)

>THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
>JOINT COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS COMMITTEE
>WASHINGTON, D. C.

>10 MARCH 1954

>LETTER OF PROMULGATION

>1. JANAP 146(C) COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING VITAL
>INTELLIGENCE SIGHTINGS FROM AIRBORNE AND WATERBORNE SOURCES, is
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>2. JANAP 146(C) COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING VITAL
>INTELLIGENCE SIGHTINGS FROM AIRBORNE AND WATERBORNE SOURCES, is
>effective upon receipt and supersedes JANAP 146 (B),
>COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING VITAL INTELLIGENCE
>SIGHTINGS FROM AIRCRAFT (CIRVIS) and all other conflicting
>instructions. JANAP 146(B) shall be destroyed by burning. No
>report of destruction is required.

>CHAPTER II

>CIRVIS REPORTS

>SECTION I - GENERAL

>201. INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED AND WHEN TO REPORT

>a. Sightings within the scope of this chapter, as outlined in
>Article 102b(1), (2), and (3), are to be reported as follows:

>(1) While airborne (except over foreign territory - See Article 212).

>(a) Single aircraft or formations of aircraft which appear to be
>directed against the United States, its territories or
>possessions.

>(b) Missiles.

>(c) Unidentified flying objects.

>(d) Submarines.

>(e) A group or groups of military surface vessels.

>(2) Upon Landing.

>(a) Individual surface vessels, submarines, or aircraft of

>unconventional design, or engaged in suspicious activity or
>observed in an unusual location or following an unusual course.

>(b) Confirmation reports.
>>202. SIGHTINGS NOT TO BE REPORTED

>Reports are not desired concerning surface craft or aircraft in
>normal passage, or known U.S. military or government vessels and
>aircraft.

>JANAP 146(C)

>CHAPTER III

>MERINT REPORTS

>SECTION I - GENERAL

>301. INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED AND WHEN TO REPORT

>a. Sightings within the scope of this chapter (as outlined in
>Article 102b., (4), (5), (6), (7) are to be reported as follows:

>(1) Immediately (except when within territorial waters of other
>nations as prescribed by international law)

>a) Guided Missiles
>b) Unidentified flying objects
>c) Submarines
>d) Group or groups of military vessels
>e) Formation of aircraft (which appear to be directed against
>the United States, its territories or possessions).
>f) Individual surface vessels, submarines, or aircraft of
>unconventional design, or engaged in suspicious activity or
>observed in an unusual location or following an unusual
>course.

>(2) When situation changes sufficiently to warrant an amplifying
>report (see Art. 409).

<snip>

JANAP 146 was first issued in 1948. It was a revision of an older reporting system used in World War II. It was quickly withdrawn because of objection from USAF HQ Intelligence. The 1948 version had nothing to do with UFOs. After several revisions JAPAN 146 was reissued in late 1950 and CIRVIS reports started to flow shortly after that. This version did contain UFO reports.

In 1951, there were complaints from TID (later ATIC) that UFO reports in the CIRVIS system did not reach Project Grudge. Attempts were made to fix that, but the system never really worked well. Ruppelt complained that CIRVIS reports contain so little information that they were useless and he ignored them. Project Blue Book records indicate that in many cases he was correct.

The Air Force issued their own regulations to amplify CIRVIS reporting. Again success here as with UFO reporting in general was not complete.

MERINT reports were not in the original JANAP 146, but added at a later date. (Tony Rullan has done a study of MERINT reports from ships on the high seas. Many of these reports are of satellites like Echo I and not as a group very interesting.)

It appears that large number of UFO reports in CIRVIS system were not recorded in the Project Blue Book files. However, that is hardly important as most CIRVIS reports are very brief and contain little details.

JANAP 146 was rescinded in 1996. Other regulations still require CIRVIS reports, but JANAP 146 was not in force for 50 years.

JANAP 146 was not a UFO reporting regulation, but warning about possible air or surface activity which might endanger the US and Canada. UFOs were only a portion of JANAP 146 required reporting.

Jan Aldrich

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Re: Rods Exposed - Bright

From: Dan Bright <dan@zaziork.com>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 19:55:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 12:44:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Bright

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>Subject: Rods Exposed

>Dear Errol and List Subscribers:

>I have posted my latest experiments in reference to the so-called "Rods" phenomenon at:

>http://home.attbi.com/~ifo_database/rods1.htm

<snip>

Fantastic work, Amy. This is an excellent example of so-called "rods", and is open to relatively easy replication under the right conditions.

It will be interesting to see the response, if any, from such characters as Jose Escamilla, et al. Mr. Escamilla seemed very reluctant to correspond with me when I emailed him with some 'awkward' questions last year.

Best, Dan

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Re: Rods Exposed - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 14:21:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 12:45:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Groff

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 14:40:30 -0700 (PDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>><ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>>Subject: Rods Exposed

>>I have posted my latest experiments in reference to
>>the so-
>>called "Rods" phenomenon at:

>>http://home.attbi.com/~ifo_database/rods1.htm

>Excellent field research. We need more hands-on study like this.

Yes, indeed. Fine work Amy. Tell me, are you going to do a similar study of insects in natural light? I suspect you will have the same result but I'd still like to see it for myself.

Terry Groff
<http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>

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Re: Rods Exposed - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 13:12:26 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 12:45:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Tonnies

>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
><ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 00:38:23 +0200
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>Amy,

>I don't think you understand what is really going on. What you
>saw near the light really were rods. Their camouflage is that
>when they slow down they look like insects so that people would
>not get freaked out when they see them flying slowly or see rods
>sitting still on objects.

>They are some form of mutant aliens here to observe us but do
>not want direct contact. One way to tell which are real insects
>or which are these hidden aliens is that the artificial insects
>never land on people or dog droppings. They also never let
>humans capture them. :-)

;-) The funny thing is that some people will read this and
think you're dead serious and that your theory makes sense.

No, wait a second. That's not funny; it's sad.

On a serious note, I've noted that the utter lack of dead "rods"
(or fossils) is severe evidence that they don't exist.

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>Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com)

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New Scientific Journal

From: Joaquim Fernandes <j.fernand@netcabo.pt>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 22:57:52 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 12:46:07 -0400
Subject: New Scientific Journal

Dear List members,

We are glad to announce the first edition of a new scientific Journal - Cons-Ciencias - devoted to the Extraordinary Human Phenomena, including the alien abduction syndrome and other non-ordinary states of consciousness, as well the spiritual and abnormal dimensions of the human being.

The physical, social/human aspects of the UFO phenomena is also considered since they can be exposed with the corrected methodology.

This new academic initiative is due to the CTEC Center for Transdisciplinary Studies on Consciousness, at the University Fernando Pessoa.

It joint a large international board from Europeans and USA universities and publish papers and texts in Portuguese, English, French and Spanish.

This first issue has 300 pages and insert the Proceedings of the 2th International Symposium Frontiers of Science, held in October 2001, in Porto. The Cons-Ciencias is directly available through the University Fernando Pessoa Press Office, a/c Miss Agata Rosmaninho, by e-mailing

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Re: A David Jacobs Case - Tonnie

From: **Mac Tonnie** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 17:09:36 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 12:46:44 -0400
Subject: Re: A David Jacobs Case - Tonnie

>From: Eustquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto
><ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 07:36:58 -0300
>Subject: A David Jacobs Case

>The events have been frequent but I feel somehow
>more able to deal with them. I have a video camera
>trained on me at night.

She mentions that this isn't 100% effective, but 80% effective.
Are we to take this to mean that 20% of the time she ends up
with videotape of aliens abducting her?

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>Mac Tonnie (macbot@yahoo.com)

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Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 19:27:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 12:51:22 -0400
Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof? -

>From: John Velez<johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 21:38:29 -0400
>Subject: Re: 23,000 Clementine Photos Conspiracy Proof?

>>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 17:16:18 -0500

>>The topic of this thread is "23,000 Clementine photos", alleged
>>by Ms. White to be secreted away from public viewing. Despite
>>repeated requests she has avoided offering a single shred of
>>evidence why this claim should be considered credible. One might
>>wonder just who is 'interested in the truth', and who merely
>>enjoys 'believing'.

>Herr Oberg,

>Clementine photographic material was classified and kept from
>the public. (Right before they claimed that it was experiencing
>mechanical problems.) Whether that material was ever
>declassified and passed on for public consumption I do not know.
>I do know that it was classified at one point.

Thank you for telling us that you, too, really really really
really believe this to be true.

My request for evidence to support the claim that 23,000 images
are being withheld, aside from your sincere belief, remains
open.

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Re: Amy Hebert's UFO Sighting? - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria** <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 22:08:54 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 12:53:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Amy Hebert's UFO Sighting? - Yturria

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 23:55:52 -0500
>Subject: Re: Amy Hebert's UFO Sighting?

>>From: Santiago Yturria <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 14:33:00 EDT
>>Subject: Amy Hebert's UFO Sighting?

>>I came across a sighting report, made in 1999, by you.

>>As I find this report interesting I would like to know
>>what your final conclusions were on those three lights you
>>saw:

>As for those lights I saw, I don't know what they were or were
>not. Could have been just about anything from a UFO to a
>misidentification, I don't know. And I leave it at that until
>more information and/or evidence is forthcoming.

>I'm sorry, Santiago, but I can't help but wonder if you are
>asking because you have a genuine interest or because you are
>looking for something to throw at my head. (You haven't been
>very polite towards me lately.)

I assure you my interest is legitimate and I will tell you why.
I find the last part of your report very surprising because I am
researching a similar incident happening in England. I will
quote you:

" What is interesting is that I saw this 'splitting' UFO almost
exactly two years to the day. On June 7, 1997, I saw a huge
moonlike UFO that hovered in the field behind my house." All
hell seemed to break loose that month. I got some of it on video
tape! It changed my life so much that I went from ignoring
general UFO reports to reading every UFO report I could get my
hands on for the last two years. I've seen many strange beams of
light coming from the ground all over the place yet there is
nothing out there but open fields and small houses for miles.
Guess it's time to take a hike. Only way I know to access the
area is dirt bike or on foot."

Your reference to that beams of light moving on the ground
coincide exactly with the strange green beams of light with
zapping movements witnessed over the fields in England. These
events have been videotaped with a digital camera in infrared
mode and the next day some circles appeared on the field
including strange symbols burned on the grass. Interestingly
some military choppers arrived to the field the same day flying
very low. All this is documented on video by the witness.

When I received the testimonial and began reviewing the footages
I was very impressed. I never have seen anything like this not
even here in Mexico. I thought that this incidents were destined
to remain as only one of it's kind at least for sometime but
just two days ago the Gowen family from Australia reported to
have witnessed a very similar phenomena in the field outside

their home. Green beams of light with zapping movements and noises, circles formed (not the crop circles type just circles) and certain commotion. Posted here.

UFO UpDate: Crop Circles Puzzle Queensland Farmer

Now you also witnessed something similar, strange beams of light from the ground and I was surprised but interested at the same time. I been trying to figure out what these strange beams of light like " luminous snakes " are and where do they come from. The ones I have seen on the videos fly very fast in diferent directions without hitting the witness. They look very bright turquiose green but this color may be because of the infrared function. Their flying pattern is always zapping movements and reviewing in slow motion the videos I found the movements in random sequence.

The circles and the simbols are consistent with the Gowen family report from Queensland. These are the three cases I have found so far of this kind of phenomena and that's the reason of my interest in knowing about your experience in particular.

I do belive this is real and intriguing but still far to be understood or explained. I have the evidence that this is happening and will continue to explore deeply into this fascinating new manifestation.

If you want to add something to your comments will be most appreciated.

Regards,

Santiago

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Re: New At Roswell Proof Site - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 21:05:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 12:55:18 -0400
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>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
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>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 20:12:17 -0700
>Subject: New At Roswell Proof Site

>...Chief of Staff
>Twining's UFO remarks in 1954 in the midst of the orbiting
>satellites story, with possible Ramey participation. (Twining
>said the Air Force had some of their top people studying them
>and that if they were an advanced civilization then we had
>nothing to worry about.) Two days before Twining's remarks,
>Donald Keyhoe broke the orbiting satellites story on Frank
>Edwards program. Not only can you read news accounts of Keyhoe's
>remarks, you can also listen to them, courtesy of a rare
>recording obtained by Grant Cameron. See:

>www.roswellproof.com/Ramey_info.html
>www.roswellproof.com/Ramey_and_UFOs.html

>Incidentally, Grant has a new CD out on Wilbert Smith, which he
>is practically giving away for \$5.00 + \$2.00 S/H. This has not
>only the Keyhoe/Edwards program, but over an hour of audio
>recordings from Smith's lectures and over a thousand pages of
>scanned material from Smith's government documents, personal
>correspondence and articles. Check it out at:

><http://presidentialufo.com/flyer.htm>

Some additions and corrections:

Wendy Connors just e-mailed me to let me know that Grant Cameron obtained the Keyhoe/Edwards program from her. She was also the first one to leak AFR 200-2 to Edwards in the early '60s. Way to go Wendy!

The correction is that there are over 10 hours of audio, not 1 hour. Included, e.g., is Stan Friedman's phone interview with Dr. Robert Sarbacher.

David Rudiak

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Re: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 12:58:13 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood - Gates

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>Subject: Re: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
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>>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 18:36:08 -0400
>>Subject: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood

>>As many people recall today, May 15th was the big day for many
>>of the planet-x-ers, Hazelwood, Zeta talk for the earth to stop
>>spinning, the magnetic field to change, massive earthquakes and
>>everything else to happen. What does all of this have to do with
>>UFOs? A brief review, then the UFO tie in.

>>Its 5/15/03, still no sign of Zeta talk/Hazelwood's Pole
>>Shift/Planet X. No sign of the so-called earth changes and no
>>sign of anything else other than all the usual events on Planet
>>Earth. Folks have already started rationalizing away the thus-
>>far non-event with tales about how this is a good lesson to be
>>watchful, how the event is really going to happen at a later
>>date, and why all the bandwidth, books and videos that were sold
>>were really not wasted, etc., etc.

><snip>

>Hello Robert:

>How about some full names and URLs so we can see just what was
>predicted, by whom, and who bought into it?

Larry,

The planetx drival has been around literally for years.

Zetataalk was started off by a housewife named Nancy who was supposedly channelling this information from ET messengers. The big zeta notion is planetX goes by and the earth stops rotation for about a day and the pole shift happens, not to mention major earth changes, earth quakes and everything else.

According to Nancy, she first appeared with/on Michael Lindemann in 1995, later on Strange Univerise, Sightings, Art Bell, not to mention being featured in Art Bells magazine, not to mention others.

For a summary which talks about the above, see:

<http://www.zetataalk.com/usenet/use90387.htm>

Naturally Zeta apparently dislike/dispise Hazelwood and it is likely the feeling is mutual because Hazelwood claims that zetataalk was exposed as NASA disinformation 5 months ago.

Hazelwood has appeared on a number of radio shows promoting his planetx book Blindsided. He supposedly claimed on the Hal Turner radio show that the event is going to happen sometime between May 15th and May 30th of this year and the earth will stop

turning for 3 days instead of 1 (Zetataalk) etc etc. Elsewhere the event is scheduled to happen between May 24-31. Hazelwoods site is planetx2003.com; there is a host of other web sites promoting essentially his theory a couple of which are shift2003.com and prep2003.com not to mention a host of others including yahoo news groups, various discussion groups and so on.

Some of the folks were advocating various differently constructed buildings as a means of surviving the disasters such as dome construction or something like that.

At this point you probably won't find anybody (perhaps a few) that will admit to believing anything that was channeled by the Zetas. Likewise on June 1 or 2nd, you probably will be hard pressed to find anybody that will claim that they believed Hazelwood. The various radio shows will likely be silent and instead wanting to promote the next theory/notion/tale that comes along.

Cheers,

Robert

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UK Ufology - Scandal In The Wind?

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Fwd Date: Mon, 19 May 2003 13:31:41 -0400

Subject: UK Ufology - Scandal In The Wind?

The "Worlds best footage" - a systematic claim from U.K Ufology's frequent "experiencer" who seems to have the free time with his/her camcorder to consistently monitor the paranormal behaviour of the skies. This must appear to be a disturbing pattern?

If a doctor was exposed for malpractice... we would want to remove the doctor from continuing to abuse the ethics in place. For some bizarre reason, ufology cannot stop the charlatans re-inventing themselves.

Can anybody be concerned from the previous and vile example of UFO footage forwarded by David Spoor? I wonder... no blame or conscience attached?

UK Ufology appears most reluctant to expose the many blatant (historical) falsehoods of 'promoted UFO footage'. It appears that the experiencers can survive any objective scrutiny... This may encourage certain people to capture helium balloon/stunt kite footage and portray this as UFO evidence... please... can we move forward and rid ufology of such damaging UFO-related claims?

Regards

Chris Parr

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 09:47:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 May 2003 13:35:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

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>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 03:18:30 +0100
>Subject: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:46:50 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

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>>Fair enough. I shall clarify for the List:

>>The claim that aliens are habitually visiting the earth
>>(crashing into our deserts, abducting humans, mutilating cattle,
>>carving crop circles in wheat fields, et al.) requires
>>extraordinary evidence.

>>The reason most people are wary of UFOs and Ufology is because
>>bald statements are being made without a lot of follow-up
>>evidence. Alien bases on the Moon, Mars, underground, aliens
>>abducting us, mutilating us and our cattle, are some fairly wild
>>ideas. Unless you've got the proof to back these things up, I
>>don't know why anyone would expect me or any other sound person
>>to believe them.

>>Because the people who tell such stories seem sincere? Because
>>they have no reason to lie?

>>I really hope they have more proof than that. Sadly, they
>>usually don't.

>OK then Ian -

>Please prove that it isn't ET perpetrating these things and who
>is actually perpetrating them. Could it be the military? If it
>is then the folk suffering should take their own country to
>high court and get true justice done.

>These things have gone on for too many years now and anyone with
>an ounce of sense wants answers, not to be told they are mad.

A-ha! The classic question-with-a-question that so many throw
at me. "How do you know it ISN'T aliens?"

Well, I'll tell you something: It's not my job to disprove the
wacky theories going around. It's the job of the people making
such claims to back them up with suitable evidence. Though, as
it's clearly been seen on this list, it doesn't take that much
to convince some people.

It's like someone who sees a UFO in the sky and says, 'Hey,
look, a vehicle from another planet,' and I say, 'How do you
know it's from another planet?' You're telling me that an
adequate reply would be 'How do I know it isn't?'

Forgive me but that sounds pretty lame. The onus is on the
person making the claim to back it up. It's not on me to

disprove it. I've never been a debunker. I have never come here and torn apart any one specific case. I have never said alien abduction isn't happening. I have said it will take more than scoop marks and lost time to convince me. I have never said the government isn't lying - about what, who knows, but that doesn't necessarily preclude a dark deal with human-eating, cattle-mutilating grays. I just got told the other day that grays might have eight fingers (something related to binary code and back-engineered alien technology that I can honestly say I didn't give much attention to). So now we know grays have eight fingers? How many abductees have reported any number of fingers on an alien's hand? I'm willing to be that a great many number of fingers have been given over the years, so to say that they have eight, on the words of one of the many alleged alien abductees... I mean, do I really need to say any more?

All I have said is that it will take more evidence than it clearly takes some people here to convince me of the rather large claim that aliens are visiting this planet and constantly crashes their ships into the remote regions of our planets. No one wanted to take me up on that challenge, I noticed. Of all the supposed UFO crashes (and retrievals) not one of them occurred in a location that wasn't remote or in place that made verification difficult if not impossible. Again, I have to say thank you to all the alien pilots who managed to avoid dumping their ships in populated areas.

To say that enough evidence already exists and that the real problem is that the media won't take people in Ufology seriously is nonsense. If there was a news story here, they would be covering it - not for Ufology but for themselves. There simply isn't enough meat (yet) to get them really interested. Or maybe it's the government controlling all the major newswires and publishers. I don't know. I'm sure someone here does.

Ian Rogers

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STS-48 & Larry King

From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
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Subject: STS-48 & Larry King

On June 26, 1996 I appeared on Larry King Live on CNN with Jim Oberg and the topic was STS-48. It was lively as you can see from the transcript below.

Source: Larry King Live
06/26/92

Larry King: Welcome back to Larry King Live.

A camera aboard the space shuttle Discovery recorded a curious sight nine months ago. Some UFO researchers are calling it a breakthrough video: a clear view of a craft, not one of ours, performing a high-speed maneuver. Others, with years in the space program, say it's just plain old debris. Judge for yourself.

The mission was STS-48, flown in September of last year. As Discovery circled the Earth, the camera picks up what looks like an object drifting from right to left, then suddenly and strangely veering off to the right and out of view, followed by what looks like a tracer or laser from the bottom to the top of the screen. Another, closer look: The object appears to change direction. NASA says it was waste water dumped from Discovery. UFO enthusiasts disagree and claim NASA has long hidden the full extent of outer space UFO encounters.

With us from Los Angeles - Don Ecker of UFO Magazine. In Houston - space engineer and author, James Oberg, who worked on ground communications for this shuttle mission, the one in question. Don, why are you so sure this is a UFO?

Don Ecker - 'UFO' Magazine: Well, it certainly has all the appearances, Larry, of being something that is unidentified. It certainly appears to be flying. And we do not normally associate waste water - or, as some pundits are calling it, urine in space - to make drastic right-angle turns.

King: Why would NASA want to hide it?

Ecker: Why would the United States Government want to keep this subject under wraps for 45 years? That's an excellent question.

King: Why?

Ecker: Well, we could certainly go into the realm of speculation.....

King: I mean, the Government denies it, so you're going to have to tell me why you think they hide it.

Ecker: OK. Well, to begin with, I have a couple of questions that I want to address to Jim first, Larry, that I think are germane. To begin with, good evening, Jim. And I have a couple of questions. To begin with, what capacity are you here in this evening? Are you here.....?

King: Hold it. They're straightening out Jim's microphone. So let me get straight with you and then they'll let me know and we'll be ready to take that through. When you saw these tapes for the first time, were you just feeding your own, for want of a better term, frenzy, something you'd been wrapped up with for a long time? Or did you turn this over for analysis? Did you look at it? Did you investigate their explanation?

Ecker: Absolutely. As a matter of fact, I have the documents with me with what NASA had claimed that these particular anomalous objects are. There are several events on this particular tape that originally came from a cable television channel back in the Maryland area that downlinked it on the NASA K-band. Basically, this was event number two, which shows a number of anomalous objects in this particular segment of footage, and there are a number of things that just simply don't stack up with what NASA is claiming that these things are. If you watch the entire segment, you will notice that several moments after this particular event happens, NASA begins preparing for the waste water dump.

King: OK, now, James are you with us now? Are we clicked in OK?

JAMES OBERG, Space Engineer: That's fine. We can talk to outer space OK, but I had a problem with your.....

King: OK, that's James Oberg, space engineer and author. He worked on flight control for the shuttle mission. And you say this is not phenomena, right?

Oberg: It's a phenomenon that's very familiar. Larry, we see this since the fireflies on John Glenn's flight 30 years ago. Spacecraft are surrounded by clouds of debris - ice, dust, insulation, and other fragments. These pieces - and I've seen these tapes and I've seen hundreds of hours of tapes like that - are fairly ordinary phenomena.

King: OK, Don has a couple of quick questions for you. Don?

Ecker: Yes. Jim, what capacity are you here in this evening? Are you here as a civilian? Are you here as a representative of Lockheed....?

Oberg: I'm not representing.....

Ecker: ... or of NASA?

Oberg: Don, don't give loaded questions, here. I have no connection with Lockheed. I'm a space nut. I'm interested in outer space myths and folklore-

Ecker: So in other words, you're here on your own accord?

King: Yes, in other words, James, you're not here representing NASA, right?

Oberg: I'll play it back, Don. I'm not here as editor of a magazine trying to sell subscriptions.

King: OK, no, James.....

Ecker: OK, let me ask you this.....

King: Hold it, hold it, hold it, hold it.....

Ecker: Let me ask you this.....

King: Hold it, hold it.....

Ecker: James.....

King: Don... Don... Don, hold it. It's my show. James, you're not here as a representative of NASA, right?

Oberg: No. No, I have written on this subject for a long time.

King: OK. Did you work on this mission?

Oberg: Yes, I did.

King: In what capacity?

Oberg: I was in the flight control center, part of helping the deployment of one of the satellites. So I was there for.....

King: Are you a contracted employee to NASA?

Oberg: Yes. Yes, I am. Yes, I am.

King: OK, but tonight you appear as James Oberg, space engineer.....

Oberg: That's right.

King: ... not representing NASA?

Oberg: That's correct.

Ecker: All right, Larry, I have one more question for Jim.....

King: OK, now, go ahead, Don. Go ahead.

Ecker: Yes, I have one more question for him. Jim, are you working here under the constraints of any security agreements that you may have signed with NASA?

Oberg: No, I'm not. Myself's not the issue. The issue are these pictures and the big deal people are making out of it.

Ecker: Well, this is a simple question, Jim. Are you working under security constraints?

King: All right, no, James, that's a fair question. Did you sign any kind of an agreement with NASA not to reveal certain things?

Oberg: DOD material, yes. This is not, and this is not covered. Nothing about this material is covered.....

Ecker: All right, let me... One last question, Jim.....

King: 'DOD' means Department of Defense material?

Oberg: Department of Defense, that's right.

King: OK. Go ahead, Don.

Ecker: One last question, and this question is very simple. With the security agreements that you have signed, before we start addressing this particular segment of footage, if you had any awareness of anomalous objects, would you be free to talk about them? And I'm talking about anomalous objects that are not our debris or our spacecraft.

Oberg: I am totally free to talk about these kinds of topics, anything seen on the shuttle. I have talked about it. I have a long history of writing for Omni Magazine and other magazines and books.....

Ecker: Well, no, no, no, that's not what I'm saying.....

Oberg: ...because it's clear.....

Ecker: You're usually on.....

Oberg: I'm giving you an expert opinion.....

King: Don, Don, Don... Hold it. Guys, hold it. This is not a trial, Don. He answered the question. If it was not a Defense Department fear, he could talk about anything. Now, would you briefly, James.....

Oberg: There was nothing on STS-48 that was classified, nothing on that flight.

King: All right. Would you tell us, you are convinced beyond question that this is debris?

Oberg: This looks just like it. Now, it could be someone masquerading at it. Look at those pieces. They're small pieces. Why is it that we see these..... It's always small pieces, just at the limit of the cameras. There are always pieces like that floating around. When jets fire, when things leak out or are

expelled from the shuttle, the jets hit pieces. They change direction. I've seen it- I wouldn't say hundreds of times, but I've seen it before on other missions.

King: Don, what do you think it is? If it's a UFO, what is it, Don?

Ecker: Well, to begin with, Larry.....

King: I mean, why don't they land here and talk to us?

Ecker: If, in fact, it were debris..... And Jim is very well aware that debris will tumble, will toss, will turn while in orbit. The close-up digitally-enhanced segment of this particular footage shows absolutely no tumbling motion, whatsoever. This is moving in a straight line. It makes a drastic right-angle turn, shoots off into space. Now, if, in fact, it were a result.....

Oberg: Don's got to watch some more tapes. He's got to watch a few hundred more hours of tapes and he'll see this all the time.

Ecker: If, in fact, Jim..... Just a moment. If, in fact, it were a piece of debris and if the attitude thrusters from the shuttle had been fired, then, the way the camera was set up on that particular mission, the entire shuttle picture would have moved, because it did several moments after this particular incident.

Oberg: I'm just amazed how much Don can learn about the space program from so many thousands of miles away from Mission Control. These are the kinds of things.....

Ecker: Well, if, in fact, Jim, we're going to talk about this, fine. If we're going to start ad hominem attacks, that's something else.

Oberg: All right, let's go back to the films.

King: We'll come right back with James Oberg and Don Ecker. We'll also include your phone calls on this extraordinary topic that never goes away. This is Larry King Live. Don't you go away.

[Commercial break]

King: Let's start to include your phone calls for Don Ecker - he's a researcher with UFO Magazine - and James Oberg, space engineer and author. Huntsville, Alabama - famous area for outer space - hello. 4th CALLER: {Huntsville, Alabama} Hello?

King: Yes.

4th CALLER: My name is O.H. Bond, Jr. {sp?}. I'm in Huntsville, Alabama.

King: Yes, sir.

4th CALLER: I have an experiment on the shuttle which has flown a number of times called the Mesoscale Lightning Experiment {sp?}, in which we look for mesoscale lightning and we look for the effects of unusual events which occur in space.

King: And?

4th CALLER: Particularly, we look for lightning events which we've seen to go 20 miles straight up into the stratosphere from cloud stocks.

King: Meaning?

4th CALLER: The question I want to ask you guys is..... With respect to these flying objects, I agree with James Oberg. From what I have seen over numbers of years of looking at video images, this is debris from the spacecraft, as far as I can determine. And the second thing is I believe that many of the objects we see are the other debris which is in orbit.

King: Don?

Ecker: I would have to ask, Larry, that if, in fact, this is the case that this was debris from the shuttle, why is it not

tumbling? Why did it make such a drastic turn? The fact that NASA claims.....

Oberg: Can I answer that? If you give me some time, I can answer that.

Ecker: Well, the question was addressed to me first, and I'm asking the question, Jim, and then you can go to it.

Oberg: And you'll make sure that you don't..... You don't want the answer.

King: All right, but it's a fair question that Don puts, and let Jim respond to it. Why would a piece of debris move like that? I've never seen debris move like that.

Oberg: Well, you have to..... People can watch this. As the shuttle is going through orbit, people don't realize there are more than 50 points on the nose of the shuttle, the tail, on the side- more than 50 points where debris, water, ice, come off... from the belly. And as these pieces come off and rocket engines can fire, they'll form what are called plumes. They'll form a blast. And as debris will go into that area, they will turn, and you can watch this. Fortunately, we have on the SATCOM F2R satellite and on many, many cable networks the NASA select from space flight. It's the reason that these people saw this tape in the first place. I would simply recommend that they and anyone else watch that tape for more than a few hours. Watch it for several years, in terms of the missions. And they'll be seeing this kind of event. But the thing about why these are just debris and not spacecraft, alien spacecraft- They're always small. They're always just at the limit of the camera.

King: But you don't know.....

Oberg: No matter how much the camera is zoomed in, it's still just a dot.....

King: James, this isn't 100 percent.....

Oberg: ... and that just tells you these are little pieces.

King: You don't know it for sure, but it's your best educated guess, right?

Oberg: I'll tell you, if we saw some real spacecraft..... If I saw some real spacecraft - and I know many people in the space program - saw something out there that could be really proof of something revolutionary, there's no power on earth that would be able to stop people from coming out and being on your show-

Ecker: Larry, one thing.....

King: All right, let me get a call in. Sykesville, Maryland, hello.

5th CALLER: {Sykesville, Maryland} Hello, this is Vincent DiPietro.

King: Yes.

5th CALLER: From Sykesville, Maryland.

King: Yes.

5th CALLER: I originally did an analysis of this very tape that you're showing on TV.

King: Uh-huh.

5th CALLER: And I'd like to make a few comments about this.

King: Are you a scientist?

5th CALLER: I work at Goddard Space Flight Center. I'm an engineer.

King: OK.

5th CALLER: I work with the space program.

King: All right.

5th CALLER: But I'm doing this freelance. And I'd like to say that I've sent this to a number of scientists, called a number of engineers, and they've all described this event as ice.

King: Ice?

5th CALLER: Ice, that has turned in a way..... If you look at the other debris that's on the screen, you'll see that in every case there is a right-angle turn that is made of this debris. In other words, it's not.....

Ecker: Well, Vince..... Vince, let me ask you a question, because I have the entire tape. And I also have the section that you digitally enhanced that shows clearly a domed disc object that was recorded on this mission. Do you deny that?

5th CALLER: I see that on there, and I do not know what that is.

Ecker: Did you digitally enhance it?

5th CALLER: Yes.

Ecker: OK. Did it look to you like an anomalous object, or did it look like debris or ice?

5th CALLER: It looks like an object, but I can't explain what it is. And I'm not saying that it isn't something that you're describing. The only thing I'm saying is that the explanation that I have gotten is that this debris is ice. There's no way of determining how big it is. It could be a micro-inch, a couple of inches. It's certainly not several hundred feet across, as a lot of people would be led to believe. And the explanation I got was that there were rockets, little tiny rockets, that are used to change the attitude of the spacecraft on the sides; that when those things go off..... It's nitric acid and hydrozene that fires these rockets. When they go off.....

Ecker: Yes, and there is no flash, either, is there, Vince?

5th CALLER: There is a flash that you can see at the beginning. And if you are so careful as to take a piece of cellophane and put it onto your TV set, you will see that all of these objects..... Not the ones that are stars, because the stars you can clearly see go behind the horizon. But if you look at the debris that flies from left to right and so forth, everything makes a right-hand turn. It's even less.....

Ecker: Well, Vince, since you worked on this particular piece of footage, let me ask you another question. Before this event happens, this object rises up out of the blackness and is traveling from right to upper left. Now, if, in fact, it was there prior to the start of this sequence, how do you explain that?

5th CALLER: I explain that in this way. If you listen {sp?} to the tape carefully, you will see that the spacecraft is just coming out of twilight into sunlight. Now, if there was debris flying around in the blackness of space, you would not see it until it was lit up.

King: OK. All right, we're going to have to do some more on this.....

Oberg: Or it might have come over the payload bay where the lights are. Either way, that would explain it.

King: Let me get a break, and we'll come right back. Thanks for calling, Vince, by the way. We'll come back with more. This is fascinating - I don't understand it, but it's fascinating! Don't go away.

[Commercial break]

King: All right, we're running close on time. Don, are we ever going to see one of these land on the White House lawn and speak to us?

Ecker: Well, I don't know about landing on the White House lawn, Larry, but we had in 1952 three flights that overflew the White

House. I have one last question that I want to ask Jim very quickly and briefly.

King: All right, real fast.

Ecker: Jim, are you aware of any NASA studies on UFO phenomena?

Oberg: I'm aware, Don, of 30 years of phony stories.....

Ecker: And I'm not saying spaceships. I'm saying.....

Oberg: ... in UFO magazines.....

Ecker: I'm saying.....

Oberg: ... taking transcripts.....

King: Guys, we'll have you both come back. We're out of time. Thanks, fellows.....

Oberg: ... and faking them.

King: OK, thanks. We're out of time. Thanks very much. Hope you enjoyed this edition of 'Don Ecker Live' from Washington. {laughs} A little fun there.

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Skeptics - An Editorial

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Subject: Skeptics - An Editorial

The following is an Editorial I wrote for the Destination Space Website. I think it is germane here.

UFO Enigma

Editorial: Skeptics or Debunkers?
By Don Ecker, Director of Research
From The Desk of UFO MAGAZINE

As I started to think about this month's topic for Destination Space, I had several things going on at once. I have been working on a book of Lunar Anomalies and of course my job with UFO Magazine takes most of my time. Just about a week had passed since I had started reading a new book we received at the magazine, a book that I just reviewed and that will end up being the next "must have, must read" for this generation. This book is titled "UFOs and the National Security State" written by one Richard M. Dolan. (I will be talking more about this book in the future.)

While all this was going on I also received, addressed to me, something I immediately put a jaundiced eye on, a letter trying to get me to subscribe to the Skeptical Inquirer. Now why would I feel so strongly about the Skeptical Inquirer? And what is the Skeptical Inquirer? Well, in the letter it was described as the "magazine for science and reason" and that can't be too bad, can it? Let me give you a paragraph or two from the letter:

"This magazine is created by editors, scientists, and writers who are as fascinated by the extraordinary and the mysterious as you are. But unlike most of the 'wide-eyed' amateurs who call themselves experts, they're not afraid to look a little closer... to ask some pointed questions... to bring science to bear on the issue-because they want to truly solve the mystery, not wallow in it. (Oh goody! My comment) That's where the fun is. And, believe me, it's a wild ride!"

Oh yeah, it is a wild ride for sure. But wait, just like the Ginzu Knives commercial, there is more! I also received a "personal note" from Nobel Laureate Leon M. Lederman addressed to 'me.' It started with: Don Ecker

"Dear Friend, I have found great articles in the Skeptical Inquirer that *debunk such examples of 'junk science' as UFOs in Roswell, cold fusion, ghosts and haunted houses, astrology, fortune tellers, crying statues, etc., etc. The exercise of rational (scientific) thinking is essential to preserving our long-term commitment to rationality. Skepticism is an essential attribute of good thinking. Sincerely, Leon M. Lederman Nobel Laureate-Physics 1988."

Ooo, I felt better already. I decided to compile a list of writers, former and current for the Skeptical Inquirer and see what kind of rationality we came up with. And one or two names have expired or gone on to that great rational hall in the sky,

so if still alive, I am sure they would write for the Skeptical Inquirer. Here goes.....

What skeptical observation can begin without mentioning Dr. Donald Menzel, the grandpa of all UFO skeptics? Menzel was the man who put the "ad" in "ad hominem." Of course next would be Philip J. Klass, who bills himself as the Sherlock Holmes of UFO investigations. (Oh, really?) Jim Oberg, former NASA contractor and "up and coming" debunker. Carl Sagan, pop astronomer, former SETI proponent and debunker extraordinaire would fit right in there, and I cannot forget another "up and comer" Michael Shermer. Now some meaner guys, (not to suggest some of the above were not nasty now and then) Martin Gardner, Joe Nickell, Curtis Peebles, and Robert Sheaffer. This list is kind of a "Who's Who."

So, what is it that I think that suggests I am not ready to buy the "honest effort" that these guys put out to bring rationality to UFOs? And... why is it that the UFO subject is always thrown in with the ghosts, astrologers, haunted houses, fairies and so on? After all, when the United States Air Force was publicly chasing saucers they did not have a "fairies officer" or a "ghost" officer or a "haunted house" officer, but they did have a UFO officer on each Air Force base. That should say something. But my experience by and large is that the skeptical community "explains that which is un-investigated, and does not investigate that which is unexplained." Let me explain.....

Philip J. Klass is today considered to be the premier UFO skeptic alive. Klass, now fast approaching 80 years of age, has slashed and burned his way across the landscape for about 35 years. Over the now almost 15 years I have been chasing the phenomenon, I have had a number of encounters with "kindly old Phil." Now please, do not get the idea that I am billing myself as the "know all and seen it all" guy, but I have been around the block with a bunch of skeptics in all those years. In my encounters with Klass, Oberg, Sheaffer, Shermer and others I have found that *without exception they *all have taken a page from Robert Low, Project Coordinator of the Condon Committee, and instead of attacking the cases -- they will attack the witnesses. Slashing and burning the word, reputations and character of people reporting on the UFO phenomenon. (In a humorous moment when I was on Larry King Live debating Jim Oberg on the STS-48 shuttle UFO, Oberg accused me of coming on the program to sell magazines when I asked him if he was operating under any security restrictions. The "ad hominem attack!")

I do not have either the time or space to give you a litany of each skeptic I have named, so this month I will simply zero in on one, Phil Klass.

Klass entered the UFO scene around 1966. A former editor with Aviation Week & Space Technology, he would seem to be an excellent choice to examine the UFO subject and present an honest and critical eye on some of the more difficult UFO cases. Alas, that was not to be. After Klass wrote his first UFO book "UFOs-Identified" where he claimed UFOs were anomalous, but not alien, Klass theorized that UFOs were caused by ball lighting and free floating plasmas. Even the University of Colorado study (Condon) found this theory to be scientifically unsustainable. Dr. James McDonald, an atmospheric physicist and proponent of legitimate UFO study, tore Klass's arguments apart using scientific reasoning and facts. Klass then decided McDonald must be dangerous and dealt with, after all he was "pro-UFO." McDonald was working for the Office of Naval Research who funded his trip to Australia to conduct cloud-physics studies, and Klass went on a rampage at ONR writing letters demanding to know who funded McDonald to conduct UFO research in Australia, and later trips McDonald was to take to Europe and the USSR. Klass also enlisted other sympathetic journalists to assist him in a campaign that lasted 1 and one half years. The ONR conducted an audit of McDonald that cleared him, but then cut McDonald off from any further grants. They were afraid of further bad press. At this point I would ask the Skeptical Inquirer about rational and scientific open mindedness.

Klass's position is such that if anyone is willing to propose that some cases might possibly be explained as off world technology, then they are only seeking celebrity status or attempting to make money. At this point, Klass then zeroes in on the character of the researcher. In 1983, Klass began an attack

directed against the University of Nebraska because they were sponsoring a UFO conference. In a conversation with the university's administrator Klass charged that "ufologists 'seek what the Soviet Union does, to convey to the public that our government can not be trusted, and I resent it as an American citizen." He equated UFO research with communism, as unpatriotic and anti-American. Klass went on to phone faculty and further claimed that for the university to sponsor such a conference (UFOs) was comparable to the dilemma they would face if the American Nazi Party wanted to hold a conference there. Later CSICOP spokesman Mark Plummer wrote that he found nothing excessive in Klass's claims.

I had personal experience with Klass on two different occasions when he displayed his fanatic anti-UFO sentiments. In 1992, I was invited to debate Klass in Denver, sponsored by ParaNet and MICAP. During the debate we began to discuss the Frederick Valentich case. This was a case of a young Australian pilot who disappeared in 1978 after radioing that he was being approached by a huge UFO. (The RAAF became involved in this case, but no aircraft or body was ever located.) Klass began by calling Valentich a "drug smuggler." I was not about to allow him to get away with that and demanded he prove his assertion. His proof? Valentich had four life preservers in his aircraft. Klass has operated on the assumption that if the case cannot be discarded because the claims can't be disproved, then it *must be a hoax because UFOs simply cannot be real!

The next run in with Klass happened near the end of January 1995. I had invited Klass on my two hour, weekly radio program UFOs Tonite!. During the program Klass had threatened to hang up when I challenged him about his assertion that Major Jesse Marcel, when picking up debris from the Roswell Incident, was trying to claim a \$3,000 reward offered by a newspaper for proof of a flying saucer. Klass got very testy when I challenged him on the statement that Marcel, the intelligence officer of the most elite military group in the world, would attempt collect a reward. (By the way, there is no proof of such a reward being offered that I was ever able to locate.) He threatened to hang up at that point. Later during the program we were discussing the 1952 overflights of Washington DC, when Klass tried to suggest the Air Force was not worried because they took over an hour to send up jet interceptors. I informed Klass the reason was that the local Air Force bases were repairing runways and the jets had to be flown in from Delaware. (I had the proof including a statement by Al Chop who was then the Air Force liaison with its Blue Book operation) Klass became enraged and began screaming "Bullshit!" over the air. When I expressed my indignation to him, he became embarrassed and hung up his telephone mid-show! (Another time Klass "lost it" and began screaming profanities to a national audience occurred about 1993 on the Larry King show. Klass appeared with Travis Walton and Mike Rogers, and Rogers accused Klass of being a government agent. Klass in a 'klassic-display' of temper screamed, 'MIKE ROGERS!, YOU'RE A GODDAMNED LIAR!') This is the rational thought demonstrated by the likes of the Skeptical Inquirer and CSICOP that I have encountered.

The bottom line is the fact that UFOs are real (but I am not saying necessarily ET, but some cases _do_ suggest that) and the United States Government is hiding the information. Perhaps they still feel that they are 'protecting us', but I don't buy it. When my tax dollars help defray the costs of all these damned secret programs, and then I am lied to, to boot... well, damn it, I feel used. _And_ - if the skeptics are honest, and not much proof of that yet - either... in their heart of hearts they know it to be true. More on this later and remember to keep your eyes to the skies.

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CI: New Image of the 'Face' Withheld by NASA?

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Exclusive: New Image of the "Face" Withheld by NASA?
by Mac Tonnies

see: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 38)

For the first time since beginning this website, I have received what appears to be conclusive evidence of a NASA effort to photograph the Cydonia region without the public's knowledge. The image below ("E1701041C") does not appear on any publicized NASA site. It was sent to me by a source who will remain anonymous. Initial investigation suggests that it is quite real and taken in 2003 by the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) satellite.

The image is presented as received (upside-down). Note the "stretched" effect. Until ancillary data is released by Malin Space Science Systems, a faithful orthorectification cannot be produced, although previous images of the Face may help image processors arrive at a more accurate representation.

I had wondered if perhaps this was actually an early, unprocessed version of E03-00824, the first overhead image of the Face taken by the MGS in 2001, but this doesn't seem to be the case; the "raw" version of E03-00824 is free of the excessive contrast seen here and exhibits no sign of elongation. Could I be the victim of a (perhaps unknowing) hoax? Could the "leaked" image be a mangled version of E03-00824? While I don't think so, I offer the possibility to anyone who wishes to test the notion.

[image]

Image "E1701041C"

The image, though high-contrast, reveals a significant level of detail when subjected to image processing techniques. Probably the most readily apparent secondary detail is the western "eye," which appears as a blunt pyramidal shape surrounded by an almond-shaped ring and radiating cells.

The last officially released photo of the Face formation was disappointingly partial. It is interesting that this image, withheld from public inspection, depicts the Face in its entirety. Such accuracy tends to suggest that acquiring high-resolution images of the Face is not only easier than NASA/MSSS would have the public believe, but that NASA has a continuing interest in studying the Cydonia region. The reasons for the space agency's near-silence on the Cydonia issue, in light of the image above, are far from trivial.

Prior to the loss of the Mars Observer in the early 1990s, NASA assured the public that images of the Face, if taken, would become public domain. Again, during the continuing Mars Global Surveyor mission, NASA officials promised interested parties that not only would new images of Cydonia be immediately uploaded onto the Internet, but that imaging opportunities would be announced in advance.

Clearly, these promises have been fictitious.

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A Professional Hypnotherapist?

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Subject: A Professional Hypnotherapist?

I need the assistance of a professional Hypnotherapist. I have been investigating an abduction case of a single mom with one child who has been abducted repeatedly throughout her life. Anyone interested on taking this on for research purposes? I believe this case also verifies the "Baby Ann" syndrome as reported by Budd Hopkins in his book "Witnessed". Budd seems to be all too busy these days. Part of her case is on my web site listed below.

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Martian "Cacti"?

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 38)

The new Face image isn't the only oddity greeting visitors to the USGS' labyrinthine file directory. Check out these apparent cactus-like formations:

http://ida.wr.usgs.gov/display/MGSC_1232/e17014/e1701475.img.jpg

Unlike e_1701041.img.jpg, I don't know where - if it all - this image can be found on Malin Space Science Systems' archive. Sun-angle information and other factors contained in the MSSS ancillary data would help establish what we are (or are not) seeing in this provocative image.

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CI: Processed Version of e_1701041.imq.jpg At MSSS

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Processed Version of e_1701041.imq.jpg at MSSS
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 38)

Related links:

<http://ida.wr.usgs.gov>

www.msss.com/moc_gallery/e13_e18/images/E17/E1701041.html

I've learned that a processed version of e_1701041.imq.jpg appears at Malin Space Science Systems' website (see "Related links"). This "cleaner" and more accessible version was posted in early April, without fanfare. Besides the Face, seen in its entirety for the first time since 2001, the MSSS image shows the controversial "Coathanger" feature in high resolution (the "fin-like object" mentioned in the previous post).

It seems that while the particular file format of e_1701041.imq.jpg is in fact unique to the USGS indexing system, the image has indeed been made public, contrary to yesterday's assessment. So while my "coverup" allegations suffer a blow, my arguments pertaining to NASA's public accountability remain valid. While the striking image on the MSSS site is available for all to see, it was inserted into the MSSS online catalogue with utmost quiet . . . so quiet that yesterday's encounter with the raw file convinced me I that was dealing with an unreleased image. (To my knowledge, the existence of this image was unknown apart from a few anomalists, who have confessed puzzlement.)

As image processor Chris Joseph notes, e_1701041.imq.jpg allows the creation of a true stereo pair when matched to 2001's E03-00824: a first for Face researchers. Fortunately, the ancillary data "missing" from the USGS site is readily available from MSSS.

In summary, e_1701041.imq.jpg would seem to be 'never-before-seen' in a merely technical sense. This is not without interest to Mars anomaly research. But it does not reflect the sort of covert study implicated in the the previous post. However, the new Face image's silent debut in the MSSS catalogue is cause for concern. Without forewarning, how is the public to know when new images of controversial features are made available? And why would MSSS go to the trouble to rephotograph the Face-- a feature it has pronounced as perfectly natural and uninteresting -- of its own choosing? Other images of the Face, including 1998's "catbox" and last year's flawed MOLA rendering, were released along with predictable official "debunking." In fact, it was all-too-easy to believe that urge to "debunk" came before the need to objectively address strange morphologies on the Cydonia plain.

The e_1701041.imq.jpg image is unique in that it was taken

without pressure from external parties (such as the Formal Action Committee for Extra-Terrestrial Studies). Further, it was released almost "invisibly." One might infer that NASA indeed has an unspoken interest in the Face, and that e_1701041.imq.jpg is evidence of a quiet campaign to learn more about the Cydonia region without causing a stir among independent researchers. The spectacle of MSSS reimagining Cydonia and releasing the results sans the usual attempt to "scotch this thing for good" (arguably NASA's raison d'etre in 1998) is almost surreal. Nevertheless, this might be what we are seeing.

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Secrecy News -- 05/20/03

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NSA FOIA EXEMPTION AT ISSUE

As nearly two dozen civil liberties, media and public interest organizations have challenged the need for a new Freedom of Information Act exemption for so-called "operational files" of the National Security Agency (NSA), the Senate Armed Services Committee has arranged a briefing today to explore the matter.

"NSA needs the FOIA exemption in order to prevent the continued diversion of resources from its SIGINT [signals intelligence] mission," according to a two-page NSA justification for the measure.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2003/05/nsa051303.html>

But "while the intent behind the proposed exemption -- to avoid wasted effort searching highly classified files that would not be released in any case -- is understandable, the language of the provision is so broad that it could have significant unintended consequences," I argued in a prepared statement for the Armed Services Committee briefing.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_hr/052003aftergood.html

Related resources from the National Security Archive are here:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20030505/>

For no good reason, the May 20 briefing, convened by Sen. Wayne Allard (R-CO), is to be held at the Top Secret/Codeword level. Uncleared staff and members of the public are not permitted to attend, and uncleared presenters must leave the secure briefing room following their presentation.

INADVERTENT DISCLOSURE OF NUCLEAR SECRETS

Upon examination of a million and a half pages of publicly accessible documents at the National Archives, reviewers from the Department of Energy found 336 pages containing nuclear weapons-related data that is still classified, according to the latest DOE report to Congress on inadvertent disclosures of classified information.

"The identified documents are in collections belonging to the Department of State and the Department of Defense (Army, Navy, and Joint Staff). The documents were inadvertently declassified and made available to the public during the years from 1995 to 1998 by the

Department of State, the Department of Defense, and NARA," the report stated.

The most frequent type of inadvertent disclosure concerned the location of former nuclear weapons storage locations abroad, information that has no proliferation sensitivity. In some cases, however, weapon design information was also discovered.

The Ninth Report on Inadvertent Releases of Restricted Data and Formerly Restricted Data, dated November 2002, was published by the Department of Energy in declassified form on May 19. A copy is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/inadvertent9.html>

DARPA: WE CAN BUILD YOU

With controversy over its Total Information Awareness program still fresh, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is embarking on a no less ambitious program to digitally "capture both the user's physical experiences in the world and his or her interactions with other entities in the world."

The DARPA LifeLog program was first reported today by Noah Shachtman in his web log Defense Tech and his related story in Wired News. See "DARPA Wants Your Life Indexable and Searchable":

<http://www.defensetech.org/archives/000427.html>

and "A Spy Machine of DARPA's Dreams":

<http://www.wired.com/news/business/0,1367,58909,00.html>

Further background from DARPA on the LifeLog concept is available here:

http://www.darpa.mil/ipto/Solicitations/PIP_03-30.html

REP. CONYERS ON JUDGE DAMON KEITH

Judge Damon Keith of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals recently came to broad public attention with his ringing denunciation of secret deportation hearings: "Democracies die behind closed doors."

But (I recently learned) Judge Keith is practically a household name among students of national security law. His landmark ruling in the 1970s that limited government surveillance authority is commonly known as "the Keith case."

Marking his 35th year on the federal bench, Rep. John Conyers paid tribute to Judge Keith in a May 15 statement entered in the Congressional Record and posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s051503.html

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Re: Rods Exposed - Hebert

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>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>>Subject: Rods Exposed

>>Dear Errol and List Subscribers:

>>I have posted my latest experiments in reference to the so-
>>called "Rods" phenomenon at:
>>http://home.attbi.com/~ifo_database/rods1.htm

><snip>

>Fantastic work, Amy. This is an excellent example of so-called
>"rods", and is open to relatively easy replication under the
>right conditions.

Thank you, Dan. I'm hoping anyone interested will replicate this
experiment for their own information.

>It will be interesting to see the response, if any, from such
>characters as Jose Escamilla, et al. Mr. Escamilla seemed very
>reluctant to correspond with me when I emailed him with some
>'awkward' questions last year.

<LOL>Uh, yes, Mr. Escamilla's response was quite interesting.
<grin>And even though the cc addresses in his E-mail included
the UFO UpDates list, Mr. Escamilla's response would have to be
edited for inappropriate language to the point little would be
left to post, if you get my drift.

Mr. Escamilla made one statement that left me ROFL. He said,
"shooting at a low shutter reveals insects emulating Rods".
What? "insects emulating Rods"? So even if insects filmed at
lower shutter settings look remarkably similar to images of
"rods", according to Mr. Escamilla, it's because "rods" go
around disguised as bugs (with little bug butts, strap-on wings,
etc.?). But then, how do we know bugs aren't going around
pretending to be "rods"? Hmmm?

I recently came across a web site with some amazing "rods"
images and interesting conclusions reached by the research team
at:

<http://www.flyingrods.com/indexfl.asp>

When you first enter the site, you are greeted by a pop-up that
says, "Flying Rods Mystery Solved! Flying Rods Community
Research Team... With assurance 95% of Flying Rods are nothing
more that (sic) insects filmed at shutter speeds which distort
the image, making it appear as something unrecognizable..."

It appears this research team first started out believing "rods"
images represented a genuine phenomenon but as their results

came in, they realized "rods" were nothing but insects afterall.

Especially interesting is an article written by Michael Merchant in the "Articles" section of the Flyingrods web site titled "Solved Rods or Eating Crow". He shares all kinds of interesting information about Mr. Escamilla and others.

Some of the best images I've ever seen (even better than the images I have to share) are in the "Images" section titled "Filming Bees By Denny White" and "More Filming Bees by Denny White" (the titles are not very creative but good work nonetheless). Incredible effort and amazing "rods" - aka bees - images. Or are those just "rods" dressed up as bees? Or perhaps bees imitating "rods"? Maybe they are cows pretending to be bees, no, I mean "rods", no, I mean rods pretending to be cows, no? Makes your head hurt just thinking about it! Haha.

Amy

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"... I was never abducted!" Armando Valdes

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http://wintersteel.homestead.com/files/CraigArticles/The_Corporal_Breaks_His_Silence.htm

The Corporal Breaks His Silence...

Armando Valdes: "Want to know the truth? I was never abducted!"
Thursday, April 25 2002

Carlos Vergara

"Truth is harder to explain than a lie," reflects Corporal Valdes.

26 years after the alleged alien abduction in Putre, the UFO poster boy denies it all.

It all happened 26 years ago at 4:15 a.m. on the morning of April 25, 1977. The protagonists were Corporal Second Class Armando Valdes Garrido and seven recruits performing their military service at Pampa Llussuma, near Putre, in Chile's First Region.

Some speak of a light. Others of a spacecraft the size of the National Stadium. The truth of the matter is that Valdes vanished before the startled eyes of his seven recruits only to reappear fifteen minutes later with a five-day growth of facial hair and the calendar of his wristwatch indicating the date was the 30th of April.

Recently retired, the legendary Corporal Valdes strolled through Temuco with his trademark dark sunglasses, when a call placed to his cell phone invited him to remember the truth of what occurred in Putre. .

"Well, all of this is the completion of a book to be launched at the end of the year. I can tell you that many myths will come crashing while others will be created. It's the truth. In fact, the book is entitled The Shadow of the Truth," he says without any revulsion. .

- Were you abducted?

- In the context, I would say no.... In other words, had I been abducted, I would have been sucked up and taken by a spacecraft somewhere else. But I will make the truth known in my book."

- Excuse me, Corporal Valdes. Cut the book talk and tell me something more solid.

- No, no, no. That's not what it's about. I'm not trying to promote myself. All right, what do you want to know. Ask me and I'll tell you."

- Where the hell were you those fifteen minutes?

- I can tell you that I was always present and looking at my men. I even heard everything they said.

- So what'll it be then? Were you abducted or not?

"... I was never abducted!" Armando Valdes

- I can't tell you yes or no. I have a truth, but it's a long story, son. The whole phenomenon must have transpired here on Earth. The truth is harder to explain than a lie. If I said that I went to another galaxy, it would be easier. This is harder to believe.

- I don't believe you...

- You see? I only want to be at peace with myself. You want the truth? I was never abducted! But another phenomenon occurred.

- What phenomenon?

- Something very close to home, having to do with Earth. And it happened to me with a purpose I have just come to realize. I speak of future things in my book. They call it eschatology...

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Swamp Gas

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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 16:15:25 -0400
Subject: Swamp Gas

Dear List Denizens and Rabble Rousers:

I come forward today to dispel a research error that has permeated the field of Ufology. The Ufological record quotes Dr. Josef Allen Hynek as saying the Hillsdale/Ann Arbor, MI cases was nothing more than "swamp gas."

Today, I tell all of you, that quotation is in error. Hynek never said the incident was caused by "swamp gas."

As a regular contributor to EBK's "Strange Days... Indeed!" radio program, I will dispel this myth on my next regular gig, sometime in June. Have your tape recorders ready.

The first recognized CE III case by NICAP, involving William Squyres on August 25, 1952, is now preserved on digital audio from an interview Frank Edwards did with him the next day. This tidbit of audio is very important historically for all of us. Little green men in UFOs began with this case.

Wendy Connors
Faded Discs Project

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De-mystifying Aliens Troubles Abductees

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<http://www.creativespirit.net/learners/bookdigests/abductee.bok.htm>

Books In Brief

Sunday, April 28, 2002 8:56:34 PM

"UFO abductions are real," claims Pulitzer Prize-winning Harvard psychiatrist John E. Mack. After hearing dozens of stories world-wide of extraterrestrial creatures taking men, women and children against their wills on beams of light through walls and windows into strange crafts, Dr. Mack proposes a startling hypothesis: "The aliens are conducting an intergalactic breeding program combined with a brotherly warning of impending doom if the Earth doesn't change its warlike and ecologically wasteful ways."

In *Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens* (Scribners), Dr. Mack presents thirteen case studies which reflect his work with over 100 people of various ages and economic backgrounds, from three-year-olds to major political figures. Most of these people have no history of mental illness, alcoholism, or substance abuse that might compromise their reports.

The peculiar nature of their experiences led him to a disturbing realization that alien encounters occur in a different realityone that is outside normal human consciousness. It is this peculiar territory, the domain of the encounter, that makes it so hard for the outside observer to accept the reality of the abduction accounts. It is this same peculiarity which gives these stories their mythlike power to change our world-view.

There is little or no physical evidence to explain the eerie memories of traumatic episodes like kidnappings, medical operations, loss of time, and sexual encounters. However, these experiences of alien contact have as powerful an impact, or more so, than the familiar physical world. The abductees are ultimately left with deeply troubled feelings that profoundly alter their perceptions of themselves, the world, and their place in it.

Many abductees who failed to find relief in conventional psychotherapy sought the novel treatment that Dr. Mack offers. He helps them cope with their experiences through a synthesis of "holotropic breathwork" (a form of yogic breathing that Dr. Stanislaus Grof has developed into a substitute for psychedelic therapy) and hypnosis, combined with applications of regression techniques. These methods are commonly used with individuals exposed to a wide variety of paranormal encounters, including near-death experiences and other psychic, mystical, or spiritual phenomena. Suspecting that the abduction phenomenon fits the above category, Dr. Mack introduces a therapy style to stimulate what he calls a "co-creative understanding between the therapist and client." He enters into the psychic space of the abductee to help the person understand and cope with the events that have happened there.

The information gained in those sessions imply that abductions take place in another dimension of reality that is inaccessible by a purely cognitive process. If alien encounters with humans occur in an altered state of consciousness, Dr. Mack reasons, it is not likely that the experiencer's report of the incident(s) will simply reflect a remembered item lifted from his or her consciousness.

Dr. Mack proposes that the interplay of feelings and intuition between the experiencer and the investigator yields a greater understanding toward the alien connection that emotions are more essential to create an "evolved perception" for evaluating the experience. Through Dr. Mack's empathic support, some clients find relief in discovering the ineffable power and beauty of an expanded reality unexplained by human concepts of space and time. Others are devastated when they must accept their memories of these experiences as true occurrences.

Given the recent controversies over therapist-induced false memories, Dr. Mack's interactive procedure makes the bizarre UFO abduction reports easy targets for scepticism, if not ridicule. His critics charge that he abuses the techniques of hypnosis by shaping the memories of his subjects to suit his vision of an intergalactic future. His view that UFO phenomena reflect a larger perception outside of "rational" scientific explanation is suspected of tainting the expectations of his clients. On occasion, Dr. Mack is accused of telling a client, "If you think the aliens are bad, keep thinking about it until you realize that they are good." Hypnosis expert and psychiatrist Richard Ofshe of the University of California, Berkeley, admonishes: "If you convince someone they've been brutalized and raped, and you encourage them to fully experience the emotions appropriate for this event and the event never happened you've led them through an experience of pain that is utterly gratuitous."

Responding to Dr. Mack's debunkers, supporters point to a 1991 Roper poll that found that four million people have had at least some abduction-related experiences. "Until John [Mack] came along," says researcher Caroline McLeod, "there wasn't enough credibility for this subject to support methodological investigation." Dr. Mack's clients admit that his methods do not accurately disclose factual happenings outside of the physical world, but the wealth of shared experiences of the similarity of reported memories suggests that another world exists beyond the physical that affects human lives.

"We have lost the faculties to know other realities," says Dr. Mack. "The abduction phenomena violates the core belief in our culture that there is a total separation between the spirit and physical world." The extraterrestrials seemingly exist in both worlds, in dimensions that humans are incapable of perceiving without their help. The mystery remains why many abduction experiencers are left with anxieties, nightmares, bodily lesions, sinus headaches, and other stress disorders unaccounted for other than by the alien encounter stories as revealed through hypnosis.

In one case history, hypnosis uncovered repressed core memories of an abduction-related trauma which allowed a woman to reestablish an intimate relationship in a failing marriage. The session revealed that she was formerly subjected to intrusive reproductive procedures on an alien craft. The rape-like incident, buried deeply in her psyche, had obstructed physical contact with her husband until Dr. Mack aided in making the distinction between the physical aspects of human intimacy and sexuality from the alien trauma. Dr. Mack also cites case load evidence that these encounters have been responsible for healing physical conditions ranging from cures in leukemia to recovery from paralysis. Other clients recalled past lives and observed a continuity of personal growth over more than one lifetime with the assistance of alien beings throughout these lives!

Abduction experiences appear cruel at times, says Dr. Mack, but are ultimately spiritually transformative. Most of the individuals who suffered from abductions were terrified because they felt helpless throughout the invasive procedures inflicted upon their bodies. The strain of the nightmarish episodes also isolated remaining family and friends. One abductee shares his fear that the experiences may recur at any time to his friends or his children: "Were not relieved of our continuing unrelenting other-world melodrama."

Yet, against seemingly overwhelming odds, many abductees come to feel that these crises translate into a life-changing process that has deep importance and value. Based on his clients testimonies, Dr. Mack envisions UFO abductees as an alternative model for evolutionary consciousness development. He believes that these powerful and disturbing abductions break conceptual barriers of human conceits, psychological defenses, or established points of view to enable one to transcend a limited perception of life. Like pioneers on a heros journey, abductees undergo their own ego-destroying terror and expand their consciousness to unknown dimensions of the cosmos and human psyche. "With the opening of consciousness to new domains of being," writes Dr. Mack, "abductees encounter patterns and a design of life that brings them a profound sense of interconnectedness in the future." This reward may compensate them for their suffering as involuntary prophets of this millenniums new revelation.

(Digest by Clayton O. Montez, Atlantic University.)

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 21:58:14 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 May 2003 23:25:52 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hall

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 02:16:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 15:40:22 +0000
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2003 23:11:36 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>You are right, it is a guessing game. Even with witness
>>>testimony, it's a guessing game. There is no way we can know for
>>>sure when someone is telling the absolute truth or not
>>>misinterpreting their sighting therefore, with or without
>>>photographic images, investigators and researchers must always
>>>remain aware of just how little fact they actually have to work
>>>with.

>>So what is the point of your admitted guessing game? To try to
>>argue that human knowledge is impossible? That's what you seem
>>to be saying. We have a ton of data to work with by quite
>>standard scientific methods, as I have extensively reported. I
>>swore a while back to give up on trying to debate rationally
>>with you, but let's see if you can stay on point and avoid
>>persiflage. I'll try for a while to discuss issues with you.

>Hi, Dick:

>Sorry I took so long replying. My personal E-mail-box has been
>swamped with E-mails expressing support for my endeavors and my
>encounters on this List. Your reply was listed as "Hebert"
>instead of "Hall" so I had difficulty finding it to reply.

>I would like, very much, to experience a rational debate with
>you, Dick. By all means, let us discuss a topic without calling
>names, twisting each other's words, making accusations or
>shifting the focus. Agreed?

Amy,

I think you are looking in a mirror, but anyway "calling names"
and "accusations" require some definition. If I firmly disagree
with you (or you with me), that is not necessarily an
accusation. And I certainly never, to my knowledge, engage in
name-calling as I define it.

>>>>It is all well and good to catalogue and study IFOs as Amy is
>>>>doing. All rational students of UFO phenomena have been doing
>>>>that for many years, and that is why some people tend to object
>>>>to Amy's seemingly didactic approach and semantical quibbling.

>>>Dick, this is exciting! Could you please share all the URLs to
>>>these IFO databases so that I may link to them in my own
>>>Database? If all rational students of UFO phenomena have been

>>>compiling IFO databases for many years, I can't wait to see
>>>them! So far, I've only found a handful of others who have
>>>shared their studies in this area, such as Mr. Tom King, Dr.
>>>Maccabee, Dr. Eltjo Haselhoff and Mr. Gary Burton. But I've
>>>never found a large collection of IFO studies collected and
>>>presented on one web site (except mine).

>>This comes across as one of those typically sarcastic-sounding
>>utterances that you seem to excel at.

>No accusations, please.

This is your definition of an "accusation"? I have seen
innumerable very similarly worded statements from you, always
demanding endless very specific citations and using such
expressions as how "excited" you are about it.

>Perhaps my statements were a little tongue-in-cheek but I was
>also dead serious. I am always on the look-out for research and
>databases to link to and learn from.

>>There are (fortunately
>>and thankfully) lots of good media of record beyond the
>>internet. Books and articles and columns have been written
>>partly or almost entirely about IFOs. Both Jenny Randles and I
>>have commented extensively on IFOs in journals and at symposia.

>Dick, could you please tell me exactly where these articles and
>columns written partly or almost entirely about IFO's may be
>found, including references to each magazine, volume, number and
>page numbers? In which journals or other forums may I find your
>extensive comments concerning IFO's and those of Jenny Randles?
>I would like to review these materials and add the information
>to my IFO Database.

See what I mean? If I dropped everything and created a personal
catalogue for you, of course I could give you all sorts of
specific references. But I don't have the time to do your
research for you. (All right, that may sound a little sarcastic,
I admit.) What would you say if I asked you to provide me with
specific references to every magazine, volume, and page number
that you were alluding to in one of your statements?

>>Is it not a false generalization on your part to suggest that
>>all "ufologists" (a word that I hate) are equally naive about
>>interpreting photos? I have expressed strong cautions about it
>>in both volumes of The UFO Evidence.

>At no time have I suggested or generalized any such thing.
>Please try to avoid putting words in my mouth that I did not
>say. Remember, we are trying to have a rational and hopefully
>mature discussion.

Stop looking in the mirror. And stop your gratuitous lecturing
about rational and mature discussion, because I am very dubious
about how much expertise you have in that area. See, Amy; you
surely do rub people the wrong way with this sort of comment.
All anyone needs to do is to look back at your recent comments
about alleged UFO photos/videos on this List to see you strongly
implying that only you are critical-minded about these photos
and others are all too prone to accept them at face value. I
agree with half of that statement.

>Please elaborate as to what you were trying to say about
>interpreting photo's. I am not sure I understand what you are
>trying to say here and I want to give an appropriate reply.

<snip>

The main thrust of all your comments about this have been to the
effect that people don't pay sufficient attention to IFOs (with
which I strongly agree), but then you seem to imply that you and
only you do pay attention, and it is the latter point with which
I strongly disagree and which I have been disputing with you.

I wrote a column for many years in the MUFON UFO Journal called
"Perspectives" in which I focused strongly on the need for
careful, and thorough investigation and chided people for being
careless about IFOs; to the point that I was more or less
pressured out of the organization for being too critical of some
of their more gullible, less scientificlaly oriented members.

There are at least two indexes of the MUFON UFO Journal that you ought to be able to track down rather easily.

When the MUFON UFO Symposium was held in Washington, D.C. a few years ago, Jenny Randles gave a lecture totally about IFOs and the importance of studying them. You ought to be able to find the MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings containing her article.

Also, for many years I wrote a column for the UFO Magazine (available on the newsstands and by subscription, and accessible on the ever-loving internet) in which, again, I was strongly critical of careless investigations, New Age nonsense, etc., to the point that I was essentially "fired" as an undesirable from that outfit too. So, I don't take kindly to lectures from people who (a) don't have one-third of the hands-on experience that I do, and (2) don't bother to find out the facts before lecturing other people about their alleged failures to take a critical approach to UFO investigations, including compilation of data on IFOs.

Now, what specific issues do you care to discuss or debate?

- Dick

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 16:27:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Tonnies

>From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 14:00:13 -0700
>Subject: Skeptics - An Editorial

>The following is an Editorial I wrote for the Destination Space Website. I think it is germane here.

Great work, Don.

It's not only germane, but very much welcome. I'm fascinated by this subculture of pseudoskeptics and their tried-and-true "methodology."

For my own 2 cents on the subject, read my essays:

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

<http://www.mactonnies.com/imperative38.html> (illustrated)

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Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

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

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Re: STS-48 & Larry King - Velez

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Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 15:55:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 16:38:49 -0400
Subject: Re: STS-48 & Larry King - Velez

>From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 13:47:34 -0700
>Subject: STS-48 & Larry King

>On June 26, 1996 I appeared on Larry King Live on CNN with Jim
>Oberg and the topic was STS-48. It was lively as you can see
>from the transcript below.

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>Source: Larry King Live
>06/26/92

>Larry King: Welcome back to Larry King Live.

<snip>

Hello Don,

Herr Oberg has chosen to grace all of us on UFO UpDates with his all-knowing presence. (And me with his incessant insults and condescension.) One of the many things he uses this forum for is to spread the 'party-line' on the STS-48 footage.

I'm still waiting for him to respond to another List member who has discovered a discrepancy in the time-code of the STS-48 footage. May-haps 'somebody' tampered with the footage? Gee, I wonder why?

This was a timely and relevant post from you. And as always, right on the money.

Good to see a post from you on the List. Been awhile between drinks.

Best to you and Vicki,

John Velez

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Re: CI: New Image of the 'Face' Withheld by NASA?

From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 16:40:56 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: New Image of the 'Face' Withheld by NASA?

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 22:49:48 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: CI: New Image of the 'Face' Withheld by NASA?

>Cydonian Imperative
>5-18-03

>Exclusive: New Image of the "Face" Withheld by NASA?
>by Mac Tonnies

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>For the first time since beginning this website, I have received
>what appears to be conclusive evidence of a NASA effort to
>photograph the Cydonia region without the public's knowledge.
>The image below ("E1701041C") does not appear on any publicized
>NASA site.

Allow me to clear this up. Soon after posting this, a processed version was unearthed on a publicly available site, as described in my follow-up report. I wanted to kick myself. Then again, Malin Space Science Systems inserted the new image (actually two new images) so quietly that, after viewing the unprocessed version in the USGS index, I hesitate to blame myself for thinking it was being withheld. So much for a Pulitzer Prize.

That said, it's still an interesting revelation: two new pictures of the Face on Mars, released with zero fanfare.

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UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 Number 20

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CROP CIRCLES APPEAR ON
A FARM IN QUEENSLAND

Thirty crop circles appeared on a sorghum farm in Australia's state of Queensland last week. And the farm's human residents may have heard the circles' actual creation.

"The overnight appearance of dozens of bizarre crop circles in a field of sorghum has spooked a Sunshine Coast hinterland farmer and his workers."

"The phenomenon, which was accompanied by loud 'zapping noises,' a flash of green light, lost power and barking dogs has the Gowen family of Glass House Mountains flumoxed."

"Fifth-generation landowner Kel Gowen said he was woken about midnight Wednesday (May 14, 2003) by two loud 'zaps.'"

"His farm hand, Noel Brady, whose cottage overlooks the four hectares (acres) of sorghum, said he was also woken by the first zapping sound, which was followed by the loss of (electrical) power and bright green flashes."

"Mr. Gowen said it was only during a routine check of his property early yesterday morning (Thursday, May 15, 2003) that he noticed the thirty flattened circles in the sorghum."

"Mr. Gowen said his family had never taken notice of stories of crop circles or UFOs." (See the Australian newspaper The Courier-Mail of Queensland for May 16, 2003, "Crop circles puzzle farmer." Many thanks to Darren Clarke and Robert Fischer for forwarding this newspaper story.)

ROUNDUP READERS SAY
ANTARCTIC RUINS STORY
IS JUST "FICTION"

The news release from the Atlantis Mapping Project is "just fiction," according to dozens of UFO Roundup readers who wrote in after last week's issue appeared.

The AMP news release alleged that prehistoric ruins had been found two miles (3,200 meters) under the ice cap in Antarctica and that one of their film crews had been missing since November 2002.

Leny G. reported, "The story is a hoax or just a

setup for an opening movie. If you look at the links a bit more carefully on the website, you would see posters of movie stars like Nicole Kidman and Clint Eastwood."

Dru Sefton, who works for Newhouse News Service in Washington, D.C. sent a copy of the website's mission statement, which says, "As the world's exclusive link to the secret U.S. dig in Antarctica, and 'Earth's coolest entertainment,' @lantistv is one of the most exotic combinations of fantasy and reality in entertainment today. Every week tens of thousands of Internet subscribers anxiously await news updates on a fictional archaeological dig in Antarctica. World-class archaeologists are even submitting their resumes to @lantistv in hopes of joining the expedition."

Gerry Lovell called the news release "an old hoax item that is now circulating on the WWW (World Wide Web) once more."

On Thursday, May 8, 2003, Gerry wrote, "Why hasn't someone done their homework and figured out that @lantistv and its 'Atlantis Mapping Project' is simply nothing more than entertainment?"

"In 2001, the outfit published an e-book entitled Washingtonople: The Secret History of America's Capital stating that such American monuments as the U.S. Capitol building, Lincoln Memorial and the proposed World War II Veterans Memorial, while erected during different centuries, are built according to its chief architect, Frenchman and Freemason, Pierre-Charles L'Enfant's mysterious master plan. Furthermore, it concludes that the terrestrial landmarks of the National Mall" in Washington, D.C. "will 'lock' with their celestial counterparts at a date predetermined by the (USA's) Founding Fathers. The e-book's archaeology is credited to a Dr. Conrad Yeats, a fictional archaeologist from a novel and a recurring guest on @lantistv's 'Atlantis Mapping Project' website."

"Washingtonople was the original name of America's capital city, bestowed on it in 1790 by L'Enfant."

(Editor's Comment: So it appears there are elements of truth in @lantistv's fiction.

L'Enfant did have a master plan for Washington, D.C. In fact, he was fired by Congress after he tore down an existing mansion house owned by a wealthy Maryland planter. The house stood right in the middle of one of L'Enfant's projected avenues. The full extent of Masonic influence on the capital's design has yet to be revealed. But it's possible that many D.C. landmarks were designed to represent the position of stars and planets in the heavens. "As above, so below" is a Masonic motto.)

Michael Christman also researched the websites and came up with "this statement, 'All depictions of news events are fictional and intended for entertainment only, despite claims to the contrary by subscribers, government agencies, archaeologists and other interested parties.'"

UFO Roundup editor Joseph Trainor has a theory about what happened. "For us, the story actually originated in France," he said, "A French UFO buff was cruising the Net and came across the AMP site. He must have thought the news release was genuine and emailed it--without the 'entertainment' disclaimer--to our correspondent Bob Fischer. In turn, Bob emailed it to me as part of his weekly digest of European paranormal news. I was struck by the eerie similarities to H.P. Lovecraft's 1931 novel, At the Mountains of Madness, and wrote it up as the 'ruins of Kadath found?' story."

"No wonder there were similarities," Trainor added, "AMP must have gotten the prehistoric ruins idea from Lovecraft."

UFO Roundup readers can check out the websites themselves at:

http://lantistv.com/bios/serena_bio.html

<http://lantistv.com/home.html>

<http://lantistv.com/tv/press.html>

<http://lantistv.com/amp/releases/charges.html> (Many

thanks to Dru Sefton, Gerry Lovell, Michael Christmas, John Hayes and others for the followup information.)

GREEN GNOME STARTLES
PEOPLE IN ECUADOR

"Police in a town in Ecuador are investigating reports of a little green man seen walking down the street."

"A number of Quininde residents called police after seeing what they described as a 'gnome' in" the town's Plaza Mayor.

"Marco Preciado told (the newspaper) Diario Extra: 'It was less than one meter (3 feet, 3 inches) tall, and I saw it three times. I tried to follow him, but he disappeared.'"

"Cecilia Cedeno, who owns a liquor shop, said, 'He appeared in front of the shop to a group of people. He gave a loud laugh and ran away.'"

A spokesman for Ecuador's Policia Nacional said, "People are scared and fascinated by the story. We are investigating, and we believe it is someone trying to make fun of the whole town" of Quininde. (See the Peruvian newspaper El Comercio for May 14, 2003, "Police are investigating gnome reports in Ecuador." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales para eso informe.)

ORANGE UFO SIGHTED IN AUSTRALIAN MOUNTAINS

On Saturday, May 10, 2003, at 9:45 p.m., Veronica A. took her pet dog outside at her home in Blaxland, a small town in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales, Australia, and saw a strange light approaching.

"I took my dog outside at about 9:45 p.m.," Veronica reported, "I immediately noticed a strange burnt orange/copper roundish object in the sky in the far distance. It looked like a star only a fair bit larger."

"I called to my brother, who came to the upstairs window. I asked him what it could be, and he said he didn't know. He called his wife, and she came downstairs with me, and he stayed upstairs. (I wish I had grabbed the videocamera--V.A.) At first I thought it was stationary, but then it started to move slowly towards the ground."

"I estimate that it was lower than the height (altitude in the USA--J.T.) of a plane and about 10 to 20 kilometers (6 to 12 miles) from where I was standing. It was over the bush. (forest or woods in the USA--J.T.)"

"After two to three minutes, I could no longer see it because of my neighbour's roof. I considered moving towards the bush, which is only a street away, to see where it went, but the sceptic in me made me not bother."

"We all discussed it later, and even my brother agreed it couldn't have been a satellite/comet because it lingered in one spot for too long. There was no trail. Just the roundish light. If you put four or five stars together, that would be the size." (Email Form Report)

GOLDEN UFO SPOTTED BY WITNESSES OVER IOWA

On Friday, May 9, 2003, around 10 p.m., Stephanie Hubricht was driving "between Algona (population 5,741) and Humboldt (population 4,452) in Iowa. Clear skies not a lot of stars. The UFO approached from the southwest."

"We were just coming out of Britt, Iowa (population 2,052)" on Highway 18 "heading west, when I saw a bright goldish-orangeish light in the southwest," Stephanie reported, "About two minutes later, I saw it again. A couple minutes after this, I saw two lights. Then, a couple more times, I just saw the one light. But it always seemed to be in the same direction as we were driving. I would look directly to the southwest each time I saw it."

"I have never seen a light like this, and I am curious about it. I always thought that if I ever saw a UFO, I would be scared, but I wasn't. I want to know if anyone else saw something like this the same night, same time. Big round orange light. It would appear, then disappear." (Email Form Report)

READER FEEDBACK:

IT'S OKAY TO SHOOT WOLVERINE

Concerning your editor's commentary on the movie X-2: The X-Men United (see UFO Roundup, volume 8, Number 18, page 10), reader Glenn O. Boyde writes, "To give you an explanation of why the officer fired at Wolverine in X-2, I work in law enforcement, and if a suspect refuses to disarm, especially someone with a knife, if you shoot the suspect, it is a justifiable use of force."

"Wolverine could not drop his weapons (his claws) and actually raised his hands, so the officer shot him."

"The problem that I have with the movie is that, unlike Daredevil and Spider-Man, X-2 did not follow any true comic story. In the comic, Wolverine could have sheathed his claws and would not have been shot. He was not a product of the U.S. government but a super-agent of the Canadian government who defected or went AWOL."

"The whole Stryker thing was stupid and over-exaggerated. Thanks for the time."

(Editor's Comment: Glenn, can you imagine the political fallout if Stryker's military attack on Prof. Xavier's school had happened in real life? A late night at the Pentagon. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is hard at work at his desk. The telephone rings, and he picks up the receiver. "Hello?"

"Donald..." Instantly he recognizes the voice of Condoleeza Rice. "I've got Hillary on the other line. Would you mind explaining what that idiot Stryker is doing to Westchester County, New York!?"

From the UFO Files...

250: WONDERS WORKED
IN ITALY

History teaches that the Roman Empire ceased to be a world power when the Vandals sacked the city in 410 A.D. But, in actuality, the Evil Empire was pretty much on the ropes 160 years earlier, in 250 A.D., losing wars with "barbarians" (ancestors of the French and Germans--J.T.) one after the other.

This period of the late Empire could properly be called "The Emperor of the Month Club," as the Praetorian Guard and the "first families" of Rome put one strongman after another on the Imperial throne, hoping to salvage their sinking ship of state.

Which is pretty much how the Roman general Decius came to power around 250 A.D. Admired by his contemporaries as a reasonably honest and forthright man, the new bald-headed emperor did crack down on those he perceived to be the Empire's enemies, most notably the Christians, who had become a sizable religious sect throughout the Empire.

Decius also figured out a way to make money from persecution. Christians willing to abjure their faith could go to a judge or a notary public, pay a fee and obtain a written certificate of loyalty to the Empire and the Olympian gods. Thousands did choose this "escape hatch," and there was a thriving black market in these Imperial documents, as well.

But those who stuck with Jesus Christ were rounded up by Decius' secret police and locked up in dungeons to face the rack, the "iron chair" and other implements of Roman torture.

Such a one was Venantius, a boy apprenticed to a leather worker in Camerino, Italy. Born in Camerino in 235 A.D., Venantius was orphaned at the age of ten and lived with relatives until he became an apprentice a couple of years later. He was arrested two weeks after Decius' decree against Christianity was posted.

Brought before the local Roman magistrate, Venantius called Jesus Christ "my personal savior," and "it was found impossible to shake his constancy with threats or promises, he was condemned to be scourged."

Returned to the prison, located in the lowermost floor of the arx (Roman citadel--J.T.), 15-year-old Venantius had his manacled hands chained to the whipping post. Then the jailer ripped away his tunic, baring the boy's back, and reached for the cat o' nine tails.

The first stroke laid open the skin. Venantius

clenched his teeth against the pain. Squeezing his eyes shut, he uttered a silent prayer that God would grant him the strength to endure the torture.

Again and again the iron-studded leather straps found their mark. The jailer let out a jolly chuckle. "I'll bet that stings a bit more than your master's switch."

As the jailer raised his arm once more, he felt cold steely fingers close around his wrist. A baritone voice said, "That will do."

Turning, the jailer saw a strange man standing there. The intruder was clad like a warrior in silver and gold armor of a curious design, neither Greco-Roman nor Celtic nor Gothic. A sheathed sword dangled from his hip. But he wore no casque or crested helmet, revealing a shock of curly, brownish-blond hair.

The jailer's gaze zipped past the intruder to the iron-grille door. It was locked. He tried to pull free of the stranger's grasp but could not.

"How did you get in here!?" the jailer bellowed.

The intruder squeezed harder. A stabbing cold enveloped the jailer's hand. The skin turned pink, then red, then white. The whip fell from his nerveless fingers. The jailer fell to his knees, shrieking, as delicate wrist bones began to shatter.

Glancing over his shoulder, Venantius watched in wide-eyed amazement. His prayers had been answered. It was an angel of God, just like in the Bible.

"Find another line of work, my friend," the angel advised.

And then he vanished.

The jailer's bellows quickly brought Roman soldiers to the dungeon. They listened to him babble about the strange visitor--a warrior--maybe one of the heroes of the Trojan War--Hector, Achilles, somebody! And, it not for his broken wrist, they would have thought the jailer quite mad.

But the jailer's weird story spread like wildfire through Camerino. Once again, Venantius was brought before the magistrate.

"So you're a sorcerer as well as a Galilean-worshipper," the judge said. "Tell me the secrets of your witchery. How did you conjure up Achilles?"

"I am no sorcerer," Venantius replied, "I serve Jesus Christ, the one you call 'the Galilean.' He sent an angel to succor me. Jesus is my lord...and yours, too."

"Don't waste my time with your impiety." The judge struck the bench with his baton. "The penalty for sorcery is death. Take him out and execute him, lest he cast a spell on our city."

With the magistrate's secretary supervising, the Roman soldiers built a pyre of birch wood in Camerino's main plaza. After all, everybody knew that witches were helpless against birch wood. As an additional precaution, they fastened chains around Venantius' ankles, tossed the rope over a stout limb, and then dangled him upside-down over the fire "that he might be suffocated by smoke." Also, while choking on the acrid smoke, Venantius would be unable to cast a spell.

Wheezing and coughing, his eyes streaming from the stinging smoke, Venantius twisted slowly at the end of the rope. As the blood rushed to his head, he silently voiced another prayer. Thy will, O Lord, not mine!

Then, to the amazement of the magistrate's secretary, the mysterious armored figure appeared beside Venantius. He kicked apart the flaming pile of wood, trampled out a few of the burning brands, and then swept his hand over the rest, instantly extinguishing the blaze. He drew his sword. Its blade was an eerie radiance, not exactly light and not exactly fire, and cut through the boy's iron ankle chains as if they were cobwebs. Still coughing, Venantius hit the dirt with a thud.

The angel then vanished.

Flanked by Roman soldiers, the magistrate's secretary came running across the plaza. He stooped and picked up a blackened piece of wood. He gasped. The brand was covered with a thin sheen of ice.

The secretary was converted on the spot, "proclaimed his faith in Christ, was baptized with his whole family, and shortly after won the martyr's crown himself."

"Venantius was then carried before the (provincial) governor, who, unable to make him renounce his faith, cast

him into prison" in April 250 "with an apostate who vainly strove to tempt him." When this attempt failed, Venantius was brought before the governor again.

"I've read something of these Hebrew scrolls," the governor said, "Tell me, boy, are you familiar with the tale of Shadrach, Mesach and Abednego?"

Venantius nodded. "I am."

The governor chuckled. "You'll find our ovens more sturdy than those of Persia (now Iran--J.T.). This time the fable will have a different ending." To the guards, he said, "Have his jaws broken and then burn him."

This time, no angel intervened when the jailer took a hammer and struck Venantius on both sides of the face, shattering his teeth and jaws. Bleeding from the mouth, Venantius was chained hand and foot, carried to a large copper wine vat and tossed inside. Nearly overcome with pain, he could hear the Roman soldiers stacking firewood around the outside of the vat.

Again Venantius prayed. And just as the copper floor began to blister his flesh, a circle of light appeared on the vat's wall. Through it stepped the curly-haired angel, this time with a white cloak hitched to his armor. At a touch, the manacles fell from the boy's hands and feet. The entity spread the white cloak protectively around Venantius, instantly cooling him off.

"Take my hand and come with me," the angel said.

Nodding, Venantius gripped the proffered hand.

Together they stepped right through the copper wall of the wine vat.

As the pair emerged from the vat, the assembled crowd emitted cries of amazement and horror. The centurion in charge of the execution clutched his cuirass and "fell headlong from his seat and expired," apparently of a heart attack.

Addressing the crowd, the angel said, "Tell your governor that the tale has the same ending. For the Lord is the same--yesterday, today and forever."

Some in the crowd began shouting, "This god of Venantius' is the true God. Let us destroy our idols."

"This circumstance being told to the governor, he ordered Venantius to be thrown to the lions; but these brutes, forgetting their natural ferocity, crouched at the feet of the Saint," who stroked and affectionately ruffled their fur. It was as if Venantius had bathed in catnip.

Each strange incident added to the reputation of Camerino's "unkillable sorcerer." People flocked to the dungeon to see "the wonder-worker." Venantius took the opportunity to preach to them. Even in the teeth of Decius's persecution, he was winning dozens of converts to Christianity.

"Then, by order of the tyrant (Decius), the young martyr was dragged through brambles and thorns, but again God manifested the glory of his servant." There was no more need for the angel. Resigned to his ultimate fate, Venantius was now able to perform miracles on his own.

May 10 was a hot day and "the soldiers suffering from thirst" complained loudly about their duty. Cut and slashed by the brambles, still smarting from his other injuries, Venantius took pity on them.

"You know, Moses in the desert struck a rock, and water came forth," he said.

"That is absolute crap," a grizzled legionnaire replied, "I served in Egypt! No man could live in the Sinai. No one! Those fables about Moses are all lies!"

With a grim smile, Venantius knelt on a flat rock. "Behold the power of the Lord."

His forefinger made the sign of the cross, and "immediately a jet of clear, cool water spurted up from the spot." The soldiers rushed forward to slake their thirst. "This miracle converted many of those who beheld it."

Yet it also alarmed the governor, who feared that Decius would blame him for the wholesale conversion of so many legionnaires to a proscribed sect. The threat of Venantius had to be ended, he felt, once and for all.

It took about a week for the Empire's informers to come up with a list of the recent converts. At dawn on May 18, 250 A.D., the governor struck. The soldiers who had converted were disarmed and rousted out of their barracks. Loyal troops went from house to house to collect the civilians. They were all confined to one

corner of the plaza, surrounded by javelin-toting legionnaires.

Brought from the arx in chains, Venantius was the last to join them.

"Venantius and his converts were beheaded together." It was the first mass execution in Italy since the civil wars of the First Century B.C.

Today a Baroque church stands above the massacre site--the Church of San Venanto--and the bodies of the martyrs are interred in its catacombs.

As for the mysterious angel...he appeared a generation later, in 271 A.D., to a young woman of Rome named Restituta. (See UFO Roundup, volume 7, number 22 for May 28, 2002, "271: Restituta's guardian angel," page 6.)

Such were the strange incidents and manifestations that marked the last days of the Roman Empire. (See the book Lives of the Saints, Benziger Brothers, Milwaukee, Wis. 1887, pages 230 and 231.)

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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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Dabrowski

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>>Subject: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
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particular case can be argued endlessly. Look at the JFK
assassination: in the middle of the day in a major city, 180
witnesses, still photos and movies, but after 40 years of
investigation there's still no consensus on what happened. And
no UFO sighting is remotely as well attested.

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Andrew Dabrowski | Lueckenlos ist die Welt, doch
SE 117 5-5470 | zusammengehalten ... von den
Verschwundenen.
dabrowsa@indiana.edu | Sie sind ueberall.
-Enzensberger

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Cc: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@cavtel.net>
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TO: Mr. William W. Wolf >FOIA Appeals Officer
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U. S. Department of the Interior Washington, DC 20240

FROM: Peter Robbins Editor-in-Chief,
<http://www.ufocity.com>
New York City

DATE: May 19, 2003

Dear Mr. Wolf:

UFocity.com columnist Larry W. Bryant ("LWB Chronicles") deserves your affirmation of his appeal No. 2003-151, which he addressed to you on April 20, 2003. > >As Editor-In-Chief of the above website's worldwide UFO-related >news-and-information service, I have come to admire and rely upon Mr. Bryant's regular contributions to this site's contents during the past several years. What's more, that tangible value he continues to offer our site often is complemented by his consultative advice, news/research tips, and story leads born of his own years spent in the trenches of newsletter editorship (including that of the newsletter "Just Cause," published by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy).

Mr. Bryant's volume of investigative and analytical news-writing and commentary is expected to grow at a steady pace - especially as he succeeds in gaining additional, unfettered FOIA access (including appropriate fee waivers) to the federal government's vast storehouse of yet-to-be disclosed UFOana. Your denying him that access -- however indirectly or covertly -- will hamper both the public service he's providing and the public's right-to-know.

I therefore urge you to grant his appeal as soon as possible, to protect his thus-validated requester status in the future, and to apply the same criteria of that validation to all other persons occupying his category of FOIA requesters.

Your granting this appeal will, of course, obviate my having to ask Mr. Bryant to include this statement as witness evidence for any forthcoming litigation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Robbins

P.S.: Because of the interrelation between Mr. Bryant's DOI-records-access FOIA Appeal No. 2003-144 and his DOI-fee-waiver-

request-rejection FOIA Appeal No. 2003-151, I expect you to fully grant BOTH appeals as soon as possible so as to end the illegal impasse your agency's action/inaction has imposed upon Mr. Bryant's (and, indirectly, my website's) FOIA right-of-access, right of equal-protection-of-the-laws, and right of freedom-of-the-press -- not to mention the harm that this impasse is causing to the public's right-to-know and to its right to take part in overseeing government operations.

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Re: STS-48 & Larry King - Hall

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>Subject: STS-48 & Larry King

>>From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 13:47:34 -0700
>>Subject: STS-48 & Larry King

>>On June 26, 1996 I appeared on Larry King Live on CNN with Jim
>>Oberg and the topic was STS-48. It was lively as you can see
>>from the transcript below.

>>>Source: Larry King Live
>>06/26/92

>>Larry King: Welcome back to Larry King Live.

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>Hello Don,

>Herr Oberg has chosen to grace all of us on UFO UpDates with his
>all-knowing presence. (And me with his incessant insults and
>condescension.) One of the many things he uses this forum for is
>to spread the 'party-line' on the STS-48 footage.

>I'm still waiting for him to respond to another List member who
>has discovered a discrepancy in the time-code of the STS-48
>footage. May-haps 'somebody' tampered with the footage? Gee, I
>wonder why?

>This was a timely and relevant post from you. And as always,
>right on the money.

>Good to see a post from you on the List. Been awhile between
>drinks.

>Best to you and Vicki,

>John Velez

I second John's comments here, and only wish to ask Don two
questions: (1) How did NICAP in 1992 (date from memory but it
was 1990s) sponsor anything since no NICAP existed at that
time?; and (2) have you read my review of Richard Dolan's book
in IUR (Vol. 26, No. 1, Spring 2001)?

- Dick

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>particular case can be argued endlessly. Look at the JFK
>assassination: in the middle of the day in a major city, 180
>witnesses, still photos and movies, but after 40 years of
>investigation there's still no consensus on what happened. And
>no UFO sighting is remotely as well attested.

I don't understand where you guys are coming from. Check the
opinion polls, check the surveys, Most people do Believe that
Earth is being visited. Unfortunately because of repeated claims
to the contrary, they think that most other people don't. Of
course, the case is only very strong when one looks at the
evidence.

There is plenty of evidence. Will people accept it? I have had
only 11 hecklers at more than 700 total lectures all over. 2
were drunk. I have had crowds as big as 2000 and have an open Q
and A session. Why be apologist ufologists?

Research by proclamation won't do. Preponderance of the evidence
is fine in civil suits isn't it? The basis for deciding truth
has been determined by the specific situation. If I claim I can
lift three hundred pounds, you have a right to say here is a 300
pound weight, show me. If I claim that sometimes the earth comes
between the sun and the moon and the moon goes out, it is
inappropriate to demand that I do it tomorrow at 11PM. No I
can't produce an alien body. In a hit and run accident, the
victim is dead regardless of whether or not we know who drove
the car or what kind of car it was Eyewitness testimony
concerning clearly manufactured objects behaving in ways we
can't duplicate (especially 50 years ago) means we are dealing
with ET spacecraft. We need not know the point of origin, the

mode of propulsion, the motivation of the pilots.

Stan Friedman

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html>

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

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>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

<snip>

I have snipped to this question because it's the only thing that has the potential of a productive outcome.

>Now, what specific issues do you care to discuss or debate?

One specific issue I'd like to discuss is... why do UFOs have lights?

A. Hebert

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Re: Swamp Gas - Denzler

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OK. I feel like I've just been confronted with a crossword puzzle in the newspaper and have to try to solve it. Here's what I think you're referring to:

Hynek did not say that the Michigan sightings were nothing but swamp gas. He said that at the time of the press conference he didn't know what the sightings were, but that they could be almost anything. For instance, because they were sighted near a swamp, pockets of gas rising from decaying vegetable matter might produce a brief ball of light that could be taken for a UFO.

The media, however, jumped on his "for instance" as if he had laid down the final word about the events. Not so.

Am I right?

Brenda Denzler

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UFO Over Baku Azerbaijan Again

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Source: Baku Today

<http://www.bakutoday.net/view.php?d=4562>

21/05/2003

Hundreds of Baku residents became the witnesses of the unusual phenomenon - the unidentified flying object buzzed above the city on Monday in the evening.

UFO was observed in various parts of capital approximately from 5 pm to 7pm (Baku time). In the cloudless sky the large light stain similar to an extended drop of milk has appeared.

The object was not similar to a cloud, aboard the plane or the helicopter, as moved on a complex trajectory, Ekho newspaper report says. At 18:35 "drop" suddenly started quickly to leave, was not dissolved yet in the sky. The abnormal object has caused interest not only the people of Baku, but also Azerbaijani experts.

Professor Elchin Khalilov, chief of a commission on the abnormal phenomena at presidium of Academy of Sciences, shot the UFO on amateur. Mr. Khalilov has noted that they had already started to study the video.

"With similar UFO we face for the first time," he told to reporters. "It is already unequivocally clear, that the fixed object is not the plane, helicopter or other flying means. The UFO represents enough, slightly extended form. Thus is abundantly clear, that it is object of a technical origin."

UFO hung at height of 5 kilometers, and then has departed to the Caspian Sea side. I can not tell exactly how far the UFO was, he said. All depends on the size of UFO. On our sight it exceeded 10 m. UFO was rather low above ground and it was large enough, with symmetric elements on each side.

I admit that this object can be any spy, but only theoretically. We have experts in air navigation, space researches, astrophysics, which will involve for the analysis of this shooting," promised Elchin Khalilov.

Fuad Gasimov, chairman of Cosmic Seismological Department of Azerbaijan National Aero cosmic Agency says, appearance of UFOs in the sky is an alarm signal for people who destroys ecosystem of planet.

As Baku Today reported early this year, an UFO appeared on Baku on January 2. Some scientists claim that UFOs were also observed before and warned about natural disaster. Mr. Gasimov stated that UFOs hinder the prediction of earthquakes and researches carried out in this field.

"They don't want mankind reveal their secret. But there are some facts stating that UFOs keep in touch with the scientists. Though most approach these unserious, objects keep in touch with selected persons by the means of Morse alphabet or telepathy signals and transmit information related to the future," he told

to journalists in January of this year. It seems UFO will become normal guest for Baku inhabitants soon.

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Ufology & Theological Clarifications

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by Monsignor Corrado Balducci
Pescara, Italy, June 8th, 2001

Monsignor Corrado Balducci is a Vatican theologian and an insider close to the Pope. He has been featured on national Italian television numerous times to express that extraterrestrial contact is a real phenomenon and "not due to psychological impairment". In this testimony he explains that not only the general populous but also highly credible, cultured and educated people of high status are recognizing more and more that this is a real phenomenon. He goes on to speak about the extraterrestrial people as part of Gods creation and that they are not angels nor are they devils. However they are probably more spiritually evolved. (Thanks to the Disclosure Project.)

Premise.

Over the last 150 years it have appeared sequentially and with an increasing spreading and frequency rate, two types of manifestations and phenomena, very different between them, but both so interesting, controversial and fascinating to divide public opinion into two different aspects: or everything is real, or well everything is false. These are spiritualism and ufology.

It shouldn't surprise us this approach, because it's related only to the reactions and behaviour of the public before these two phenomena and not to their contents, obviously quite different between both of them!

Regarding spiritualism, this is a practice for which there are testimonies across the centuries; in 1847, with the sisters Fox in Hydesville (New York), it had a special remark and spread rapidly in several countries. Very soon there was an explanation for the phenomena connected to such practices, even by the scientists: the souls of the disincarnated, better said of the dead people, are the cause of this. This was called the spiritualist hypothesis, against which theologians soon opposed to the so called demonic hypothesis.

Only by the end of XIX century there were made the first attempts to look for a natural explanation, and finally in 1922, with the thick book of the French scientist Charles Richet,

"Trait=E8 de M=E8tapsychique", it began officially the so called Metapsychics, nowadays better known as Parapsychology.

When I began with my demonic and metapsychic studies back in 1950, I found myself in a period when, since two decades ago, it was denied the existence of spiritualist phenomena (and not only by some scientists, but also by a very wide public opinion), that represented at that time the most abundant cases of Metapsychics.

The same is valid since some decades on regarding Ufology.

After this premise, we reach our subject, for which I have two very brief clarifications to expose.

- The acronym UFO (Unidentified Flying Object), is used here in a wider sense, or even better, including also the existence of living beings in other planets.

- The aim of my intervention is to underline that something real must exist in the phenomena, and how this does not contrast at all with Christian religion, being considered positive even among theologians.

Let's divide the speech in three points:

1. Something real must exist.
2. Theological considerations on the habitability of other planets.
3. Some testimonies favourable to it.

I - UFO: Something real must exist.

This is a statement coming out from basic considerations based upon common sense, human rationalism and upon a normal and possible course of our lives, considering not only individual and social aspects, but also religious.

In fact, today there is a great amount (still increasing) of testimonies regarding the so called flying saucers or spaceships and the extraterrestrials; and among them there are some coming from reliable persons, with a culture and initially non believers. There are already hundreds of thousands of eye witnesses in the world that state to have seen UFOs at least once. There are so many, even in a smaller amount, the testimonies coming from the so called contactees.

If we consider this, it seems impossible to deny at a rational level that something real does exist! A totally sceptic behaviour is not justified at all, because a priori seems to be against to the elemental prudence suggested by the good sense.

It is also real that we could think rationally that so large average of testimonies could be due to illusions, hallucinations and to states of intense suggestion. In other cases it could be also due to particular light effects or well to atmospheric phenomena, such as clouds that over the mountains may show a shape similar to the flying saucers; we could use as an example the so called ball rays or well globular flashes of lighting.

Other times UFOs could be confused with certain types of round-shaped aeroplanes, that were certainly built in USA since the so called Cold War (it is also certain that Russia built some aeroplanes of this type). This promoted in the period after World War II, the spreading of the idea that flying saucers were nothing else but new inventions with warring aim, obviously kept secret.

But these are always inaccurate explanations and considerations to explain the number of testimonies and the wideness of UFO phenomenon. The most severe and hard criticism could reduce largely this number, but never will be able to eliminate all of them.

We also have to remember that in several countries exist places, organisations and associations that collect evidences and testimonies on tape, in order to make them examine and study by experts and scientists as necessary; after that the whole set is catalogued in explainable and non explainable phenomena. It is not any longer a secret the existence of the so called "Area 51" in the United States, within a zone in the hearth of the Nevada desert; an enormous land area that has a larger construction underground than on the surface. In France is famous the SEPRA association; in Italy there is the CUN, "Centro Ufologico Nazionale" (National Ufological Centre), already on its 36th. year of existence, and with Dr. Roberto Pinotti as President since long ago; also in Italy there is since 4 years until now the CIFAS ("Council of International Federation of Advanced Studies") dedicated to study the relationships between man and extraterrestrial space, which President is still Gen. Salvatore Marcelletti.

Regarding the existence of something real within UFO phenomenon, I must add another consideration that was left for last to better underline its importance. And this is, that a generalised, systematic and total incredulity finally would weaken and destroy the value of human testimony, with serious and unforeseeable consequences, because that is the base of life not only individual and social, but also religious.

In fact, testimony is a form of communication of our faith in our partner. This is a widely spread way on daily life (when listening news, spending, buying, etc.). Let's imagine what could happen on individual and social life if the value of human testimony was weakened, with the logical decrease and disappearance of that faith many times is essential for daily life!

After this, I have extended such inconveniences to religious life; in fact, also Christian religion is based upon human testimony, being the Divine Revelation an historical fact.

In 1937 Jesuit theologian Herbert Thurston wrote on purpose: "From a logical point of view, christians that accept miracles and other episodes related on the Gospel... they cannot reject in an obstinate way the reiterated testimonies of modern and reliable witnesses, that relate what their eyes have seen..."

All our Apologetic system is based upon the belief in the Truth said in the Gospel" ("Church and Spiritualism"; Milan, 1937; p.p.179). For that: "systematic demolition and discredit of human testimonies regarding simple fact data, seem to me contrary in principle to all belief on the historic seriousness of Gospel, and indirectly, to every belief on Christian Revelation" (Op. Cit. p.p. 157).

II. Theological and biblical considerations on the habitability of other planets.

First of all a clarification: we should exclude that angels use spaceships, due to the fact that they are merely spiritual beings, and that they are wherever they want to be, and in the rare cases when they show themselves, they don't have any difficulty to assume a visible form. The very same we can say about dead people. Holy Virgin, in the very few cases when she could consider to be in contact with human people (very exceptional episodes and to be confirmed in their authenticity), continues to choose other very different ways to transmit us her maternal affection, to manifest us her urgencies, to communicate us her maternal claims or to give us her sweet reproaches. Even keeping their angelic nature, we shouldn't think about the devils at all, because they are connected in their liberty to God on their extraordinary activity, and in that way they are disabled to express their terrible and malefic hate regarding us. Let's remember St. August: "If the devil by his own initiative could do anything, even a single living being would not stay on Earth" (ML 37, 1246); let's remember also to St. Buenaventura: "Is so large the demon's cruelty, that he would swallow us in every moment, if Divine protection don't guard us" ("Diaeta salutis", tit. 7 c.1, Verona 1748, p. 183).

Therefore, when speaking about extraterrestrials, we must think in beings like us, or well and preferably in other types of living beings, that in their spiritual part they have associated a material one; better said, a body in a better state than the one existing for us as humans.

There is not a scientific certainty yet about this problem, even if this seems to be closer and closer, thanks to the progress of science and study. Regarding the theological and biblical aspect of this matter, we can remark three points, three affirmations in favour from the various considerations:

1. Before all, that exist other inhabited planets is something possible. In the Bible there are not specific allusions to other living beings, but neither is excluded this hypothesis, that for this stays as possible, if we think that God's omnipotence and wisdom have no limits, being infinite.

2. Furthermore, the existence of other inhabited planets is something credible. In fact, there is a great diversity between angels, merely spiritual beings and us, composed by spirit and

matter; better said, soul and flesh, but a soul that cannot act if don't use the body as an instrument; a body that makes with its passions and capital vices conditional the soul to the point of make human person so fragile, and more devoted to evil than to goodness. Therefore is credible that this enormous distance between us and the angels could be reduced by the presence of beings that, having also a body (even if more perfect), their soul is less conditioned on their intelligent and volitional acting.

If necessary, there is another confirmation upon the very ancient saying of Lucrezio Caro: "Natura non facit saltus"; a very famous phrase (that I found on the "De rerum natura") and quoted - regarding that argument - also by some theologians.

Another consideration is taken for the aim of the creation, or well the Glory of God, a concept that you can find several times on the Bible. For instance, Psalm 18 begins by saying precisely: "heavens sing the glory of God". But only human person is able to give this glory to God in a conscious way, because it has intelligence and free will.

Precisely for this, several theologians say, is not only possible but credible, that in the spaces that are distant and inaccessible for men and his scientific instruments, do exist other beings able to know God as their Creator, and also they give im this Glory, that for them and their worlds represent the aim of Creation.

Jesuit Father Domenico Grasso, Professor of Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University wrote on purpose: "Why all the perfection God has spread so widely in the universe should be kept hidden without singing the glory of God? Wouldn't it be a discordance unsuitable for God? Who writes a book knowing that it will never be read by anyone, or well who paints a painting to hide it from anyone's sight?".

He claims regarding the statements made by German theologian Joseph Pohle in one of his books of 1904 (page 457): "It seems to be accordingly with the aim of the world that inhabitable celestial bodies are settled by creatures that recognise the glory of God in the physical beauties of their worlds, in the same way man does with his smaller world" ("Die Sternwelt und ihre Bewohner" - "The Stars of Universe and its Inhabitants"; K=F6ln 1904; pp. 457). Finally Father Grasso concludes: "we must think in the angels to know where God receives the glory from these worlds from, because them, that are purely spiritual, "are not able to know the matter but indirectly, in the same way man does with the spirit" (ib.).

3. Beyond to be something possible and credible, I would see desirable the inhabitability of other planets. In a future, even if very remote, these eventual inhabitants, superior to us, could be very helpful to us, specially in our spiritual path. In a non practical way, they could had been protecting and helping us since long time ago.

If it is the case that they do really exist intelligent beings on other planets, it would be easier to understand how to conciliate their existence with the redemption of Christ. As St. Paul says (cfr. Col. 1, 16-17), a real fact is that Christ is the centre and head of the creation of the universe. Therefore there are no worlds without a reference of Him. From the Bible is possible to assure that Christ, as Incarnated Verb, has total influence upon all the possible inhabited planets.

I quote what said by St. Paul to the Colossians: "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on Earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things and in Him all things consist... For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell. And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross" (Col. 1, 16-20).

The Church celebrates the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year (before the Advent) as the Feast of Christ, King of the universe, and in its liturgy the universality of His kingdom is remembered, which is also expressed in the daily Mass.

III. Algunos testimonios a favor.

There exist several interesting statements on the inhabitability of other worlds by lay scientists, theologians or servants of God which already qualified for a process of beatification or canonisation. Obviously I'll limit myself to quote just some of them.

Beginning with the laymen, let me quote the great French scientist Charles Richet (1850 - 1935), that was, among other things, a materialist. In 1922, in his "Trait=E8 de M=E8tapsychique", he stated: "Do we have any right to claim, just because of our limited senses and our mistaken intelligence, that man is the only intelligent being in this immense cosmos?... That other intellectual forces, different from us, exist, is not only possible but extremely probable. It is even certain... It is absurd to claim that we are the only intelligence in nature... The existence of these beings cannot be proven, but the probability of their existence is evident" (loc. cit., Paris 1922, pp. 787-788).

I remember 5 theologians:

1. Cardinal Nicol=F2 Cusano (1401 - 1464), philosopher and scientist that said: "We are not authorised to exclude that on another star beings do exist, even if they are completely different from us".
2. The Jesuit Father and astronomer Fr. Angelo Secchi (1818 - 1876) wrote: "It is absurd to claim that the worlds surrounding us are large, uninhabited deserts and that the meaning of the universe lies just in our small, inhabited planet."
3. The famous Dominican preacher Jacques-Marie-Louis Monsabre (1827 - 1907) referred to the principle "Natura non facit saltus" when he claimed that other intelligent beings besides men and angels exist.
4. The already quoted English Jesuit Father Herbert Thurston wrote: "Who can claim that there are no other intelligent beings besides these 3 categories of angels, demons and men in the Universe of God? I do not intend to confirm the possibility I indicated in my question as a fact, but I ask: Who can be sure about it?" (Op. Cit., pp. 3).
5. German Theologian Giuseppe Pohle: "Hypothesis of the plurality of inhabited worlds is totally favourable to the glory of the Lord. God creates for His glory, and any glory is possible without intelligent beings, able to know the creation of the Lord" .

I remember two persons for whom there is already going on their process of canonisation:

1. The Salesian Father and Servant of God Don Andrea Beltrami (1870 - 1897) who prayed also for the possible inhabitants of other planets. Of the 16 booklets he wrote, one seems to deal with this topic (and I say "seems" because unfortunately I was not able to know the titles of his 16 publications).
2. The second (with whom I want to close this paper), is the already sanctified Padre Pio, who was beatified by Pope John Paul II on May 2, 1999 and canonised on June 16, 2002. From St. Fr. Pio, the following dialogue is documented and officially published by the Cappuchin Order:

Question: "Father, some claim that there are creatures of God on other planets, too". Answer: "What else? Do you think they don't exist and that God's omnipotence is limited to this small planet Earth? What else? Do you think there are no other beings who love the Lord?".

Another question: "Father, I think the Earth is nothing compared to other planets and stars". Answer: "Exactly! Yes, and we Earthlings are nothing, too. The Lord certainly did not limit

His glory to this small Earth. On other planets other beings exist who did not sin and fall as we did".

(Don Nello Castello: "Cos=EC parl=F2 Padre Pio"; Vicenza, 1974).

Lac. Corrado Balducci

Rome, C. 7 / 6 / 2001

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>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2002 14:23:44 -0600

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>Gordon Cooper tells an interesting tale in 'Leap of Faith', pp.
>153-154, recounting what he says he heard from Joaquin 'Jack'
>Keutner, whom he worked with on the Mercury-Redstone rocket.

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>In an attempt to improve accuracy over the target, some V-1s
>were modified with a cockpit to allow for a pilot, Jack had
>flown several trips across the English channel atop a V-1
>strapped under a twin-engine Junkers bomber. After being dropped
>free, he would air-start the "Flying Bomb". When they got within
>range of London, he would release the bomb, then turn toward the
>French coast and ride the rocket home. Before landing, Jack
>would dump any remaining fuel and glide the V-1, modified with
>landing skids, to a belly landing in a field.

>One time, things didn't go as planned. For this flight, they
>had a two-man cockpit in a V-1, and Jack was checking out a less
>experienced pilot. When they were dropped by the Junkers, they
>couldn't get an air start and had to turn back toward France.
>Jack released the warhead but was unable to dump fuel, so they
>came in heavy, loaded with combustible fuel and at a high rate
>of speed: in excess of 270 miles per hour. They hit the field,
>slid its entire length, and went into a pine forest, leaving a
>trail of burning debris behind them. The rocket disintegrated.
>Somehow Jack got out, but the other fellow didn't.

>At war's end, a manned V-2 was sitting on the pad at Peenemunde,
>all tested out, fueled up, and ready to go. It would have been
>launched on a low-energy easterly orbit, Jack explained. The
>plan: to drop a warhead on New York City. That 1945 manned
>rocket flight - sixteen years before the first U.S. manned
>rocket flight - came within a week or two of being launched."

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>I guess the kindest thing to say about this silliness is that
>Cooper must have been a sucker for wild and wooly 'war stories',
>and it's sad he didn't know enough history and enough
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<snip>

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>swamp gas. He said that at the time of the press conference he
>didn't know what the sightings were, but that they could be
>almost anything. For instance, because they were sighted near
>a swamp, pockets of gas rising from decaying vegetable matter
>might produce a brief ball of light that could be taken for a
>UFO.

>The media, however, jumped on his "for instance" as if he had
>laid down the final word about the events. Not so.

>Am I right?

No. <G> Nice try, though. Have your tape recorder ready.

Wendy

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Kelly

From: Ken Kelly <elprospero@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 20:43:33 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 10:06:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Kelly

>From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 14:00:13 -0700
>Subject: Skeptics - An Editorial

>I also received a "personal note" from Nobel Laureate Leon M.
>Lederman addressed to 'me.' It started with: Don Ecker

>"Dear Friend, I have found great articles in the Skeptical
>Inquirer that *debunk such examples of 'junk science' as UFOs in
>Roswell, cold fusion, ghosts and haunted houses, astrology,
>fortune tellers, crying statues, etc., etc. The exercise of
>rational (scientific) thinking is essential to preserving our
>long-term commitment to rationality. Skepticism is an essential
>attribute of good thinking. Sincerely, Leon M. Lederman Nobel
>Laureate-Physics 1988."

To the physicists on the List,

This is a bit off the subject, but at least brief. Dr. Lederman
was awarded the Nobel Prize for discovering the Higgs boson.
However, the Higgs boson hasn't yet been proven to exist. So,
was his award justified?

Stanton? Bruce? Brad?

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 21:47:10 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 10:08:22 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Connors

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 21:49:08 -0500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 23:28:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 21:58:14 +0000
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 02:16:25 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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>One specific issue I'd like to discuss is... why do UFOs have
>lights?

So they can see in the dark?

Wendy Connors

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 00:17:49 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 10:13:37 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Gates

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 21:49:08 -0500
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>I have snipped to this question because it's the only thing that
>has the potential of a productive outcome.

>>Now, what specific issues do you care to discuss or debate?

>One specific issue I'd like to discuss is... why do UFOs have
>lights?

Amy, Listers,

The first response I thought of was along the lines of "Why did
the chicken cross the road?" :)

On a more serious note. I would observe that many sightings of
UFOs over the years did not involve 'lights'. Say, for example,
DD, or off-hand I recall hearing some reports of so-called
'triangles' that had no lights. All the witness saw was the
silhouette. Some do have lights associated with them others do
not.

Off-hand I would venture to say that anything that anybody comes
up with is pure speculation... that is until we get our hands on
some of the technology and understand how it works.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Swamp Gas - Heath

From: Gord Heath <gwheath@shaw.ca>
Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 22:54:29 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 10:28:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Swamp Gas - Heath

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 11:55:51 -0600
>Subject: Swamp Gas

>I come forward today to dispel a research error that has
>permeated the field of Ufology. The Ufological record quotes Dr.
>Josef Allen Hynek as saying the Hillsdale/Ann Arbor, MI cases
>was nothing more than "swamp gas."

>Today, I tell all of you, that quotation is in error. Hynek
>never said the incident was caused by "swamp gas."

>As a regular contributor to EBK's "Strange Days... Indeed!" radio
>program, I will dispel this myth on my next regular gig,
>sometime in June. Have your tape recorders ready.

>The first recognized CE III case by NICAP, involving William
>Squyres on August 25, 1952, is now preserved on digital audio
>from an interview Frank Edwards did with him the next day. This
>tidbit of audio is very important historically for all of us.
>Little green men in UFOs began with this case.

Hi Wendy,

This would certainly put a lot of UFO history on its head. I
most certainly look forward to the information you have
uncovered about this.

I still remember when the Colorado study findings were
broadcast. I remember how it felt a little like hearing the
findings of the Warren Commission on the JFK assassination. I
also vaguely recall the controversy which was created by Hynek's
comments about the Michigan sightings as possibly originating
from swamp gas. It seems now so ironic in that people are so
willing to accept any explanation for each and every sighting.
Were people actually more open-minded and capable of critical
thinking back then?

By the way, thank you very, very much for your kindness in
sending me your very interesting history of Ruppelt along with
the recordings of Frank Edwards. I am pleased there are still
people out there who are trying to record the real history of
that time with respect to the UFO phenomenom. I'm sure you
realize that back then, it all seemed so new and we were just
starting our own exploration of the aerospace above our planet
and obviously quite surprised to find out it was already
occupied.

Yours truly,

Gord Heath, UFOBC

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Re: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 23:39:33 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 10:31:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood - Hatch

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 03:26:16 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 12:05:57 -0700
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood

>>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 18:36:08 -0400
>>>Subject: UFOs Planet X & Hazelwood

>>>As many people recall today, May 15th was the big day for many
>>>of the planet-x-ers, Hazelwood, Zeta talk for the earth to stop
>>>spinning, the magnetic field to change, massive earthquakes and
>>>everything else to happen. What does all of this have to do with
>>>UFOs? A brief review, then the UFO tie in.

<snip>

>>How about some full names and URLs so we can see just what was
>>predicted, by whom, and who bought into it?

>Larry,

>The Planet X drivel has been around literally for years.

Yes, but I associated that with Sitchin's malarkey.

>Zetataalk was started off by a housewife named Nancy who was
>supposedly channelling this information from ET messengers. The
>big zeta notion is planetX goes by and the earth stops rotation
>for about a day and the pole shift happens, not to mention major
>earth changes, earth quakes and everything else.

>According to Nancy, she first appeared with/on Michael Lindemann
>in 1995, later on Strange Univerise, Sightings, Art Bell, not to
>mention being featured in Art Bells magazine, not to mention
>others.

>For a summary which talks about the above, see:

><http://www.zetataalk.com/usenet/use90387.htm>

>Naturally Zeta apparently dislike/dispise Hazelwood and it is
>likely the feeling is mutual because Hazelwood claims that
>zetataalk was exposed as NASA disinformation 5 months ago.
>Hazelwood has appeared on a number of radio shows promoting his
>planetx book Blindsided. He supposedly claimed on the Hal Turner
>radio show that the event is going to happen sometime between
>May 15th and May 30th of this year and the earth will stop
>turning for 3 days instead of 1 (Zetataalk) etc etc. Elsewhere
>the event is scheduled to happen between May 24-31. Hazelwoods
>site is planetx2003.com; there is a host of other web sites
>promoting essentially his theory a couple of which are
>shift2003.com and prep2003.com not to mention a host of others

>including yahoo news groups, various discussion groups and so
>on.

>Some of the folks were advocating various differently
>constructed buildings as a means of surviving the disasters such
>as dome construction or something like that.

>At this point you probably won't find anybody (perhaps a few)
>that will admit to believing anything that was channeled by the
>Zetas. Likewise on June 1 or 2nd, you probably will be hard
>pressed to find anybody that will claim that they believed
>Hazelwood. The various radio shows will likely be silent and
>instead wanting to promote the next theory/notion/tale that
>comes along.

Thanks Robert!

I visited the link you provided. I take it we have Hazelwood to
thank for the latest Pole-Shift version of Planet-X etc., and a
lot more besides.

I don't know much about "Nancy" the channeling housewife, maybe
she was bored. Hazelwood sounds like a prime candidate for Royce
Myer's UFO Watchdog website. Maybe he is already up there with
Sean David Morton and company? The last I looked, Nancy was on
this page:

<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/hall5.html>

I nominate Hazelwood as a co-star.

Best

- Larry

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Re: STS-48 & Larry King - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 08:32:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 10:35:53 -0400
Subject: Re: STS-48 & Larry King - Fleming

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 15:55:49 -0400
>Fwd Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 16:38:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: STS-48 & Larry King - Velez

>>From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 13:47:34 -0700
>>Subject: STS-48 & Larry King

>>On June 26, 1996 I appeared on Larry King Live on CNN with Jim
>>Oberg and the topic was STS-48. It was lively as you can see
>>from the transcript below.

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>>Source: Larry King Live
>>06/26/92

>>Larry King: Welcome back to Larry King Live.

><snip>

>Hello Don,

>Herr Oberg has chosen to grace all of us on UFO UpDates with his
>all-knowing presence. (And me with his incessant insults and
>condescension.) One of the many things he uses this forum for is
>to spread the 'party-line' on the STS-48 footage.

Hi, John. Don't take it too personally. Anyone who tries to
engage Oberg in a rational discussion is sure to get their fair
share of abuse from him. I definitely got more than my fair
share.

>I'm still waiting for him to respond to another List member who
>has discovered a discrepancy in the time-code of the STS-48
>footage. May-haps 'somebody' tampered with the footage? Gee, I
>wonder why?

Yes, Oberg has deftly dodged the problem by moving on to sniping
at people's "beliefs" about other un-related questions. But he
has yet to explain why we should believe these time stamps
were what he claimed them to be. It looks to me like a lot of
magical thinking and an extremely powerful 'will to believe' are
required in order to give Oberg's claims any credibility.

But he's supposed to be the Space Expert. Maybe Mr. Space Expert
will enlighten the benighted souls on the List as to how time
stamps can be encoded in a video signal after it has been lost.
And perhaps he could explain how two nearly identical frames
came to have time stamps indicating an elapsed time of a minute
and a half between them when the Earth was moving so rapidly
relative to the orbiting shuttle at all other times in the
video.

>This was a timely and relevant post from you. And as always,
>right on the money.

Oberg has a copy of the Larry King transcript on his own web site. I noticed on reading it there that not one mention was made by him of any time stamps, even though Oberg and his friends had 9 months to do their 'analysis' of the video. Maybe someday we'll find out what the real time stamps show, but since someone at NASA apparently feels entitled to release false data to deal with FOIA requests, it will be hard to determine what's real and what isn't.

In addition to not being a Space Expert I'm also not a legal expert, but I think that releasing false and misleading data in response to Freedom of Information Act requests might be a serious violation of federal law. Somebody could cause themselves some bad long-term problems doing stuff like that. Oh, what a tangled web they weave ...

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Re: STS-48 & Larry King - Ecker

From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 07:34:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 10:41:51 -0400
Subject: Re: STS-48 & Larry King - Ecker

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 22:33:58 +0000
>Subject: Re: STS-48 & Larry King - Hall

>I second John's comments here, and only wish to ask Don two
>questions: (1) How did NICAP in 1992 (date from memory but it
>was 1990s) sponsor anything since no NICAP existed at that
>time?; and (2) have you read my review of Richard Dolan's book
>in IUR (Vol. 26, No. 1, Spring 2001)?

Hello Richard;

In response to your question;

I was invited to debate Phil Klass by ParaNet and MICAP, not
NICAP. MICAP is an organization started by ParaNet Administrator
Mike Corbin.

I do not recall reading your IUR review on Richard Dolans "UFOs
and the National Security State".

Best;

Don

Thought for the day.

What happens if a big asteroid hits Earth ? Well ... judging
from realistic simulations involving a sledge hammer and a
common laboratory frog, we can assume it will be pretty bad."

Don Ecker
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Re: Rods Exposed - Harmon

From: Michael Harman <rocketman5047@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 06:49:07 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 11:02:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Harmon

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>Subject: Rods Exposed

>Dear Errol and List Subscribers:

>I have posted my latest experiments in reference to the so-called "Rods" phenomenon at:

>
>http://home.attbi.com/~ifo_database/rods1.htm

>Last fall I noticed insects flying around a light in the Wal-Mart parking lot and out of the corner of my eye, they looked just like the images being presented for years as "rods". Shortly afterwards, the insect population decreased so I couldn't catch them flying around the lights with my video camera. I have been waiting all winter for the insects to return.

>
>On May 5th, 2003, I finally got my chance to test my hypothesis and spent several hours filming insects flying near the lights in the parking lot near our one-and-only McDonalds restaurant. I filmed the insects (seemed like hundreds of them) with various shutter speeds but got the best results capturing "rod" like images by using the Sports setting. Even through the viewfinder, I could see the "rods" (aka insects, bugs) flying near the lights.

>Although I'm sure those who promote the "rods" phenomenon will now say, "Rods are attracted to lights!", the more rational among us will know rods are really insects.

>I encourage anyone interested to go to a parking lot at night with your camcorder set on "Sports", aim and focus your camera on the insects flying close to the light, record, then review the footage in slow motion to see for yourself (most of the time you don't even need to review in slow motion).

>But please, do not make DVD's, videos, etc. and try to sell your images as "UFO's" or "Rods"! It's time to stop this type of hoax.

Amy,

You are correct in your findings.

I'm a retired USAF photographer, I also studied video technology while in the Air Force.

It is clear to me how this type of effect can be produced combining the effects of the rapidly flashing gas street lights in conjunction with the shutter speed of the video camera. You are simply photographing the wings flapping. Due to the speed of the wings/light flicker, you are only capturing the wings flapping every other or so cycle, thus the alternating effect.

Actually I realized this was a hoax or at best a mis-

identification of a known effect, as soon I started seeing articles and photoes on the internet. Actually I chose to ignore them.

It is my professional opinion that UFOs do exist because I have seen them, and seen them up close, knowing that they do not fit any known object. But Rods, I must say, just do not exist.

Mike Harman
UFO-PI Private UFO Investigations

<http://ufopi.freehomepage.com/indexmain.html> Main UFO Web Site

http://www.geocities.com/mike_harman.rm/ Old UFO Web Site

<http://www.geocities.com/rocketman5047/> Music Web Site

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Mike Harman

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Colin Norris?

From: Ken Potts <kenpotts@onetel.net.uk>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 15:46:06 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 11:04:34 -0400
Subject: Colin Norris?

Does anyone have the e-mail address for Colin Norris in Adelaide,
South Australia?

Regards,

Ken Potts

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 11:54:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 11:06:20 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Ledger

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 00:17:49 EDT
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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>>has the potential of a productive outcome.

>>>Now, what specific issues do you care to discuss or debate?

>>One specific issue I'd like to discuss is... why do UFOs have
>>lights?

How about anti-collision lights? Perhaps one of several reasons
such as a by-product [glowing UFOs] of whatever the heck powers
these things.

Don Ledger

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 10:06:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 11:34:52 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 01:44:35 -0700
>subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 11:52:56 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

><snip>

>Hello Amy:

>First let me say that I think you are doing a valuable service
>by putting up IFO images. This is a welcome change from all the
>fuzzy and inconclusive 'UFO' pix out there.

Thank you, Larry.

>Known IFO images give us a way of calibrating our eyeballs, a
>very useful tool. If I could offer some suggestions:

>1) Contact me off-List for a recommended host ISP for your
>website. By all means register your own domain name. I
>registered mine: <http://www.larryhatch.net> for way less than I
>thought it would cost. Site hosting costs something like \$11 a
>month. Compare that to simple AOL dial up service [chuckle!]

Will do. Thanks!

>2) If you have some images that you consider anomalous, by all
>means put those up too. This balances the ticket a bit.

There are images I place somewhere between UFOs and IFOs but I
am putting them on a separate web site that I am working on.

>3) The next one is a tough call: .avi footage versus still
>images. If it were me, I would stick with the stills. Stills are
>_way_ faster for site visitors to download. Personally, I don't
>have the patience to download movies. I move right on to the
>next site. My dial up service is still 56k at best, and life is
>short. If somebody wants movies, they should go to Blockbuster
>Video. Lots of fun stuff there.

I've done stills and they just don't convey the larger picture
including the way an object behaves (that's why I learned to
make animations from stills). I have worked hard to manage to
purchase the equipment that would allow me to make MPG's and
other video formats because I wanted to be able to present these
images as close to their original essence as possible. I have
cable for my computer now but I know how it is with 56K. After
we move in a few weeks, we will only be able to use dial-up so I
will be back to 56K for a while. I hope to continue to present
stills as well as MPGs, AVI's, etc. for those who wish to view
the images I have to share.

>4) I wouldn't debate trifles. This takes precious time away from
>more useful things.

Yeah, but if I don't, there are those who accuse me of not answering their questions (seems to be a favorite complaint on this List). Darned if you do and darned if you don't. I try to be as complete as possible in my replies but when priority calls, I turn my attentions elsewhere. BTW, if I am debating trifles, it's usually because I'm bored and taking a break from my research.

>5) Please put up IFOs 101 #2! We have all seen way too much >electronic ink on #1.

Uh, Larry, I did put up IFOs #2 on 5-14-03, last week. I just need to add the answer. IFOs 101 #3 is coming up tomorrow. #3 is important because I've already found several similar images posted on the internet as UFOs.

There are so many images being passed off as UFOs that I know are IFOs. If people would just take a few minutes to go outside and try taking a few pictures of birds, bugs, debris, conventional aircraft, etc. they would begin to recognize these images for what they really are - IFOs. I don't think these so-called UFO images fool most researchers and investigators but they seem to fool enough of the general population, especially when posted on web sites such as Sightings and the Art Bell site, that they are passed around for years as "proof" of UFOs. I have sent dozens of letters to web masters including the web masters of the Sightings and Art Bell web sites (and many others) indicating the images they are posting as "UFOs" appear remarkably similar to images I have captured of IFOs. Do they listen? No. Do they post my letters/information? No. Usually they don't even respond. Those images are still posted as of this date (see various links to images in the IFO Database).

I recently sent a letter about my article "Rods Exposed" to the web master of the Jeff Rense web site, Sightings. He responded that he would not be posting my information to the site because it just wasn't as good as the evidence presented by Jose Escamilla and his team (notice how many advertisements there are on the Sightings web site for the "RODS" web site and products?). It didn't matter that the images I had to share demonstrated a possible misidentification. I then asked to contact Jeff Rense directly but was informed that I could contact him but he was so busy he might not respond and agreed with his web master about the web site's content anyway. Last time I tried to post materials of another nature, a woman responded saying the materials would not be posted on the web site and that Jeff was too busy to answer E-mails or review much of what goes on with his web site. Anyone else notice the way the content of the site has changed over the last two years? I use to be able to send in articles, research, information, rebuttals, etc. and they were posted. Not any more.

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OK, I'll step down off my soapbox now. It's just been building up, sorry. ;>

Thank you, Larry, for your wonderful feedback and help!

Amy

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 15:51:17 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 17:32:30 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hall

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 21:49:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 21:58:14 +0000
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 02:16:25 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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>I have snipped to this question because it's the only thing that
>has the potential of a productive outcome.

>>Now, what specific issues do you care to discuss or debate?

>One specific issue I'd like to discuss is... why do UFOs have
>lights?

Amy,

After laughing uncontrollably for several minutes I asked myself, What is this woman up to? You might as well ask: Why does the sun shine? Because it does!

What is the point of your question? I thought we were going to discuss IFOs vs. UFOs, interpretation of data, witness testimony...that sort of thing. The only possible answer I could give you to your question would be pure speculation, and I only do that under very narrow, carefully defined circumstances. Furthermore, UFOs have several different types and configurations of lights including "searchlights," circumferential body lights, and laser-like thin beams. I have discussed the possible functions/purposes of these in The UFO Evidence, Vol. II.

- Dick

P.S. Just for the sake of possible future discussions, you said at one point that you were going to ask your library to order The UFO Evidence. Did you, and have you had a chance to peruse it? If so, I can give chapter/page references to various things.

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

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Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 16:10:25 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 17:38:26 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 10:06:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 01:44:35 -0700
>>subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 11:52:56 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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Amy,

You are to be congratulated for fighting the proliferation of
fake or IFO images on UFO web sites, etc. I have tried to do the
same, but it does fall on deaf ears for exactly the reason you
point out: A vested interest on the part of the web site
operators or TV schlock documentary programs.

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Your IFO web site also is a valuable thing. My only criticism
has been that you seem not to be aware of long-time efforts
along the same lines (including Allan Hendry's book) and come
across at times as if you think you are the only person aware of
this problem. Good luck with it. Unfortunately, it is an uphill
battle.

- Dick

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Bassett

From: Steven G. Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 12:53:40 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 17:40:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Bassett

>From: Ken Kelly <elprospero@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 20:43:33 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial

>>From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 14:00:13 -0700
>>Subject: Skeptics - An Editorial

>>I also received a "personal note" from Nobel Laureate Leon M.
>>Lederman addressed to 'me.' It started with: Don Ecker

>>"Dear Friend, I have found great articles in the Skeptical
>>Inquirer that *debunk such examples of 'junk science' as UFOs in
>>Roswell, cold fusion, ghosts and haunted houses, astrology,
>>fortune tellers, crying statues, etc., etc. The exercise of
>>rational (scientific) thinking is essential to preserving our
>>long-term commitment to rationality. Skepticism is an essential
>>attribute of good thinking. Sincerely, Leon M. Lederman Nobel
>>Laureate-Physics 1988."

>To the physicists on the List,

>This is a bit off the subject, but at least brief. Dr. Lederman
>was awarded the Nobel Prize for discovering the Higgs boson.
>However, the Higgs boson hasn't yet been proven to exist. So,
>was his award justified?

>Stanton? Bruce? Brad?

I think we can safely say, if they had called it the Higgs
Unidentified Flying Object, Lederman would still be waiting for
his Nobel Prize.

SB

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Filer's Files #21 -- 2003

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 14:55:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 04:31:33 -0400
Subject: Filer's Files #21 -- 2003

Filer's Files #21 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.
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CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SPOTS DAYLIGHT DISC

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. The US landings and the Eclipse of the Moon were real, United States Air Force Europe Intelligence says UFOs are real, Pennsylvania - fast high-flying sphere flies miles above our heads, Virginia - cigar shaped craft without wings, Florida - two flying triangles spotted, Kentucky - the craft was short and wide, Illinois - white cigar in morning sky, Wisconsin - N orbs seen during eclipse, Arkansas - diamond shaped UFO, Texas - ten UFOs videotaped in daylight sky, California - Highway Patrol spots discs and low flying triangle, Washington - large flying triangle over Seattle, Canada - flying tubes, orbs, and flying triangle, England - saucers and shrieking UFOs, and Australian fireball. New NASA Spaceships with nuclear propulsion and nanotechnology. You may be related to Dolphins.

THE US VISITS AND THE ECLIPSE OF THE MOON WERE REAL

On Thursday evening, May 15th, I saw a spectacular eclipse of the Moon, and remembered the astronauts who had walked there. I frequently get letters asking if the US went to the Moon? I was stationed at Langley Air Force Base the home of NASA's Langley Research Center and observed firsthand the preparations for going to the Moon. When the astronauts launched, we had communication indicating they were in good physical condition and followed the flight to the Moon. I also have spoken privately with several astronauts who walked on the Moon. I believe their story. Fox TV claims they were not there because no stars could be seen in the film. The stars were there, but do not show due to the brightness of the scene and the F-stop used by the camera. Our astronauts were there, and I also saw evidence that they were not alone on the Moon.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE EUROPE SAYS UFOs ARE REAL

Many people ask me, why do you believe in UFOs? While I was in the Air Force I chased them and saw reliable messages indicating their reality. The following message is based on the testimony of a high-ranking Swedish Air Force Officer. There are thousands of documents at the National Archives that prove the US military also believed in their existence. For example: This National Archives declassified Top Secret memo dated 4 Nov 1948 clearly shows the USAF was concerned about UFOs, The United Air Forces in Europe Office of Intelligence sent a message to Headquarters stating:

"For some time we have been concerned by the recurring reports on flying saucers. They periodically continue to crop up; one was observed hovering over Neubiberg Air Base for about thirty minutes. They have been reported by so many sources and from

such a variety of places, we are convinced that they cannot be disregarded and must be explained on some basis, which is perhaps slightly beyond the scope of our present intelligence thinking.

One of these objects was observed by a Swedish technical expert near his home on the edge of a lake. The object crashed or landed in the lake and he carefully noted its azimuth from his point of observation. Swedish intelligence was sufficiently confident in his observation that a naval salvage team was sent to the lake. Operations were underway during the visit of USAFE officers. Divers had discovered a previously uncharted crater on the floor of the lake. No further information is available, but we have promised knowledge of their results. In their opinion, the observation was reliable, and they believe that the depression on the floor of the lake, which didn't appear on current hydrographic charts, was in fact caused by a flying saucer.

Although accepting this theory of the origin of these objects poses a whole new group of questions and puts much of thinking in a changed light, we are inclined not to discredit entirely this somewhat spectacular theory, meantime keeping an open mind on the subject. What are your reactions?"

Thanks to Ryan A. Wood and Nick Redfern
<http://www.majesticdocuments.com/authentication/archives/nationalarchives.html>

PENNSYLVANIA - FAST HIGH-FLYING SPHERE

HICKORY RUN STATE PARK - On May 3, 2003, at 9:40 PM, the witness was camping for the night, and noticed a high-flying sphere miles above. He states, "I told my friend who was with me outside our tent, and he agreed that it wasn't a plane, because there were no blinking lights and it moved too fast for its altitude." I told my other friend inside the tent, who was changing, that we saw this thing. He poked his head out, saw the object, and said, "You've got yourself a damn UFO." The object moved above our heads and we lost sight of it a few minutes later.

HOLLAND -- On Sunday, May 5, 2003, at 6 PM, the witness was outdoors and noticed a bright pulsating light "dancing" overhead at 10:15 PM. He reports, "Dancing means that this object maneuvered quickly left and right, at one point appeared to backup, and there was no sound." I called my wife outside and she witnessed a more subdued motion as the pulsating light moved over the house and continued northward. The nature of the light reminded me of an episode on Discovery - with a light powered disk using laser pulses for propulsion. The craft however must have flown a considerable distance, even if it was small and close. The movements were quicker than any plane I've ever seen and the path was erratic and beyond the scope of any publicly known aircraft. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]NUFORC

VIRGINIA - CIGAR SHAPED WITHOUT WINGS

CHESAPEAKE -- On May 6, 2003, at 12:45 PM, the witness was on his way to work and saw a cigar shaped object at about 1000 feet altitude. The object appeared to be hovering. The observer says, "The craft was dark gray, and possibly had black markings, it was hard to tell since I had to keep my eyes on the road half the time. " I only saw the craft/object for about 10 seconds. I reported the cigar to a local news channel. I most definitely noticed that this craft did not have any wings, nor did it have any resemblance to a helicopter. This was something of a different type. [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]NUFORC

FLORIDA TWO FLYING TRIANGLES

BOCA RATON - There were triangle shaped objects in the sky spaced evenly apart on May 7, 2003, at 9:35 PM. Each flying triangle craft looked like there were three balls attached together to form a single craft in the shape of a triangle. The eyewitness said, "Each craft was luminous like you could see through them, but you couldn't." Both passed directly under the moon making it easy to see that they were not weather balloons. There was no sound as they passed. No flashing lights could be seen and they both had a very soft silver/blue glow as they

glided along. There was also aircraft with flashing lights that could be seen off to the right of the flying triangles. They veered off to the right. I ran through the house, grabbing my husband and son so they could also see them but the only thing left in the sky to see was the plane.

LONGWOOD/WINTER SPRINGS - The witness was driving along with a friend on May 11, 2003, at 2:45 AM, when they noticed a green shooting light, that was way too low to be a star, going really fast across the sky. As I am a pilot, I didn't notice any other possible position lights, any distinct sounds or anything else abnormal. I can't think of it as fireworks as it didn't leave any sort of trail and it did not seem low enough. I estimate the altitude was 2,000 feet or so, going south/southwest at a very high speed. Couldn't see Nwhere the light went due to trees on the side of the road. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]NUFORC

KENTUCKY - THE CRAFT WAS SHORT AND WIDE,

LOUISVILLE - The witness reports the strange object moved slowly over his head and then rolled over several times and moved off in a different direction on May 11, 2003. At 8:55 PM, it was twilight outside and the craft appeared to be a dark color. The observer states, "It was shaped like a yellow jacket (bee) and looked like it had something like wings on both sides in the front and back. I did not see any lights on the craft and it moved slow right over my head. It was very cloudy out and the craft seemed to beN just under the cloud cover. It flew right over my head, rolled over several times, and changed direction. I was yelling for my wife to come look at it but by the time she got out on the deck all she saw was a black dot on the horizon. I have never seen anything like this before. It may have been a large balloon like the size used in a parade caught in the wind but I don't know. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]NUFORC

ILLINOIS - WHITE CIGAR OBJECT IN MORNING SKY.

MARKHAM -- There was only one white spot in the sky on May 3, 2003, at 6:15 AM, that was no larger than a pencil eraser at arm's length. I figure there is no way that it could be a plane because it was too high, and a plane would have left a contrail that high in the air. The eyewitness states, "It was a small cigar shaped object moving south in the early morning sky with a few clouds and it moved slowly as it passed overhead. " Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]NUFORC

WISCONSIN - ORB SEEN DURING ECLIPSE

CLINTON COUNTY -- Ashley M. for UFO Wisconsin reports, "A few friends and I had decided to go park on a hill and watch the lunar eclipse on May 15, 2003. At about ten o'clock, when the eclipse was in full swing, from the north, hovering over the trees we saw an orange/bluish orb." I couldn't really tell how big it was, or exactly how far away it was, but it was jerking back and forth at an impossible angle and very fast. It was shining a red light down into the forest as if it were looking for something. After a minute of hovering, it zigzagged back and forth its lights dimmed drastically. It started moving east at a medium speed until it was out of our range. My friends and I know that this was not a plane. Thanks to [<http://www.ufowisconsin.com/>]UFO Wisconsin

ARKANSAS DIAMOND SHAPED UFO

On May 7, 2003, at 2 AM, the observer spotted a diamond shaped fuselage with multiple red and white lights. A thunderstorm had just passed the area, and the sky was relatively clear. The eyewitness stated, "Just above the clouds I saw a Diamond shaped fuselage with swept back wings, the lower fuselage was covered with fifty red lights in a grid pattern, while the wings were covered with forty white/silvery lights in a grid pattern, between the wings and fuselage. The object was black, which is why I couldn't see the definite shape. It flew south in about thirty seconds and then went out of view in the clouds. I've worked in aviation for over 30 years and I've never seen anything like this! Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]NUFORC

TEXAS - TEN BLACK UFOS VIDEOTAPED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

SAN SABA -- The observers were trying to videotape flying objects called rods, on May 4, 2003, at 2:40 PM, when they left their camera on, they managed to capture something else. The eyewitnesses report, "We have ten black UFOs in our video that maneuver all over the sky that were caught on hi-8 format video with a tripod and its very clear with no shakiness and or digital zooming.

We have looked at the video, and at first blush, the objects appear to be dark colored birds. However, one of the lead birds performs a sudden movement, and then stops, in a manner, which we believe is uncharacteristic of birds' in flight. We suspect the objects are birds, but we have no explanation for the strange, sudden movement of the one element of the formation. Thanks to Peter Davenport

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SPOTS DISCS, TRIANGLE

SAN FRANCISCO - The observers were watching the waves for good surf at Ocean Beach when they noticed a low flying, silent triangular shaped object about one mile south of the Cliff House on May 9, 2003, at 1:30 PM. The witness says, "We first thought it was a Stealth F-117, but I've seen them before and they are quite loud." Still not sure what it was so I thought I'd report it anyway to see if anyone else had spotted it.

LAGUAN NIGUEL -- The observers were celebrating Mother's Day on May 11, 2003, at 10:30 AM, by having breakfast outside on a clear, cloudless, morning. They had observed vultures and birds soaring earlier when they noticed a distant object overhead inland. A short time later they noticed the object made a reflection from the sun. From a distance it was speculated to be a glider or balloon. Curiosity caused us to get a pair of 10 X 25 binoculars, and we then determined it was a disc like craft "soaring" in the morningN sky slowly moving toward the ocean in a general northward path. We all took turns looking, as it slowly drifted over our location. As it swooped and floated much like a bird in a thermal, we could determine the top was a dark reflective shiny surface, much like lenses in a reflective pair of sunglasses. As it turned, it was very thin, almost flat, becoming almost invisible from the side. The bottom side looked like turbine blades in a jet engine, but they were moving slow enough to see. The underbelly Nwas either translucent, or reflected the light from the ground on the surface beyond the "turbine like" blades. I was able to get several shots with a digital camera, but at that distance the quality was less than marginal. We attempted to get a video but the camera had a low battery and by the time we got it charged the object was out of sight. It was difficult to determine the size. As a layperson I felt it could be some unknown kind of domestic unmanned surveillance craft.

GOLETA - A California Highway Patrol officer (CHP) reports a lengthy sighting of a peculiar metallic-appearing disc in the morning sky on May 13, 2003, at 9:20 PM. Peter Davenport, the director of NUFORC, was contacted by an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration, inquiring whether we had received any reports from sources in California, describing a peculiar, metallic-looking, disc-shaped object in the morning skies in the vicinity of Santa Barbara. The employee provided us with the name and telephone number of the individual with whom thNe FAA had spoken, a CHP Officer, who had described to them his alleged sighting earlier in the morning. NUFORC spoke with the officer for 25 minutes, and he described having witnessed a very bizarre-looking, disc-shaped object in the skies above "the freeway" in the vicinity of Goleta, CA. The officer had witnessed the object for an estimated 30 minutes, and several of his family members had, also, witnessed the same object from a different location in Santa Barbara. The officer stated that he first thouNght the object might be some type of kite, but then abandoned that notion, as he continued to watch it. The object was circular in appearance, and it was "tumbling, end over end." He was facing north, and the object was moving to the north, away from his location, probably passing over the Santa Barbara Beach. He assumed that other reports might have been submitted to the Santa Barbara Police or Sheriff, although those two offices reported that, to the best of their knowledge, no reports had been submitNted to them. It flew towards Vandenberg AFB. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC Director.

WASHINGTON - LARGE TRIANGULAR CRAFT OVER SEATTLE

LAKE WASHINGTON -- As I was entering the I-90 tunnel leading into Seattle I saw a large craft very low to the ground on April 30, 2003, at 11:41 PM. As I came out of the tunnel into the city, I turned around to see if it had crashed, and saw instead a large triangular craft with many lights on the bottom flying very slowly and low over homes. It was flying slowly for a craft of its size. I couldn't stop to get a better look, since I was on the freeway. When I turned my head again I couldn't find it anymore from the night sky.

((NUFORC Note: We spoke with this witness at considerable length, and she seemed quite serious-minded, and quite credible. She described the incident quite lucidly and eloquently. She reported that when she first sighted the triangular object, it was moving from her left to right (north), and then it suddenly dipped its nose down, and reversed the direction it was moving, in less than one-second (estimate). PD))

CANADA - FLYING TUBE, ORBS AND TRIANGLE SPOTTED

CALGARY -- Alan Merrett reports that on May 5, 2002, at 12:35 PM, "A coworker and myself were smoking when I glanced up and was startled by a brilliant orange flash." I drew the attention of my coworker and pointed and we both observed what we agreed was a mechanical object at an altitude greater than the thin high cirrus at 10,000 meters. The object we were watching emitted brilliant, irregular flashes of orange light that varied in intensity. It was too high to see in detail, but there were two objects (one much larger than the other) that were joined by a tube or beam that did not emit light. It hovered in the same place for several minutes and then began to move northeast at a slow, steady pace. It stopped and was hovering again and then moved quickly towards us and abruptly halted almost overhead. At this point, it was at its brightest and was as large as a match head held at arm's length, at about 80 degrees above the horizon. I then ran back inside to get more witnesses and returned with a female coworker and our supervisor. They both observed the object with us for several minutes before a small cloud obscured our view.

We waited for it to reappear, but it simply never did. The time at end of sighting was 12:50 PM. We all agreed that the object was NOT a meteor, balloon, airplane, helicopter, satellite, planet, star, space junk reentry, etc. It emitted light from within itself rather than simply reflecting sunlight off its surface(s). Initially it gave the impression that it was tumbling on its horizontal axis but we all agreed that the flashes that it emitted were too irregular and of varied intensity to account for this. We were all very puzzled and excited by the sighting. A first for all of us. The weather was sunny, +8 Celsius, Visibility 64 km, Humidity 62%, Wind N / 3 kph, Barometer 101.8 kpa, Dewpoint +1 Celsius] Thanks to Alan Merrett <http://members.shaw.ca/amdigital>

HOUSTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- Brian Vike states that he received a report from a witness on his way to the Huckleberry Mine in mid April at 3:15 AM. Seventy kilometers south from town he saw a multi colored object sitting in one position in the distance ahead of him. At first, he thought it was a bright star due to it twinkling different colors. But he realized the sky was totally over cast. The fellow said he had some extra time before he had to be at his work place, so he stopped and watched the lights for 4 to 6 minutes before they dropped down suddenly behind a mountain. He also claims that the lights dropped "straight" down rather quickly. Because he was at a distance from it, he certainly could not hear any sounds coming from the thing. The lights/object did not make any sudden movements; it just sat in the one position before disappearing behind the mountain. In this area there are no towers, or anything else, which would cause any strange lighting. The area in question is very rugged and wild.

EAST OF HOUSTON - A 56-year-old man and his mother on their farm sighted a flying triangle on April 21, 2003. Brian reports a lady and her husband also witnessed a large triangular shaped object on April 21, 2003. The interesting thing is they watched the craft just before the son and Mom had their sighting. The lady and her husband are just west of Houston at 11:30 PM. So the timing of the two sighting works out great.

TERRACE -- On May 10, 2003, at 10:55 PM, a witness living in Terrace, BC was outside burning wood in a barrel, his girlfriend had left to go inside. The witness was sitting on a bench watching the fire when he looked up into the southwestern part of the sky and saw a small white colored light heading to the northeast. The light was rather bright and traveling quickly. He viewed the light for about 15 seconds, it blinked a couple of times before it finally disappeared. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO ReseaNrch Canadian Toll Free UFO Hotline 1 866 262 1989 Editor: Canadian Communicator hbccufo@telus.net, http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/hbcc_ufo_research.htm.

UK/ENGLAND SAUCERS AND SHRIEKING UFOs

SHEFFIELD - The witnesses were out in the woods walking their dog and looking at the stars on May 5, 2003, at 1:43 AM. They saw a shooting star or so they thought. My brother Elliot said the star had stopped. They looked up and saw the star and two more appeared then. The witness states, "We got scared and two more came. They were slowly getting bigger and we noticed they were coming nearer." We could vaguely tell they were saucer shape. There was a vibrating sound, we panicked but we didn't move. The objects Nstopped and lights could be made out. The flashing lights were weird after a few minutes the objects started humming really loud and just shot off in the same direction.

BIRMINGHAM - The observers report seeing three unidentified flying objects dancing in the sky making loud shrieking noises on May 3, 2003, at 6:15 PM. "My colleagues and I were on our way home from a business conference in London when we pulled in at the service station to get some more fuel and some supplies." We heard a deafening noise and saw three objects speeding across the sky, that were lit up with bright lights and each had three red lights in a circular shape, near the center of the bottom of each object. N The objects seemed to dance in the sky making shrieking sounds. Then within a second they were gone and there was this eerie feeling, like there was a storm about to happen. We couldn't believe what we had seen.

OXFORD -- It was a point of white light that was observed on May 6, 2003, at 10:30 PM. The witness said, "It would be best described not as an alien ship, more a UFO." It was too high up to be an airplane, too fast to be a satellite, too slow to be a shooting star and it had no tail. I do not believe in alien space ships (as such) but I cannot fathom what this object might be.

AUSTRALIA FIREBALL

ADELAIDE - A strange fireball was reported on April 26, 2003, at 9:15 PM. The witness states, "We were standing on the driveway and looked up and saw it come at a great speed, it hovered and made a weird buzz, then shot off, came back then went away."

It came across about 200 meters high and was all yellow with a bit of smoke out the back trailing. It hovered for about ten seconds, and then it flew off into space and then it came back about two seconds later. It then shot off in kind of a circle. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.nuforc.org/>]NUFORC

ANARTICA ANCIENT RUINS ARE FICTION

The news release from the Atlantis Mapping Project is "just fiction," according to Joeseph Trainor of UFO Roundup. The AMP news release alleged that prehistoric ruins had been found two miles under the ice cap in Antarctica and that one of their film crews had been missing since November. The website's mission statement says, "The world's exclusive link to the secret US dig in Antarctica, and 'Earth's coolest entertainment,' @lantisTV is one of the most exotic combinations of fantasy and reality in entertainment today. Thanks to UFO ROUNDUP Vol 8, # 20 May 21, 2003

NUCLEAR PROPULSION & NANO-TECHNOLOGY SPACESHIPS

NASA is making plans for spaceships that include nuclear propulsion and stronger materials to cut the time it takes to reach the edge of our solar system from 15 years to five years, O'Keefe told several hundred people attending Space Congress, an

annual space industry conference in Cape Canaveral. Developing the new propulsion system has been allotted \$3 billion over five years in NASA's budget and given the name Project Prometheus. Besides making space trips speedier, it would also enhance the ability of our robotic spacecraft to perform scientific investigations of planets," O'Keefe said. If used on manned spacecraft, nuclear propulsion would mean astronauts spend less time in space, reducing the amount of radiation exposure and bone and muscle loss they experience, he said. NASA has previously used nuclear energy to power spacecraft but never in a propulsion system. Development of nuclear fusion or fission engines would enable a space vehicle to continue increasing its speed once away from Earth, shortening the time needed to reach distant planets. These engines also could provide electrical power instead of relying on solar cells or batteries.

A new form of carbon called a "carbon nanotube" will help provide light weight extra strong materials for building new spaceships. A new material discovery has 100 times the strength of steel but only has a 1/6 of the weight. Carbon nanotubes phenomenal strength comes from the molecular structure of nanotubes," explains Dennis Bushnell, a chief scientist at Langley Research Center (LaRC), NASA's Center of Excellence for Structures and Materials. One of the big problems with space travel is the astronauts need protection against harmful radiation rays. You might think that a metal skin of a spaceship is the answer. Metals are the worst for shielding against the very dangerous Galactic Cosmic Radiation that consists of positive ions, such as the nuclei of iron. At very high velocities, these ions can be like little cannon balls, streaking through space. When these little cannon balls hit metals, they can break an atom's nucleus and cause another type of radiation to form. This new radiation can be worse than the radiation the metal skins were supposed to stop. Nanotubes look a little like chicken wire with carbon atoms at each of the points where the wire connects and can be used like a pegboard where other substances can be mounted in the lattice. The nanotubes can be designed to repair itself, using tiny sensors that send signals that attach to the computer brain of the spacecraft using molecular wires imbedded in the lattice. If something needs to be repaired, the computer could tell the nanotubes to do it. Thanks to Rosemary Wilson NASA

Editor's Note: Many people who claim to have been inside UFOs claim they have the ability to repair themselves when hit by meteorites.

YOU MAY BE RELATED TO DOLPHINS

For years, marine biologists have told us that dolphins share many traits with humans, including intelligence and friendliness. Now, a comparison of dolphin and human chromosomes shows that the genetic make-up of dolphins is amazingly similar to humans. In fact, researchers have found that dolphins have more in common with us genetically than cows, horses or pigs. "The extent of the genetic similarity came as a real surprise to us," says David Busbee of Texas A&M University, who published his results in last week's Cytogenetics and Cell Genetics. This information will not only help researchers construct the genetic blueprint of dolphins, but also bolster conservation efforts. Aided by the progress made in mapping the human genome, researchers will continue to identify individual genes on dolphin chromosomes. Busbee the similarities and differences will reveal how long ago humans and dolphins branched off the evolutionary tree. Researchers at Texas A&M University applied "paints," or fluorescently labeled human chromosomes, to dolphin chromosomes, and found that 13 of 22 dolphin chromosomes were exactly the same as human chromosomes. Of the remaining nine dolphin chromosomes, many were combinations or rearrangements of their human counterparts.

Researchers also identified three dolphin genes that were similar to human genes. "Dolphins are marine mammals that swim in the ocean and it was astonishing to learn that we had more in common with the dolphin than with land mammals," says Horst Hameister, professor of medical genetics at the University of Ulm in Germany. In the past 15 years, the world's dolphin populations have declined considerably, exacerbated by high levels of PCBs impair the immune systems of dolphins, leaving them vulnerable to disease. "Anything that endangers dolphins is of an equal concern for humans. We need to persuade

governments to become serious about combating industrial pollution and keeping oceans clean. Thanks to Seema Kumar, Discovery Channel Online News.

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NATURAL HEALING FOR YOUR ALLERGIES, PAIN AND ILLNESS

Almost every week, I get letters from people who claim to be suffering from what they call Chemtrail illness generated by jet engine, auto emissions, smoking, or allergies caused by molds and pollen. Breathing in pollution of any kind causes free radicals to form in your body that are missing an electron, making the molecule unstable. These unstable free radicals attack the healthy molecules searching for its missing electron setting off a destructive chain reaction and creating havoc in our body. To stop this chain reaction you need antioxidant nutrients like Isotonix OPC-3

My family was having serious allergy, and pollution associated illnesses. I asked a Medical Doctor friend, Dr. Jones what he would recommend. He says, "I treat 62 different ailments such as allergies, and various breathing problems with amazing success using Isotonix OPC-3." "Pasteur Institute scientific studies of Isotonix OPC-3 have validated that these are the most powerful antioxidant free radical scavengers know to man, and one of the greatest discoveries in history." You can purchase antioxidants Isotonix OPC-3 for about a dollar a day. filer.isotonix.com The large size is a much better deal. For the latest in anti-aging technology and HGH enhancement see: [<http://filer.primeblends.com/>] Anti-Aging Blends

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Amy Hebert's Photograph Of An Alien

From: **Santiago Yturria** <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 14:29:13 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 04:49:26 -0400
Subject: Amy Hebert's Photograph Of An Alien

Amy,

Following your statements about alleged UFO photos and videos, rods, IFOS etc. I found in my archives that in 1995-96 you conducted and published an investigation under the name of: "Alien Convention ". A case of alleged alien encounter and abduction involving a family and a neighbor and most important with photographic evidence.

In July 1997 you posted here your report of this case under the suggestive name of Photograph of an Alien giving a short summary of the elements of this story. I will quote some of your statements.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1997/jul/m13-014.shtml>

>From: Yellowrose <yelorose@swbell.net> [Amy Hebert]
>Date: Wed, 2 Jul 1997 07:57:35 -0500 (CDT)
>Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Jul 1997 04:09:56 -0400
>Subject: Photograph Of An Alien?

>Well, it took me a year but I finally got what
>appears to be a photograph of an "alien" posted
>on a web site for all to see.

>There were actually numerous photographs taken on the
>last night of this three day encounter but only two
>contain images of what appear to be beings of unknown
>origin. According to the main witness, 8 different
>species of beings were observed during her abduction
>and in and around her home. Through these photographs,
>we may gain an idea of what these beings may actually
>look like.

>I call the critter that appears in this photo,
>"Bubu". Bubu and I have spent many hours together
>the last two years. It took me a little over a year
>to figure out why Bubu appears in this photo and
>what this information may mean to the research community.
>After the report of this case is presented, I will present
>the information I have learned from studying these photos
>and possible implications for detecting these beings and
>their crafts even though they are not always visible.

>The case is real, the photographs are neither faked nor
>hoaxed. Although most people can accept life on other
>planets and UFOs in our air space, I have found that most
>people who view these photos simply cannot accept the
>idea that these beings are among us. People seem to
>accept photos of UFOs a lot easier than photos of
>possible alien life forms. Perhaps we are not ready
>or maybe it's time for the next step in expanding our
>realities.

>"Yellowrose "

You signed Yellowrose, why not your real name? And there was not a single reply to your July 1997 post. Maybe no one got interested in your story. Perhaps the alleged alien photos were not credible at all. In any case I will give you my personal opinion. At least you will have mine.

>Well, it took me a year but I finally got what appears to be a
>photograph of an "alien" posted on a web site for all to see."

First of all I find this statement of yours very reckless and frankly awakens suspicions and distrust. An actual photo of an alien ? I would have used other name more moderate to the story and reserved the alien photo issue for the content of the report once the reader have known all the facts of the case and as a reference of a possible evidence from the witnesses but with high reserve.

You said it took you a year to convince you this photo presents an authentic alien. It took me only five minutes to convince me that there was nothing there that suggests it's an alien body or something like that.

You presented in your report a photo, several retouched copies of the same photo signaling some supposed "bodies", a red eye, a house and enlargements, some drawings made by you of a probe, a pipe, a reptilian alien, a grey alien, an alien woman and two more male aliens.

I will refer to the "Alien photo "in question. This is a black and white photo, at least the one you posted so I don't know if the original is in color. Under the name of bobbw the image presents a house wall on the left side and a big flash of light at the center. The quality of the photo is poor and only presents white spots and shadows.

The image is distorted and may give the false impression of capricious forms if you are in the mood to "find something "after hearing the witnesses testimonials. In this case the dreadful "Alien ".

As you mentioned in your report you also discovered an "Alien "in the photo plus some more intriguing features:

"Figure 1 is the photograph in which the image of a being (referred to as "Being 1") on the sliding glass door was found after the photographs were developed. Figure 2 is the same photograph in Figure 1 with descriptions and outlines added for clarification."

"However, when this author converted the photographs into slides for a presentation, a being with huge, bug-like eyes became visible."

"Figure 4 is an enlargement of the second photograph taken by Jill in which the being I call, "Being 2", appeared when the photograph was converted into a slide. Being 2 appears to the right and behind the hand print on the sliding glass door. If Being 2 was one of the beings in Cathy's back yard that night, it was probably about 5 to 6 feet beyond the sliding glass door and Jill when this photograph was taken."

As you are an abductee Amy I suppose you got impressed by those ladies testimonials and by simple auto-suggestion you convinced yourself there was indeed an actual alien in the photo plus the other features. But if you have received this photo without knowing anything about the story would you have found anything unusual ? I bet you would'nt because there's only white dots and shadows there. I always say in these cases: With a little bit of imagination you may find...

Your report resulted incomplete and inconclusive for me because you are not mentioning where it took place, in what city and it's important. Only the dates of the alleged encounters but not the full names of the witnesses but this is comprehensible if they wanted to protect their privacy. By the way you were writing a book at that time and this is a terrific story.

I found many elements missed in this investigation despite the fact that it took you a long two years. It seems that "Bubu " finally convinced you and decided to go public without any reserve proclaiming you had the ultimate evidence, the

infallible proof of aliens among us: "A photo of an Alien".

Amy you really amaze me. Your path as an experimenter and researcher has been a disconcerting one, changing boats and flags so often reveals to me a volatile criterion derived from an undecided conviction.

Reviewing this report I found very difficult to understand that it was written by the same Amy Hebert that has a website devoted to expose UFO photos as false promoting the distrust in every UFO evidence that may appear without any concern to the source and the testimonials.

This is my personal opinion and if you feel upset I'm sorry but I speak open and straight. Amy it's now your turn. I would like to hear some feedback from our friends and colleagues about this commented "Alien Photo".

Please examine the photos, the drawings and the report by Amy at these links:

<http://thevanguard.tripod.com/ac3bwless.htm>

<http://thevanguard.tripod.com/ac2bwless.htm>

<http://thevanguard.tripod.com/ac1bwless.htm>

I checked the webpages and they are still active so hurry up before "someone" erases them. The general opinion will decide if this is indeed a true "Alien photograph" or just an "IN-FO" Identified Non-Flying Object.

Santiago.

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Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 15:28:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 04:56:35 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'? - White

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 19 May 2003 15:04:05 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: CI: Martian 'Cactus'?

>Cydonian Imperative
>5-19-03

>Martian "Cacti"?

>See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 38)

Yes, I know that Coast to Coast AM is suspect, but in November 2002, a guest named Stewart Best had some Mars "city" photos, supposedly from NASA data (possibly downloaded privately in Spain?) posted.

I don't know if they are available on the new Coast to Coast AM site, but I saved them to my site, but non-publicly, meaning there is no clickable way to get from my cover page to these photos, and they are not spidered by search engine 'bots. You need the exact path to find them, which is:

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

Do you, Mac, or does anyone have information as to the validity of these images? Has anyone heard of Stewart Best? What do you think of his work? He seems to be another Richard Hoagland type.

What made me think to reply with this was that if in fact the images show city-scale ruins, and the "cactus" things are similarly sized. I wonder why the "cacti" are in sharp focus, while the "cities" seem to be blurred?

Eleanor White

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 16:52:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 04:59:55 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Rogers

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 21:47:10 -0600
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 21:49:08 -0500
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 23:28:31 -0400
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 21:58:14 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 02:16:25 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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>>One specific issue I'd like to discuss is... why do UFOs have
>>lights?

>So they can see in the dark?

Good question. When we were checking out the Carp/Guardian case many years back, we asked a similar question about why a UFO would need road flares to land. It's hard to say.

Ian Rogers

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 16:58:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 05:03:48 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Rogers

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 11:54:01 -0300
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 02:16:25 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

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>>One specific issue I'd like to discuss is... why do UFOs have
>>lights?

>How about anti-collision lights? Perhaps one of several reasons
>such as a by-product [glowing UFOs] of whatever the heck powers
>these things.

Maybe that's why there are so many UFO crashes, perhaps? The
lack of anti-collision lights on some craft? To me that's a
better explanation than the idea that our radar somehow disrupts
their flight systems.

Ian Rogers

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 20:05:45 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 04:52:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Stevenson

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 09:47:45 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 03:18:30 +0100
>>Subject: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

<snip>

>>>Fair enough. I shall clarify for the List:

>>>The claim that aliens are habitually visiting the earth
>>>(crashing into our deserts, abducting humans, mutilating cattle,
>>>carving crop circles in wheat fields, et al.) requires
>>>extraordinary evidence.

>>>The reason most people are wary of UFOs and Ufology is because
>>>bold statements are being made without a lot of follow-up
>>>evidence. Alien bases on the Moon, Mars, underground, aliens
>>>abducting us, mutilating us and our cattle, are some fairly wild
>>>ideas. Unless you've got the proof to back these things up, I
>>>don't know why anyone would expect me or any other sound person
>>>to believe them.

>>>Because the people who tell such stories seem sincere? Because
>>>they have no reason to lie?

>>>I really hope they have more proof than that. Sadly, they
>>>usually don't.

>>OK then Ian -

>>Please prove that it isn't ET perpetrating these things and who
>>is actually perpetrating them. Could it be the military? If it
>>is then the folk suffering should take their own country to
>>high court and get true justice done.

>>These things have gone on for too many years now and anyone with
>>an ounce of sense wants answers, not to be told they are mad.

>A-ha! The classic question-with-a-question that so many throw
>at me. "How do you know it ISN'T aliens?"

It's very simple - some folk say it is Aliens (ET), many say
it isn't yet do not 'shovel a glimpse into the ditch' of what
their interpretation of the event is but are well prepared to
call the experimenter a liar (in effect). How can folk deny an
interpretation if they dont know what the thing is themselves?

>Well, I'll tell you something: It's not my job to disprove the
>wacky theories going around. It's the job of the people making
>such claims to back them up with suitable evidence. Though, as
>it's clearly been seen on this list, it doesn't take that much
>to convince some people.

Yes. OK. I agree if those persons are making money from it. If

they are not then it's entertainment to me and most folk.

>It's like someone who sees a UFO in the sky and says, 'Hey,
>look, a vehicle from another planet,' and I say, 'How do you
>know it's from another planet?' You're telling me that an
>adequate reply would be 'How do I know it isn't?'

Well, if it isn't ET then what do you think it is. That's the question?

>Forgive me but that sounds pretty lame. The onus is on the
>person making the claim to back it up. It's not on me to
>disprove it. I've never been a debunker. I have never come here
>and torn apart any one specific case. I have never said alien
>abduction isn't happening. I have said it will take more than
>scoop marks and lost time to convince me. I have never said the
>government isn't lying - about what, who knows, but that
>doesn't necessarily preclude a dark deal with human-eating,
>cattle-mutilating grays. I just got told the other day that
>grays might have eight fingers (something related to binary code
>and back-engineered alien technology that I can honestly say I
>didn't give much attention to). So now we know grays have eight
>fingers? How many abductees have reported any number of fingers
>on an alien's hand? I'm willing to be that a great many number
>of fingers have been given over the years, so to say that they
>have eight, on the words of one of the many alleged alien
>abductees... I mean, do I really need to say any more?

All I can say here is that the grays who abducted me had 8 digits and many other abductee's noticed this lack of thumbs. I don't say all ET's are like this and we can be sure they aren't. By the way - can't prove to you or anyone else my abduction and not even sure myself that it was ET - could have been brain washed to think it was.

>All I have said is that it will take more evidence than it
>clearly takes some people here to convince me of the rather
>large claim that aliens are visiting this planet and constantly
>crashes their ships into the remote regions of our planets. No
>one wanted to take me up on that challenge, I noticed. Of all
>the supposed UFO crashes (and retrievals) not one of them
>occurred in a location that wasn't remote or in place that made
>verification difficult if not impossible. Again, I have to say
>thank you to all the alien pilots who managed to avoid dumping
>their ships in populated areas.

>To say that enough evidence already exists and that the real
>problem is that the media won't take people in Ufology seriously
>is nonsense. If there was a news story here, they would be
>covering it - not for Ufology but for themselves. There simply
>isn't enough meat (yet) to get them really interested. Or maybe
>it's the government controlling all the major newswires and
>publishers. I don't know. I'm sure someone here does.

Yes, I do and had experience of it enough to say 'it didn't happen'. It's far easier to say this to obtain a more peaceful existence.

To me it doesn't matter that not many people believe what is said and neither does it matter that the real evidence is not available. What does matter is that the situation has been ongoing for many many years with so called experts capitalizing upon it, yet we all get nowhere at all whilst real suffering is occurring whether the occurrence's are real or not. If a person has a nightmare the ramifications of it are just the same as if it was reality. This is the reason de bunkers are so distasteful because they make the situation greatly worse causing even more suffering. OK if the person is making great money but not so if they are not. I fell, and fall even now, in the last category.

What we need are more and better hypotheses to test and better methodology to test them. Contrary to what you say on this post the evidence is there if only in the numbers of abductee's and those 'seeing UFO's' even if they are, or are not, what the experimenter thinks they are.

Extraterrestrials are real and contact me very regularly. I don't wish to make money or attract fame from the experiences. I could give you 'concrete' proof but know that debunkers are now so good at the art that the proof would never be good enough. Reading and posting on this List was, is, and will be very

interesting because, as with many other areas of research, all the answers, ifs, whys and maybes are not yet fully and definately known. At least they are not to me and ET doesn't seem to have all the answers either so it's put down to friendship and cultural exchange. Believe it or not, some of them have a very good sense of humour.

kind wishes
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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 17:52:51 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 06:16:10 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Friedman

>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 21:47:10 -0600
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 21:49:08 -0500
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Hebert

<snip>

>>One specific issue I'd like to discuss is... why do UFOs have
>>lights?

>So they can see in the dark?

So they can be seen in the dark.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Manned V-1's - Oberg

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 16:13:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 06:19:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Manned V-1's - Oberg

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 23:28:39 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Fwd Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 09:47:50 -0400
>Subject: Re: Manned V-1's - Balaskas

>>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Subject: Re: Manned V-1's
>>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2002 14:23:44 -0600

>>I guess the kindest thing to say about this silliness is that
>>Cooper must have been a sucker for wild and woolly 'war stories',
>>and it's sad he didn't know enough history and enough
>>aeronautical engineering to realize how impossible all these
>>tales were. That's assuming he actually did get these stories
>>from the German guy. <snip>

>Hi everyone!

>See:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/balaskas-01.html>

>for response & images

Nick, you should also have included this explanation of the cockpit on the test vehicles:

>From: Steven J. Dunn <SDunn@northropgrumman.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Manned V-1's
>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2002 08:26:14 -0800

>The manned V-1s were intended to find out why the unmanned ones
>kept crashing before they were supposed to. Worked, too.

Cooper's credulity (stipulating for their sake of discussion that the conversation with the German negineer even occurred) remains appalling. There's no record of any German pilot flying a V-1 across the English channel and back, with or without 'dropping the warhead' (which i'm told wasn't even part of the V-1 design).

At the linked page you write:

>It would seem to me that astronaut Gordon Cooper's account of
>a planned 1945 manned V-2 (or the longer range version, A-10)
>orbital attempt by German engineers may be much closer to the
>truth than James Oberg suspected.

Nick, I do not argue that it is wrong to say that it does seem that way to you. I'm just not convinced that it seems that way to any historian or rocket engineer. "Seeming" is not adequate for history.

The velocity of the V-2 was well known, and it short of orbital velocity by about an order of magnitude.

Estimates made in 1945-1946 about future German wonder-weapons

also have to be regarded skeptically - it took the USSR and the US, in a peacetime economy with massive resources, each more than five years to go from short-range missiles to intercontinental missiles and orbital flight. The Germans knew no shortcuts in 1945 - or so it seems to me.

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Oberg

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 16:35:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 06:31:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Oberg

>From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 14:00:13 -0700
>Subject: Skeptics - An Editorial

>The following is an Editorial I wrote for the Destination Space
>Website. I think it is germane here.

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<snip>

>(In a humorous moment when I was on Larry King Live debating
>Jim Oberg on the STS-48 shuttle UFO, Oberg accused me of
>coming on the program to sell magazines when I asked him if he
>was operating under any security restrictions. The "ad hominem
>attack!")

<snip>

Humorous indeed that Don should post the transcript of that very show, where somebody reading it can see that Don's claim of what I 'accused' was a bit garbled. I said, truthfully, that "I'm not here as editor of a magazine trying to sell subscriptions," and I forthrightly answered his question to me about security restrictions (there were none) - a fact that he seems to have carelessly left out of his presumably honest-intentioned but demonstrably distorted recounting of the conversation.

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 17:51:33 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 06:13:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Friedman

>From: Ken Kelly <elprospero@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 20:43:33 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial

>>From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 14:00:13 -0700
>>Subject: Skeptics - An Editorial

>>I also received a "personal note" from Nobel Laureate Leon M.
>>Lederman addressed to 'me.' It started with: Don Ecker

>>"Dear Friend, I have found great articles in the Skeptical
>>Inquirer that *debunk such examples of 'junk science' as UFOs in
>>Roswell, cold fusion, ghosts and haunted houses, astrology,
>>fortune tellers, crying statues, etc., etc. The exercise of
>>rational (scientific) thinking is essential to preserving our
>>long-term commitment to rationality. Skepticism is an essential
>>attribute of good thinking. Sincerely, Leon M. Lederman Nobel
>>Laureate-Physics 1988."

>To the physicists on the List,

>This is a bit off the subject, but at least brief. Dr. Lederman
>was awarded the Nobel Prize for discovering the Higgs boson.
>However, the Higgs boson hasn't yet been proven to exist. So,
>was his award justified?

>Stanton? Bruce? Brad?

My concern is with low energy nuclear physics, not the very very
high energy Higgs Boson, if it exists. Google had 40,000 hits
on Higgs Boson. But Leon Lederman got his 1/3 of a Nobel Prize
in 1988 "for the neutrino beam method and the demonstration of
the doublet structure of the leptons through the discovery of
the muon neutrino". So far as I can tell, nobody has yet
discovered the Higgs Boson.

Many great scientists, journalists, editors have displayed their
arrogance when expressing seemingly professional opinions about
UFOs without the benefit of having studied the evidence. They
were really expressing personal opinions in the guise of
professional ones. I will quote some in my presentation
"Critiquing the Roswell Critics" at the MUFON Symposium at the
Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan, at 3:30 PM, Saturday, July
5. Bruce is also speaking there along with John Greenewald Jr.,
Neel Freer, Jim Hickman, etc. For more info try:

<http://mufon.com/symposiuminfo03.html>

For splendid examples of the intellectual bankruptcy of the
pseudoscience of antiufology I suggest reading two new magazine
cover stories about Roswell in Skeptic and Popular Mechanics, if
you have a strong stomach and a great tolerance for verbal
garbage, especially the Skeptic one. I will have to update my
oral MUFON paper.

Stan Friedman

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html>

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Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 18:01:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 07:11:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 22:17:08 -0500
>Subject: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony!

Mr. Fleming's work has had the positive effect of underscoring the importance of getting more of my research results documented and available to the UFO community and the public. In the last few years I had prepared my presentation at Purdue on March 31, 1999, but when I sought a grant from the Fund for UFO Studies (which funded Kasher's paper) and even CSICOP (which in turn just asked me for money), the lack of funding dissuaded me from taking the time necessary to prepare an adequate report.

Now I've also had Dr. Carlotto's new treatment (spring 2003) 'Analysis Of STS-48 Video', at:

<http://www.newfrontiersinscience.com/Members/v02n02/b/index.shtml>

brought to my attention, and it even further departs from conclusions my research had reached. So maybe it's time to prepare a paper that addresses Carlotto's assessments.

I probably should also see if there's anything in Fleming's claims worth responding to, and as a first step, it would be helpful to know what his qualifications, if any, are, and who - if anyone besides Velez and Ecker - finds his arguments persuasive. Could I have some help on this, please?

Some of my results will have to be fully documented, included my assessment of the Orbiter attitude at sunrise, which differs significantly from Carlotto. Since the sun rises about 45 degrees to the left of orbit track (the 'beta angle'), and the Orbiter's commanded attitude was left wing down, nose pitched about 10 deg body axis down relative to pure out-of-plane left, the Sun appears below the Orbiter nose, about 30 degrees down below pure straight-ahead body axis (+X axis). This leaves a substantial shadowed zone over the left wing, in the direction that the aft-rt TV camera was pointed, and right where the DOT appears as it moves away from the Orbiter and out of the shadow. This is not proof it WAS a nearby object, but it allows for the possibility that it was a shadow-to-sunlight object because the shadow and sunlight are consistent with such a hypothesis.

Carlotto argues: "It is unlikely then that M1 is near the shuttle since there is no known mechanism to otherwise explain its appearance." I offer my hypothesis as refutation of this by-elimination argument.

Carlotto further argues: "The brightness at a point in the image is proportional to the total energy incident on the corresponding detector element in the camera. If the angular extent of M1 is much less than the resolution of the camera, it could appear to increase gradually in brightness as it moves from shadow to light due to a gradually increasing fraction of its surface that is illuminated by the sun being summed by the detector element. However, the object cannot move by more than one pixel over the period of brightening (about 1 second) for

this phenomena to occur. Yet M1 moves 66.2 pixels in 8 seconds or about 8 pixels per second. M1's is moving too fast for the gradual brightening to occur as a result of this effect. M1 must be further away."

The brightening over a period of one second is no problem at all for a small nearby drifting object, despite Carlotto's inability to imagine how it could happen. For an object over the Orbiter left wing, moving up into sunlight, it is crossing the shadow-edge about 30 feet from the structure casting the shadow (the wing leading edge), and the angular size of the Sun (0.5 degree) creates a gradation zone of brightness several inches thick. If it takes the object one second to traverse that zone, it will grow in brightness for that interval, exactly as Carlotto's brightness measurements show the dot did.

Carlotto has the earned respect of many years of demonstrated learning and publication of support for his interpretations. I believe his claims deserve response.

I am unconvinced that Fleming falls into that category. Some reasons for my feeling this way:

Fleming: "The demonstrable facts are that the flash of light in the STS-48 video was lens flare unrelated to any rocket firing (as shown in the NFS paper) and that time stamps are, in nontechnical terms, phony." Since Fleming doesn't seem to know the difference between a fact and a proposed conclusion, I have little confidence in his ability to reason accurately. And the fact (well, maybe 'conclusion' is a better word) that he is unable to understand some (indeed, most) aspects of the space technology he offers opinions about is strong support, I suggest, for the conclusion that his ignorance is no proof, as he seems to claim it is, of his correctness.

Fleming: "(How could the time be downlinked to Earth by the master timing unit aboard the shuttle six seconds after loss of signal?) " It's really not my responsibility - or that of any reader - to fill in the gaps in Fleming's meager knowledge of space technology. If he had asked anybody who knew about space shuttle communications (and it is overwhelmingly obvious that he has assiduously avoided actually talking to any such experts, perhaps for fear of what their advice would mean for his thesis), they might mention some differences between Ku-band and S-band, or some similar mystery of space magic.

The STS-48 Scene List (which as far as I can tell, Fleming has never seen and has made no effort to obtain - just as he continues to pretend there were no witnesses to the video scenes, on the shuttle or in Mission Control - so he will not use or admit even the existence of any of their testimony, nor does Carlotto or Kasher or Ecker) provides a clock time of 20:17:28 for the LOS, just as shown in Fleming's paper. It also provides the time of 20:19:04 for AOS, calling it 'Night pass over China. City lights in view'.

If Fleming is truly puzzled by the behavior of the displayed timer, I can only suggest - he doesn't appear to have thought of it - that he ask for an explanation at NASA. Instead, he leaps to 'facts' that are pretty fantastic, IMHO.

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Re: Rods Exposed - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 05:19:46 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 07:17:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Goldstein

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 12:40:54 -0500
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

<snip>

>I recently came across a web site with some amazing "rods"
>images and interesting conclusions reached by the research team
>at:

><http://www.flyingrods.com/indexfl.asp>

>When you first enter the site, you are greeted by a pop-up that
>says, "Flying Rods Mystery Solved! Flying Rods Community
>Research Team... With assurance 95% of Flying Rods are nothing
>more than (sic) insects filmed at shutter speeds which distort
>the image, making it appear as something unrecognizable..."

>It appears this research team first started out believing "rods"
>images represented a genuine phenomenon but as their results
>came in, they realized "rods" were nothing but insects afterall.

>Especially interesting is an article written by Michael Merchant
>in the "Articles" section of the Flyingrods web site titled
>"Solved Rods or Eating Crow". He shares all kinds of
>interesting information about Mr. Escamilla and others.

>Some of the best images I've ever seen (even better than the
>images I have to share) are in the "Images" section titled
>"Filming Bees By Denny White" and "More Filming Bees by Denny
>White" (the titles are not very creative but good work
>nonetheless). Incredible effort and amazing "rods" - aka bees -
>images. Or are those just "rods" dressed up as bees? Or
>perhaps bees imitating "rods"? Maybe they are cows pretending
>to be bees, no, I mean "rods", no, I mean rods pretending to be
>cows, no? Makes your head hurt just thinking about it! Haha.

Hi Amy,

I can't even remember off the top of my head how many years it has been since this Rods story broke. I remember when it first came out watching it with a few friends from my MUFON chapter. Whenever anyone wondered if they could possibly be real or insects all kinds of logical questions started arising in a unique deductive process. For example, if they are real how come I or almost everyone have never seen one?. Where are their bodies? How could biology and all of science somehow be ignorant of these "rods"? Why does my sports car not get rods smashed on its windshield or front? The same would have happened with my airplane. Of course I was in California, and with its lower humidity it has much less flying and crawling insects than more humid areas. Thankfully no mosquitos but sadly none of the most common nighttime illuminated IFOs, fireflies.

Amy, that was quite a large crowd of insects around that parking lot light. Is that normal at this time of year or are they at that light in profusion because that light is next to a

McDonalds? Is there something in the eau d' Big Mac aroma that attracts insects from miles around? That seems a logical next step in your research.

Posit this: If that light has attracted an inordinate number of insects next purchase various McDonalds foods and disassemble them into each of their components. Your experiment begins by holding various components before those insects and charting how they respond. If they react especially strongly to a component sample then it will be time to isolate what within this component causes the craving.

Perhaps that chemical or its combination can make you a fortune. In larger doses it may work on humans. If so, you could sell that knowledge to McDonalds for a way more than seven figure initial payment. McDonalds could add that chemical component to all their foods and even to their fries. (ha ha, I got out of saying either French or Freedom fries) You could earn royalties from whatever sales of items occur as an increase in McD's sales. Please keep us posted with your preliminary and progressive periodic proper reports. :-)

In your goodness you will donate most of your earnings to top quality UFO scientifically based research. We all will be much better off. This is your opportunity to become rich and famous in a way that will help all of humanity. This is your destiny Amy Hebert. That is why you live in Texas with its rodlike insects. I'll bet you could have a bizarre type of artistic video creation with other creatures of nature shot at various speeds. What would they look like?

I do confess that there is one kind of rod that really got me going. His name is Rod Serling.

Ciaobella,

Josh

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Maccabee

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Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 07:26:07 -0400
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Was Kissenger's Nobel Peace Prize for establishing peace in Viet
Nam justified....? Oh, perhaps that was nasty.

Anyway, I wonder why Lederman hasn't yet discovered the Lederman
boson. Why should any bozo mess around with trying to discover
someone else boson. Why don't he just buzzoff?

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Examining New Carlotto Argumentation Re STS-48

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 07:29:41 -0400
Subject: Examining New Carlotto Argumentation Re STS-48

I am grateful to Mr. Fleming's messages which made me aware of new work by Carlotto (I'm judging it to be new because it's dated recently -- unless that's an artifact of the website design) on the STS-48 video controversy. This gave me a chance to visit some of the key arguments and determine whether or not they were mathematically and physically credible. Here's one of the biggest cases, I believe, in which an argument fails that requirement.

Page: Did the Shuttle Fire a Thruster?

<http://www.newfrontiersinscience.com/Members/v02n02/b/Text06.shtml>

"The graphic below plots the average brightness of the video frame as a function of time along with the direction of motion of one of the stars M2 in radians. Following the jump in brightness, purportedly due to the thruster firing, there is no significant change in the direction of M2. Yet the apparent motion of all objects including the star must change if the attitude of the spacecraft was altered by the thruster. The lack of any change in attitude following the flash implies the flash was not due to a thruster firing. "

JimO notes that M2 direction is scaled 0 to 6 radians (radian = approx 57 degrees), i.e, practically the entire circle.

Time is 10 to 40 seconds, with the "average brightness of the video frame" occurring between 18 and 23 seconds -- since the visual pulse occurred in a one-second period and the thruster firing was on that same timescale, I don't know how to place it on Carlotto's graph. Carlotto gives no translation to GMT or any other external timekeeping for his time-zero point.

Regarding the issue of induced rotation rate due to a thruster firing, already in 1999 I had posted this comment at:

<http://groups.google.com/groups?q=oberg+STS+UFO&start=50&hl=en&safe=off&rnum=51&selm=19991101180303.13748.00001088%40ng-fw1.aol.com>

"Evidence has been posted for YEARS that the jet firing seen on the STS-48 video sequence, thruster L5D, 1.2 seconds, thrust 24 pounds -- twenty four -- changes the rotation rate of the 250,000 lb orbiter by about 0.01 degrees/second -- that's one hundredth of a degree per second. If you can detect THAT tiny rate on the video, you're seeing things."

This is also documented on STS-48 data plots shown at:

<http://www.igs.net/~hwt/zigzag.html>

Now, if the prosaic hypothesis for the dots and their motion involves a rotation rate change of 0.01 degrees per second, why does Carlotto plot the 20 seconds or so of post-change motion (that would amount to no more than a few tenths of a degree) on a scale with units in RADIANS, each Y-axis scale mark more than one HUNDRED times bigger than the maximum expected angular change? Of course the motion induced by the thruster -- if that hypothesis is indeed correct -- would be undetectable on such a graph -- from Carlotto's choice of the scale.

Hence, Carlotto's assertion that "The lack of any change in attitude following the flash implies the flash was not due to a thruster firing" is unjustified, and even somewhat suspicious in its supposed fairness as a criterion.

There's even another reason why Carlotto's assertion (that a lack of perceived motion of a star image implies no change in Orbiter attitude) is invalid. The location of star M2 is shown on page:

<http://www.newfrontiersinscience.com/Members/v02n02/b/Text03.shtml>

and the question must be how MUCH would such a star image change if the attitude of the Orbiter changed?

If the line-of-sight from the camera to the star is orthogonal to the axis of rotation of the Orbiter, it will move at its maximum angular rate determined by the physical rotation of the Orbiter. But the closer and closer the star happens to be to either pole of the rotation axis, the less it will actually move. The orientation of the rotation axis, relative to the star whose position is being tracked, is a critical datum in determining whether or not a rotation rate has been (or has not been) induced. Carlotto makes no mention of this physical effect, and by omitting it ("Yet the apparent motion of all objects including the star must change if the attitude of the spacecraft was altered by the thruster"), makes his argument ("The lack of any change in attitude following the flash implies the flash was not due to a thruster firing") even less justified.

Repeated demonstrations of such non-realistic arguments such as this provide a powerful argument against the credibility of the non-prosaic claims for the video images -- in my opinion.

But I would like to discuss this issue on logical grounds, if desired.

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Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'? - Hatch

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>Date: Mon, 19 May 2003 15:04:05 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: CI: Martian 'Cactus'?

>Cydonian Imperative 5-19-03

>Martian "Cacti"?

>See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 38)

>The new Face image isn't the only oddity greeting visitors to
>the USGS' labyrinthine file directory. Check out these apparent
>cactus-like formations:

>http://ida.wr.usgs.gov/display/MGSC_1232/e17014/e1701475.img.jpg

>Unlike e_1701041.img.jpg, I don't know where - if it all - this
>image can be found on Malin Space Science Systems' archive. Sun-
>angle information and other factors contained in the MSSS
>ancillary data would help establish what we are (or are not)
>seeing in this provocative image.

Hello Mac:

Those are indeed interesting looking features!

They look like objects extending upward from the crests of sand
dunes to me, but I'm not good at interpreting such images.

I strongly doubt there is cactus on Mars. Some look more like
pine trees to me, others like superstructures of navy ships,
weather monitoring devices etc. Its certainly worth a look.

If this weren't a USGS.gov webpage, I would strongly suspect
hoaxing, image manipulation etc.

If anyone can get more info, it would be appreciated. At the
very least, what is the official word on such formations? If
geological, then what created such sharp vertical spikes?
Whatever they are, its not camera/imaging defects. All those
many spikes etc. rise from the tops of sand dunes or ridges, and
none from the valleys if I see those correctly.

Best

- Larry

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Maccabee

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>Subject: Skeptics - An Editorial

>The following is an Editorial I wrote for the Destination Space
>Website. I think it is germane here.

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>UFO Enigma
>Editorial: Skeptics or Debunkers?
>By Don Ecker, Director of Research
>From The Desk of UFO MAGAZINE

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>But my experience by and large is that the skeptical
>community "explains that which is un-investigated, and does not
>investigate that which is unexplained." Let me explain.....

>Philip J. Klass is today considered to be the premier UFO
>skeptic alive. Klass, now fast approaching 80 years of age, has
>slashed and burned his way across the landscape for about 35
>years. Over the now almost 15 years I have been chasing the
>phenomenon, I have had a number of encounters with "kindly old
>Phil." Now please, do not get the idea that I am billing myself
>as the "know all and seen it all" guy, but I have been around
>the block with a bunch of skeptics in all those years. In my
>encounters with Klass, Oberg, Sheaffer, Shermer and others I
>have found that *without exception they *all have taken a page
>from Robert Low, Project Coordinator of the Condon Committee,
>and instead of attacking the cases -- they will attack the
>witnesses. Slashing and burning the word, reputations and
>character of people reporting on the UFO phenomenon. (In a
>humorous moment when I was on Larry King Live debating Jim Oberg
>on the STS-48 shuttle UFO, Oberg accused me of coming on the
>program to sell magazines when I asked him if he was operating
>under any security restrictions. The "ad hominem attack!")

>I do not have either the time or space to give you a litany of
>each skeptic I have named, so this month I will simply zero in
>on one, Phil Klass.

<snip>

>Klass's position is such that if anyone is willing to propose
>that some cases might possibly be explained as off world
>technology, then they are only seeking celebrity status or
>attempting to make money. At this point, Klass then zeroes in on
>the character of the researcher. In 1983, Klass began an attack
>directed against the University of Nebraska because they were
>sponsoring a UFO conference. In a conversation with the
>university's administrator Klass charged that "ufologists 'seek
>what the Soviet Union does, to convey to the public that our
>government can not be trusted, and I resent it as an American

>citizen." He equated UFO research with communism, as un-
>patriotic and anti-American. Klass went on to phone faculty and
>further claimed that for the university to sponsor such a
>conference (UFOs) was comparable to the dilemma they would face
>if the American Nazi Party wanted to hold a conference there.
>Later CSICOP spokesman Mark Plummer wrote that he found nothing
>excessive in Klass's claims.

>I had personal experience with Klass on two different occasions
>when he displayed his fanatic anti-UFO sentiments. In 1992, I
>was invited to debate Klass in Denver, sponsored by ParaNet and
>MICAP. During the debate we began to discuss the Frederick
>Valentich case. This was a case of a young Australian pilot who
>disappeared in 1978 after radioing that he was being approached
>by a huge UFO. (The RAAF became involved in this case, but no
>aircraft or body was ever located.) Klass began by calling
>Valentich a "drug smuggler." I was not about to allow him to get
>away with that and demanded he prove his assertion. His proof?
>Valentich had four life preservers in his aircraft. Klass has
>operated on the assumption that if the case cannot be discarded
>because the claims can't be disproved, then it *must be a hoax
>because UFOs simply cannot be real!

Although I haven't had correspondence with PJK for many years
now, I had voluminous correspondence with him in the latter
1970's and through the 1980's. Two cases figured prominently in
our correspondence, McMinnville (photos, 1950) and New Zealand
(Dec. 1978, movie film, multiple witnesses, color movie, radar).
Phil has written about both of these cases: McMinnville in "UFOS
Explained" (1973) and "UFOs: the Public Deceived" (1983, in
which he deceived the public). Another case that received some
correspondence is the only one that Klass, by default, admits is
unexplained(!)...yes, folks, unexplained! I refer to the Val
Johnson police car case (Aug 1980) which he wrote about in
'...Deceived'.

But the reason I trump in here is not because of Val Johnson or
McMinnville, although in both of these Phil's ultimate resort
was to disparage the witnesses (the Trents, farmers, were
outright hoaxers and Johnson was a 'practical joker'). The
reason I trump in here is because of Phil's published
"explanation" of a particular portion of the Dec. 1978 New
Zealand sightings (which occurred about 2 months after the
Valentich case in Australia).

Phil has been noted to summarize the results of his years of
"investigation" as follows: "there is no case I have examined
for which I could not find a 'prosaic explanation.' "

This term 'prosaic explanation' is so important that I wrote a
paper about it, presented at the MUFON sym several years ago,
and on my web site ('Prosaic Explanations: the Failure of UFO
Skepticism'). (Phil has never commented on my 'destruction' of
his claim.) see <http://brumac.8k.com>

In the Dec. 1978 New Zealand case, Phil ultimately had to
explain one of the sightings as a collusion or "hoax" by the
pilots. For those of you who know nothing about this I refer you
to my web site for shortened versions of several of the
seperable events that night (early morning). The pilots,
experienced in night flying around the area off the east coast
of the South Island of New Zealand, initially had not been able
to identify a very bright light seen as the plane flew
northeastward from Christchurch.

The air crew had informed the news crew on board (2 reporters,
cameraman.... why they were on board is a long story) that they
didn't know what the light was, and so the news crew paid
attention to it, filmed it, etc. and subsequently went public
with the claim that it was unidentified.

However, according to Phil's way of thinking, the pilot and
copilot had finally, after many minutes of observation, realized
what they were looking at (a squid boat!) but that the pilot and
copilot decided not to tell the film crew (reporter, cameraman,
sound recordist) because they didn't want to embarrass
themselves. That is, it would have been embarrassing for the air
crew to admit to the news crew that, initially, they didn't know
what the light was. And, because the air crew didn't admit their
mistake, the sighting of the bright light became one of the most
widely publicized UFO sightings ever (now recalled by only a

few).

In other words, Phil justified his explanation of the light as a squid boat which the pilots couldn't recognize by claiming that they did recognize it, but didn't tell the news crew. Thus, Phil wrote in his book "...Deceived..." that the bright light was a squid boat.

Of course, there was the color movie film and a lot of analysis which showed it wasn't a squid boat, but the physical data didn't matter to Phil. (see my web site). Moreover, I know that Phil was aware of the physical data and analysis because it made up a portion of the over 1,000 (over 1,200?) pages of correspondence which we generated about the New Zealand sightings starting in Jan 1979 and essentially ending about 5 years later.

An even more egregious example of ignoring data in favor of "ad hominem attack", is the sighting event that occurred minutes after the "squid boat" sighting mentioned above. This event includes color movie film of a bright light that flashes periodically about once per second and which clearly changes color from bright white (overexposed images on the film) to dim red and orange, occasionally making a triangular (!) array of three "dots" on the film: orange above two red. Phil's explanation was that the cameraman had, somehow, filmed the flashing red beacon on top of the airplane. The reason for this explanation was that the beacon flash rate was the same as the flash rate of the light in the film (to within experimental accuracy). Of course, the cameraman inside the plane could not directly see the flashing beacon so Phil imagined some (virtually impossible) reflection off the propellor blade, i.e., that the cameraman filmed out the side of the plane toward the propellor (while everyone else was looking at a flashing light in front of the plane... but don't let the verbal testimony get in the way of a "good" explanation.)

There is a big problem with Phil's explanation, a problem based in optical physics, and the main reason I have taken the time to write this message. I also want to emphasize that it was during this correspondence in 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, that Phil came up with this explanation. I therefore analyzed his explanation and discovered the following information.

The film clearly shows that the images of this flashing light, or pulsating would be a better term, when at their brightest at white or perhaps pale yellow/orange. However, there is not a hint of red. Yet the beacon on top of the plane was "pure" red. So, the question is this: if we grant that it was physically possible (although highly unlikely) that the cameraman filmed a (faint) reflection of the rotating propellor blade, where did the red go? That is, red light starts from the beacon, reflects off the propellor, and enters the camera lens and makes a bright white (yellow) image with not a hint of red? How?

Many (hundreds?) pages of correspondence with Phil were devoted to my analysis and experiments to test his hypothesis. I found out what would happen if one takes a color picture of a bright red light. If the image is well exposed then the image is red. If, however, there is a lot of overexposure, the center of the image can turn pale yellow or white or there can be a ring of yellow around the central white, extremely overexposed area. This is surrounded by yet another ring, a ring that most emphatically did NOT appear in the color movie film. Perhaps you have guessed that this outer ring is red!! Yes, the fact that the light source is red turns up as a red ring or annulus around the overexposed region.

Explanation: light from a tiny source (point source) like a red light at a distance is focused onto the film and, if the light is bright enough the center can be overexposed. However, getting out toward the edge of the image the amount of light drops rapidly (to zero beyond the edge) and therefore there is some distance from the center at which the light intensity is low enough to produce the correct exposure. (Another effect, sideways scattering of light within the film, can also reduce the light intensity at distances from the center of the image.)

What I have just described occurs with overexposed images of any color: overexposed green images have a green ring, overexposed blue images have a blue ring, etc.

The bottom line is that the bright images on the film had NO red ring and therefore they COULDN'T have been made by filming the red beacon directly or as reflected off a metal propellor blade. I did experiments to verify this with slide film and I also pointed out to Phil that the cameraman had, in fact, done the confirming experiment quite by chance before the sightings. The cameraman had set up his camera on the airfield tarmac and had filmed the airplance before takeoff simply to provide background footage and "run his camera in."

The film shows the red beacon light pulsating and the beacon rotated. Each time the beacon pointed toward the camera the red image became overexposed and created images with yellow centers and..... red rings around the yellow centers.

OK, so I am long winded here, but I wanted to point out that Phil was aware of the physical argument against his explanation BEFORE he published "...Deceived". Did that deter him from publishing his explanation?

No.
It turns up in '...Deceived' and so Phil managed to deceive lots of people into believing that he had explained this portion of the New Zealand sightings (as well as the other portions, of course, using different explanations as necessary).

Here was a clear case of physics against a "prosaic explanation"..... and the failed explanation won out.

Maccabee's First Law for Debunkers: Any explanation is better than none.

(This works if you know that the readers/hearers of the explanation are unlikely to invest their own time to learn the truth.)

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Mars Unearthed

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List,

If anyone would like to see some bona fide and excellent
photographs of Martian anomalies, go to:

www.marsunearthed.com

Ken Kelly

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Denzler

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>>From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
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>>Subject: Skeptics - An Editorial

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>>(In a humorous moment when I was on Larry King Live
>debating >Jim Oberg on the STS-48 shuttle UFO, Oberg accused
>me of >coming on the program to sell magazines when I asked
>him if he >was operating under any security restrictions.
>The "ad hominem attack!")

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>Humorous indeed that Don should post the transcript of that
>very show, where somebody reading it can see that Don's
>_claim_ of what I 'accused' was a bit garbled. I said,
>truthfully, that "I'm not here as editor of a magazine trying
>to sell subscriptions," and I forthrightly answered his
>question to me about security restrictions (there were none)
>- a fact that he seems to have carelessly left out of his
>presumably honest-intentioned but demonstrably distorted
>recounting of the conversation.

But you must admit that you could have simply answered the
question without impugning anything Ecker said by suggesting
he was just there to promote sale for his magazine.

That is the trouble with ufology... or, as Jim Moseley calls it,
ufoology. Instead of having civil conversations, people seem
compelled to engage in snide digs and outright attacks. If there
was just one thing we could do to improve methodology in the
field, a refusal to engage in that kind of exchange would be a
major step forward.

Brenda Denzler

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'Chariots Of The Gods' Land in Swiss Alps

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'Chariots Of The Gods' Land in Swiss Alps

Clare Nullis
Associated Press

INTERLAKEN, Switzerland - Long before the "X-Files" craze and talk of alien abductions, when man was still preparing his first trip to the moon, a Swiss hotel manager came up with a theory that earthly civilization began with extraterrestrial visits thousands of years ago.

Ridicule from scientists notwithstanding, Erich von Daeniken sold 60 million books in 32 languages and made "Chariots of the Gods" part of the ufologist's lexicon.

Thirty-five years on, the fascination endures. There are plans for a 22-part TV series called "Chariots of the Gods - The Mysteries Continue." And von Daeniken's ancient astronauts are set to make a permanent landing in a scenic Alpine valley with Saturday's opening of the world's only theme park devoted to historic wonders like the Egyptian pyramids and future unknowns like the conquest of Mars.

"Imagine you are back in ancient Egypt," von Daeniken declared during a tour of the disused airfield in Interlaken where he has built the park.

The great pyramid of Giza was larger than the cathedrals of Milan, Rome and Florence put together, he mused. Why and how were 2.5 million stone blocks piled up, the biggest weighing 400 tons? Who built the pyramids, apart from Pharaoh Cheops, who only reigned for 20 years and whose mummy has not been found?

"There are lots of questions, but you won't get any answers out of us," von Daeniken, short, stocky and suntanned, concluded in winding up a well-practiced routine.

The 68-year-old grandfather, who enjoys cooking and French wine in his home in the Alpine village of Beatenberg, said he first got the idea for his Mystery Park 20 years ago.

He says he wants visitors to experience firsthand the sense of "wonder and astonishment" that inspired him to write "Chariots of the Gods" in 1966 while he was managing a luxury hotel.

"I claim that our forefathers received visits from the universe in the remote past ... that these 'strangers' annihilated part of mankind existing at the time and produced a new, perhaps the first, Homo sapiens," he wrote in the foreword to the book.

Von Daeniken, who skipped university and served a couple of

short stints in prison for fraud, backed up his ideas with detailed scientific "facts" and archaeological theories based on his study of pyramids and ancient ruins and lost cities.

The book was published in 1968 and caused a sensation - "a work of monumental importance ... which has withstood the test of time," Amazon.com says.

His theories about the origin of modern man brought him into conflict with the Roman Catholic Church and his argument in general was derided by scientists. But readers - especially in the United States and Germany - loved them. Book followed book, allowing him to proclaim himself the best-selling nonfiction writer of all time.

His most recent title, "The Gods Were Astronauts," published in 2001, explores the great world religions, their myths and belief structures in an attempt to discover who or what were the gods described in ancient stories. His conclusion is they were extraterrestrials who left traces of their presence everywhere on Earth.

Von Daeniken says the forthcoming TV series combines "the suspenseful investigative techniques of 'CSI,' melds it with the exotic adventures of 'Alias,' and then throws in a dash of 'Tomb Raider' for good measure."

Despite the huge public success, critics continue to pan his theories.

"These mythologizations are so silly, they are easily disproved and rather embarrassing," exclaimed David Brin, an astronomer and science fiction writer who writes about the possibility of life elsewhere.

"These people hate the open scientific discourse that has developed with the vast spread of education. They want secrets, ancient or modern, that only they know," Brin added.

Von Daeniken dismisses such criticism as pure jealousy. He cites a string of honorary doctorates and other awards from around the world as proof that he is taken seriously. He also trumpets his archaeology and astronautics research association, which publishes "Legendary Times," a newsletter devoted to his ancient astronaut theory.

He shows no sign of slowing down, saying his lecture appearances and research take him an estimated 100,000 miles a year.

He retains an adoring following.

"You helped me so much, to open my eyes to all the truth forgotten in time, all the truth about our past," Diana Al Hazard from Paris wrote in one of dozens of Happy 68th Birthday messages posted on von Daeniken's Web site. "I thank you so much for everything. You really fulfilled your mission on this planet."

Other readers, however, said they enjoyed the books but took the theories with a pinch of salt.

"I've been interested in such 'blue sky' stories for decades but never fell for the extrapolations of old Erich," said Jack Greenfield, a 68-year-old public relations consultant in New York. "He made a lot of money and I suppose gave many of us a good deal of exciting reading pleasure and food for thought."

"Trouble is, nothing he said, as far as I can tell, was ever even distantly related to truth."

Erich von Daeniken: <http://www.daeniken.com>

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Taking A Shot At Einstein

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Taking A Shot At Einstein

Seeking a grander theory, rebel physicists break a cosmic speed limit

By Robert Kunzig

Even if Jo=E30 Magueijo had not advocated castrating an editor at a prestigious science journal, and even if he hadn't suggested that rival physicists, ostensibly brilliant like Magueijo, were just posers--in short, even if Magueijo were a less colorful rebel, his ideas would have attracted attention. After all, he is taking on Einstein, and ever since we placed Einstein on a pedestal, we have been titillated by the idea of knocking him off. Magazine editors know that putting the antic-haired genius on the cover, perhaps over the words *Faster Than the Speed of Light*--the somewhat misleading title of Magueijo's recent book--all but guarantees sales.

And yet Magueijo, a physicist at Imperial College, London, is for real, and he is not alone. As we near the end of our first century in a relative universe, challenges to Einstein's theory are in the air. They are respectful challenges; even Magueijo isn't proposing to throw relativity out the window, any more than Einstein junked Newton. "We get E-mail and letters all the time from amateurs who think they have found a mistake in Einstein's theory," says Lee Smolin, a physicist at the Perimeter Institute in Waterloo, Ontario. "That's not what is going on here." If relativity is wrong, it is wrong by such tiny amounts or in such particular circumstances that you have to go to great lengths to find the error.

But there is optimism these days that, by studying light from the distant universe, researchers may soon be able to measure such smaller-than-nano deviations. They may need to find them, if they are ever to create a unified theory of all the forces of nature. To fulfill that dream, which obsessed Einstein after he turned 40 or so, physicists may have to tinker with the theory he invented when he, too, was a young revolutionary, disguised as a patent clerk. They may have to bend his best-known principle: the one that says the speed of light is an absolute, always and everywhere the same, and faster than anything else.

C is special. That principle was born in 1905, when Einstein wedded space and time into something called spacetime. Until then, in Newtonian physics, space and time were separate, independent of each other and of the things in them. Time flowed at the same rate for everyone, and space was a fixed stage on which the universe played out its history. Nineteenth-century physicists filled that stage with a mysterious, invisible "aether," a medium that transmitted light waves the way air

transmits sound waves. The aether was assumed to be at absolute rest, a fixed "reference frame" for all motions.

No one could ever detect the aether, though; in the 1880s, Albert Michelson and Edward Morley tried ingeniously and failed. And after Einstein proposed his theory of special relativity two decades later, physicists realized they should give up on absolute space and time. Einstein postulated, first, that the laws of physics don't prefer one reference frame over another, as long as each is moving at a constant velocity. Second, he said that c , the speed of light, will appear exactly the same to every observer, in every frame of reference.

A century later, that second postulate still defies common sense. It says that if you're driving down the highway at a quarter the speed of light, you'll still see the photons from your headlights racing ahead of you at light speed--not three-quarters light speed. If I'm coming from the opposite direction at half light speed, I'll still see your photons approaching at c --not 1.5 times c . Since speed is just space divided by time, and we both agree about the speed of light, we can't possibly agree about space and time. You say my clock is too slow and my yardstick has shrunk (not to mention my whole car). Maddeningly, I say the same about you. The one thing we agree on, aside from c itself, is the distance covered by the photons in the weird new reference frame of four-dimensional spacetime.

It might be a relief to learn that physicists were talking about chucking this deeply strange theory. But just as Einstein made only minute corrections to Newton in everyday life--to really feel the effects of special relativity, you have to move at a large fraction of light speed--the proposed changes to relativity would have only subtle, hard-to-detect effects. Yet the stakes are big: the quest for a single theory that would unite general relativity, Einstein's later theory describing gravity, with quantum mechanics, the theory describing the forces inside the atom.

Physicists are taking many paths to this "quantum gravity" grail, but in all of them spacetime itself, instead of being continuous, is made of quantum bits. "It's like the difference between sand and water," says Giovanni Amelino-Camelia of La Sapienza University in Rome--except that the spacetime grains could be around a hundred billion billionth the size of an atomic nucleus. At this "Planck length," named after the father of quantum physics, gravity would no longer be described by general relativity but by the new theory.

It's also where you run into a conflict with special relativity, Amelino-Camelia found a few years ago. Because measurements of length depend on the velocity of the observer, two observers could end up disagreeing about whether a physical process was taking place at the Planck scale or not, and which laws applied. One would say the process was governed by quantum gravity; the other would say general relativity.

After a long struggle--"three years of frustration and a couple of evenings of success"--Amelino-Camelia came up with a way around this absurdity: "doubly special relativity." The math is not simple, but the basic idea is. To the maximum speed limit that Einstein set, Amelino-Camelia would add a minimum length, below which space could not contract, no matter how fast the observer moved. That limit would be the size of the spacetime quanta.

That minimum length comes at a cost, however: The speed of light would no longer be a constant. The more energetic a photon, Amelino-Camelia's calculations indicate, the faster it would navigate the minefield of quantized spacetime. If you were to pit blue photons against red photons in a race across the Atlantic, Amelino-Camelia says, the blue ones--being slightly higher in energy-- would win by about 0.000000000000000000000000000001 of a second.

The effect on light speed would be much more dramatic at the fantastic energies that prevailed in the primordial fireball of the big bang--and that's where Amelino-Camelia's ideas intersect with the very different approach of cosmologist Jo=É3o Magueijo. On a rainy winter morning a few years back, Magueijo was brooding about some of the most nagging problems of cosmology. As he walked across an athletic field at Cambridge University,

he writes in his book, "the answer seemed to drop from the sky." (He later learned that a Canadian physicist named John Moffat had beat him to the epiphany.) Just allow light to travel much faster in the first fraction of a second after the big bang--quadrillions upon quadrillions of times faster--and the problems would be solved.

Take the so-called horizon problem. From beyond the farthest galaxies comes a faint emanation called the cosmic microwave background, the afterglow of the big bang. It looks almost exactly the same in every direction, meaning the hot gases it came from must have had almost exactly the same temperature. When the background was emitted, around 300,000 years after the big bang, light had had only 300,000 years to travel. Yet the universe was already tens of millions of light-years across. Its opposite sides could not have exchanged light or heat. Short of an incredible fluke, how could they have evened out their temperature?

The widely accepted but still unproven solution is the inflationary-universe theory. It says that the opposite sides of the universe were originally in contact, because the universe was much smaller in its first instants than the standard Big Bang theory suggests; it then underwent an infinitesimally brief but exponential inflation that swept its parts far out of contact with each other. Walking in the rain, Magueijo discovered what to him seemed a more elegant solution: The different regions of the early universe were in contact not because it was smaller but because light traveled much faster--fast enough to connect them. The laws of physics must have changed since then, drastically slowing light.

Lately, though, he and Smolin have proposed something a little more moderate: that this varying speed of light might be grounded in doubly special relativity. Amelino-Camelia's theory that the speed of light depends on its energy doesn't require the laws of physics to change, unlike Magueijo's original idea. Light might have traveled vastly faster in the hot early universe simply because its energy was so much higher then. "That you could be comfortable with," says Smolin.

Real world. Well, maybe. Many physicists aren't ready to take any of these ideas too seriously for now. But real-world tests could change that. Amelino-Camelia and Magueijo can both point to puzzling astrophysical observations that their theories may be able to explain. Ultrahigh-energy cosmic rays that special relativity says should never be able to make it to Earth--but that have been showing up at cosmic-ray observatories in recent years--might make sense in doubly special relativity. "For us to be mentioned in astrophysics reviews as one of the possible explanations--you have no idea what that means," says Amelino-Camelia.

Similarly, though no one has reported a direct observation of the speed of light changing over cosmic history, a tantalizing hint comes from something called the fine-structure constant. The fine-structure constant is a number that determines the size of the energy jumps that atoms make when they absorb photons and get excited, and it depends on c , among other things. For years now, a team of astronomers led by John Webb of the University of New South Wales, Australia, and his colleagues Victor Flambaum and Michael Murphy have been compiling observations of how atoms in gas clouds billions of light-years away absorb light. From these observations they can calculate the value that the fine-structure constant had billions of years ago and compare it with measurements today. They find evidence that it has increased by around a thousandth of a percent over the past 10 billion years. If other researchers confirm the effect, a gradual decrease in c will be a plausible explanation.

But perhaps the most direct evidence that something is amiss with c could come from GLAST, an orbiting gamma-ray telescope that NASA is planning to launch in 2006 or 2007. GLAST will observe bursts of gamma rays--ultrahigh-energy light--from far-off galaxies. If doubly special relativity is correct, the more energetic gamma rays should travel faster and should tend to arrive at the telescope first--by about a millisecond, Amelino-Camelia says, after a billion-year race. That would be strong evidence that Einstein was wrong. But also that he was pretty darn close.

[UFO UpDates thanks www.<http://anomalist.com> for the lead]

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 08:31:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 15:54:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 20:05:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 09:47:45 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 03:18:30 +0100
>>>Subject: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>Extraterrestrials are real and contact me very regularly. I
>don't wish to make money or attract fame from the experiences. I
>could give you 'concrete' proof but know that debunkers are now
>so good at the art that the proof would never be good enough.
>Reading and posting on this List was, is, and will be very
>interesting because, as with many other areas of research, all
>the answers, ifs, whys and maybes are not yet fully and
>definatly known. At least they are not to me and ET doesn't
>seem to have all the answers either so it's put down to
>friendship and cultural exchange. Believe it or not, some of
>them have a very good sense of humour.

I guess I believe that if your proof we were really concrete, then debunkers wouldn't have a leg to stand on. Of course, some people will deny till the day they die, but if your proof is really so strong, then most people will be convinced. What kind of proof do you have? Because right now one of the best pieces of evidence we have for the existence of aliens is the infamous Alien Autopsy film, which is extremely suspect and near impossible to verify one way or the other. The fact that the film's backstory is so full of holes and contradictions surely doesn't help to prove it's validity, that's for certain.

And while I respect that you're not out to make money from your claimed experience, this is hardly proof that it happened. It certainly puts you in a better light than someone like, say, Billy Meier. But when it comes down to study this phenomena as a science, a person's motives for making claims of extraterrestrial encounters is mostly irrelevant - who knows why people do and say the things they do? Just because someone isn't making money or seeking celebrity doesn't automatically mean what they're saying is true. The idea of the "sincere eyewitness" - that since someone seems nice, comes from a good background, doesn't drink, doesn't have a criminal record, is a churchgoer, treats his/her kids well, upstanding citizen, etc., means they must be telling the truth is not really a good way of proving anything. As I said, it puts the person in a better light than someone who immediately jumps on the lecture circuit and starts pushing videos, but without further evidence it doesn't bring us further along to an answer of what really happened.

Ian Rogers

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Oberg

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 08:01:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 15:57:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Oberg

>From: Brenda Denzler <bdenzler1@email.msn.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 06:52:23 -0400
>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Denzler

>But you must admit that you could have simply answered the
>question _without_ impugning anything Ecker said by suggesting
>he was just there to promote sale for his magazine.

I grant you that. Having just been impugned as being on the show to lie to the public, I do admit a trace of pique. And perhaps a cynical view that mention of the existence of a commercial product - Don's magazine - might be construed to have some commercial value, in front of a large and literate viewing audience, might also have not been entirely off-the-wall.

Sigh...

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Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'? - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 10:04:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:06:47 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'? - Stanford

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 23:46:34 -0700
>Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'?

>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 19 May 2003 15:04:05 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: CI: Martian 'Cactus'?

>>Cydonian Imperative 5-19-03

>>Martian "Cacti"?

>>See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 38)

>>The new Face image isn't the only oddity greeting visitors to
>>the USGS' labyrinthine file directory. Check out these apparent
>>cactus-like formations:

<snip>

>Hello Mac:

>Those are indeed interesting looking features!

>They look like objects extending upward from the crests of sand
>dunes to me, but I'm not good at interpreting such images.

Hi Larry,

They may look like same dunes, but the 'dunes' are really
Martian polar ice accumulations. I'm not sure whether they are
carbon dioxide or water ice, but they are ice of some type, so
I'd expect the darker 'cactus-like growths' atop them to
possibly be wind-exposed crystalline growths of material that
froze into crystal at it rose (in a less solid form) up through
fissures from a warmer environment beneath the ice cap. The
wind-blown ice 'frost' would then tend to accumulate around them
just as the white sands of Padre Island accumulate along old
fence lines, making it look as though the old fence posts grew
out the tops of dunes.

I think we should be very cautious about interpreting those dark
'growths' as plants, even though they remind us of such. There
seem to me to be much more parsimonious possible explanations,
such as I propose, above.

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: CI: Martian 'Cactus'? - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 07:12:44 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:09:12 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'? - Tonnies

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 23:46:34 -0700
>Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'?

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>>cactus-like formations:

http://ida.wr.usgs.gov/display/MGSC_1232/e17014/e1701475.img.jpg

>>Unlike e_1701041.img.jpg, I don't know where - if it all - this
>>image can be found on Malin Space Science Systems' archive. Sun-
>>angle information and other factors contained in the MSSS
>>ancillary data would help establish what we are (or are not)
>>seeing in this provocative image.

>Those are indeed interesting looking features!

>They look like objects extending upward from the crests of sand
>dunes to me, but I'm not good at interpreting such images.

When it comes to relatively tiny, subtle objects like the
"cacti" (which is nothing more than a label), I've found it's
best to wait for the MGS ancillary data, which contains sun-
angle and other information. (I've been fooled before by small,
shadow-casting features; sometimes it's amazing what simply
rotating the image can reveal.)

Thankfully Malin Space Science Systems has a processed version
of the "cacti" on its own site (see link of page 38 of my Mars
site):

<http://www.mactonnies.com/imperative38.html>

- along with ancillary data, so maybe we can get a more educated
idea of what these are soon. About the only thing I know for
certain is that these are polar features, so we can expect the
"cacti" to be sitting on top of quite a bit of subsurface ice.
It's already been proposed that the spikes are actually geysers
(!). I personally find this doubtful, but not impossible.

>If this weren't a USGS.gov webpage, I would strongly suspect
>hoaxing, image manipulation etc.

So would I.

>If anyone can get more info, it would be appreciated. At the
>very least, what is the official word on such formations?

There is no official word that I'm aware of. JPL keeps mum on
formations that look like possible plantlife. Arthur C. Clarke's

furious that JPL hasn't consented to comment on the "banyan tree" formations yet.

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>Mac Tonnies (machot@yahoo.com)

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Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfl Fleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 08:33:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:04:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 18:01:23 -0500
>Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 07:11:55 -0400
>Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfl Fleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 22:17:08 -0500
>>Subject: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony!

>Mr. Fleming's work has had the positive effect of underscoring
>the importance of getting more of my research results documented
>and available to the UFO community and the public. In the last
>few years I had prepared my presentation at Purdue on March 31,
>1999, but when I sought a grant from the Fund for UFO Studies
>(which funded Kasher's paper) and even CSICOP (which in turn
>just asked me for money), the lack of funding dissuaded me
>from taking the time necessary to prepare an adequate report.

So not even CSICOP wants to waste money on another one of
Oberg's sham 'analyses'. Oberg's claim that he needs money only
serves to underscore his total ignorance of the relevant skills
and technology. All that's needed is a VCR, a PC, and a frame-
grabber application to transfer the video images from one device
to the other. Then, of course, you need a certain level of
competence that Oberg has shown he lacks.

>Now I've also had Dr. Carlotto's new treatment (spring 2003)
>'Analysis Of STS-48 Video', at:

><http://www.newfrontiersinscience.com/Members/v02n02/b/index.shtml>

>brought to my attention, and it even further departs from
>conclusions my research had reached. So maybe it's time to
>prepare a paper that addresses Carlotto's assessments.

>I probably should also see if there's anything in Fleming's
>claims worth responding to, and as a first step, it would be
>helpful to know what his qualifications, if any, are, and who -
>if anyone besides Velez and Ecker - finds his arguments
>persuasive. Could I have some help on this, please?

>Some of my results will have to be fully documented, included my
>assessment of the Orbiter attitude at sunrise, which differs
>significantly from Carlotto. Since the sun rises about 45
>degrees to the left of orbit track (the 'beta angle'), and the
>Orbiter's commanded attitude was left wing down, nose pitched
>about 10 deg body axis down relative to pure out-of-plane left,
>the Sun appears below the Orbiter nose, about 30 degrees down
>below pure straight-ahead body axis (+X axis). This leaves a
>substantial shadowed zone over the left wing, in the direction
>that the aft-rt TV camera was pointed, and right where the DOT
>appears as it moves away from the Orbiter and out of the shadow.
>This is not proof it WAS a nearby object, but it allows for the
>possibility that it was a shadow-to-sunlight object because the
>shadow and sunlight are consistent with such a hypothesis.

>Carlotto argues: "It is unlikely then that M1 is near the
>shuttle since there is no known mechanism to otherwise explain

>its appearance." I offer my hypothesis as refutation of this by-
>elimination argument.

>Carlotto further argues: "The brightness at a point in the image
>is proportional to the total energy incident on the
>corresponding detector element in the camera. If the angular
>extent of M1 is much less than the resolution of the camera, it
>could appear to increase gradually in brightness as it moves
>from shadow to light due to a gradually increasing fraction of
>its surface that is illuminated by the sun being summed by the
>detector element. However, the object cannot move by more than
>one pixel over the period of brightening (about 1 second) for
>this phenomena to occur. Yet M1 moves 66.2 pixels in 8 seconds
>or about 8 pixels per second. M1's is moving too fast for the
>gradual brightening to occur as a result of this effect. M1 must
>be further away."

>The brightening over a period of one second is no problem at all
>for a small nearby drifting object, despite Carlotto's inability
>to imagine how it could happen. For an object over the Orbiter
>left wing, moving up into sunlight, it is crossing the shadow-
>edge about 30 feet from the structure casting the shadow (the
>wing leading edge), and the angular size of the Sun (0.5 degree)
>creates a gradation zone of brightness several inches thick. If
>it takes the object one second to traverse that zone, it will
>grow in brightness for that interval, exactly as Carlotto's
>brightness measurements show the dot did.

>Carlotto has the earned respect of many years of demonstrated
>learning and publication of support for his interpretations. I
>believe his claims deserve response.

>I am unconvinced that Fleming falls into that category. Some
>reasons for my feeling this way:

I am unconvinced that Oberg deserves respect in any category
except that of professional mud-slinger. To correct the false
impressions Oberg is trying to convey in his latest screed, I
have to point out that Mark Carlotto is a Ph.D., in computer
science, who makes his living working with digital image
analysis, and he was quite satisfied with my paper, which is why
he published it in his online journal. Mr. Oberg, on the other
hand, is clearly incompetent in such analyses and doesn't seem
to know how to write technical papers.

>Fleming: "The demonstrable facts are that the flash of light in
>the STS-48 video was lens flare unrelated to any rocket firing
>(as shown in the NFS paper) and that time stamps are, in
>nontechnical terms, phony." Since Fleming doesn't seem to know
>the difference between a fact and a proposed conclusion, I have
>little confidence in his ability to reason accurately.

The above suggests that Oberg doesn't know the difference
between a conclusion compelled by the evidence, which he
pretends not to notice, and the conclusions based on corrupted
data that he peddles as "proof" of what he wants people to
believe. It's amusing that Oberg presumes to judge the quality
of my analysis while he shows no indication that he comprehends
any of it.

>If Fleming is truly puzzled by the behavior of the displayed
>timer, I can only suggest - he doesn't appear to have thought of
>it - that he ask for an explanation at NASA. Instead, he leaps
>to 'facts' that are pretty fantastic, IMHO.

The facts that Oberg is trying to obfuscate are that the tape
shows the time stamps continue for six seconds after loss of the
video signal and that once the signal is reacquired, the time
stamps are out of synchronization with the video by over a
minute for a period of almost one second. That proves the time
stamps shown on the tape were added to the video at some later
date. Telemetry data cannot be downlinked after the telemetry
signal is lost, so the time stamps are not telemetry data. The
correct time may well have been encoded in the video telemetry,
but that is not what's on the tape.

As for getting answers from Oberg's friends at NASA, there's not
much chance of getting straight answers if they're anything
like Oberg. The answers are likely to be as phony as these time
stamps. I think eventually we'll get honest answers and the
unadulterated data out of NASA, but I'm afraid it might take a

few lawyers to extract them.

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Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:14:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Martian 'Cactus'? - Stanford

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 15:28:24 -0400
>Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'?

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>>Martian "Cacti"?

>>See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 38)

>Yes, I know that Coast to Coast AM is suspect, but in November
>2002, a guest named Stewart Best had some Mars "city" photos,
>supposedly from NASA data (possibly downloaded privately in
>Spain?) posted.

>I don't know if they are available on the new Coast to Coast AM
>site, but I saved them to my site, but non-publicly, meaning
>there is no clickable way to get from my cover page to these
>photos, and they are not spidered by search engine 'bots. You
>need the exact path to find them, which is:

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

>Do you, Mac, or does anyone have information as to the validity
>of these images? Has anyone heard of Stewart Best? What do you
>think of his work? He seems to be another Richard Hoagland
>type.

I don't know who Stewart Best is, but it is obvious from what we see at the link Eleanor White kindly provided us, that he has one hell of an over-active imagination!

Enlarging images until one is looking at immensely enlarged pixels (and pixel groups of similar density values) is no way to determine what's really shown in an image! Whomever Stewart Best is, he's clearly a dreamer, to put it very politely.

Ray Stanford

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Re: Martian 'Cactus'? - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 07:32:27 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:16:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Martian 'Cactus'? - Tonnies

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 15:28:24 -0400
>Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'?

<snip>

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

>Do you, Mac, or does anyone have information as to the validity
>of these images? Has anyone heard of Stewart Best? What do you
>think of his work?

My opinion? Complete baloney. The images are way below
threshold of resolution. It would take an hour to enumerate the
things wrong with this attempt at exo-archaeology.

>He seems to be another Richard Hoagland >type.

Hoagland, for all of his stagemanship, is much smarter
than this.

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>Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com)

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Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 11:36:36 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:18:48 -0400
Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1 - Ledger

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 16:58:47 -0400
>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 11:54:01 -0300
>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 02:16:25 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: IFOs 101 Answer - Case #1

><snip>

>>>One specific issue I'd like to discuss is... why do UFOs have
>>>lights?

>>How about anti-collision lights? Perhaps one of several reasons
>>such as a by-product [glowing UFOs] of whatever the heck powers
>>these things.

>Maybe that's why there are so many UFO crashes, perhaps? The
>lack of anti-collision lights on some craft? To me that's a
>better explanation than the idea that our radar somehow disrupts
>their flight systems.

I've never given any credibility to radar as the culprit in the so-called UFO crashes. A few crashes might have occurred [not from radar] but I also don't adhere to the idea that there are a lot of crashes either. Radar is all over the place now and if there was some advanced intelligence sharing our skies, it would seem unlikely that they would not have radar or understand the principle of it-or be able to counteract it in some way.

Anti-collision lights would be more advantages to our aircraft than theirs, however IFR pilots tend to spend their time with the heads stuck inside their cockpits than out, particularly on climb-out and on approach, both in the dark and during penetration into or out of cloud. Once leveled out at altitude, enroute and usually above the weather they have more time for looking around.

I wonder though that their might not be some microwave byproduct coming from this phenomenon. I've noted a a lot of ambiguous triggerings of TCAS/ACAS systems aboard aircraft with no apparent traffic in the area to contribute to this. That doesn't rule out other sources such as military radar or over the horizon radar from causing this since it is a microwave based system. It's supposed to key off the Transponder microwave emissions coming from any aircraft within an approximate 5 mile radius of the TCAS equipped aircraft.

On the West Coast of the US and Canada there has been an ongoing problem with GPW, Ground Proximity Warning systems triggering while the aircraft were well clear of the terrain. This could be

some abberation created by reflection off the mountainous terrain but there are also a great many UFO reports from that area as well.

Don Ledger

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Secrecy News -- 05/22/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
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Subject: Secrecy News -- 05/22/03

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** NSA FOIA EXEMPTION AMENDED
** HOMELAND SECURITY VS. DISSENT
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NSA FOIA EXEMPTION AMENDED

The Senate adopted an amendment on May 21 to narrow the proposed exemption from the Freedom of Information Act for "operational files" of the National Security Agency that document the technical means by which the Agency collects intelligence.

The amendment, offered by Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), responded directly to some of the concerns voiced by FOIA advocates at a closed briefing on May 20.

Specifically, the amendment limits the scope of the new exemption to files held in the Signals Intelligence Directorate and the Research Associate Directorate of the NSA. It dictates that files that have been accessioned into the NSA archives are not operational files and must be searched and reviewed under FOIA. And it states that records do not become exempted operational files merely because they contain information derived from operational files.

The May 20 Senate Armed Services Committee briefing was chaired by Senator Allard and attended by Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) and Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY). Each asked probing and intelligent questions aimed at clarifying the matter. Critics of the proposed exemption were represented by Meredith Fuchs of the National Security Archive and myself. The NSA was represented by NSA chief of staff Adm. Alexander A. Miller and NSA General Counsel Mr. Vito T. Potenza.

The text of the amended NSA FOIA exemption, adopted in the Senate version of the FY 2004 defense authorization act, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2003/s052103.html>

Alternate (unrevised) versions of the exemption still appear in the Senate version of the 2004 Intelligence Authorization Act (section 501 of S. 1025) and in the House version of the 2004 Defense Authorization Act (section 1050 of H.R. 1588).

HOMELAND SECURITY VS. DISSENT

The growing mobilization of intelligence and law enforcement

resources in the service of "homeland security" is spilling over into constitutionally protected domains of dissent, eroding the hitherto clear distinction between anti-government protests and suspected terrorism.

Thus, the California Anti-Terrorism Information Center (CATIC), "touted as a national model for intelligence sharing, ... has quietly gathered and analyzed information on activists of various stripes almost since its creation," according to a remarkable report in the Oakland Tribune.

Last month, the anti-terrorist CATIC warned police of potential violence at an anti-war rally at the Port of Oakland. CATIC officials insisted that their warning was appropriate, and within their charter.

"I've heard terrorism described as anything that is violent or has an economic impact, and shutting down a port certainly would have some economic impact," CATIC spokesman Mike Van Winkle told the Tribune. "Terrorism isn't just bombs going off and killing people."

See "State monitored war protesters" by Ian Hoffman, Sean Holstege and Josh Richman, Oakland Tribune, May 18:

<http://www.oaklandtribune.com/Stories/0,1413,82~1865~1400012,00.html>

"In the 20 months since Sept. 11, 2001, little-known government and commercial databases that track the movements and backgrounds of everyday Americans have steadily ballooned," according to the Wall Street Journal ("Data Collection Is Up Sharply Following 9/11" by Ann Davis, WSJ, May 22, p. B1).

TEETS ON THOMPSON ON NRO

Last year, aerospace executive David Thompson delivered a blistering attack on the performance of the National Reconnaissance Office, which builds and operates the nation's spy satellites. Mr. Thompson's speech, presented at the National Space Symposium in April 2002, alluded to previously unreported NRO technical disasters and mission failures that consumed billions of dollars. The speech is remarkable for its undisguised vitriol as well as its startling disclosures:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/thompson.html>

But the other shoe never dropped. Mr. Thompson rebuffed requests for follow-on interviews, and information that would confirm or flesh out (or refute) his revelations was never declassified and released.

Last month, however, NRO director Peter Teets spoke at the very same forum and acknowledged Mr. Thompson's criticisms in general terms.

"Through undisclosed sources and methods," Mr. Teets joked, "I got wind that this group was going to invite David back for a re-run, so I quickly volunteered to be your speaker tonight!"

"Frankly, I did have the opportunity to read David's speech. While it may have been a bit uncomplimentary, I read it in the spirit that there may be a grain of truth there."

"We spent some time at a recent CEO conference talking through some of his points. We always look for ways to improve our operations because we are certainly a learning organization."

So there. Mr. Teets April 8 speech is posted on the NRO web site here:

http://www.nro.gov/PressReleases/prs_rel68.html

DECLASSIFY THE 9/11 REPORT

Several members of the congressional joint inquiry into September 11 distanced themselves from Senator Bob Graham's claim that the Bush Administration was engaged in a "cover up" of events leading up to the terrorist attack. But even they expressed frustration with the Administration's continuing

failure to release the inquiry's final report in unclassified form.

See "Graham 9/11 Coverup Claim Lacks Proof" by Keith Epstein, Tampa Tribune, May 18:

<http://tampatrib.com/nationworldnews/MGAWJ2HHUFD.html>

It is time to release the report, the Los Angeles Times editorialized May 21. See "Declassify the 9/11 Report":

http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-ed-commission21may21,1,4488837.st_ory

"Excessive administration secrecy ... feeds conspiracy theories and reduces the public's confidence in government," said Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), testifying today at a public hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, as reported by the Associated Press.

REPORTS ON TIA, PATRIOT ACT

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) released its congressionally-mandated report on the Total Information Awareness program, now re-designated the Terrorist Information Awareness program. The May 20 report is available here:

http://www.darpa.mil/body/tia/tia_report_page.htm

The Justice Department last week provided congressional overseers with new information concerning its implementation of the USA Patriot Act. See this May 20 release from the House Judiciary Committee:

<http://www.house.gov/judiciary/news052003.htm>

A HARDLINE LOOK AT LEAKS

"The National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) has experienced roughly a hundred leaks [of classified information] just since 2000 that have damaged US imagery collection effectiveness.

Many dozens of leaks on the activities and programs of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) have also helped foreign adversaries develop countermeasures to spaceborne collection operations. DIA and the military services, too, have suffered collection losses as a result of media leaks."

So writes James B. Bruce, Vice Chairman of something called the DCI Foreign Denial and Deception Committee, in an unusually uncompromising article about unauthorized disclosures of classified information in the latest unclassified issue of the CIA journal Studies in Intelligence.

Contending that "the problem is worse now than ever before," Mr. Bruce calls for stiff new penalties to crack down on leaks, including prosecutions of journalists that publish classified information. "We need to try remedies that have not been tried before," he says.

Mr. Bruce does not recognize any tension between national security interests and a free press. The requirements of national security as embodied in the classification system are always correct and they are always paramount, he says, and that's that.

It follows that "media representatives should be held responsible for publicizing intelligence information -- thus, making it available to terrorists and other US adversaries -- that they know to be classified."

"Journalists should also be held responsible under present criminal statutes for unlawful possession of classified documents when they have them," he writes.

Oh, and the same thing goes for "writers, publishing companies, media networks, and web sites that traffic in classified information."

"The view that leaks are harmless is ... nourished by ...

popular myths that the government over-classifies everything -- including intelligence -- and classifies way too much," Mr. Bruce writes. "This seduction has become a creed among unclassified, anti-secrecy proponents."

See "The Consequences of Permissive Neglect: Laws and Leaks of Classified Intelligence" by James B. Bruce, Studies in Intelligence, vol. 47, no. 1, 2003:

<http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/vol47no1/article04.html>

While Mr. Bruce considers over-classification to be a myth fostered by outside activists, an increasing number of cleared insiders have reached an opposite conclusion.

"So many government documents are being stamped 'Top Secret,' 'Secret' or 'Confidential' these days that even lawmakers with access to classified materials complain the process has gotten out of hand," reports Chuck McCutcheon of Newhouse News.

See "Lawmakers Take Aim at Excessive Government Secrecy," May 20:

<http://www.newhouse.com/archive/mccutcheon052003.html>

DUBIOUS SECRETS

Though some blinkered officials would deny it, there is no shortage of arbitrary, idiotic or obsolete secrets that are nevertheless classified in the name of national security.

"The Central Intelligence Agency classified and withheld from a Freedom of Information Act release a 25-year-old joke item in a weekly terrorism report about the terrorist threat to Santa Claus and the North Pole," the National Security Archive noted in a fascinating new collection of "Dubious Secrets." See:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB90/press.htm>

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Eight Fingered Aliens [was: Re: Alleged Russian]

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:26:15 -0400
Subject: Eight Fingered Aliens [was: Re: Alleged Russian]

>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 20:05:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 09:47:45 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 03:18:30 +0100
>>>Subject: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

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>What we need are more and better hypothesis to test and
>better methodology to test them.

List, what we need is more evidence (yielding reliable data) around which to construct better hypotheses, and although Colin alleges he has regular contact with his abductors, he seems totally uninterested in getting any kind of real evidence, thereof. In fact, one might just get the idea that, deep-down within, he knows there could not be any evidence, and that at some level he realizes 'they' are figments of his imagination.

So now, Listers, sorry, but I cannot resist:

Colin, your statement that you were abducted by advanced beings with eight fingers makes no evolutionary sense! Such large numbers of digits began disappearing early in evolution of terrestrial life when things were emerging from the sea. In terrestrial (as contrasts with aquatic) vertebrate organisms, digits rather quickly reduced in number because once life got beyond the aquatic stage, such large numbers of digits were a hindrance rather than a help (as in swimming), and they tend toward non-survival rather than survival.

You seem to allege that your abductors are bipedal and vertebrate. Well no matter on what planet life evolves, the basic laws of practicality would still be in force. If an organism can do take care of life's needs with less digits, unneeded digits recede. For bipedal organisms living in a gaseous (e.g., air) environment, I cannot think of any practical use for eight fingers - at least not mentionable on this List :) - other than to suppose your abductors have eight nostrils from which they need to simultaneously pick 'boogers' out of each! :)

>Extraterrestrials are real and contact me very regularly.

Hey, Colin! If you cannot manage a movie at least during the beginning of one of these frequent visits by those eight-digit evolutionary drop-outs, I suggest you at least ask them for some of those spare 'boogers' as hard evidence (complete with DNA), for which seeming cause they retain all those fingers to facilitate some as-yet-not-understood need for simultaneous eight-nostril 'booger' harvest. Perhaps they have a lot of nasal

allergies! :)

Give us a break (or at least get us a 'booger'), Colin!

Heck! Failing that (if you're a little squeamish about picking up ET 'boogers' or if they don't really have eight nostrils), objective skeptics might let you off easily: We'd probably all like to see even just one single fingerprint from any one of those sixteen total fingers!

Seriously, now, Colin, there must be at least one fingerprint around somewhere, if your visitors are not a figment of your imagination.

How so?

If their environment and (or) their manual tasks are so slippery that they need eight fingers on each hand to hold onto things, they surely have retained the kind of patterns that produce fingerprints, because the function of those patterns is both adhesive traction and to provide a sense of touch.

When those evolutionary drop-outs get a professional manicure, it surely must get expensive! Or, do they just bite their nails (if they have any), perhaps out of nervous fear that one of their abductees or contactees will get one of their many fingerprints? :)

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: Skeptics - An Editorial - Dabrowski

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Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:28:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Dabrowski

>From: Brenda Denzler <bdenzler1@email.msn.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 06:52:23 -0400
>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial

>>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 16:35:04 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial

>>>From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 14:00:13 -0700
>>>Subject: Skeptics - An Editorial

>><snip>

>>>(In a humorous moment when I was on Larry King Live
>>>debating >Jim Oberg on the STS-48 shuttle UFO, Oberg accused
>>>me of >coming on the program to sell magazines when I asked
>>>him if he >was operating under any security restrictions.
>>>The "ad hominem attack!")

>><snip>

>>>Humorous indeed that Don should post the transcript of that
>>>very show, where somebody reading it can see that Don's
>>>_claim_ of what I 'accused' was a bit garbled. I said,
>>>truthfully, that "I'm not here as editor of a magazine trying
>>>to sell subscriptions," and I forthrightly answered his
>>>question to me about security restrictions (there were none)
>>>- a fact that he seems to have carelessly left out of his
>>>presumably honest-intentioned but demonstrably distorted
>>>recounting of the conversation.

>>>But you must admit that you could have simply answered the
>>>_question_ without impugning anything Ecker said by suggesting
>>>he was just there to promote sale for his magazine.

>>>That is the trouble with ufology... or, as Jim Moseley calls it,
>>>ufology. Instead of having civil conversations, people seem
>>>compelled to engage in snide digs and outright attacks. If there
>>>was just one thing we could do to improve methodology in the
>>>field, a refusal to engage in that kind of exchange would be a
>>>major step forward.

Agreed. And the problem isn't limited to debates between
skeptics and believers. Even arguments between believers almost
invariably turn quickly to name-calling and accusations (e.g. of
working for the CIA).

Andrew Dabrowski

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Re: Swamp Gas - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 13:30:58 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:31:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Swamp Gas - Connors

>From: Gord Heath <gwheath@shaw.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 22:54:29 -0700
>Subject: Re: Swamp Gas

>>From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 11:55:51 -0600
>>Subject: Swamp Gas

>Hi Wendy,

>_This_ would certainly put a lot of UFO history on its head. I
>most certainly look forward to the information you have
>uncovered about this.

Thank you. The audio clips I will be presenting will give a good general background of the Dexter/Hillsdale/Ann Arbor events and what Dr. Hynek actually said. It should be a lot of fun for everyone.

>I still remember when the Colorado study findings were
>broadcast. I remember how it felt a little like hearing the
>findings of the Warren Commission on the JFK assassination. I
>also vaguely recall the controversy which was created by Hynek's
>comments about the Michigan sightings as possibly originating
>from swamp gas. It seems now so ironic in that people are so
>willing to accept any explanation for each and every sighting.
>Were people actually more open-minded and capable of critical
>thinking back then?

I think they were generally. Here are several reasons I believe this to be fundamentally true. Today, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistical analysis, one out of 6 people are functionally illiterate. From 1947 to 1969 only 1 person in 12 was functionally illiterate. Also, during this same period, people read more and television presented in-depth analysis instead of the 10 second sound-bite prevalent in today's news media.

>By the way, thank you very, very much for your kindness in
>sending me your very interesting history of Ruppelt along with
>the recordings of Frank Edwards. I am pleased there are still
>people out there who are trying to record the real history of
>that time with respect to the UFO phenomenon. I'm sure you
>realize that back then, it all seemed so new and we were just
>starting our own exploration of the aerospace above our planet
>and obviously quite surprised to find out it was already
>occupied.

It was a pleasure to send you the materials and I greatly appreciated the materials you sent me. Also, thank you for the kind words and generous support for my work on the Faded Discs Project. You are absolutely correct. The science of Ufology is still in its embryonic stage. All current accepted sciences took hundreds of years to reach their current status and even those sciences had their quirks, charlatans and ding bats running around from the beginning. Thus, it is no different in Ufology today. All sciences were built from their histories.

Wendy Connors
Faded Discs Project

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'Strange... Days Indeed' Archive Adds

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Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:53:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:55:23 -0400
Subject: 'Strange... Days Indeed' Archive Adds

Two new .ra files have been added to the 'Strange days... Indeed' program Archive at:

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

and at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/sdiarchive/>

The interviews with Stan Romanek & McGill University Associate Professor Don Donderi.

The Stan Romanek is a two-parter, each slightly over 7 MBs.

Dr Donderi contributed a chapter to UFOs & Abductions: Challenging The Borders Of Knowledge [Kansas University Press]. This file is 7 MBs.

The A.J. Geveard and latest Stanton Friedman interviews will be archived within the next few days.....

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Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:09:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 11:16:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 08:33:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: roof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony!

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/may/m22-025.shtml>

>As for getting answers from Oberg's friends at NASA, there's not
>much chance of getting straight answers if they're anything
>like Oberg. The answers are likely to be as phony as these time
>stamps. I think eventually we'll get honest answers and the
>unadulterated data out of NASA, but I'm afraid it might take a
>few lawyers to extract them.

I think that people who are serious about investigating any subject realize that one seeks out expertise where it resides, and later may speculate on its completeness or honesty - no serious researcher, IMHO, decides in advance to avoid information sources because of prejudice. But it is noticeable that Fleming continues to pretend there are no primary witnesses to the events he pretends to be investigating - unless he decides in advance that they are all liars..

I would like to hear from Dr. Carlotto himself that he finds Fleming's conclusions persuasive. Mark, can you weigh in here?

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Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:21:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 11:18:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 08:33:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: roof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony!

>The facts that Oberg is trying to obfuscate are that the tape
>shows the time stamps continue for six seconds after loss of the
>video signal and that once the signal is reacquired, the time
>stamps are out of synchronization with the video by over a
>minute for a period of almost one second. That proves the time
>stamps shown on the tape were added to the video at some later
>date. Telemetry data cannot be downlinked after the telemetry
>signal is lost, so the time stamps are not telemetry data. The
>correct time may well have been encoded in the video telemetry,
>but that is not what's on the tape.

Because I'm interested in real facts and not imaginary evidence, I double-checked with a few old INCO buddies (does Mr. Fleming know what that means?) today and asked them about the displayed time tag at AOS/LOS. They got good chuckles out of the delusionally imaginary explanations that Fleming demands everybody believe, and saw no technical strangeness with the behavior of the videotape time tags as described in Mr. Fleming's essay. As long as Mr. Fleming is determined to NEVER ask the professional engineers and operators (included those retired) about this topic, his interpretations of what he thinks he sees in the videos will continue to be howlingly lost in space.

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Cold Fusion Debate

From: Terry Blanton <blantont@rtatlanta.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 17:32:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 11:20:48 -0400
Subject: Cold Fusion Debate

Since Jed Rothwell of Cold Fusion Advocates has established his cold fusion site,

<http://lenr-canr.org/>

(Low Energy Nuclear Reactions - Chemically Assisted Nuclear Reactions)

it has seen over 110,000 downloads of the scientific papers from the site. I write the list today to call your attention to an ongoing exchange between Jed and the editor of Scientific American magazine, Dr. Jonathan Piel.

<http://www.lenr-canr.org/AppealandSciAm.pdf>

This exchange is the result of a recent article in SciAm ridiculing cold fusion. I trust UFO researchers will find the discussion somewhat familiar.

Regards,

Terry

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 20:52:04 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 11:23:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Friedman

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 08:31:22 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 20:05:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 09:47:45 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 03:18:30 +0100
>>>>Subject: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>Extraterrestrials are real and contact me very regularly. I
>>don't wish to make money or attract fame from the experiences. I
>>could give you 'concrete' proof but know that debunkers are now
>>so good at the art that the proof would never be good enough.
>>Reading and posting on this List was, is, and will be very
>>interesting because, as with many other areas of research, all
>>the answers, ifs, whys and maybes are not yet fully and
>>definitely known. At least they are not to me and ET doesn't
>>seem to have all the answers either so it's put down to
>>friendship and cultural exchange. Believe it or not, some of
>>them have a very good sense of humour.

>I guess I believe that if your proof we were really concrete,
>then debunkers wouldn't have a leg to stand on. Of course, some
>people will deny till the day they die, but if your proof is
>really so strong, then most people will be convinced. What kind
>of proof do you have? Because right now one of the best pieces
>of evidence we have for the existence of aliens is the infamous
>Alien Autopsy film, which is extremely suspect and near
>impossible to verify one way or the other. The fact that the
>film's backstory is so full of holes and contradictions surely
>doesn't help to prove it's validity, that's for certain.

>And while I respect that you're not out to make money from your
>claimed experience, this is hardly proof that it happened. It
>certainly puts you in a better light than someone like, say,
>Billy Meier. But when it comes down to study this phenomena as a
>science, a person's motives for making claims of
>extraterrestrial encounters is mostly irrelevant - who knows why
>people do and say the things they do? Just because someone isn't
>making money or seeking celebrity doesn't automatically mean
>what they're saying is true. The idea of the "sincere
>eyewitness" - that since someone seems nice, comes from a good
>background, doesn't drink, doesn't have a criminal record, is a
>churchgoer, treats his/her kids well, upstanding citizen, etc.,
>means they must be telling the truth is not really a good way of
>proving anything. As I said, it puts the person in a better
>light than someone who immediately jumps on the lecture circuit
>and starts pushing videos, but without further evidence it

>doesn't bring us further along to an answer of what really
>happened.

Where in the world does the crazy idea originate that the alien autopsy footage is the best evidence we have for ET visitation? I have a whole chapter on it in my book TOP SECRET/MAJIC. My conclusion is very negative and I am in the Fox film! And yes, I met with Santilli twice etc etc. Except for Ed Gehrman, who else on this List agrees with that viewpoint?

Ian, I surely wish you would be specific about who believes what rather than filling us with your generalizations without providing any evidence to support them or specifics as to just who believes what...

Stan Friedman

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html>

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Ecker

From: Don Ecker <decker1@attbi.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 17:56:50 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 11:28:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Ecker

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 08:01:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial

>>From: Brenda Denzler <bdenzler1@email.msn.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 06:52:23 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Denzler

>>But you must admit that you could have simply answered the
>>question _without_ impugning anything Ecker said by suggesting
>>he was just there to promote sale for his magazine.

>I grant you that. Having just been impugned as being on the show
>to lie to the public, I do admit a trace of pique. And perhaps a
>cynical view that mention of the existence of a commercial
>product - Don's magazine - might be construed to have some
>commercial value, in front of a large and literate viewing
>audience, might also have not been entirely off-the-wall.

>Sigh...

To all.

The fact of the matter is very simple.

Jim Oberg went on Larry King Live because I gave them his name
to be the counter-point on that broadcast. (STS-48) I first
suggested Klass but he passed.

And I would just love to know where I impugned Jim Oberg as a
"liar?" And yes, at that time I was one of the owners of UFO
Magazine. So what? The subject was UFOs, I came up with the tape
that King showed and then came up with Obergs name and telephone
number so they could call him.

Good God, the "ad hominem" assaults never do cease.

Sigh.....

Thought for the day.

What happens if a big asteroid hits Earth ? Well ... judging
from realistic simulations involving a sledge hammer and a
common laboratory frog, we can assume it will be pretty bad."

Don Ecker
UFO Magazine
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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <bdenzler1@email.msn.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 21:04:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 11:32:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Denzler

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 08:01:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial

>>From: Brenda Denzler <bdenzler1@email.msn.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 06:52:23 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Denzler

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>commercial product - Don's magazine - might be construed to
>have some commercial value, in front of a large and literate
>viewing audience, might also have not been entirely off-the-wall.

>Sigh...

Point well taken, James. But surely in a field as contested as
this one, and given your own career connections, you aren't
surprised when people question what you know and what you're
per- mitted to say about what you know?

As for Don, too, having an agenda, and you pointing that out to
the audience, I suppose it makes sense if it was Don plugging
his magazine rather than the show's host mentioning it. Hard to
tell, from the info you both have posted here.

And as long as I'm shooting off my mouth, allow me pipe in with
my own 2 cents about the esteemed Mr. Klass. And that is only to
say that he really let me down. At a time in my life when I
desperately wanted him to make sense, when I was primed and
ready for him to make sense... he just didn't. It was such a
disappointment. I have read some really intelligent skeptical
arguments, and they are a delight indeed. But as with too much
of the pro-UFO stuff, the really intelligent stuff from the
skeptical side of the aisle is pretty rare.

Brenda

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Re: Examining New Carlotto Argumentation Re STS-48

From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 20:55:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 11:41:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Examining New Carlotto Argumentation Re STS-48

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 22:55:20 -0500
>Subject: Examining New Carlotto Argumentation Re STS-48

>I am grateful to Mr. Fleming's messages which made me aware of
>new work by Carlotto (I'm judging it to be new because it's
>dated recently -- unless that's an artifact of the website
>design) on the STS-48 video controversy. This gave me a chance
>to visit some of the key arguments and determine whether or not
>they were mathematically and physically credible. Here's one of
>the biggest cases, I believe, in which an argument fails that
>requirement.

That is truly laughable. If Oberg really had examined Mark's paper as he claims, he would have noticed that it was published in the Journal of Scientific Exploration in 1995, eight years ago. Mark posted it on the NFS site to provide the background information to my article. Oberg's "examination" is mostly a rehashing of stuff he wrote years ago attacking Carlotto. It seems that Oberg is renewing his old attacks only to worm his way out of dealing with the new, and quite devastating, evidence against his pet theory: the dubious nature of the video time stamps and the strong evidence that the light flash was lens flare and not a rocket exhaust "plume."

>Page: Did the Shuttle Fire a Thruster?

><http://www.newfrontiersinscience.com/Members/v02n02/b/Text06.shtml>

>"The graphic below plots the average brightness of the video
>frame as a function of time along with the direction of motion
>of one of the stars M2 in radians. Following the jump in
>brightness, purportedly due to the thruster firing, there is no
>significant change in the direction of M2. Yet the apparent
>motion of all objects including the star must change if the
>attitude of the spacecraft was altered by the thruster. The lack
>of any change in attitude following the flash implies the flash
>was not due to a thruster firing. "

>JimO notes that M2 direction is scaled 0 to 6 radians (radian =
>approx 57 degrees), i.e, practically the entire circle.

>Time is 10 to 40 seconds, with the "average brightness of the
>video frame" occurring between 18 and 23 seconds -- since the
>visual pulse occurred in a one-second period and the thruster
>firing was on that same timescale, I don't know how to place it
>on Carlotto's graph. Carlotto gives no translation to GMT or any
>other external timekeeping for his time-zero point.

No competent engineer or scientist would make a big deal about an arbitrary time reference frame chosen for clarity in a graph presented in a scientific paper.

>Regarding the issue of induced rotation rate due to a thruster
>firing, already in 1999 I had posted this comment at:

><http://groups.google.com/groups?q=oberg+STS+UFO&start=50&hl=en&safe=off&rnum=51&selm=19991101180303.13748.00001088%40ng-fwl.aol.com>

>"Evidence has been posted for YEARS that the jet firing seen on
>the STS-48 video sequence, thruster L5D, 1.2 seconds, thrust 24
>pounds -- twenty four -- changes the rotation rate of the
>250,000 lb orbiter by about 0.01 degrees/second -- that's one
>hundredth of a degree per second. If you can detect THAT tiny
>rate on the video, you're seeing things."

>This is also documented on STS-48 data plots shown at:

><http://www.igs.net/~hwt/zigzag.html>

>Now, if the prosaic hypothesis for the dots and their motion
>involves a rotation rate change of 0.01 degrees per second, why
>does Carlotto plot the 20 seconds or so of post-change motion
>(that would amount to no more than a few tenths of a degree) on
>a scale with units in RADIANS, each Y-axis scale mark more than
>one HUNDRED times bigger than the maximum expected angular
>change? Of course the motion induced by the thruster -- if that
>hypothesis is indeed correct -- would be undetectable on such a
>graph -- from Carlotto's choice of the scale.

Oberg has apparently been immersed in the practice of the pseudoscience of anti-Ufology, as Stanton Friedman correctly describes it, for so long that he no longer knows how to read a graph. Had Oberg examined the graph a little more closely, he would have noticed that the vertical axis is labeled direction. The graph shows a plot of the direction of motion of the star, not its position. The angular velocities of the stars in the video are around .05 degrees per second, varying with position. (Oberg would have had to do a real analysis rather than his sham analysis to find out the angular rates of stars in the video). An angular velocity increment of .01 degrees per second in a direction 90 degrees from the original direction of motion would produce a change in direction of 14 degrees, or 0.24 radians. Carlotto's choice of scale was completely appropriate.

There are, as Oberg points out correctly (for a change), unresolved questions about the changes in magnitude and direction of the objects' motions that would be caused by a rocket firing. But they're irrelevant since there is (1) zero evidence of a rocket firing in the video, (2) compelling evidence that the light flash was an intensification of the pre-existing lens flare, and (3) compelling evidence that the time stamps are invalid, despite Oberg's furious and transparently dishonest attempts to evade these facts.

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Kelly

From: **Ken Kelly** <elprospero@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 19:46:02 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 11:46:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Kelly

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 17:51:33 -0300
>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial

>My concern is with low energy nuclear physics, not >the very
>very high energy Higgs Boson, if it exists. Google had 40,000
>hits on the Higgs Boson. But Leon Lederman got his 1/3 of a
>Nobel Prize in 1988 "for the neutrino beam method and the
>demonstration of the doublet structure of the leptons through
>the discovery of the muon neutrino". So far as I can tell,
>nobody has yet discovered the Higgs Boson.

Stanton,

Thank you very much indeed for your accurate, concise and useful
explanation. Now I can search the Internet for details without
wasting time wandering down blind trails.

Again, most sincere thanks,

Ken Kelly

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First Picture Of Earth From Mars

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 00:44:50 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 11:47:48 -0400
Subject: First Picture Of Earth From Mars

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2003/05/0522_030522_earthmars.html

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Photos Of Azerbaijan UFO Online

From: **Chaz Stuart** <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 01:06:57 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 11:49:33 -0400
Subject: Photos Of Azerbaijan UFO Online

Bakutoday.net - Independent Online Newspaper

<http://www.bakutoday.net/view.php?d=4562>

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Baku UFO Picture 'Lifted'?

From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 01:19:09 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 11:55:33 -0400
Subject: Baku UFO Picture 'Lifted'?

At the following link to an article about a UFO seen in Azerbaijan, that was seen by many people and captured on video, a photo of Ed's UFO is displayed.

I _assume_ they just used his pic and this is not a photo of the UFO seen over there, which would be quite significant.

Could Bruce or someone else confirm that this pic has been "taken" from Ed and Bruce? The telephone pole and trees should prove this one way or another.

(Sorry, Bruce, I don't have your book although I have seen the photos in the past.)

--Chaz

Link:

Bakutoday.net - Independent Online Newspaper

<http://www.bakutoday.net/view.php?d=1783>

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Re: Amy Hebert's Photograph Of An Alien - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 01:21:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 12:01:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Amy Hebert's Photograph Of An Alien - Hebert

>From: Santiago Yturria <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 14:29:13 EDT
>Subject: Amy Hebert's Photograph Of An Alien

>Amy,

>Following your statements about alleged UFO photos and videos,
>rods, IFOs etc. I found in my archives that in 1995-96 you
>conducted and published an investigation under the name of:
>"Alien Convention ". A case of alleged alien encounter and
>abduction involving a family and a neighbor and most important
>with photographic evidence.

<snip>

Wow! I forgot all about that old web site! What a trip down memory lane.

Anyone remember old Doc Berry? Just came across a little memorial I made for him on this old site when I found out he had died on January 13, 1999:

<http://thevanguard.tripod.com/dbm.html>

I clicked on his page and heard one of his favorite songs, "Crazy", and started crying. I'm sure all the ladies who knew him will never forget the sweet, sweet Valentine's he sent out to all of his internet honeys every Valentine's Day. He would have loved my current work. Doc was the ultimate gentleman. Sure do miss that old fart.

So in honor of Doc, I hereby award Santiago Yturria the "Doc Barry Bovine Excrement Award"!

(Watch out for the volume change!! Don't know how to fix it.)

<http://thevanguard.tripod.com/award.html>

Congratulations, Santiago.

Who Loves Ya, Baby?

As for this old case Santiago is trying to dredge up, I closed this site years ago. I think we all have those "early days" when we were naive and had much to learn. I'm sure I could dig up all kinds of old stuff on Santiago if I wanted to waste my time but what's the point? I've learned a lot since then and no longer think the way I use to. Some of us change and move on, some of us don't.

Oh, I almost forgot to share this information I received from Anthony Woods in a letter he sent to me recently in reference to you, Santiago. I believe it backs up something Tom King was saying on this list a few weeks ago...?

"Dear Amy Hebert

I am Anthony Woods whose footage you are talking about from 9.8.01, I would like to make you aware that Mr Santiago Yturria has no rights what so ever in giving or sharing my footages with you or anyone without my consent, my footages are not public property, they are my property!! I disassociated myself from Mr Yturria nearly 9 months ago after I was made aware of certain facts concerning Mr Yturria`s character & motives and which lead me to seriously question his honesty and integrity, and I made it perfectly clear to mr yturria after I parted company with him that he is strictly forbidden to sell, share, give or copy my footages with out my written consent, in fact I asked him for the return of my footages nearly 9 months ago which I had entrusted to him, but Mr Yturria refused to reply to my e-mails, Mr Yturria has absolutely nothing to do with my case or footages now!!!!"

And for another kicker... UFO Magazine UK has asked if they could do an article in their next issue about my "Rods Exposed" footage and information. I wrote back telling them I was honored but they might want to reconsider their offer in light of my on-going analysis of the Anthony Woods' alleged UFO images. With incredible style and grace, they replied, "I think that your honesty is a credit to you and would definitely still want to feature your analysis and thoughts on the 'Rod' footage you recorded."

Life is just full of little surprises.

Now back to Doc's page to spend another moment with Doc and his song. Wish you were here old friend.

Amy
The Yellowrose

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Re: Rods Exposed - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 01:34:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 12:03:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Hebert

>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 05:19:46 +0200
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 12:40:54 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

><snip>

>>I recently came across a web site with some amazing "rods"
>>images and interesting conclusions reached by the research team
>>at:

>><http://www.flyingrods.com/indexfl.asp>

<snip>

>In your goodness you will donate most of your earnings to top
>quality UFO scientifically based research. We all will be much
>better off. This is your opportunity to become rich and famous
>in a way that will help all of humanity. This is your destiny
>Amy Hebert. That is why you live in Texas with its rodlike
>insects. I'll bet you could have a bizarre type of artistic
>video creation with other creatures of nature shot at various
>speeds. What would they look like?

<LOLOLOL!!>

Finally! I will be rich and famous and make a great
contribution to humanity! It's my destiny.

Thanks for the belly laugh, Josh, I needed it!

>I do confess that there is one kind of rod that really got me
>going. His name is Rod Serling.

Ooooooooo. ho-ho ;>

Actually, I filmed the "rods" in that particular McDonald's
parking lot because... I live in a small town that calls itself
"The City By The Lake" - we are right next to Lake Lewisville. I
figured the brightest lights closest to the lake would have the
most bugs... er... "rods" so that's where I went. You can usually
find lots of bugs around lakes here in Texas this time of year.
But then again, you may be right and it really has to do with
the McDonald's restaurant. Eeeeeewwww!

Amy

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Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 23:41:11 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 12:27:13 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'? - Hatch

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 07:12:44 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 23:46:34 -0700
>>Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'?

>>>The new Face image isn't the only oddity greeting visitors to
>>>the USGS' labyrinthine file directory. Check out these apparent
>>>cactus-like formations:

>http://ida.wr.usgs.gov/display/MGSC_1232/e17014/e1701475.img.jpg

>>>Unlike e_1701041.img.jpg, I don't know where - if it all - this
>>>image can be found on Malin Space Science Systems' archive. Sun-
>>>angle information and other factors contained in the MSSS
>>>ancillary data would help establish what we are (or are not)
>>>seeing in this provocative image.

>>Those are indeed interesting looking features!

>>They look like objects extending upward from the crests of sand
>>dunes to me, but I'm not good at interpreting such images.

>When it comes to relatively tiny, subtle objects like the
>"cacti" (which is nothing more than a label), I've found it's
>best to wait for the MGS ancillary data, which contains sun-
>angle and other information. (I've been fooled before by small,
>shadow-casting features; sometimes it's amazing what simply
>rotating the image can reveal.)

>Thankfully Malin Space Science Systems has a processed version
>of the "cacti" on its own site (see link of page 38 of my Mars
>site):

><http://www.mactonnies.com/imperative38.html>

Hi Mac:

Could you kindly postt the Malin SSS URL so I can click to it
directly? Your site is dead slow on a dial-up connection like
mine, and I couldn't find the link in with all the Cydonia
materials.

I want to see whatever text and images MSSS has up now.

Thanks

- Larry

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Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 01:03:14 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 12:33:22 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'? - Hatch

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 10:04:52 -0400
>Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 23:46:34 -0700
>>Subject: Re: CI: Martian 'Cactus'?

>>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 19 May 2003 15:04:05 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: CI: Martian 'Cactus'?

>>>Cydonian Imperative 5-19-03

>>>Martian "Cacti"?

>>>See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 38)

>>>The new Face image isn't the only oddity greeting visitors to
>>>the USGS' labyrinthine file directory. Check out these apparent
>>>cactus-like formations:

<snip>

>>Hello Mac:

>>Those are indeed interesting looking features!

>>They look like objects extending upward from the crests of sand
>>dunes to me, but I'm not good at interpreting such images.

>Hi Larry,

>They may look like same dunes, but the 'dunes' are really
>Martian polar ice accumulations. I'm not sure whether they are
>carbon dioxide or water ice, but they are ice of some type, so
>I'd expect the darker 'cactus-like growths' atop them to
>possibly be wind-exposed crystalline growths of material that
>froze into crystal at it rose (in a less solid form) up through
>fissures from a warmer environment beneath the ice cap. The
>wind-blown ice 'frost' would then tend to accumulate around them
>just as the white sands of Padre Island accumulate along old
>fence lines, making it look as though the old fence posts grew
>out the tops of dunes.

>I think we should be very cautious about interpreting those dark
>'growths' as plants, even though they remind us of such. There
>seem to me to be much more parsimonious possible explanations,
>such as I propose, above.

Hello Ray, Mac... all:

I agree that the simplest explanation is likely the best. So far
the fastest loading image for what you see, remains the USGS
file:

http://ida.wr.usgs.gov/display/MGSC_1232/e17014/e1701475.img.jpg

Mac did indeed find the corresponding images (several versions in fact) at the Malin SSS site:

http://www.msss.com/moc_gallery/e13_e18/images/E17/E1701475.html

It's the images on the left that pertain, the RH set is of something else.

The LH links there are dreadfully long, and some of them show little or nothing!

Probably the best one is this:

http://www.msss.com/moc_gallery/e13_e18/full_gif_map/E17/E1701475.gif

... which appears sideways in comparison to the USGS image.

Again, it's best seen with a DSL connection.

I've gotten nothing but run-around trying to get some interpretation of the images.

Peeling back the USGS URL got me here:

<http://ida.wr.usgs.gov/>

... where I read at bottom"

"For comments or questions regarding images represented on these pages and image processing considerations, please contact Annie Bennett. "

I clicked on that and got an email address. Here is Annie's response:

"Dear Mr. Hatch,

The development team for this web site are not scientist. We can only assist in questions pertaining to design and development of the web site. Please direct scientific questions to:

ktanaka@usgs.gov OR geosci@wunder.wustl.edu

Annie Bennett
U.S. Geological Survey
2255 North Gemini Drive
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001
TEL: 928-556-7210
EMAIL: abennett@usgs.gov

- - -

OK, nothing from Annie. I emailed both addresses she suggested, 24 hours ago. No response yet, but a third party I never heard of came back with this:

"Dear Mr. Hatch,

I'm afraid I'm not able to help you either, not being a geologist. You might look at the Malin Space Science Systems web site (<http://www.msss.com>), run by the developers of the MOC camera that acquired the image in question. I believe this web site offers interpretations of some of the more unusual looking images.

Susan Slavney

Ms. Susan Slavney (slavney@wunder.wustl.edu)
Washington University .. St. Louis, MO 63130

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How Susan Slavney got my message I do not know. Maybe she is in charge of public emails.

You would think that between the USGS, Washington University, Geosciences Node, NASA Planetary Data System (PDS) <http://pds-geosciences.wustl.edu/> .. Malin Space Science Systems themselves

and Gawd knows who else, that somebody could posit some reasonable scientific interpretation of the image.

Are they all scratching their head too maybe? They've had 5 or 6 weeks to come up with something.

Again, for the file-size, the USGS image (top link above) is by far the clearest and most dramatic in appearance. The "fence-posts" look more like pine trees to me, they kind of jump at you. A few look toppled over. I have saved the image separately as a 435 KB .jpeg file in case the Internet loses it.

I'm glad Mac brought this up. Even if the explanation is perfectly prosaic, its definitely something new to me. I was wondering if somebody didn't hack the USGS site, doctor a legitimate image and replace the original. Having found it (slower, poorer) on the Malin site now, I doubt that.

I might send the USGS (best) image-URL to a few news outlets, speculative science sites and the like. Maybe they can light a fire under the experts and get some scientific theories brewing.

Best!

- Larry

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Multi-levels Of The Multiverse

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 05:41:41 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 12:59:32 -0400
Subject: Multi-levels Of The Multiverse

In the May 2003 issue of Scientific American, scientists again demonstrate their capacity to imagine and theorize. While theories of parallel universes have been lobbed around for some years, for the most part speculation has remained theoretical. Contact with other universes in the multiverse seemed highly unlikely, but now new thinking on this subject goes beyond a multiverse concept to a multi-level multiverse concept.

-Bill H.

April 14, 2003

Parallel Universes

Not just a staple of science fiction, other universes are a direct implication of cosmological observations

By Max Tegmark

Is there a copy of you reading this article?

A person who is not you but who lives on a planet called Earth, with misty mountains, fertile fields and sprawling cities, in a solar system with eight other planets? The life of this person has been identical to yours in every respect. But perhaps he or she now decides to put down this article without finishing it, while you read on. The idea of such an alter ego seems strange and implausible, but it looks as if we will just have to live with it, because it is supported by astronomical observations. The simplest and most popular cosmological model today predicts that you have a twin in a galaxy about 10^{10} to 10^{28} meters from here. This distance is so large that it is beyond astronomical, but that does not make your doppelgänger any less real. The estimate is derived from elementary probability and does not even assume speculative modern physics, merely that space is infinite (or at least sufficiently large) in size and almost uniformly filled with matter, as observations indicate. In infinite space, even the most unlikely events must take place somewhere. There are infinitely many other inhabited planets, including not just one but infinitely many that have people with the same appearance, name and memories as you, who play out every possible permutation of your life choices.

You will probably never see your other selves. The farthest you can observe is the distance that light has been able to travel during the 14 billion years since the big bang expansion began. The most distant visible objects are now about 4×10^{26} meters away--a distance that defines our observable universe, also called our Hubble volume, our horizon volume or simply our universe. Likewise, the universes of your other selves are spheres of the same size centered on their planets. They are the most straightforward example of parallel universes. Each universe is merely a small part of a larger "multiverse."

By this very definition of "universe," one might expect the notion of a multiverse to be forever in the domain of metaphysics. Yet the borderline between physics and metaphysics is defined by whether a theory is experimentally testable, not by whether it is weird or involves unobservable entities. The

frontiers of physics have gradually expanded to incorporate ever more abstract (and once metaphysical) concepts such as a round Earth, invisible electromagnetic fields, time slowdown at high speeds, quantum superpositions, curved space, and black holes. Over the past several years the concept of a multiverse has joined this list. It is grounded in well-tested theories such as relativity and quantum mechanics, and it fulfills both of the basic criteria of an empirical science: it makes predictions, and it can be falsified.

Scientists have discussed as many as four distinct types of parallel universes.

The key question is not whether the multiverse exists but rather how many levels it has.

Level I: Beyond Our Cosmic Horizon

Read more at:

<http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?articleID=3D000F1EDD-B48A-1E90-8EA5809EC588=0000>

Now here is a question for those with boundless imagination:

How many universes have UFOs buzzing around? (Clue: Depends on how many universes, volume capacity of universes, number of intelligent, artifact-making lifeforms, etc...oh my gosh, we need a new Drake equation!)

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Whither NASA's Naked Emperor: Let the

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 11:57:37 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 13:36:06 -0400
Subject: Whither NASA's Naked Emperor: Let the

TO: Classified Ads Manager
Comprint Military Publications
1200 Quince Orchard Blvd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

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

DATE: May 23, 2003

Ms. Rumburg:

The longer it takes to establish a NASA-Columbia Whistleblower Reward Fund, the longer (and more elusive) will become the paper trail leading to full accountability on the part of culpable officials. I therefore ask, in the interest of the public's right-to-know and the NASA's duty-to-tell, that you promptly provide me a cost estimate for placing the following ad in one edition of the Fort Myer, Va., published newspaper the "Pentagram" (as I requested of you via my e-message of May 13, 2003):

DOLLARS-FOR-DISCLOSURE: BLOW THE WHISTLE ON NASA

Help me set up a Whistleblower Reward Fund to compel full NASA accountability as to what certain officials know (and when they knew it) about the events leading up to Columbia's crash. Call Larry W. Bryant at 703-931-3341 (e-mail: overtci@cavtel.net).

Thank you, Ms. Rumburg, for attending to this request as soon as possible.

Larry W. Bryant

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Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 13:06:04 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 13:39:20 -0400
Subject: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us

Source: The Age - Melbourne, Australia

<http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2003/05/23/1053585701484.html>

For millennia, humans have gazed at the red dot in the sky that is Mars. Now, in a poignant twist, a space probe has offered a glimpse of Earth as Martians would see us.

The photo was snapped by NASA's Mars Global Surveyor, a probe that has been orbiting the Red Planet for more than six years.

It shows our planet as a disc, in half-moon (or half-Earth) phase, with the moon in the upper right-hand corner.

The image comes just months before Mars makes its closest approach to Earth in 73,000 years, with three Mars-bound spacecraft about to be launched in the coming months.

The image shows a bright area at the top, which is clouds over central and north-eastern America; a darker area at the middle, which is central America and the Gulf of Mexico; and more clouds over South America.

Although the image is slightly magnified, Earth would still appear far brighter in the Martian sky than vice versa.

Earth is about three times larger than Mars and our clouds and oceans are better reflectors of light than land.

"Taking this picture allowed us to look up from the work of exploring Mars and take in a more panoramic view," said the camera operator, Michael Malin.

"This image gives us a new perspective on the neighbourhood, one in which we can see our own planet as one among many."

At the time of the photo, May 8, the Earth and Jupiter appeared in exact alignment from Mars. This allowed the probe to snap an image of Earth alongside Jupiter and three of its satellites.

An equally spectacular sight will be available to stargazers in August, when Mars, according to NASA, makes its closest approach to Earth since 71,000BC - a distance of 56 million kilometres (the distance from Earth to the moon, by comparison, is about 400,000 kilometres).

Vince Ford, of the Stromlo Observatory in Canberra, said the approach would make Mars the brightest object in the night sky other than the moon and Venus.

NASA's two Mars exploration rovers and the European Space Agency's Mars express mission, meanwhile, are due to be launched this winter and will arrive at Mars in the summer.

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 12:20:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 13:51:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rogers

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 20:52:04 -0300
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 08:31:22 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 20:05:45 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 09:47:45 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 03:18:30 +0100
>>>>>Subject: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>Where in the world does the crazy idea originate that the alien
>autopsy footage is the best evidence we have for ET visitation?
>I have a whole chapter on it in my book TOP SECRET/MAJIC. My
>conclusion is very negative and I am in the Fox film! And yes, I
>met with Santilli twice etc etc. Except for Ed Gehrman, who else
>on this List agrees with that viewpoint?

>Ian, I surely wish you would be specific about who believes what
>rather than filling us with your generalizations without
>providing any evidence to support them or specifics as to just
>who believes what...

Believe me, Mr. Friedman, I have never believed wholeheartedly in the AA film - especially considering its background (or lack thereof). But considering the somewhat touchy state of things in Ufology regarding things that have yet to be proved or disproved, I thought it best to go with what seems to be the general consensus that since it hasn't been proven that it IS a fake, that it could very well be a dead alien. I don't personally believe that -- not even a little bit -- nor do I agree with that rather peculiar reasoning. When I said the AA film was our best evidence, I meant that, considering some photographs and films that alleged to show aliens (both dead and alive), the AA film is among the most widely known, most examined, and most controversial.

My apologies for the miscommunication.

Ian Rogers

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Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

From: Mark Carlotto <markcarlotto@attbi.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 12:47:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 13:57:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:09:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony!

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 08:33:20 -0500
>>Subject: Re: roof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony!

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/may/m22-025.shtml>

>>As for getting answers from Oberg's friends at NASA, there's not
>>much chance of getting straight answers if they're anything
>>like Oberg. The answers are likely to be as phony as these time
>>stamps. I think eventually we'll get honest answers and the
>>unadulterated data out of NASA, but I'm afraid it might take a
>>few lawyers to extract them.

>I think that people who are serious about investigating any
>subject realize that one seeks out expertise where it resides,
>and later may speculate on its completeness or honesty - no
>serious researcher, IMHO, decides in advance to avoid
>information sources because of prejudice. But it is noticeable
>that Fleming continues to pretend there are no primary witnesses
>to the events he pretends to be investigating - unless he
>decides in advance that they are all liars..

>I would like to hear from Dr. Carlotto himself that he finds
>Fleming's conclusions persuasive. Mark, can you weigh in here?

If STS-48 has a prosaic explanation it has to be consistent with
the data. The time stamps were used to argue that events seen in
the video occurred at about the same time as thruster firings.
But Fleming has called into question the accuracy of the time
stamps, which if true, casts serious doubt on Oberg's
explanation. Seems like independent verification of Lan's
analysis is warranted.

But you know there are other features about this video (see my
paper on the NFS web site) that have never been
addressed/explained by the experts: the curved tracks seen to
the right of the video frame, a well-resolved object moving
below the Shuttle, and others. Again, if the event has a prosaic
explanation then it has to be consistent with all of the data.

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Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 12:39:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 14:00:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:21:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 08:33:20 -0500
>>Subject: Re: roof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony!

>>The facts that Oberg is trying to obfuscate are that the tape
>>shows the time stamps continue for six seconds after loss of the
>>video signal and that once the signal is reacquired, the time
>>stamps are out of synchronization with the video by over a
>>minute for a period of almost one second. That proves the time
>>stamps shown on the tape were added to the video at some later
>>date. Telemetry data cannot be downlinked after the telemetry
>>signal is lost, so the time stamps are not telemetry data. The
>>correct time may well have been encoded in the video telemetry,
>>but that is not what's on the tape.

>
>Because I'm interested in real facts and not imaginary evidence,
>I double-checked with a few old INCO buddies (does Mr. Fleming
>know what that means?) today and asked them about the displayed
>time tag at AOS/LOS. They got good chuckles out of the
>delusionally imaginary explanations that Fleming demands
>everybody believe, and saw no technical strangeness with the
>behavior of the videotape time tags as described in Mr. Fleming's
>essay. As long as Mr. Fleming is determined to NEVER ask the
>professional engineers and operators (included those retired)
>about this topic, his interpretations of what he thinks he sees
>in the videos will continue to be howlingly lost in space.

What a pathetically dishonest misrepresentation. I did not merely "describe" what I "think I saw"; I showed exactly what I saw, and what everyone else can see except for Oberg and his pals. The time tags continue uninterrupted for 6 seconds after the video goes to static as shown here:

<http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/STS-48/LOS.htm#F2>

And the 1.5 minute jump in time does not occur until almost a second after the signal was reacquired as shown in the two consecutive frames mislabeled with time stamps 1.5 minutes apart shown here:

<http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/STS-48/LOS.htm#F4>

and here:

<http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/STS-48/LOS.htm#F5>

BTW: Mark Carlotto knows about the time stamp problem and did get a chuckle out of it, but not exactly for the reasons Oberg and his buddies might wish. There may come a time when they no longer will pretend to find it amusing and will have to explain why this tape has been mislabeled.

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 14:09:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 14:31:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Maccabee

>From: Brenda Denzler <bdenzler1@email.msn.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 21:04:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial

<snip>

>And as long as I'm shooting off my mouth, allow me pipe in with
>my own 2 cents about the esteemed Mr. Klass. And that is only to
>say that he really let me down. At a time in my life when I
>desperately wanted him to make sense, when I was primed and
>ready for him to make sense... he just didn't. It was such a
>disappointment. I have read some really intelligent skeptical
>arguments, and they are a delight indeed. But as with too much
>of the pro-UFO stuff, the really intelligent stuff from the
>skeptical side of the aisle is pretty rare.

I must say I am not sorry that Klass let you down at a time of
need. However, I would be interested to know what arguments you
refer to (what cases?) and whether or not this was an impersonal
let-down (you read something in his books) or a personal let
down (it was during an exchange of letters with PJK).

You probably have already seen my own discussion of Klass "let
down" of the general public in his book '.....Deceived'.

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Re: Baku UFO Picture 'Lifted'? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 14:15:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 14:32:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Baku UFO Picture 'Lifted'? - Maccabee

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 01:19:09 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Baku UFO Picture 'Lifted'?

>At the following link to an article about a UFO seen in
>Azerbaijan, that was seen by many people and captured on video, a
>photo of Ed's UFO is displayed.

>I _assume_ they just used his pic and this is not a photo of the
>UFO seen over there, which would be quite significant.

>Could Bruce or someone else confirm that this pic has been
>"taken" from Ed ? The telephone pole and trees should
>prove this one way or another.

You are correct.

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Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 14:15:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 16:32:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 12:39:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony!

>>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 16:21:38 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony!

>What a pathetically dishonest misrepresentation. I did not
>merely "describe" what I "think I saw"; I showed exactly what
>I saw, and what everyone else can see except for Oberg and his pals.

My suggestion is that understanding an apparent technical anomaly in a NASA tape requires, inter alia, inquiring of the relevant NASA technical experts how the time tag is encoded and then displayed on the downlink video. Fleming has not done that and makes it clear he has no intention of doing that, so it should not be surprising that his understanding of what lies behind the video time tagging is inadequate to support any hypothesis.

His unwillingness to even consider the testimony of on-the-scene witnesses and technical experts suggests to me that he has chosen his conclusion in advance and wants to use only such evidence and argumentation as can support his pre-existing interpretations.

My 'pals' (and me, for that matter) are the people who have studied, worked with (and often helped design), been certified on, and performed under real flight control situations, in the technical management of some pretty sophisticated machinery. The knowledge my pals (and I) have about such systems would, under normal conditions, be considered a critical first step for anyone truly interested in understanding how these systems function (and perhaps malfunction). But again, that is merely my suggestion.

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Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 15:10:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 16:34:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us - Rogers

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 13:06:04 -0300
>Subject: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us

>Source: The Age - Melbourne, Australia

><http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2003/05/23/1053585701484.html>

It doesn't show much, but I still have to say wow. It's a beautiful picture.

Ian Rogers

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Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 14:26:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 16:37:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>From: Mark Carlotto <markcarlotto@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 12:47:24 -0400
>Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony!

>If STS-48 has a prosaic explanation it has to be consistent with
>the data. The time stamps were used to argue that events seen in
>the video occurred at about the same time as thruster firings.
>But Fleming has called into question the accuracy of the time
>stamps, which if true, casts serious doubt on Oberg's
>explanation. Seems like independent verification of Lan's
>analysis is warranted.

>
>But you know there are other features about this video (see my
>paper on the NFS web site) that have never been
>addressed/explained by the experts: the curved tracks seen to
>the right of the video frame, a well-resolved object moving
>below the Shuttle, and others. Again, if the event has a prosaic
>explanation then it has to be consistent with all of the data.

I agree that if the time tags are shown to have been altered or falsified, then the coincidence in time of the thruster firing and the screen flicker and the course changes of several particles, is called into question. I would be delighted to see somebody else try to verify Fleming's allegations, since it is my view that he has shown himself technically ignorant of requisite knowledge of the systems he is making assertions about. I believe I have provided enough verifiable examples of Fleming's factless fantasies to remove any credibility from his claim.

As to a prosaic explanation being consistent with all of the data, I also agree. We work on this piecewise. Here are some steps in that direction:

Do you agree that the lack of detected angular motion is not, as you first claimed, proof there was no thruster firing? That is, the actual angular motion induced by a thruster firing would not have passed the detectability test by which you conclude there WAS no such motion?

Do you agree that the Orbiter attitude relative to the Sun did provide a large shadowed zone over the left wing, contrary to your first claims that the Sun was directly off the nose and fully illuminating all of the space above that wing?

Do you agree that all sudden changes in direction of ALL particles in view only occurred in the one-second interval allegedly coincident with the thruster firing?

Regarding the curved motion of particles near the edge of the camera FOV, please defend your allegation that this is inconsistent with straight motion, even viewed in a wide angle lens.

In your posting of your views, why do you not mention the criticisms in subsequent issues of JSR by Dr. Irwin Wieder of some of your fundamental interpretations and conclusions?

We can make progress stepwise, and thanks for the opportunity to do so.

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Re: Amy Hebert's Photograph Of An Alien - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria** <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 16:20:20 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 16:44:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Amy Hebert's Photograph Of An Alien - Yturria

>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 01:21:13 -0500
>Subject: Re: Amy Hebert's Photograph Of An Alien

>>From: Santiago Yturria <SYTURRIA@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 14:29:13 EDT
>>Subject: Amy Hebert's Photograph Of An Alien

>>Amy,

>>Following your statements about alleged UFO photos and videos,
>>rods, IFOs etc. I found in my archives that in 1995-96 you
>>conducted and published an investigation under the name of:
>>"Alien Convention ". A case of alleged alien encounter and
>>abduction involving a family and a neighbor and most important
>>with photographic evidence.

><snip>

>Wow! I forgot all about that old web site! What a trip down memory
>lane.

>Anyone remember old Doc Berry? Just came across a little
>memorial I made for him on this old site when I found out he had
>died on January 13, 1999:

Dear Amy,

You certainly are trying to be clever here and as I suspected
want to distract our attention as much as possible to the real
issue of this thread: Your Alien Photo

>So in honor of Doc, I hereby award Santiago Yturria the "Doc
>Barry Bovine Excrement Award"!

Yeah, for exposing the facts? Nice language Dr. Hebert, losing
your temper?

>Congratulations, Santiago.

>Who Loves Ya, Baby?

Thank you and I have more from you baby. You certainly have been
a versatile character these years.

>As for this old case Santiago is trying to dredge up, I closed
>this site years ago. I think we all have those "early days" when
>we were naive and had much to learn.

Nice try but I don't buy that. For someone that holds a B.A.
degree in Psychology, M.Ed. in Counseling/Psychology and is a
Certified Hypnotherapist there's not excuse to be "naive"
specially if you published two books about this subject and
conducted an extensive correspondence with people about your
research for years, dictating protocols and tutorials about how
to deal with Aliens, their motives and the threat they are for
humankind. Such an expert in these matters.

>Oh, I almost forgot to share this information I received from
>Anthony Woods in a letter he sent to me recently in reference to
>you, Santiago.

Well the psychologist is angry and looking for revenge. I was expecting something like this. Trying to be smart? If Mr. Woods didn't want his footage to fall in the hands of a skeptic to avoid your debunk, so what? It's his privilege.

Amy please don't insult our intelligence trying to deviate our attention of the real issue here. Tell us about Bubu and your year's experience with him. Did Bubu visit you? As you claim to be an expert in photographic evidences what methods you used to analyze the alleged Bubu's photos. How did you come to these conclusions after a year of study on this graphic materials. Tell us about the reptilian Alien and the strange Alien woman frightening Cathy. Don't you want to share with us the details of your two year's investigation on this amazing case?

Or maybe after all these years you changed your mind and got to the conclusion that the story was not really true and the alleged photos were an allucination or a hoax and therefore the whole case was a terrible mistake in your career. But you never posted a public statement apologizing for being "naive" for three years and retracted yourself for proclaiming the "Bubu" tale and the whole affair. How convenient.

How about your book. Did you have good sales?

I will wait patiently for your comments on your Alien photo. It's your call and must face the rules, this is your game remember? By this time I think most of our friends have seen already the "amazing" figure of the dreadful "Bubu". I'm sorry Amy but I'm suspecting that for the second time no one got interested in your ultimate alien evidence. There's still hope.

I wonder if "Bubu" and "Freddie" are friends...

Santiago

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Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 15:35:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 07:51:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 20:55:19 -0500
>Subject: Re: Examining New Carlotto Argumentation Re STS-48

>That is truly laughable. If Oberg really had examined Mark's
>paper as he claims, he would >have noticed that it was published
>in the Journal of Scientific Exploration in 1995, eight years
>ago. Mark posted it on the NFS site to provide the background
>information to my >article.

I was indeed puzzled by the 'Spring 2003' date displayed on the top of the pages. I am quite familiar with Carlotto's original paper, and i am also familiar, as I'll bet Fleming is not, with Wider's rebuttals also published in JSR but NOT, I notice, mentioned in Carlotto's reposting.

>Oberg's "examination" is mostly a rehashing of stuff he wrote
>years ago attacking Carlotto.

Indeed my points are some of the same ones I made some time ago, which had not, in the meantime, ever been answered.

>It seems that Oberg is renewing his old attacks only to worm
>his way out of dealing with the new, and quite devastating,
>evidence against his pet theory:

So we add mind-reading to the skills of Mr. Fleming? We are still waiting for him to actually describe his credentials as a person with any expertise or experience in space technology. Since he has not provided them in response to requests, the presumption may be that he has, in fact, none - as his misunderstandings of spaceflight technology have already amply demonstrated.

>No competent engineer or scientist would make a big deal about
>an arbitrary time reference frame chosen for clarity in a graph
>presented in a scientific paper.

Sure they would - especially when the graph is supposed to show context of several events, such as thruster firings, sunrise, etc. To show a graph of apparent object brightness without allowing correlation of the changes with exterior events relevant to illumination is inadequate.

>Oberg has apparently been immersed in the practice of the
>pseudoscience of anti-Ufology, as Stanton Friedman correctly
>describes it, for so long that he no longer knows how to read a
>graph.

The awkwardness remains that the change in angular motion/direction associated with a thruster firing, or about 0.01 degrees per second, would be too small to be detected on Carlotto's scale. Choice of scale therefore leads to a 'false negative' regarding the prosaic hypothesis.

>The angular velocities of the stars in the video are around .05
>degrees per second, varying with position. (Oberg would have
>had to do a real analysis rather than his sham analysis to find

>out the angular rates of stars in the video).

Unless the camera is rotating about the line-of-sight into the FOV, I would indeed be curious to learn how different stars on the same celestial sphere would have different true angular rates. Orbital rate is approx 4 degrees per minute (at STS-48 altitude it was closer to 3.75 deg/min or 0.06 deg/sec, not 0.05). Distortion of the large-angular-area field-of-view could lead to apparent variations in this rate.

>There are, as Oberg points out correctly (for a change),
>unresolved questions about the changes in magnitude and
>direction of the objects' motions that would be caused by a
>rocket firing. But they're irrelevant since there is (1) _zero_
>evidence of a rocket firing in the video, (2) compelling
>evidence that the light flash was an intensification of the pre-
>existing lens flare, and (3) compelling evidence that the time
>stamps are invalid, despite Oberg's furious and transparently
>dishonest attempts to evade these facts.

The evidence for a rocket firing is a visual effect which has been seen hundreds of times on downlink, plus the telemetry record of the thruster firing, plus the telemetry charts of the shuttle's attitude which show it gradually drifting towards the pitch deadband over a period of several minutes until it reaches it, at which point the autopilot triggers the corrective pulse. Fleming's case apparently is based on the assumption that such data is fabricated and such testimony is contrived.

Re the 'flare' explanation' - Fleming's compulsions about the truth of his interpretations are understandable, especially when rooted in a similar compulsion to avoid asking technical questions from any of the technical experts in the systems he claims self-taught expertise in. When asked about the simplest of terms associated with this system - 'INCO', or Ku-band versus S-band relative to TDRS LOS - Fleming passes over in silence all opportunities to demonstrate even the most superficial familiarity with simple facts.

Ditto the time stamp questions. Fleming's argument appears to be specially designed by people who avoid primary knowledge, for people who do not notice the absence of primary sources or knowledge.

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Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 16:37:29 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 07:56:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us - Tonnies

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 15:10:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us

>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 13:06:04 -0300
>>Subject: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us

><http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2003/05/23/1053585701484.html>

>It doesn't show much, but I still have to say wow.
>It's a beautiful picture.

I think the fact that it doesn't show much makes it so poignant;
it shows us in a cosmic context, something we can never get
enough of.

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>Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com)

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Re: Rods Exposed - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 03:21:02 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 08:00:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Stevenson

>From: Michael Harman <rocketman5047@yahoo.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 06:49:07 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>>Subject: Rods Exposed

>>Dear Errol and List Subscribers:

>>I have posted my latest experiments in reference to the so-
>>called "Rods" phenomenon at:

>>http://home.attbi.com/~ifo_database/rods1.htm

>>Last fall I noticed insects flying around a light in the Wal-
>>Mart parking lot and out of the corner of my eye, they looked
>>just like the images being presented for years as "rods".
>>Shortly afterwards, the insect population decreased so I
>>couldn't catch them flying around the lights with my video
>>camera. I have been waiting all winter for the insects to
>>return.

>>On May 5th, 2003, I finally got my chance to test my hypothesis
>>and spent several hours filming insects flying near the lights
>>in the parking lot near our one-and-only McDonalds restaurant.
>>I filmed the insects (seemed like hundreds of them) with
>>various shutter speeds but got the best results capturing "rod"
>>like images by using the Sports setting. Even through the
>>viewfinder, I could see the "rods" (aka insects, bugs) flying
>>near the lights.

>>Although I'm sure those who promote the "rods" phenomenon will
>>now say, "Rods are attracted to lights!", the more rational
>>among us will know rods are really insects.

>>I encourage anyone interested to go to a parking lot at night
>>with your camcorder set on "Sports", aim and focus your camera
>>on the insects flying close to the light, record, then review
>>the footage in slow motion to see for yourself (most of the time
>>you don't even need to review in slow motion).

>>But please, do not make DVD's, videos, etc. and try to sell your
>>images as "UFO's" or "Rods"! It's time to stop this type of
>>hoax.

>You are correct in your findings.

>I'm a retired USAF photographer, I also studied video technology
>while in the Air Force.

>It is clear to me how this type of effect can be produced
>combining the effects of the rapidly flashing gas street lights
>in conjunction with the shutter speed of the video camera. You
>are simply photographing the wings flapping. Due to the speed of
>the wings/light flicker, you are only capturing the wings
>flapping every other or so cycle, thus the alternating effect.

>Actually I realized this was a hoax or at best a mis-
>identification of a known effect, as soon I started seeing
>articles and photoes on the internet. Actually I chose to ignore
>them.

>It is my professional opinion that UFOs do exist because I have
>seen them, and seen them up close, knowing that they do not fit
>any known object. But Rods, I must say, just do not exist.

Hello Michael, Amy and Listers,

Fascinating that the rods effect can be duplicated in the way outlined and we are all sure it can be duplicated in that way. Because something can be duplicated does not mean that all objects are as you think they are. For instance - anyone can duplicate a UFO on film or video, and before I except your theory you would have to go to the New Mexico cave (at least), tape a rod and capture the same rod (as an insect) all on tape.

As you are debunking and purporting these things then the onus is upon yourselves to prove your point in the way I outline here. I know rods are real and are somewhat of a menace not only to Humans but to sheep especially. Not being a conspiracy theorist I will not outline the reason for the debunk, although I could do so.

Kind regards

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Waterfalls On Mars?

From: **Eustaquio Anddre=E9a Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 23:48:51 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 08:03:06 -0400
Subject: Waterfalls On Mars?

<http://www.marsanomalyresearch.com/2003/50/50-waterfalls-report.htm>

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Unusual Lenticular Cloud Formations

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 22:01:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 08:04:31 -0400
Subject: Unusual Lenticular Cloud Formations

I thought some of you might be interested in these unusual "alto cumulus lenticularus" clouds photographed in 1999.

<http://www.netcomuk.co.uk/~dscholes/amazingclouds.html>

What caught my eye in particular is the similarity between these formations and the "object" in the painting by Carlo Crivelli called "The Annunciation with Saint Emidius" (1486) often cited as evidence of UFOs in medieval art.

<http://shorterlink.com/?0VWR2I>

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Re: Multi-levels Of The Multiverse - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 00:13:26 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 08:08:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Multi-levels Of The Multiverse - Hatch

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 05:41:41 -0800
>Subject: Multi-levels Of The Multiverse

>In the May 2003 issue of Scientific American, scientists again
>demonstrate their capacity to imagine and theorize. While
>theories of parallel universes have been lobbed around for some
>years, for the most part speculation has remained theoretical.
>Contact with other universes in the multiverse seemed highly
>unlikely, but now new thinking on this subject goes beyond a
>multiverse concept to a multi-level multiverse concept.

>-Bill H.

>April 14, 2003

>Parallel Universes

>Not just a staple of science fiction, other universes are a
>direct implication of cosmological observations

>By Max Tegmark

>Is there a copy of you reading this article?

>A person who is not you but who lives on a planet called Earth,
>with misty mountains, fertile fields and sprawling cities, in a
>solar system with eight other planets? The life of this person
>has been identical to yours in every respect. But perhaps he or
>she now decides to put down this article without finishing it,
>while you read on.

<snip>

Hello Bill:

This concept is indeed discussed, perhaps cautiously, in physics. Oddly, it derives more from the world of the very small than the very large .. maybe both. It goes all the way back to the seminal Double-Slit Experiment where a particle, a photon say, goes thru both slits like a wave (impossible for a solid body) until somebody tries to determine which slit the particles are going thru. THEN the quantum uncertainty "collapses", and the photon or whatever decides its a particle and not a wave!

If the universe split right there. In one, the photon (or electron ..) goes thru the left slit. In the other, it goes thru the right-hand slit. If you credit the idea, this makes for two observers where there just one. But, they can never compare notes!

Since quantum events occur all the time in staggering numbers, this implies a number of parallel universes shooting toward infinity. That is enough to make the theorists pull their beards, and say things like " Lets go collide some cesium atoms instead." I prefer a nice cold one instead.

There are two things that mystics and news writers almost always leave out of this story:

a) Two beings in separate such universes could never contact one another. They would have to travel backward in time to the point where they split apart! In a sense, their two universes split apart at 90-degree angles, much like the side of a cube running into a corner... diverging endlessly, without pause, not even a bump.

If the two observers could see one another, and they can not, each would think the other one went sailing off into never-never land.

b) In theory (if I have this right) there is no possible test for the multiverse theory! If that is true, its no longer science strictly speaking.

It is here that the mystics and shamans crawl out of the woodwork like thugs and thieves in Baghdad. With no scientific principles to keep them honest, they immediately distort what is known, much like the Social Darwinists and Moral Relativists who twisted the hard honest work of Darwin and Einstein long ago.

The news writers are simply looking for hot copy. Its hard to say which is worse, most people read the news after all.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 03:47:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 08:16:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Velez

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 18 May 2003 09:47:45 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 17 May 2003 03:18:30 +0100
>>Subject: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2003 18:46:50 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>><snip>

>>>Fair enough. I shall clarify for the List:

>>>The claim that aliens are habitually visiting the earth
>>>(crashing into our deserts, abducting humans, mutilating cattle,
>>>carving crop circles in wheat fields, et al.) requires
>>>extraordinary evidence.

>>>The reason most people are wary of UFOs and Ufology is because
>>>bald statements are being made without a lot of follow-up
>>>evidence. Alien bases on the Moon, Mars, underground, aliens
>>>abducting us, mutilating us and our cattle, are some fairly wild
>>>ideas. Unless you've got the proof to back these things up, I
>>>don't know why anyone would expect me or any other sound person
>>>to believe them.

>>>Because the people who tell such stories seem sincere? Because
>>>they have no reason to lie?

>>>I really hope they have more proof than that. Sadly, they
>>>usually don't.

>>OK then Ian -

>>Please prove that it isn't ET perpetrating these things and who
>>is actually perpetrating them. Could it be the military? If it
>>is then the folk suffering should take their own country to
>>high court and get true justice done.

>>These things have gone on for too many years now and anyone with
>>an ounce of sense wants answers, not to be told they are mad.

>>A-ha! The classic question-with-a-question that so many throw
>>at me. "How do you know it ISN'T aliens?"

>>Well, I'll tell you something: It's not my job to disprove the
>>wacky theories going around. It's the job of the people making
>>such claims to back them up with suitable evidence. Though, as
>>it's clearly been seen on this list, it doesn't take that much
>>to convince some people.

>>It's like someone who sees a UFO in the sky and says, 'Hey,
>>look, a vehicle from another planet,' and I say, 'How do you

>know it's from another planet?' You're telling me that an
>adequate reply would be 'How do I know it isn't?'

>Forgive me but that sounds pretty lame. The onus is on the
>person making the claim to back it up. It's not on me to
>disprove it. I've never been a debunker. I have never come here
>and torn apart any one specific case. I have never said alien
>abduction isn't happening. I have said it will take more than
>scoop marks and lost time to convince me. I have never said the
>government isn't lying - about what, who knows, but that
>doesn't necessarily preclude a dark deal with human-eating,
>cattle-mutilating grays. I just got told the other day that
>grays might have eight fingers (something related to binary code
>and back-engineered alien technology that I can honestly say I
>didn't give much attention to). So now we know grays have eight
>fingers? How many abductees have reported any number of fingers
>on an alien's hand? I'm willing to be that a great many number
>of fingers have been given over the years, so to say that they
>have eight, on the words of one of the many alleged alien
>abductees... I mean, do I really need to say any more?

>All I have said is that it will take more evidence than it
>clearly takes some people here to convince me of the rather
>large claim that aliens are visiting this planet and constantly
>crashes their ships into the remote regions of our planets. No
>one wanted to take me up on that challenge, I noticed. Of all
>the supposed UFO crashes (and retrievals) not one of them
>occurred in a location that wasn't remote or in place that made
>verification difficult if not impossible. Again, I have to say
>thank you to all the alien pilots who managed to avoid dumping
>their ships in populated areas.

>To say that enough evidence already exists and that the real
>problem is that the media won't take people in Ufology seriously
>is nonsense. If there was a news story here, they would be
>covering it - not for Ufology but for themselves. There simply
>isn't enough meat (yet) to get them really interested. Or maybe
>it's the government controlling all the major newswires and
>publishers. I don't know. I'm sure someone here does.

Hello Ian, All,

Ya know... you've been saying the same thing over and over again
about abductee reports and UFO witness testimony in just about
all of your posts. You've been repeating it like a mantra.

Because you're fairly new to the List, I'm going to take the
time to address them one at a time. Under ordinary
circumstances, I would simply point you to the UpDates archive
and counsel you to do your homework. To read some of what
has already been written in response to the very same or
similar remarks from a few others in the past.

You chant:

>The reason most people are wary of UFOs and Ufology is because
>bold statements are being made without a lot of follow-up
>evidence.

Not true at all. I gather you don't own copies of Jerry Clarke's
UFO encyclopedia, or Dick Hall's UFO Evidence books. In terms of
abduction material, apparently you haven't read C.D.D.B. Bryan's
book about the abduction conference that was held at M.I.T. in
the early 90's, or any of Temple University historian, David
Jacobs' books. Everything written by people like Ray Fowler and
Budd Hopkins has thoroughly and meticulously investigated.

Not to mention the Sturrock panel report!

Methinks that you may be the one making "bold" and maybe even
'uninformed' statements. All of the people I mentioned above,
including quite a few I failed to mention, are reputable,
respectable individuals with experience and credentials.

No "evidence" accompanies abduction reports?

How about; multiple witnesses, ground trace evidence, scoop
marks, fully healed scars and bruises among other physical
anomalies. All considered to be "evidence" is in the eye of the
beholder. But in the fully opened eyes of the aforementioned

individuals, there is enough compelling evidence to warrant their dedicating decades of their lives to the full time investigation of a phenomenon that you claim 'most people are wary of.'

BTW, the latest polls say that you are dead wrong. More than 50% of people think UFOs are real and that the gubbamint is hiding information, while 21% believe that abductions are real.

So what do you mean by "most people?"

"Most people" that you talk to? Because if you're talking about the general public, you couldn't be farther off-base.

>Alien abducting us,

See my last response. Many of the witnesses you think are not credible include people from all walks of life, professions, educational levels and social strata. The one big mistake you are making is that you tend to generalize your statements regarding abductees and UFO witnesses. You have to take people and cases one at a time, Ian.

>Unless you've got the proof to back these things up, I
>don't know why anyone would expect me or any other sound
>person to believe them.

As I have already listed above, many "sound" people believe the witnesses and think there is enough evidence to justify serious investigation. Unless you're will to call folks like Dick Hall, Stan Freidman, Jerry Clarke, John Mack, Ray Fowler etc. etc. etc. "unsound"... once again, I think your 'opinion' does not take the real facts of the matter into account.

The truth is; that many well educated, credentialed and experienced people are involved full-time in the investigation of matters that you claim don't have enough 'evidence' to justify a second look by "sound individuals."

BTW, my testimony in a criminal case would be enough to help get someone convicted. Some of the abductees you are lumping together as not being credible/believable, include; psychiatrists, doctors, lawyers, police officers, and even a couple of high ranking military people. Talk to Budd Hopkins or Dave Jacobs and ask them before spouting off generalizations about how unreliable abductee testimony is.

Like I said Ian, you need to do some homework before making the kind of inaccurate and unfounded generalizations that you have made (repeatedly) about UFOs and abduction since joining the List.

I didn't write this response to debate you on these points. Only to point out how wrong and uninformed you are in your one size fits all, broad brush statements. Study, educate yourself by getting to know the researchers and some of their subjects better before you broadcast such sweeping opinions in public.

All blacks are not any one way. Neither are Jews or abductees for that matter! Capiche?

John Velez
UFO witness, Abductee

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Liquid Water On Mars

From: Ken Kelly <elprospero@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 01:25:54 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 08:18:49 -0400
Subject: Liquid Water On Mars

List,

Liquid water may exist in low-lying areas on Mars.

Because the martian polar caps contain large volumes of frozen carbon dioxide, the gaseous CO2 which sublimates from them would provide a protective barrier over nearby pools of water.

The relatively dense CO2 in such depressions would lower the evaporation rate of the water it overlay. This effect may be demonstrated by pouring equal small amounts of water into each of two graduated cylinders, then filling the remaining volume of one with CO2 gas.

The evaporation rate of the water in the carbon dioxide-filled cylinder will be significantly lower than that of the air-filled cylinder. Therefore, pools of water (such as shown on the Internet site www.marsuneartthed.com) could exist indefinitely on the martian surface.

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Re: Rods Exposed - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 05:16:57 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 08:22:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Hatch

>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 03:21:02 +0100
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>From: Michael Harman <rocketman5047@yahoo.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 06:49:07 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>>>Subject: Rods Exposed

>>>Dear Errol and List Subscribers:

<snip>

>Because something can be duplicated does not mean that all
>objects are as you think they are. For instance - anyone can
>duplicate a UFO on film or video, and before I except your
>theory you would have to go to the New Mexico cave (at least),
>tape a rod and capture the same rod (as an insect) all on tape.

>As you are debunking and purporting these things then the onus
>is upon yourselves to prove your point in the way I outline
>here. I know rods are real and are somewhat of a menace not only
>to Humans but to sheep especially[!] Not being a conspiracy
>theorist I will not outline the reason for the debunk, although
>I could do so.

Dear Col:

Sheep? What about goats or the vegetable kingdom for that
matter. Is my lemon tree at any risk from rods?

Worried in Redwood City, CA

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <bdenzler1@email.msn.com>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 08:55:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 18:31:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial - Denzler

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 14:09:18 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial

>>From: Brenda Denzler <bdenzler1@email.msn.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 21:04:03 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Skeptics - An Editorial

><snip>

>>And as long as I'm shooting off my mouth, allow me pipe in
>with >my own 2 cents about the esteemed Mr. Klass. And that
>is only to >say that he really let me down. At a time in my
>life when I >desperately wanted him to make sense, when I
>was primed and >ready for him to make sense... he just
>didn't. It was such a >disappointment. I have read some
>really intelligent skeptical >arguments, and they are a
>delight indeed. But as with too much >of the pro-UFO stuff,
>the really intelligent stuff from the >skeptical side of the
>aisle is pretty rare.

>I must say I am not sorry that Klass let you down at a time
>of need. However, I would be interested to know what
>arguments you refer to (what cases?) and whether or not this
>was an impersonal let-down (you read something in his books)
>or a personal let down (it was during an exchange of letters
>with PJK).

>You probably have already seen my own discussion of Klass
>"let down" of the general public in his book '.....Deceived'.

Bruce,

Shortly after I had started reading in the UFO literature, I had the chance to go hear Klass speak locally at the planetarium. I had been rather alarmed at some of the things I'd read, and by then I knew enough about the field to know that Klass was a big disbeliever in all things ufological. So I eagerly went to hear him, thinking that he would provide me with good, prosaic explanations for the things I'd been reading about. Explanations that I had not been able to think of or lacked the technical training to be able to think of. I was sorely disappointed. I would have expected better from someone with his publishing and, presumably, technical background. I came home and made lengthy notes on what he said and my reactions to it, but I can't find that file right now. I'm sure I've got a paper version of it somewhere, but can't find it electronically. Anyway, as I was leaving the talk and reception that followed, I mentioned to a man who was walking next to me that I hadn't found Klass' arguments very convincing, and he said that he hadn't, either. That was in 1992, if memory serves.

To the best of my recall, I have not seen your article on Klass, but, again, if I checked my paper files or looked through my back issues of the MUFON Journal, JUFOS, or IUFO Reporter, I might find it - if it's in there. Can you give me a reference to look it up with?

Brenda

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Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us -

From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 18:41:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 18:33:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us -

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 16:37:29 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us

>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 15:10:42 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us

>>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 13:06:04 -0300
>>>Subject: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us

>><http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2003/05/23/1053585701484.html>

>>It doesn't show much, but I still have to say wow.
>>It's a beautiful picture.

>I think the fact that it doesn't show much makes it so poignant;
>it shows us in a cosmic context, something we can never get
>enough of.

Having taken a look I yearned to be there for some reason :-)

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Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 13:47:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 18:36:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 15:35:35 -0500
>Subject: Re: Proof STS-48 Video Time Stamps Are Phony! -

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 20:55:19 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Examining New Carlotto Argumentation Re STS-48

>>That is truly laughable. If Oberg really had examined Mark's
>>paper as he claims, he would >have noticed that it was published
>>in the Journal of Scientific Exploration in 1995, eight years
>>ago. Mark posted it on the NFS site to provide the background
>>information to my >article.

>I was indeed puzzled by the 'Spring 2003' date displayed on the
>top of the pages. I am quite familiar with Carlotto's original
>paper, and i am also familiar, as I'll bet Fleming is not, with
>Wider's rebuttals also published in JSR but NOT, I notice,
>mentioned in Carlotto's reposting.

This is sheer hypocrisy from Oberg, who responds to
presentations of evidence he doesn't like with ad hominem
attacks and evasions.

>>Oberg's "examination" is mostly a rehashing of stuff he wrote
>>years ago attacking Carlotto.
>
>Indeed my points are some of the same ones I made some time ago,
>which had not, in the meantime, ever been answered.

Oberg's points have been answered in a way that leaves him
unable to respond except with the aforementioned dishonest
evasions and ad hominem attacks. His strategy of defense is a
telling indictment of the worthlessness of his claims as well as
of his lack of integrity.

>>It seems that Oberg is renewing his old attacks only to worm
>>his way out of dealing with the new, and quite devastating,
>>evidence against his pet theory:

>So we add mind-reading to the skills of Mr. Fleming? We are
>still waiting for him to actually describe his credentials as a
>person with any expertise or experience in space technology.
>Since he has not provided them in response to requests, the
>presumption may be that he has, in fact, none - as his
>misunderstandings of spaceflight technology have already amply
>demonstrated.

>>No competent engineer or scientist would make a big deal about
>>an arbitrary time reference frame chosen for clarity in a graph
>>presented in a scientific paper.

>Sure they would - especially when the graph is supposed to show
>context of several events, such as thruster firings, sunrise,
>etc. To show a graph of apparent object brightness without
>allowing correlation of the changes with exterior events
>relevant to illumination is inadequate.

The purpose of the graph was to show the temporal relationship (or lack thereof) between image brightness and direction of motion a star. If Oberg wants to know the Greenwich Mean Time of the light pulse, he can refer to the NFS article I wrote, which gives it (for both of the conflicting time displays). I guess it's too much to ask, though.

>>Oberg has apparently been immersed in the practice of the
>>pseudoscience of anti-Ufology, as Stanton Friedman correctly
>>describes it, for so long that he no longer knows how to read a
>>graph.

>The awkwardness remains that the change in angular
>motion/direction associated with a thruster firing, or about
>0.01 degrees per second, would be too small to be detected on
>Carlotto's scale. Choice of scale therefore leads to a 'false
>negative' regarding the prosaic hypothesis.

All I can say is that Oberg needs to take a refresher course that will teach him how to do vector addition.

>>The angular velocities of the stars in the video are around .05
>>degrees per second, varying with position. (Oberg would have
>>had to do a real analysis rather than his sham analysis to find
>>out the angular rates of stars in the video).

>
>Unless the camera is rotating about the line-of-sight into the
>FOV, I would indeed be curious to learn how different stars on
>the same celestial sphere would have different true angular
>rates. Orbital rate is approx 4 degrees per minute (at STS-48
>altitude it was closer to 3.75 deg/min or 0.06 deg/sec, not
>0.05).

Oberg already has "amply demonstrated" his incompetence at reading graphs and in image analysis, but now he seems to have lost whatever competence he once had in what's supposed to be his specialty. (Normally, I'd let dumb mistakes like that pass, but I'm not in a very charitable mood right now regarding James "The Hatchet Man" Oberg). The shuttle was rotating as it moved around the Earth, and to keep the horizon in view, the axis of rotation was the orbit plane normal. The celestial sphere appeared to rotate relative to the shuttle's frame of reference in such a way that the angular rate of motion of points on the celestial sphere was greatest in the downtrack direction and zero looking toward the axis of rotation. Had Oberg actually done any real analysis of the video, he would have noticed that stars near the upper edge of the video were moving at a measurably faster rate than stars like Polaris in the lower right of the video, which were closer to the shuttle's axis of rotation. The sun, as I noted previously, was moving at an even slower angular rate of 0.036 degrees because it was near the celestial equator while the shuttle's orbit had a high inclination to the equator -- 57 degrees.

>Distortion of the large-angular-area field-of-view could
>lead to apparent variations in this rate.

The field of view was the usual 40 degrees in width.

>The evidence for a rocket firing is a visual effect which has
>been seen hundreds of times on downlink, plus the telemetry
>record of the thruster firing, plus the telemetry charts of the
>shuttle's attitude which show it gradually drifting towards the
>pitch deadband over a period of several minutes until it reaches
>it, at which point the autopilot triggers the corrective pulse.
>Fleming's case apparently is based on the assumption that such
>data is fabricated and such testimony is contrived.

The case is based on the evidence that has been presented in detail, both for the lens flare and for the time stamp discrepancies. There are now two completely independent lines of evidence indicating the time stamps were in error. The first was the difference in the predicted times of star transits of the airglow shell. There's nothing I can do about Oberg's failure to acknowledge it. He can pretend all he wants. It's a free country.

To defend myself against Oberg's smears, I feel compelled to point out that the computations involved in the star transit

predictions were not a simple matter. The Julian date and sidereal times had to be accurately computed. I got the equations for that from Internet resources. The geodetic coordinates of the shuttle's had to be converted to geocentric coordinates, taking into account the ellipsoid shape of the Earth. The geocentric coordinates then had to be converted into azimuth and elevation values with respect to the shuttle, and vice versa. (I figured out the coordinate transformations myself in order to get a better understanding of the basic problem, but I later double-checked my equations with what's available on the net).

The program was then verified against the output of several different shareware satellite tracking programs to ensure that I hadn't made any mistakes. And yeah, I did catch a few mistakes and I corrected them. After going through all of that and after Mark's publication of the article I wrote about it, I happened to find the peculiar continuation of the time stamps past the onset of loss of signal and the sudden jump in time between two consecutive frames subsequent to re-acquisition of signal (LOS and AOS, as Oberg would call them when he wants to impress people by tossing out acronyms without explaining what they mean). The LOS/AOS evidence is completely straightforward, unlike the star transit information.

In contrast, Oberg has been claiming for years that there've been "hundreds" of similar cases of shuttle thruster firings causing objects to move in shuttle video images. And how many of those hundreds of examples have been presented as evidence in all the years he's been touting the rocket theory? Exactly ONE: the STS-48 video itself.

>Re the 'flare' explanation' - Fleming's compulsions about the
>truth of his interpretations are understandable, especially when
>rooted in a similar compulsion to avoid asking technical
>questions from any of the technical experts in the systems he
>claims self-taught expertise in. When asked about the simplest
>of terms associated with this system - 'INCO', or Ku-band versus
>S-band relative to TDRS LOS - Fleming passes over in silence all
>opportunities to demonstrate even the most superficial
>familiarity with simple facts.

>Ditto the time stamp questions. Fleming's argument appears to be
>specially designed by people who avoid primary knowledge, for
>people who do not notice the absence of primary sources or
>knowledge.

I'm not Johnny Olson, cub reporter for the Daily Planet; I don't do interviews. I looked at the information available from the appropriate sources and contacted people who were likely to give honest, knowledgeable, and straightforward answers -- in other words, a category that tends to exclude Oberg's acquaintances. (Ironically enough, the scientist I contacted about the stability of the airglow structure had done extensive work on data from the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite that was deployed by the Space Shuttle Discovery during the STS-48 mission.)

Apparently, Oberg's pal "Chuckles" the Instrumentation and Communications Officer was too busy snickering to provide an explanation to him that he could forward to all the benighted people on this list as to why the time stamps continue past LOS and why there is a jump of a minute and a half between two consecutive frames that were both clearly from the period in time after the signal had been re-acquired.

BTW: "Instrumentation and Communications Officer" is what INCO stands for. Do I win a prize??? And NASA stands for National Aeronautics and Space Administration, except perhaps for people like Oberg and his friends who seem to think it really does mean "Never A Straight Answer."

Oberg's habit of tossing around acronyms would set most people's eyes to rolling, at least among the NASA employees that I'm acquainted with. I suspect that it gives most people who read this List a similar eye strain, too.

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Re: Baku UFO Picture 'Lifted'? - Ballester Olmos

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 23:37:51 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 18:38:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Baku UFO Picture 'Lifted'? - Ballester Olmos

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 01:19:09 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Baku UFO Picture 'Lifted'?

>At the following link to an article about a UFO seen in
>Azerbaijan, that was seen by many people and captured on video, a
>photo of Ed's UFO is displayed.

>I assume they just used his pic and this is not a photo of the
>UFO seen over there, which would be quite significant.

Of course, this is a follow-up article and the journal used this
GB photograph as an illustration or graphical recourse, not to
repeat the original Baku UFO video image. An irrelevant issue.

V-J

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Abydos Helicopter

From: **Jiri Mruzek** <jirimruzek@shaw.ca>
Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 01:15:48 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 11:05:21 -0400
Subject: Abydos Helicopter

You must have heard of the Abydos Helicopter. For a while it appeared that the case was debunked. Now, there is a counter-solution backed up by the science of geometry. It gives the Abydos scene legitimacy. An important sighting, and no need to fill out a questionnaire. You can experience it yourselves.

<http://www.geocities.com/jirimruzek/abyhelic.htm>

Best regards,

Jiri Mruzek

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 00:01:37 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 11:08:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Rimmer

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 03:47:53 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>Hello Ian, All,

>Ya know... you've been saying the same thing over and over again
>about abductee reports and UFO witness testimony in just about
>all of your posts. You've been repeating it like a mantra.

I think phrases such as "research by proclamation", "noisy negativists", "tells us more about XXX that it does about YYY", are rather more mantra-like than the points that Ian Rogers has been making

>Because you're fairly new to the List, I'm going to take the
>time to address them one at a time. Under ordinary
>circumstances, I would simply point you to the UpDates archive
>and counsel you to do your homework. To read some of what
>has already been written in response to the very same or
>similar remarks from a few others in the past.

I'm not so new to the List, so forgive me if I ignore this patronising nonsense.

>You chant:

>>The reason most people are wary of UFOs and Ufology is because
>>bold statements are being made without a lot of follow-up
>>evidence.

>Not true at all. I gather you don't own copies of Jerry Clarke's
>UFO encyclopedia, or Dick Hall's UFO Evidence books. In terms of
>abduction material, apparently you haven't read C.D.D.B. Bryan's
>book about the abduction conference that was held at M.I.T. in
>the early 90's, or any of Temple University historian, David
>Jacobs' books. Everything written by people like Ray Fowler and
>Budd Hopkins has thoroughly and meticulously investigated.

Amazingly I have now managed to get hold of a copy of one of Dick Hall's UFO Evidence books. I found it in a church jumble-sale, price 4 pounds (along with an early edition Adamski and a signed copy of Tim Good's book on Adamski - the signature added 50 pence to the price!) It's a fairly comprehensive catalogue of sighting reports, but little in the way of what I'd call actual evidence, and it shows a superstitious reverence for reports from policemen, military personnel and other 'trained observers'.

>Not to mention the Sturrock panel report!

John, maybe you should read some of the UpDates archive. Lots of people were unimpressed by Sturrock, not just the usual-suspect pelicanists.

>Methinks that you may be the one making "bold" and maybe even
>'uninformed' statements. All of the people I mentioned above,
>including quite a few I failed to mention, are reputable,

>respectable individuals with experience and credentials.

Since when has respectability stopped people from being wrong?
Let's examine the evidence, not the personalities. If ad-hominem
attacks are to be deplored, surely ad-hominem support is just as
unhelpful>

>No "evidence" accompanies abduction reports?

>How about; multiple witnesses,

Such as? And don't give us Linda Napolitano. There were no other
witnesses. Claims, yes; witnesses, no.

>ground trace evidence,

You might be able to have a ground trace of a UFO landing, but
surely not of a UFO abduction. What ground traces of an
abduction did you have in mind?

>scoop
>marks, fully healed scars and bruises among other physical
>anomalies. All considered to be "evidence" is in the eye of the
>beholder.

In the eye of the committed beholder, yes, but much less so for
the objective researcher, who can suggest dozens of other
explanations for such marks

>But in the fully opened eyes of the aforementioned
>individuals, there is enough compelling evidence to warrant
>their dedicating decades of their lives to the full time
>investigation of a phenomenon that you claim 'most people are
>wary of.'

So we *have* to believe in abductions because Bud Hopkins has
devoted years of his life to the subjects, and he couldn't
possibly be wasting his time. Not too convincing an argument to
me.

>BTW, the latest polls say that you are dead wrong. More than 50%
>of people think UFOs are real and that the gubbamint is hiding
>information, while 21% believe that abductions are real.

>So what do you mean by "most people?"

Presumably the 79% who believe abductions are not real. T

>"Most people" that you talk to? Because if you're talking
>about the general public, you couldn't be farther off-base.

If only 50% of people believe "UFOs are real", I am surprised.
Even I believe UFOs are real, I just don't believe they are
flying saucers. The question "Do you believe in UFOs" is
meaningless. This is research by referendum. I do not make up my
mind simply by looking at opinion polls and assuming they must
be right. > >>Alien abducting us, > >See my last response. Many
of the witnesses you think are not >credible include people from
all walks of life, professions, >educational levels and social
strata. The one big mistake you >are making is that you tend to
generalize your statements >regarding abductees and UFO
witnesses. You have to take people >and cases one at a time,
Ian.

Once again the naive belief that if you can hold down a job, do
not wear a Napoleon hat or walk around with a big bag labelled
"swag" on your back, everything you say must be the literal
truth. What has a person's social strata, profession or
education got to do with their belief that they have or have not
been abducted?

>>Unless you've got the proof to back these things up, I
>>don't know why anyone would expect me or any other sound
>>person to believe them.

>As I have already listed above, many "sound" people believe
>the witnesses and think there is enough evidence to justify
>serious investigation. Unless you're will to call folks like
>Dick Hall, Stan Freidman, Jerry Clarke, John Mack, Ray Fowler
>etc. etc. etc. "unsound"... once again, I think your 'opinion'
>does not take the real facts of the matter into account.

>The truth is; that many well educated, credentialed and
>experienced people are involved full-time in the investigation
>of matters that you claim don't have enough 'evidence' to
>justify a second look by "sound individuals."

Hmmm... "Sound", what exactly does that mean? I certainly think
a great deal of what has been written by the Famous Five you
name above has been unsound. Some more than others, but
m'learned friends may be listening!

>BTW, my testimony in a criminal case would be enough to help
>get someone convicted.

Uncorroborated? No it wouldn't.

>Some of the abductees you are lumping
>together as not being credible/believable, include;
>psychiatrists, doctors, lawyers, police officers, and even a
>couple of high ranking military people. Talk to Budd Hopkins or
>Dave Jacobs and ask them before spouting off generalizations
>about how unreliable abductee testimony is.

Oh come on! In what other walk of life are we supposed to believe
everything that these people tell us must be true? This is just
endless appeals to authority. Because a guy's got a good job, we
must believe him?

>Like I said Ian, you need to do some homework before making
>the kind of inaccurate and unfounded generalizations that you
>have made (repeatedly) about UFOs and abduction since joining
>the List.

UFO research does exist beyond this List, you know.

>I didn't write this response to debate you on these points.
>Only to point out how wrong and uninformed you are in your one
>size fits all, broad brush statements. Study, educate yourself
>by getting to know the researchers and some of their subjects
>better before you broadcast such sweeping opinions in public.
>
>All blacks are not any one way. Neither are Jews or abductees
>for that matter! Capiche?

But doctors, military people, psychiatrists, lawyers, police
officers, etc. are all reliable? As we say over here, "pull the
other leg, it's got bells on."

>John Velez
>UFO witness, Abductee

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John Rimmer
Ufologist, Sceptic.

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CI: A Martian's-Eye View of Earth

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Subject: CI: A Martian's-Eye View of Earth

Cydonian Imperative
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A Martian's-Eye View of Earth
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 38)

By now, many people have seen the quietly awe-inspiring sequence of images taken of the Solar System by the Mars Global Surveyor. The most popular of these images, naturally, is a poignant look back to Earth, our home planet, featuring a partially illuminated Moon against the timeless backdrop of interplanetary space.

[image]

The Earth and Moon viewed from Mars orbit.

Like the classic photograph of the Earth from space taken by astronauts (and featured in a recent issue of "Rolling Stone" devoted to "American icons"), the MGS image helps to show how overwhelmingly alone and vulnerable we are. Against such cosmic scope, the bickering, bigotry and violence that define terrestrial headlines seem laughably insignificant. Looking at this image induces an all-too-rare sense of calm: a moment of uncorrupted Zen lucidity provided by the cool lens of 21st century technology.

For all of its beauty, the image confronts us with a fierce challenge: Where do we go from here? Do we dare expand our reach into outer (and inner) space? Can we rouse ourselves from solipsism before we no longer have the opportunity to better the human condition?

[image]

The sun rises over Mars.

A striking animation recorded by the Pathfinder lander instills similar longings. The shrunken sun seen rising above the harsh Martian horizon is proof that humans can extend their senses to other worlds; it follows that we can follow our robotic emissaries in the flesh. Who could resist watching the sun rise over an alien world, or peer through a telescope to see the Earth itself tumbling through the void?

As argued previously, I don't think human intelligence is capable of enduring the next millennium unless radical proactive measures are taken to ensure our survival. Space colonization is a vital component in any agenda to overcome otherwise inevitable disaster.

The Earth-from-Mars image is a postcard from our increasingly exasperated collective unconscious. We should look long and hard while we still have the chance.

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CEs With Aliens & Other Fallacies

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Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 20:47:35 -0300

Fwd Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 11:15:27 -0400

Subject: CEs With Aliens & Other Fallacies

Source: Morning Star UK - London

<http://www.morningstar.co.uk/?r=news/analysis.asp?articleid=24118&validfrom03-05-21>

2003-05-21

Close Encounters With Aliens And Other Fallacies

Daniel Ben-Ami

If objective statistics are riddled with pitfalls those which measure inherently vague concepts such as confidence are more problematic. It is even harder to interpret individuals stated preferences than movements in prices.

Bedlam Asset Management provided a useful reminder of this point in a recent note which quoted a survey showing that about 0.5% of Americans said that they had sex with aliens. In other words according to the survey about 1.4 million Americans believe they have had some kind of sexual encounter with an extra-terrestrial.

Interpreting such statistics is not easy. One possibility is that 1.4 million Americans really have had sex with an alien presumably along with a giant government cover-up - while another is that there are well over a million deranged people in the US.

A more likely explanation is the old maxim that if you ask a silly question you get a silly answer. When confronted by someone with a clipboard asking whether you have had sex with an alien it must be difficult to resist the temptation of answering in the affirmative.

The point is that without knowing more about the survey it is difficult to draw definite conclusions. How representative was the sample of people questioned? If it was conducted at a UFO convention it is hardly likely to be an accurate cross section of the American public. How were the questions phrased? When was the survey conducted?

Sexual encounters with aliens may seem a long way from fund management but there are some parallels. Like any subjective surveys those based on fund manager views, including those conducted by Morningstar, should be treated with caution.

This is particularly true when there is likely to be an element of wishful thinking in the responses. Few fund managers are likely to admit, often even to themselves, that it is possible that the markets in which they invest could fall over a significant period.

None of this is meant to imply that statistics are of no use. On the contrary, the development of statistics is one of the great achievements of civilisation. It has enabled individuals to go beyond common sense or educated guesswork to get a much better grasp of the social and natural worlds.

The point is that interpreting statistics properly is a great

skill. Collecting them is simply the starting point of any analysis.

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More Calves Mutilated Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 11:18:42 -0400
Subject: More Calves Mutilated Argentina

SOURCE: El Diario de la Pampa
DATE: May 24, 2003

TWO MORE CALVES FOUND MUTILATED

Field researchers specializing in the subject of animal mutilations--Raul Chaves and Ester Urban, pointed out that "so far this year we have accounted for some 60 mutilations in La Pampa and Buenos Aires." They noted that "thanks to the fact that they already know us and know that we research the subject, cattle ranchers inform us when mutilated animals are discovered. We then obtain samples which we send to the University of Buenos Aires and document everything on videotape."

They referred to the two most recent cases -- on May 16th and 17th, respectively -- between 45 and 30 kilometers away from Santa Rosa. The first of these took place in the "El Martin" ranch 45 km northwest of the Pampan capital and involved a year-old calf weighing 200 kgs.

On the left side of its head, the absence of the outer ear was evident along with the entire inner ear, its eye, and an oval-shaped flap of skin, measuring some 30 cm. in diameter. The absence of vulva, edge of the anus, hyoides, larynx, pharynx and a segment of the trachea, as well as part of the upper muscular mass, was also noted.

The entire animal found on May 17 was found on a rural property located 30 kilometers north of Santa Rosa. It was a 2 year-old calf weighing 250 kg. missing half of its tongue with a cauterized incision and missing the left ocular orb. The field researchers noted that in both cases samples were secured for subsequent study and analysis by professionals. They invite those interested in the subject to visit their website at:

<http://www.ciufos.com>

where information collected on mutilated animals can be found.

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Argentine Researchers Find Intraterrestrial Waves

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 21:06:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 11:22:26 -0400
Subject: Argentine Researchers Find Intraterrestrial Waves

Source: Diario El Tribuno de Salta
Date: May 24, 2003
http://www.eltribuno.com.ar/salta/20030523_213309.php

Ufologists Pick Up Intraterrestrial Waves

** Ufologists recorced electromagnetic signals and radiation emanating from an underground source**

Two scientists affiliated to the Fundacion Instituto Biofisico de Investigaciones (FICI) headquartered in La Matanza and directed by Pedro Romaniuk, one of the most well-known analysts of the UFO phenomenon and an author of 20 books on the subject, claimed having picked up radioactive signatures, microwaves, levels of electricity and oscillations originating from the depths of the earth.

Omar Hesse and Jorge Millstein surveyed the mountains surrounding Cachi last week -- 157 km from the capital and 2,280 meters above sea level. After applying a Russian tester in the vicinity of the Nevado de Cachi, they concluded that the signals are not natural in origin, and rather originate by machinery operated by intelligent beings (sic).

"The oscillations clearly indicate that kilometers beneath the surface there is activity: alternating electrical waves, which means a power source," said Hesse. "This could mean engines," he added.

The area was not chosen at random: it was based on 4 film recordings made by local mountaineer Antonio Zuleta between June 2000 and November 2002. All of them show analogous images-- strange, swiftly moving lights which appear to "plunge" into the ground at the same point. The researchers calculated the site's location and accompanied by Zuleta himself, reported to the area some 8 km to the southwest.

"We will have to return with equipment of higher sensitivity and equipped with depth rods (sic) to achieve greater precision in the data," observed Millstein. However, despite the magnitude of their discovery, members of the FICI were not impressed. "It's just that this is one of the hottest areas of the planet regarding extraterrestrial activity. It's a band that stretches from La Poma to Cayafate and which has roused interest all over the world, as we have attested through our worldwide investigation network, where consultations regarding the area are recurrently made." The two researchers estimate that Zuleta's recordings and the signals recorded from the depths of the earth correspond to a technology not native to our world.

"To those of us in this field, the possibility that vessels may penetrate the earth is nothing new in the Andes, as depicted by numerous stone records from Ecuador to Mendoza," they concluded.

[Translator's note: our readers will recall that Zuleta's

findings were hotly disputed a year or so ago. The FICI organization's leader is also one of South America's better-known contactees]

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Re: Rods Exposed - Goldstein

From: **Josh Goldstein** <Mclearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 03:08:27 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 11:25:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Goldstein

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 05:16:57 -0700
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 03:21:02 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>>From: Michael Harman <rocketman5047@yahoo.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 06:49:07 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>>>From: Amy Hebert <yellowrose129@attbi.com>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Fri, 16 May 2003 02:04:34 -0500
>>>>Subject: Rods Exposed

>>>>Dear Errol and List Subscribers:

><snip>

>>Because something can be duplicated does not mean that all
>>objects are as you think they are. For instance - anyone can
>>duplicate a UFO on film or video, and before I except your
>>theory you would have to go to the New Mexico cave (at least),
>>tape a rod and capture the same rod (as an insect) all on tape.

>>As you are debunking and purporting these things then the onus
>>is upon yourselves to prove your point in the way I outline
>>here. I know rods are real and are somewhat of a menace not only
>>to Humans but to sheep especially[!] Not being a conspiracy
>>theorist I will not outline the reason for the debunk, although
>>I could do so.

>Dear Col:

>Sheep? What about goats or the vegetable kingdom for that
>matter. Is my lemon tree at any risk from rods?

>Worried in Redwood City, CA

>- Larry Hatch

Hello Colin,

I had set your last message aside to write a response after I read
today's messages. I am also am 9 hours later than Larry.

Thanks Larry,

I am sure you definitely have a need for such vital information.
Soon

I will back on that beautiful turf in that part of California.
When I sold my mountain property at Last Chance the new owner
decided to produce highly valued mohair from the ranch. He

brought in a large herd of Mos, they produce prestigious award winning mohair. Each Mo is specially bred to produce a dozen sweaters at one time. Once they were able to eliminate knitting from the business plan we started reaping overabundant profits. I own part of them and I get a dividend each month. If rods are hazardous to Mos then the United States economy will head straight down, constantly tightening in its tailspin until it hits bottom.

Larry, Mos are the number two product in the state, bringing in nearly as much income as growing marijuana. As a result of the Drug War many people are switching to Mos. Mo power to them!

Colin, the onus is on you, the you that is making the claim that real flying "rods" are in a cave in New Mexico. Instead of writing the "lets dance around the May flowers" type of post, the onus is on you to provide the evidence that may suffice to prove your claim case.

In plain English I am only representing my own views and to me it is time for you to put up or shut up. It is up to you to gather the evidence. If they are in a cave can't you pick up some of their bodies? Can't you catch any in a net? Are these somehow nonmaterial but magically show up on videotape? If you don't have any hard evidence and don't plan to gather such why don't you please admit so? And if you know what a rod would do to a Mo, let's hear it from you, rodsman.

If you do not gather hard evidence to prove your assertions I suggest that you need to spend months of extended field research inside that cave in New Mexico. Certain indigenous mushrooms may aid your observation, as they do for local medicine men and Shamen. Back in the sixties we did that sort of thing with Shamen and peyote.

Don't forget to always be ready with your net.

Happy trails,

Josh

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Chile: The Skeptical Wing of Ufology

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Fwd Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 11:28:19 -0400
Subject: Chile: The Skeptical Wing of Ufology

SOURCE: Terra.cl and PlanetaUFO
DATE: May 23, 2003

THE SKEPTICAL WING OF UFOLOGY IN CHILE
by Roderick Bowen

Although not well known, there is a branch of "critical ufology" in our country that aided by its own means, has become one of the most controversial aspects of the national ufological scene

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, May 23--- In July 2002, Fundacion Anomalia, one of Spain's most renown institutions devoted to research into para-scientific subjects, published a new issue of its acclaimed "Cuadernos de Ufologia". Half of this issue was fully devoted to reproducing the first part of an extensive dossier on Chilean ufology.

This material consigned the work of a young journalist, Diego Zuniga, who has for some years now published, along with attorney Sergio S=Elnchez, the longest-lived and feared bulletin of Chilean ufology, entitled "La nave de los locos" (Ship of Fools), a skeptical publication which has managed to survive over time and whose pages have included works by renowned foreign researchers, such as Mexico's Luis Ruiz Noguez, the U.S.'s Philip J. Klass, or Spain's Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos.

The journal, produced by Zuniga and published in Spain, was not covered by the national press nor did it achieve the level of a promotional campaign even when its statements caused true irritation in the better-informed UFO circles, not only because it was the most complete vision on the [Chilean] ufological history that had reached Spain, but because it was the least kindly toward the investigation of the UFO phenomenon in Chile.

Unfortunately only 8 issues were received in [Spain] and were rapidly distributed among those whose work also appeared in Zuniga's publication.

While this young journalist is unknown to the public at large and his name does not have the prominence of reseaechers such as Rodrigo Fuenzalida (AION), Cristian Riffo (Ovnisvision) or Alberto Urquiza (Geo), it was Zuniga who took care to write about the rights and wrongs of Chilean ufology from his personal vision of the situation in an exhaustive report of over 60 pages.

Zuniga has been able to articulate in Chile what is known all over the world a "critical ufology" line, fully agreeing with the approach to the phenomenon set forth by Fundaci=F3n Anomal=EDa. In his own words, Zuniga's introduction begins: "Chile is usually presented by some of its most enthusiastic ufologists as a world beacon regarding cases. We all know that this is untrue and that the Chilean case history featured on the international level is very limited. But when you, dear reader, enter this dossier, you will find that the wealth and variety of these Chilean cases is indeed rather broad and interesting, even though contradicting the legend of the "sightings-producing country".

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Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@charter.net>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 21:35:26 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 11:31:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us - McCoy

>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 18:41:58 +0100
>Subject: Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us - Stevenson

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>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 16:37:29 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us

>>>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 15:10:42 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us

>>>>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 13:06:04 -0300
>>>>Subject: Mars Probe Takes A Long Shot - Of Us

>>><http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2003/05/23/1053585701484.html>

>>>It doesn't show much, but I still have to say wow.
>>>It's a beautiful picture.

>>I think the fact that it doesn't show much makes it so poignant;
>>it shows us in a cosmic context, something we can never get
>>enough of.

>Having taken a look I yearned to be there for some reason :-)

Hello, all,

My only regret is that we are not on Mars (looking back at that magnificent perspective,) and not trying to figure out an efficient way to get to Apha Centauri.

GT McCoy

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UFO Encounter Near Booger Bottom

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Fwd Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 11:40:33 -0400
Subject: UFO Encounter Near Booger Bottom

Source: Gwinnett Daily Post - Gwinnett County, Georgia

<http://www.gwinnettdailyonline.com/GDP/archive/article0650289C97224011BE43E6983501A229.asp>

By Laura Ingram

LILBURN - Round red objects about the size of silver dollars suddenly appeared and seemed to scan three people traveling home in a Ford SUV one night last month.

They didn't see a mother ship hovering above them on a rural stretch of highway called "Booger Bottom" near Greenville, Ga. No little green men popped in to chat. The 25-second visit was not your stereotypical sighting of an unidentified flying object. It was certainly no laughing matter for a 50-year-old Tucker man and his brother and sister-in-law from Warm Springs.

The 73-year-old female witness, who remains unnamed, went to the police and the GBI for help, but they didn't want any part of it. She called the National UFO Reporting Center and was hooked up with the Mutual UFO Network of Georgia.

MUFONGA doesn't turn away people with odd stories. MUFONGA investigators use a scientific method to eliminate publicity seekers and natural occurrences from true unexplainable incidents. If they can't find an explanation for what occurred, they at least want to record the phenomenon.

MUFONGA investigators Olivia Newton of Lilburn and Jim Clifford of Lawrenceville were assigned the case.

Newton noted none of the witnesses gave them any reason to doubt the account.

"We watch for body language, any discrepancies," Newton recalled. "They looked at us right in the eye and were very forthright. They said, 'Surely you have heard of this before.'"

In her five years of investigating UFO reports, Newton had heard about a woman being paralyzed while a hovering object came toward her skylight and a 2-year-old boy who was being stalked by a possible spirit.

"Most of them turn out to have natural explanations," Newton said, adding that Venus is often mistaken for a spaceship.

Newton had never heard a story like this one.

"They all said it was not of this world. They felt it was intelligent. They felt they had sought them out for the sole purpose of scanning them. Scan. That was the word they used," Newton said.

The trio was upset by the experience. The woman insisted they learn what the red objects were.

"She said, 'I've got to know what this is. Are they coming back after us? What if they cart us off?'" recalled Newton.

When Newton and Clifford met with the Tucker man at a local Starbucks to discuss the case, he was visibly shaken, she said. He too refused to have his name used.

The witnesses called the approximate 50 red objects that appeared inside the car "lights" but described them as solid to Newton. They said they only occurred on their bodies until they vanished instantly.

The brother of the Tucker man told investigators he saw a red swirling object next to the vehicle on the driver's side before the lights appeared. He was sitting in the back seat facing his brother, Newton said.

The Tucker man's testimony on the NURORC's Web site at www.UFOcenter.com said, "The floor board again was red hue as it was in the back seat. I looked out the window and over the dash board onto the hood and did not see any activity as was being awesomely and erratically displayed in the front and back seat."

According to the investigation so far, a train was not traveling on the nearby tracks. No airplanes were flying over the Greenville skies that night, Newton said.

Newton and Clifford walked around the area. No houses were close enough to the road to reflect light into the car. Newton said they couldn't find an area where practical jokers could have hidden and focused red lights constantly on the people for 25 seconds as the vehicle traveled 35 mph.

To help solve the mystery, Newton plans to seek a geologist's opinion and look into the origins of why that area is called Booger Bottom.

Locals told her the first name was once used for the "Boogey man," and the area was called that to scare off government officials searching for moonshiners. Newton wants to make sure the area was not named for an earlier incident, which might be similar to what the witnesses experienced.

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Re: Edwards AFB 1965 - Goldstein

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Fwd Date: Mon, 26 May 2003 12:19:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Edwards AFB 1965 - Goldstein

>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'.

Hello Joachim,

I saved this message of yours back in April when I first saw it. I also had hoped that some Listerions would comment on it. When the audio tape came out I wanted to order it and I thought I would get back to the US for a while back then, so I didn't get it.

When you posted your question I examined it but unfortunately because of low money I am still using the same computer for the last seven years and I can't listen to or download your sound file. At the end of June I am going back to California and I will buy a new computer. If it is still up then I will finally hear what Sam Sherman put together. That is why I didn't post anything yet on the list. I don't have much to say until I hear how the tape was put together.

His Edwards UFO site is not working anymore. I sent him an email and I have not received a response. I asked George Filer what he knows but he said he hasn't communicated with him for many months.

So there it sits. In the early part of July I will be visiting Dick Hall and I will listen to the audio and discuss it with him. I think what I will do now is see if I can find out on a film website whether Sam Sherman is still alive.

Take care,
Josh

[An interview with Sam Sherman is available on-line at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/sdiarchive/>

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Re: CI: A Curious Cydonia Formation Revisited -

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Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 22:25:01 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 May 2003 12:45:30 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: A Curious Cydonia Formation Revisited -

Cydonian Imperative
5-25-03

A Curious Cydonia Formation Revisited
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 38)

When the Mars Global Surveyor returned its first image of the Face in 1998 (the now-infamous "catbox") it also revealed small-scale anomalies just barely visible in Viking imagery. One of these was a feature dubbed the "Coathanger" by Professor Stanley V. McDaniel. Others observed that the "Coathanger" was roughly dolphin-shaped, prompting much esoteric theorizing. The Coathanger lies in the immediate vicinity of the Face, justifying a careful examination; are we seeing evidence of engineering or geology?

The most peculiar aspect of the Coathanger is its row of bright "notches," thought to be composed of ice or, if artificial, perhaps a form of glass. The Coathanger is seen in context below. Note nearby bright dome-shaped mounds.

[image]

The regularly spaced notches appear quite artificial-looking and remain unexplained. If natural, they would seem to be a more refined version of the various ribbed "tubes" found elsewhere on Mars. (Similar bright markings can be seen on the edge of the mesa just above the Coathanger, although these are scarcely as elaborate or extensive as the so-called "tubes." Similar markings can be found at the base of the City Pyramid.)

[image]

Luckily, the Face image released by Malin Space Science Systems on April 4 shows the Coathanger at much better resolution. The anomalous notches are still evident, as are nearby deviations in the landscape. It's interesting that one such deviation, looking something like an shallow, elongated "earthworks," appears in close proximity to the Coathanger. This tends to suggest a common origin for the two features. The Coathanger itself looks little like its namesake. It resembles a dolphin or fish seen in profile, the dorsal fin of which is elevated above the rest of the formation. Close inspection suggests that the elevated portion may shelter a porous, highly degraded material unlike that of the surrounding desert, although better images are needed to prove or disprove this. The white notches line the morphology's base like an enormous ruler.

It's conceivable that the Coathanger is a weathered fragment of a once-enclosed structure. The approximate 45 degree angle formed by the aforementioned "earthworks" suggests a triangular enclosure whose roof has long since succumbed to erosion. Richard Hoagland offered this possibility (presented as fact) in a 1998 photo-essay in which he referred to the Coathanger as a "tetrahedral ruin." As the new image makes clear, there is nothing even vaguely "tetrahedral" here -- only a few suggestive

remnants. If the Coathanger once had a pyramidal roof, we might expect to find a third, flanking "earthworks"; the presence of a perfect equilateral triangle on Mars might sway even committed skeptics. But the presumed third "wall" is missing.

In conclusion, the Coathanger's reality remains unknown. If the Face is artificial, it makes sense to examine neighboring landforms for evidence of deliberate alteration. The Coathanger may well be an architectural ruin. Unfortunately, while the new image emphasizes the feature's strangeness, it doesn't tell us anything fundamentally new.

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Re: Baku Photo - Stuart

From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2003 00:42:32 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 May 2003 12:50:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Baku Photo - Stuart

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 23:37:51 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Baku UFO Picture 'Lifted'?

>>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 01:19:09 -0500 (EST)
>>Subject: Baku UFO Picture 'Lifted'?

>>At the following link to an article about a UFO seen in
>>Azerbaijan, that was seen by many people and captured on video,
>>a photo of Ed's UFO is displayed.

>>I _assume_ they just used his pic and this is not a photo of
>>the UFO seen over there, which would be quite significant.

>Of course, this is a follow-up article and the journal used
>this GB photograph as an illustration or graphical recourse,
>not to repeat >the original Baku UFO video image. An irrelevant
>issue.

>V-J

No, it is not "an irrelevant issue." It was worth the effort to ascertain for certain that the UFO pictured was just a prop and not a UFO identical to the Gulf Breeze UFO allegedly photographed by Ed Walters.

I know that the poorer publications especially do this quite frequently without labeling the photo thinking, I assume, that the average reader won't know the difference. The old "UFO Universe" mag was notorious for doing this.

This same newspaper (Baku Today) also featured an article from a scientist who claimed that G. W. Bush allocated 3 billion dollars to UFO research after, according to one scientist, the Columbia was shot down by aliens for bringing weapons into space.

Still, it was worth checking out the source of the photo, just in case.

Regards,

Charles Stuart

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Disclosure Dialogue #01-01

From: Victor Viggiani <victor@virtuallystrange.net>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 26 May 2003 12:56:20 -0400
Subject: Disclosure Dialogue #01-01

Disclosure Dialogue
Vol I Edition 1
May 2003

Introduction:

Based on the overwhelming mass of evidential material both within the UFO research community as well as within the sequestered data residing in government archives, Disclosure of an Extraterrestrial presence on planet Earth has become the ultimate Terrestrial Imperative for the human race as we discover ourselves, the universe and those who share it with us.

While there are many in the UFO community who continue to provide the indispensable and provocative research and analysis of data and those who launch independent initiatives to gain access to information about ETI, a void of in-action in the UFO community clearly exists. The excellent research mentioned above is absolutely crucial as we develop our database. The experts do a fine job. However for the most part, it ends there. This opinion is substantiated by the fact that few knocks on the door of government echo it the hallways of the international print media, the ubiquitous electronic media or our secluded judicial system.

As a contributing editor to Strange Days Indeed for over four years and a witness to the immense quantity of data, research, opinions and the flow of ideas among the international UFO community, it has become my conviction that the UFO/ETI issue recently reached a critical juncture.

The Bar Has Been Raised

To be more specific, this juncture was actually reached when one of the monthly contributors on SDI, Stephen G. Bassett took a risk. He put himself forward as a candidate for election to the United States Congress. This courageous and selfless act raised the bar for us all in the UFO community.

This author knows that Stephen Bassett would neither want this author, nor anyone else to overstate or dwell upon the importance of his decision to contest the covert and incestuous ideology permeating every layer of government secrecy. Raise the UFO/ETI issue in the megalopolis of American politics? Who would have ever taken on such a venture? Stephen Bassett's contribution indeed sent a message to everyone in the UFO community and well as to those on the Hill who whined a quiet mantra for his defeat.

The issue of an Extraterrestrial presence on Earth and its salacious cover-up was now fair game. It was open season for all who wanted to know the truth.

The message put forward by Stephen Bassett now makes Disclosure the ethical responsibility of all who know about and profess the essence of UFO/ETI contact. The message said that one cannot be in possession of revelatory information and allow it to reside

in futility on computer hard-drives or in government archives. Neither should it become the fodder of internal wrangling, or intellectual posturing hidden behind a for-profit-motive or personal aggrandisement. This information must be acted upon. That is what Stephen Bassett did, amidst what amounted to virtually insurmountable odds.

Since this action by one person, reinforced by almost insurmountable evidential material in the possession of the UFO community, Disclosure has become a 'terrestrial imperative' for all who claim involvement in the UFO/ETI question.

Risk, Outreach, Preparation And Public Discourse

And we, my friends are now in-charge of this imperative.

This imperative, if not pursued and voiced publicly in an articulate and authentic manner by those who know the truth, will see history make obvious and judge our injudicious use of revelatory information as moribund and irresponsible. We cannot and should not wait for other Stephen Bassetts to come forward. Those kinds of risk takers are few and far between. Every step must be taken not to mishandle the truth or we become as complicit as those who keep it hidden.

What to do?

This author has come to believe that it is now time for the entire UFO community (i.e. all those who are involved in research, analysis, data collection, sightings reports, etc.) to actively come forward to engage in a concerted and proactive global effort to initiate and raise the level of public discourse about the UFO/ETI question on an international level.

Let me re-state that... just for emphasis: '(_all those who are involved in research, analysis, data collection, sightings reports, etc.) to actively come forward to engage in a concerted and proactive global effort to initiate and raise the level of public discourse about the UFO/ETI question on an international level.' It reads better the second time for some reason_but I digress.

What could this all really mean?

Well, over the dais of UFO Updates and the on-air rostrum of STRANGE DAYS INDEED we will discover this together, in DISCLOSURE DIALOGUE. We will try to unravel what needs to be done with the huge repository of data and research amassed by the UFO community (ufology if you will).

We will try to respond to such questions as:

Do we allow this data to sit, fester and yes, masticate it among ourselves until it's in tiny bits that mean nothing to anyone?

Do we continue to permit the regurgitation of this fascinating public information to portray the UFO community as space fanatics among the press and the general public?

Or do we actually begin a collegial process of doing something radical with this information by building professional and powerful international coalitions of activists to knock on the doors of government, the press, science and international judicial systems and demand, not ask to come in and chat?

I have some of ideas... how about you?

Let Disclosure Dialogue in on what you'd like to see done and what you're prepared to do about it.

Send your response to UFO UpDates and listen to Strange Days... Indeed each Saturday at 21:00 hrs Eastern on CFRB AM 1010 News Talk Radio in Toronto, in Montreal over CJAD 800 AM or over the world wide web at:

<http://www.cfrb.com>

Respectfully,

Victor Viggiani

EXCERPTS FROM Disclosure Dialogue Vol 1 Edition 2

-Outreach into the fields of journalism, the main stream print media, pilot unions, the electronic media, government and the international theatre of aviation agencies and scientific organizations will be absolutely necessary in order to energize dialogue not simply to 'discuss' events within the UFO community itself but to motivate the community at large to want to know more about authentic ETI contact issues because it is in their interest to know.

- Essentially there must be a reliance on the ideal that the proper and judicious use of divergent yet reliable information generates the legitimate capacity to discern the truth from lies. The acceptance of high quality yet controversial information with a high level of strangeness attached to it is always difficult to transmit the general public.

-If successful, it will no longer be acceptable for any journalist nor person of science or political servant to ignore, ridicule or dismiss the information we possess.

Guidelines:

All are free to contribute in a positive and proactive manner.

If one wishes to contribute, the contribution should be proactive in nature, one that will enhance the ability of the entire UFO community to energize and animate Disclosure efforts in a collegial manner internationally.

By way of written guidelines this contributing editor will not respond to nor will the list moderator consider posting submissions that engage in name calling, critical personal recrimination, the use unethical or inappropriate standards of language or submissions that show disregard for basic journalistic integrity.

This does not rule out disagreement or constructive critical analysis but it does rule out negativism, political gamesmanship or an attitude that does not demonstrate respect for others' points of view or is not contributory to international efforts towards promoting Disclosure.

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Spirits Soar At Conclave On UFOs

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Subject: Spirits Soar At Conclave On UFOs

Source: The Seattle Times - Seattle Washington

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Monday, May 26, 2003
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Spirits Soar At Conclave On UFOs, Paranormal

By Jennifer Sullivan
Times Snohomish County bureau

Employees at the Radisson Hotel near Seattle-Tacoma International Airport have their own ghost stories.

A sudden gust of wind pushing a heavy chair across the lobby, visits from a longtime-but-now-dead guest, and maids hearing children giggling and running down the halls when no one is there.

All reasons for Ross Allison and his team of ghost experts to investigate.

Allison's group is among local and nationally renowned psychics, Bigfoot investigators and UFO experts at this weekend's Northwest UFO/Paranormal Conference at the Radisson.

For the past two years, Allison and other members of Amateur Ghost Hunters of Seattle, Tacoma _ AGHOST _ have hauled cameras, thermometers, motion sensors, magnetic-field sensors and barometers into homes, cemeteries, historical sites and businesses looking for paranormal activity.

Late Saturday night, nearly two dozen people, some from AGHOST and some curious onlookers, crept down the Radisson's halls. While ghosts were nowhere to be found, a ball of paranormal energy was spotted, Allison said.

"We're not ghostbusters. We don't try to get rid of the spirits," Allison said yesterday.

Unlike the characters in the hit film "Ghostbusters," Allison said his group's mission is to investigate paranormal activity and "collect evidence that ghosts exist."

Allison said it's rare to hear about ghosts being violent or mischievous. Most clients just want confirmation they are indeed being haunted. The investigations are free.

Since the group formed two years ago, it has investigated the Maltby Cemetery in Snohomish County, the Snohomish Library and the Kalakala ferry, as well as scores of private homes.

Matt Luker, assistant front-office manager of Radisson Hotel Sea-Tac Airport, said he has never seen ghosts wandering the halls but said members of the paranormal group were allowed to interview hotel staff in detail.

"I'm kind of a skeptic," Luker said.

More so, perhaps, than the 300 or so people who have attended the third annual paranormal conference since it started Friday.

Local psychics Skip and Sharon Leingang, psychokinetic expert Lyn Buchanan and Brazilian UFO expert A.J. Gevaerd are to speak today.

West Seattle resident Matt Crowley and his girlfriend, Dana Foss, chatted excitedly yesterday with Loren Coleman, a Maine-based cryptozoologist who has written articles and books on lake monsters, Bigfoot, giant snakes, Mothman and thunderbirds.

Crowley said his interest in Bigfoot and abominable snowmen developed when he was young. "I think I was interested because they were frightening," said Crowley, who attended last year's conference.

Jillian Schuyler of Eatonville wandered around trying to learn more about psychic abilities and UFOs. She said she saw a flier in Eatonville advertising the conference. "I'm just curious what would be here," Schuyler said.

Schuyler seemed disappointed when she heard the Leingangs wouldn't speak on "Talking with the Dead," until today.

The husband and wife run Psychic Spectrum in Federal Way, which has 12 psychics, a day spa and gift shop. They often work together when doing psychic readings and contacting the dead.

"Everybody thinks we paint a third eye on our foreheads and wear pointed hats," Skip Leingang laughed. "But we're trying to help people on their spiritual path."

Charlette LeFevre, a director of the Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group, said only about half as many people pre-registered for the event as did last year, but more are showing up at the door.

Crowds have been especially heavy for the UFO and Bigfoot presentations. LeFevre expects a high turnout for mythologist William Henry's lecture on Iraq's ancient history and mythology.

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'Signs' Of Alien Arrival? Or Just Buffalo On Range?

Monday, May 26, 2003

By Peter Hall
The Express-Times

L. Mt. Bethel Twp. -- When Lisa and Pete Andrews noticed odd patches of tall grass knocked down in a field next to their house, the first culprits that came to mind were little green men.

Although the Andrewses don't seriously believe their North Delaware Drive neighborhood was visited by creatures from another world, the damage has the couple, their neighbors and a National Weather Service meteorologist stumped.

"A herd of buffalo?" said weather service meteorologist Art Kraus when asked what could have caused the patterns.

The field is owned by a township farmer and planted with tall grass. It adjoins the Andrews' property.

Lisa Andrews said she and her husband were preparing to plant some apple and cherry saplings Sunday afternoon along their driveway when they noticed the 2-foot-tall grass lying flat in irregularly shaped patches throughout the field.

The stalks of grass were lying in the same north-to-south direction with stems bent close to the ground and matted together. About two dozen patches ranging in size from that of beach towel to about 100 feet across dotted the field.

There was no apparent pattern to the patches and no clue as to what had caused it.

No tire tracks or footprints could be seen leading into the field.

Most bewildering, Lisa Andrews said, was a large, flattened patch near the edge of the field. A narrow strip of the uncut grass stood in a straight line with the Andrews' neat lawn on one side and flattened grass on the other.

The damage wasn't there the night before, and Pete Andrews said he was awake most of the night and didn't hear or see anything unusual.

The field is a few dozen miles from the Bucks County setting of the Mel Gibson alien thriller movie "Signs." With that movie in mind, Lisa Andrews said she at first thought the patterns might be a type of crop circle.

In "Signs," extraterrestrials preparing to invade earth begin

leaving crop circles around the world to serve as signposts for their armada.

For years, crop circles have been a curiosity around the world, but mostly in southern England, where mysterious rings and geometric patterns began appearing in farm fields in the early 1970s.

Some believe the patterns are created by aliens, and paranormal investigators have recorded strange energy fields and unexplained balls of light in areas where circles have been found, according to "The Crop Circular," a crop circle research Web site.

Others say the circles are simply a prank pulled by people with too much time on their hands.

The Andrews looked to their neighbor, Phil Palmer, 19, who lives across the street.

Palmer denied any role in the appearance of the flat patches, but did say he and his father, who used to own the field, saw a similar flat spot in a crop there years ago.

He stood at the edge of the field as his pickup idled nearby, watching bemusedly as Lisa and Pete Andrews examined and photographed some of the spots.

Palmer said he thinks the patterns were caused by rain. He then drove away.

Meteorologist Kraus said wind-driven rain, intense wind or a downdraft from a thunderstorm could cause crops or tall grass to be knocked flat, but there wasn't any weather like that overnight Saturday and Sunday.

The highest wind recorded overnight at Lehigh Valley International Airport was 5 mph, Kraus said. And only light rain fell overnight, according to weather service records.

"It doesn't sound like it was really atmospheric or weather-caused," he said. "Sounds like it was more likely caused by people or animals."

Or maybe it really was little green men.

Reporter Peter Hall can be reached at 610-258-7171 or by e-mail at phall@express-times.com.

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If You're Reading This, The World Didn't End Last Thursday

by Timothy Quinn
New York - May 26, 2003

There will be no refunds on disposable toilet bags or emergency dental kits, so if you purchased these or other "family preparedness" supplies from The Survival Center, in the expectation that a mysterious planet or rogue sister star of our own Sun would wipe out 90% of the Earth's population this month, you'll have to simply chalk it up to a moment's paranoia: the sun is shining, the planet is blissfully unmolested and Britney Spears has no plans for repopulating a post-apocalyptic Earth with you anytime soon.

Planet X, or Nibiru as it's exotically known to believers in a cult of ancient Sumerian astrophysicists, remains a persistent myth based on an innocuous observational error now nearly a quarter-millennium old.

The error has to do with the orbits of the outer planets in our solar system, and is inarguably symptomatic of well practiced science: few discoveries circumvent the awkward evolution of initial mismeasurement into refined calculation and clarity, even if 14-point headlines and Hollywood dramatizations sometimes make it seem as if science is little more than the act of lighting a match in a dark room.

The mystery of Uranus, discovered in 1781 at the seeming cusp of our solar system, was no exception. In the years following its discovery, perturbations were noticed in its orbit that hinted at the gravitational tug of something not yet discovered in the void beyond.

A search was undertaken and an eighth planet found by the mid-nineteenth century, but while Neptune's influence helped explain some of the variations in its predecessor's path across the ecliptic, its mass was slightly larger than anticipated and left a small margin still unaccounted for.

Nearly a century passed before a ninth planet was discovered in 1930 and it seemed at last as if the issue of Uranus' anomalous orbit had been put firmly to bed - until it was established that Pluto was just a bit too small to balance out the orbits of the outer planets, and so the search continued for a further guiding hand at the edge of the solar system: an as yet undiscovered planet which had been fancifully dubbed Planet X and was certainly not out of place in the era of Flash Gordon, Buck Rogers of the Twenty-Fifth Century and Orson Welles' radio adaptation of The War of the Worlds.

It became clear in 1992 that there was nothing at all wrong with

the orbit of Uranus. NASA's Voyager 2 probe measured Neptune's mass on its way out of the solar system in 1989 and, once the numbers had been crunched, resolved the discrepancy once and for all by subtracting a problematic .5% and restoring harmony to the orbits of the outermost planets.

Although this would seem an appropriate occasion to turn the page and move onto any number of as yet unresolved issues in planetary astronomy, it turns out there's something strangely appealing about anticlimactic mysteries such as these to a small but persistent reactionary fringe of armchair cosmologists, conspiracy theorists and doomsday profiteers.

Unmoved by equally dire (if slightly more plausible) threats of nuclear escalation, antibiotic-resistant bacteria, near-Earth asteroids or neighborhood supernovae, the doomsday fringe prefer stories of a more baroque touch: alien invasions, planetary alignments, super-storms, apocalyptic computer viruses, Nazi flying saucers and secret CIA mind control experiments.

Undeterred by the embarrassing survival of the human race following the publication of such blanching paperbacks as Richard W. Noone's "5/5/2000 Ice: The Ultimate Disaster" and David S. Montaigne's "Nostradamus World War III 2002," doomsday prophets like Mark Hazelwood ("Blindsided: Planet X Passes in 2003") and Nancy Lieder (founder of the ZetaTalk cult) have breathed new life into the mysterious perturbations of Uranus' orbit as a smoking gun for Planet X, the furtive tenth planet or sister sun which was destined to have re-entered our solar system this month with satisfyingly cataclysmic results. The evidence for a distant rogue planet, according to writer and fringe researcher Zecharia Sitchin ("The Twelfth Planet"), can be found in ancient Sumerian tablets which seem to depict eleven planets circling a sun.

To make prophecy match modern interpretation, of course, revisionists like Sitchin have had to quietly count the Earth's moon as a "planet" and then, just for good measure, gone ahead and counted the sun as a planet too.

What Sitchin's jacket copy of "The Twelfth Planet" declines to mention is the fact that the Sumerians were also wrong about rather a lot. They believed that the sky was a great enclosed dome which contained the sun, the moon and the stars, for instance.

To therefore selectively interpret 6000-year old Sumerian creation myths as evidence that the Earth was seeded by aliens and their android thralls, as Sitchin advocate Jason Martell has been wont to do, seems - shall we say - a trifle disingenuous.

Doomsday prophets are not a recent phenomenon, and while one might argue that book royalties and the promise of late night talk show coverage motivates the modern apocalyptic seer, there's clearly something about the messianic act that appeals to certain personality types.

We'll never know whether Nostradamus would've been a hit at cocktail parties, but his present-day counterparts might lead one to believe that charisma, intellect and unthreatened open-mindedness are less likely attributes than an awkward unblinking paranoia when confronted by intellectual sophistication or irrefutable data.

To hear Sitchin mutter about alien astronauts in ancient Mesopotamia is to find oneself wishing he'd found a somewhat healthier outlet for his mania, like hanging around convention halls dressed as Mr. Spock.

Disquietingly, it seems not only as if hysterical superstition and messianic prophecy have survived the enlightenment, but may paradoxically be thriving in an age unprecedented for scientific discovery and public access to information.

The longevity of doomsday cults like ZetaTalk is, if nothing else, a strong indication that one of our fundamental assumptions about alternative science is wrong: as much as we might wish to believe that ignorance remains the firmament of exploitation, the twenty-first century's intellectual plague is a wealth of knowledge untempered by clear refutation.

The hoaxed moon landing movement is a particularly interesting example of the sort of pseudoscientific fearmongering that should've gone out of vogue with forensic phrenology.

Inspired by the provocative (and not unenjoyable) 1978 movie, "Capricorn One," in which budget-strapped NASA fakes a Mars mission and is forced to kill its own astronauts to keep the truth from the public, a fervid group of conspiracy theorists have embraced the notion that life mimics art (or vice versa) and aggressively promote the theory that NASA successfully faked the six Apollo landings - somehow doctoring data, forging photographs, dubbing radio transmissions and brainwashing or blackmailing thousands of aeronautics employees and subcontractors in what would have to be the biggest conspiracy since the Knights of Malta spirited away the Ark of the Covenant, kidnapped the Lindbergh baby and assassinated Kurt Cobain.

It's a testament to how pervasive the Apollo hoax theory has become in recent years that the Fox network aired a mortifying 1991 pseudodocumentary called "Conspiracy Theory: Did We Land on the Moon?" (not dissimilar to their previous efforts at provocative science, "Alien Autopsy: Fact or Fiction?" and "UFO's, The Best Evidence Ever Caught on Tape," both of which were revisited in dubiously self-serving fashion in "World's Greatest Hoaxes: Secrets Finally Revealed"); equally telling is the fact that a current Google search for "Apollo landings" is likely to result in at least one hoax-related website within the first cluster of ten results.

It's hard to imagine how the Apollo missions might have been more fully documented to provide indisputable proof of human presence on the moon. Anyone with an Internet connection can view archived photographs, read transcripts of recorded conversations between Houston and the lunar surface or order a commemorative DVD from Nova.

Conspiracy theorists counter this wealth of information with a level of logic not often found beyond the high sanitarium walls: a seeming absence of stars is attributed to clumsy set design rather than the limited sensitivity of NASA cameras, and the graceful bounding gait of astronauts traversing the moon's surface is apparently evidence of film run at half-speed through a projector rather than a near-weightless environment.

So why doesn't NASA simply set the record straight? After all, to paraphrase a cliché, if we can put a man on the moon can't we clearly explain how we got him there - and why a foley artist behind a blue-screen is a pretty unlikely explanation for perceived anomalies in the mission record? Concerned astronomers like Phil Plait have already attempted as much, yet NASA has chosen to take the high road, aborting an attempt to produce a book on spaceflight-related hoaxes by historian Jim Oberg when the media caught the scent of a potential cockfight.

Whether there's any relation between the space agency's perpetually beleaguered budget and a public perception of incompetence or conspiracy is certainly arguable, but there's little question that NASA holds claim to a smaller cut of the national imagination that it did a scant forty years ago - and a specific percentage of that mindspace is linked to lurid allegations of fraud. A low double-digit book contract seems a small price to pay for bringing home the swing vote.

As strategies go, the high road wasn't particularly effective with Roswell and doesn't seem to be working with Area 51 either. The Fox network's alien autopsy fiasco is a good indication that many people still think an alien spacecraft landed outside Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947 - rather than what was later identified as a military weather balloon, a mix-up which seems to have originated when William Brazel, the rancher who discovered the wreckage on his property, reported to the local sheriff that he had stumbled across what appeared to be "one of them flying saucers."

Likewise, Area 51 - a top-secret Air Force proving ground for experimental aircraft in the Great Basin Desert of Nevada - has acquired a persistent following of UFOlogists who believe this remote site to be the flashpoint for a pending alien invasion of the heartland.

Blame it on too many remakes of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers": instead of remembering that the original 1956 version had alien pods standing in for communists (or, in opposing interpretations, for McCarthyists), we choose to remember the alien pods as... holy mackerel, alien pods!

The intelligence community is at least partially to blame for this kind of literalist paranoia: reluctant denials and blacked-out memoranda are obviously a poor substitute for clear and open refutation.

Perhaps the most innocuous of pseudoscientific obfuscations is the Intelligent Design movement, a post-creationist anti-Darwinian ideology with a folksy media-friendly name intended to disguise an unflinching mandate to restore religion as part of the science curriculum in public schools.

Three quarters of a century after the paradigm-wrenching Scopes Monkey Trial, popular neocreationist advocates like Michael Behe ("Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution") and William Dembski ("Intelligent Design: The Bridge Between Science and Theology") are quick to point out that ID isn't your daddy's seven-day creation myth.

Intelligent Design rather rakishly acknowledges the process of natural selection as evidenced by a robust fossil record, but stops short of attributing humanity's emergence to a dispassionate assembly of amino acids on a fortuitously located planet circling an average main sequence star.

Behe, for example, argues that nature is filled with "irreducibly complex" systems like bacterial flagella (a form of cellular propulsion) which only function properly if several interrelated components somehow evolve simultaneously; he neglects to consider that there might be alternate evolutionary benefits to individual components, ignoring the fact that nature is filled with complex systems that reuse the successful bits and pieces of simpler organisms.

The fundamental flaws of Intelligent Design won't be found in bacteria, however - ultimately, ID posits the logical fallacy that if God cannot be disproved He must therefore exist, as well as the taxonomic fallacy that theology is a quantifiable scientific endeavor rather than mere philosophical theism.

What distinguishes the threat of Intelligent Design from prior creationist arguments is a shrewd use of popular science; like UFO fanatics or moon hoaxers, ID advocates sift through an abundance of data in fields as diverse as biochemistry, numerical analysis, behavioral psychology and cultural anthropology in search of superficial similarities to invariably vague theories of surreptitious determinism.

To the average layperson, evidence such as this - cautiously cast in the language of twenty-first century science - can seem to possess a thin veneer of respectability when unchallenged by informed refutation.

Either because of good manners or an unwillingness to compromise religious tolerance, Intelligent Design in particular has been spared the rigor of critical thinking in the popular media, with the notable exception of occasional articles in mainstream publications like the Skeptical Inquirer and Natural History magazine.

Whether confronting doomsday prophesy or alternative science, the popular media generally contribute to hysterical misperception by attempting to negotiate an inherent conflict of interest between responsible journalism and salacious hard copy.

"The Day the World Shuts Down" was Newsweek's 1998 attempt to objectively analyze the new millennium's Y2K crisis. A year later, CNN was "Bracing for Guerrilla Warfare in Cyberspace." Time Magazine lunged at us from another direction with its 2001 cover story "Summer of the Shark," drifting back into deeper waters with a 2002 cover story on "The Bible and the Apocalypse."

Blaming the media, however, is perhaps a little like blaming one's reflection for being overweight: we're all responsible for the information we choose to consume and the degree of personal

gullibility we're inclined to tolerate.

The average American's gullibility barometer couldn't help but have reacted to the 9/11 attacks on New York City and Washington, DC: just when we'd begun to adjust to the declining role of organized religion in our increasingly quantifiable lives, Islamic fundamentalism put the end of Western civilization back on the map.

Amid the resulting media frenzy of terrorist sleeper cells and potential rogue nations, the prophesied return of Planet X seemed a little less the stuff of science fiction and, to many, just one more reason to feel a bit jumpy on the way to the laundromat.

For the conspiratorial fringe, 9/11 was a goldmine of conflicting data, irretrievable evidence and easily exploited paranoia. Even after Islamic militants had been publicly identified on the flight rosters of hijacked planes, rumors abounded that it was the work of Zionists trying to polarize debate in the Israel-Palestine conflict, or wait, maybe the United States military did it to distract the American public from a struggling presidency.

For its part, the Bush administration showed little hesitancy in exploiting public opinion to mobilize American forces against Iraq, calmly marginalizing as na=EFve any arguments that an Iraqi / bin Laden connection were tenuous at best with the same smug unflappability favored by Roswell believers confronting a skeptical scientific community.

Sadly, conspiracy theory and reactionary militarism if unsuccessfully refuted both favor a wealth of conflicting information, lowering the bar for the paranoid and messianic: instead of insisting on unwavering belief, it seems all a modern seer need demand is that you believe in everything, even if only a little bit.

To date, the bulk of the scientific community has washed its hands of cult science, sufficing to roll back on its heels with an exasperated cry of, "Where does it end?" Surely there has to be a point past which it's simply not worth the effort of discrediting spurious claims or providing the deliberately uninformed and embarrassingly delusional with - in the words of one frustrated writer to Natural History magazine - "exactly what they desired: publicity in a mainstream scientific forum.

These advocates should be ostracized by the scientific community, just as we would ostracize someone who claims to be researching the natural behavior of wood nymphs and faeries."

As comfortable as most people may be drawing that line, it's clear that primetime network alien autopsies - or Time/CNN polls revealing that 65% of Americans believe clandestine alien contact was made in the forties - ought to suggest that the scientific community's boundaries of responsibility need to be redrawn for the information age.

To dismiss Roswell and Rael as particularly weedy offspring of a hopelessly Punchinelloed Flat Earth Society (which, at its height, had little more to work with than azimuthal cartography) somehow seems an arrogant attempt to have our cake and eat it too: popular paperbacks on cosmology and natural science come at a price, and that price is the authority we invest, foolishly or not, in unexamined science writ large.

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Poll Shows Asians Believe In Aliens

SINGAPORE (dpa) - Is there life in outer space? Many Asians think so according to results of a regional poll published in a Singapore newspaper on Thursday.

A survey conducted by Hong Kong-based cable TV channel Star Movies showed nine out of 10 people in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore believe aliens exist.

Ninety-eight per cent of the respondents in Taiwan said they believe there is life elsewhere in the universe, followed by 95 per cent in China, 94 per cent in Hong Kong, and 89 per cent in Singapore, according to the results published in The Straits Times.

The regional poll involved 83,000 people aged 18 and up.

At 49 per cent, those responding from Taiwan constituted the largest percentage believing or agreeing with the statement, "I can recognise an alien."

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

Skeptical Stuff Posted by Greg
Sunday, May 25 @ 13:52:20 CDT

Skeptical Inquirer magazine's July/August issue is out and about, and has a number of articles that TDG regulars might like to peruse. On their website:

<http://www.csicop.org/si/2001-11/i-files.html>

there are a few online articles available, including critiques of after-death proponents Gary Schwartz and John Edward, a review of a 'conspiracy conference', and a very interesting piece on magical thinking in alternative medicine. No doubt some of you might have something to say on these articles, so post away if you feel the need.

Sidenote: although both CSICOP and Skeptical Inquirer appear to feel that Edward is 'hustling the bereaved... deceiving them for crass personal gain'.....

I note that they promote links to his books at Amazon (both in Amazon advertisements and references to the articles) with their affiliate code included. This would tend to indicate that CSICOP themselves are knowingly promoting John Edward for financial gain - I hope that they are doing the ethical thing and giving those gains to charities involved with bereaved families.....

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British navy investigating nuclear sub collision in Arctic

London (AFP) May 26, 2003

The British Royal Navy has opened an investigation after a nuclear submarine collided with an object while underwater in the Arctic, the defense ministry said Monday.

No one was injured in the incident involving the submarine Tireless and there was no radioactive risk, a spokeswoman for the ministry said.

"She's going to Faslane (navy base in Scotland) for a full damage assessment," the spokeswoman said, without giving details on when the incident occurred and whether the object the sub collided with was an iceberg.

The vessel was "submerged and hit a free-floating object", she revealed.

"Why this happened is a matter for the board of inquiry. These submarines have electronic sensor equipment and sonar on board which help in sensing objects."

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Re: Baku Photo - Hatch

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>Date: Mon, 26 May 2003 00:42:32 -0500 (EST)
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: Baku Photo

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>>Date: Sat, 24 May 2003 23:37:51 +0200 (CEST)
>>Subject: Re: Baku UFO Picture 'Lifted'?

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>>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2003 01:19:09 -0500 (EST)
>>>Subject: Baku UFO Picture 'Lifted'?

>>>At the following link to an article about a UFO seen in
>>>Azerbaijan, that was seen by many people and captured on video,
>>>a photo of Ed's UFO is displayed.

<snip>

>No, it is not "an irrelevant issue." It was worth the effort to
>ascertain for certain that the UFO pictured was just a prop and
>not a UFO identical to the Gulf Breeze UFO allegedly
>photographed by Ed Walters.

>I know that the poorer publications especially do this quite
>frequently without labeling the photo thinking, I assume, that
>the average reader won't know the difference. The old "UFO
>Universe" mag was notorious for doing this.

>This same newspaper (Baku Today) also featured an article from a
>scientist who claimed that G. W. Bush allocated 3 billion
>dollars to UFO research after, according to one scientist, the
>Columbia was shot down by aliens for bringing weapons into space.

>Still, it was worth checking out the source of the photo, just
>in case.

Hello Chaz:

It looks like Baku Today maintains editorial standards similar
to the Weekly World News.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash - Stevenson

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>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

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>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 20:52:04 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>>Where in the world does the crazy idea originate that the alien
>>autopsy footage is the best evidence we have for ET visitation?
>>I have a whole chapter on it in my book TOP SECRET/MAJIC. My
>>conclusion is very negative and I am in the Fox film! And yes, I
>>met with Santilli twice etc etc. Except for Ed Gehrman, who else
>>on this List agrees with that viewpoint?

>>Ian, I surely wish you would be specific about who believes what
>>rather than filling us with your generalizations without
>>providing any evidence to support them or specifics as to just
>>who believes what...

>Believe me, Mr. Friedman, I have never believed wholeheartedly
>in the AA film - especially considering its background (or lack
>thereof). But considering the somewhat touchy state of things in
>Ufology regarding things that have yet to be proved or
>disproved, I thought it best to go with what seems to be the
>general consensus that since it hasn't been proven that it IS a
>fake, that it could very well be a dead alien. I don't
>personally believe that -- not even a little bit -- nor do I
>agree with that rather peculiar reasoning. When I said the AA
>film was our best evidence, I meant that, considering some
>photographs and films that alleged to show aliens (both dead and
>alive), the AA film is among the most widely known, most
>examined, and most controversial.

>My apologies for the miscommunication.

>Ian Rogers

Hello again Ian and List

For the 'Real Proof' - There is, of course, the ET severed
finger, the ET hair and the ET fingerprints from a mirror all of
which have been DNA profiled with extremely interesting results
indeed which seem to indicate some form of genetic engineering
by ET. Maybe these will convince you more so than the film which
I also find hard to believe, based on my analysis of a similar,
said to be, Gray ET introduced by a person nick-named Victor.

col

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Our 'Final Hour'

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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 May 2003 08:00:49 -0400
Subject: Our 'Final Hour'

Source: Popular Science Magazine

<http://www.popsci.com/popsci/science/article/0,12543,451647,00.html>

Great Britain's Astronomer Royal Sir Martin Rees on technology's "yuck factor".

Over the past three decades, astrophysicist Sir Martin Rees has gained international renown for tackling vexing questions about the mysterious birth and structure of the universe. In his sixth book, *Our Final Hour: The Threat to Humanity's Survival* (Basic Books; \$25/March 2003), Rees, a Royal Society research professor at Cambridge University, warns of rogue nano-machines, genetically engineered viruses and other evil spawns of advancing technology that may ultimately lead to the species' destruction.

Popular Science: In your book you predict that by the year 2020 bioterror or bioerror will lead to one million casualties in a single event. Why?

Martin Rees: Looking ahead, the great advances in biotechnology are bound to have a downside. It will be possible for thousands indeed, millions of people to acquire the technology to produce something that could cause that kind of disaster. And it only takes one person to cause catastrophe! It's incumbent on scientists to be very cautious.

PS: Armageddon is a very popular topic just now. As an astronomer, what's unique about your perspective?

MR: It's important to look beyond our planet and place Earth in a cosmic context. Earth may be the only place where conscious life has evolved, so what happens here is cosmically important: We could hold responsibility for spreading life throughout the cosmos. And this makes our responsibility in this century rather daunting, since this is a time in which we could either snuff ourselves out or spread life beyond Earth.

PS: Do you think life exists elsewhere in the universe?

MR: I haven't a clue. There are so many steps involved the right environment for life to begin, getting simple life started and so on. I genuinely don't know if the odds are one in 50 or one in a billion-billion.

PS: In your book you also suggest the possibility of a reemerging nuclear threat. Why?

MR: We've been lulled into a certain complacency about nuclear weapons because, obviously, the risk of a really massive exchange devastating Europe and America is much less than it was during the cold war. But the risk of the use of some nuclear weapons has actually gone up, especially in India, Pakistan and Korea. Indeed, I think American policies are going to continue to increase the risk. By developing advanced weapons, such as small nuclear bunkers, the United States is gaining the capability to enforce its will on any country that does not acquire its own nuclear deterrent.

PS: Is there a realistic way to protect scientific progress from being used for evil purposes?

MR: My concern is that with a much larger academic community and much greater commercial pressures, it's going to be more difficult to get a consensus on going slow in ethically problematic areas, like biotechnology and robotics. Scientists can't always predict the implications of their work, but they ought to encourage benevolent applications and warn against dangers. We have that responsibility.

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Re: Eight Fingered Aliens - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 May 2003 08:22:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Eight Fingered Aliens - Stevenson

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>Date: Thu, 22 May 2003 13:40:25 -0400
>Subject: Eight Fingered Aliens [was: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash]

>>From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 21 May 2003 20:05:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alleged Russian UFO Crash

>><snip

>>What we need are more and better hypothesis to test and
>>better methodology to test them.

>List, what we need is more evidence (yielding reliable data)
>around which to construct better hypotheses, and although Colin
>alleges he has regular contact with his abductors, he seems
>totally uninterested in getting any kind of real evidence,
>thereof. In fact, one might just get the idea that, deep-down
>within, he knows there could not be any evidence, and that at
>some level he realizes 'they' are figments of his imagination.

>So now, Listers, sorry, but I cannot resist:

>Colin, your statement that you were abducted by advanced beings
>with eight fingers makes no evolutionary sense! Such large
>numbers of digits began disappearing early in evolution of
>terrestrial life when things were emerging from the sea. In
>terrestrial (as contrasts with aquatic) vertebrate organisms,
>digits rather quickly reduced in number because once life got
>beyond the aquatic stage, such large numbers of digits were a
>hindrance rather than a help (as in swimming), and they tend
>toward non-survival rather than survival.

>You seem to allege that your abductors are bipedal and
>vertebrate. Well no matter on what planet life evolves, the
>basic laws of practicality would still be in force. If an
>organism can do take care of life's needs with less digits,
>unneeded digits recede. For bipedal organisms living in a
>gaseous (e.g., air) environment, I cannot think of any practical
>use for eight fingers - at least not mentionable on this List :)
>- other than to suppose your abductors have eight nostrils from
>which they need to simultaneously pick 'boogers' out of each! :)

>>Extraterrestrials are real and contact me very regularly.

>Hey, Colin! If you cannot manage a movie at least during the
>beginning of one of these frequent visits by those eight-digit
>evolutionary drop-outs, I suggest you at least ask them for some
>of those spare 'boogers' as hard evidence (complete with DNA),
>for which seeming cause they retain all those fingers to
>facilitate some as-yet-not-understood need for simultaneous
>eight-nostril 'booger' harvest. Perhaps they have a lot of nasal
>allergies! :)

>Give us a break (or at least get us a 'booger'), Colin!

>Heck! Failing that (if you're a little squeamish about picking

>up ET 'boogers' or if they don't really have eight nostrils),
>objective skeptics might let you off easily: We'd probably all
>like to see even just one single fingerprint from any one of
>those sixteen total fingers!

>Seriously, now, Colin, there must be at least one fingerprint
>around somewhere, if your visitors are not a figment of your
>imagination.

>How so?

>If their environment and (or) their manual tasks are so slippery
>that they need eight fingers on each hand to hold onto things,
>they surely have retained the kind of patterns that produce
>fingerprints, because the function of those patterns is both
>adhesive traction and to provide a sense of touch.

>When those evolutionary drop-outs get a professional manicure,
>it surely must get expensive! Or, do they just bite their nails
>(if they have any), perhaps out of nervous fear that one of
>their abductees or contactees will get one of their many
>fingerprints? :)

>Ray Stanford

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

Hello Ray and List

Thank you for your very accurate statements Ray but 8 Bogies are associated with railways and so can be dangerous therefore ET 'doesn't go there' for fear of injury :-) or maybe they did and lost their thumbs there. Blimey, I don't know !!

Maybe they are criminal ETs and had their thumb's cut off as punishment for stealing.

Thinking that there is a need to clarify on my statements made:-
The ETs (or not ETs depending upon your conspiracy theory) had 8 fingers during my abduction - yes I saw them and felt them as did the Stone Henge Security officer after me waiting at the side. We didn't know each other, by the way. Didn't have a camera to hand when abduction took place.

When ET 'contacts me regularly' they are not visible in the main, therefore a camera would not reveal them.

Are you in the habit of trying to photograph folk who ring you on the phone and if not then prove you are actually talking to someone - difficult, yes, without collaboration.

And yes other folk can sometimes hear them as well as myself sometimes many hundreds of yards away.

How do I know it's ET you say?

Well as said previously, I can't. And neither can I prove the existence of ET.

So what exactly are the points you make here? Is it that telepathy is unproven and you want me to prove it? Or do you want me to prove I have an ET implant through which I hear them? Or give you the thing ET left for me so it can be de bunked - that would be similar to being an Indian giver to me.

Anything can be something else logical if you put your mind to it.

col

Holding out great hope that someone will prove later what is said here.

BTW - Do your 'trifles' have cream on top? :-) if so then prove it my sending me one preferably horizontally and not vertically at speed in the direction of my face :-)

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Re: Rods Exposed - Stevenson

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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 May 2003 08:26:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Stevenson

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 03:08:27 +0200
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

<snip>

>>Dear Col:

>>Sheep? What about goats or the vegetable kingdom for that
>>matter. Is my lemon tree at any risk from rods?

>>Worried in Redwood City, CA

>>- Larry Hatch

Hi Larry

They arn't but you are if you eat them with dead rod residue on them.
Has anyone ever eaten spider's web's in great quantity do you know?
col

>Hello Colin,

>I had set your last message aside to write a response after I read
>today's messages. I am also am 9 hours later than Larry.

>Thanks Larry,

>I am sure you definitely have a need for such vital information.
>Soon

>I will back on that beautiful turf in that part of California.
>When I sold my mountain property at Last Chance the new owner
>decided to produce highly valued mohair from the ranch. He
>brought in a large herd of Mos, they produce prestigious award
>winning mohair. Each Mo is specially bred to produce a dozen
>sweaters at one time. Once they were able to eliminate knitting
>from the business plan we started reaping overabundant profits.
>I own part of them and I get a dividend each month. If rods are
>hazardous to Mos then the United States economy will head
>straight down, constantly tightening in its tailspin until it
>hits bottom.

>Larry, Mos are the number two product in the state, bringing in
>nearly as much income as growing marijuana. As a result of the
>Drug War many people are switching to Mos. Mo power to them!

>Colin, the onus is on you, the you that is making the claim that
>real flying "rods"are in a cave in New Mexico. Instead of
>writing the "lets dance around the May flowers" type of post,
>the onus is on you to provide the evidence that may suffice to
>prove your claim case.

>In plain English I am only representing my own views and to me
>it is time for you to put up or shut up. It is up to you to
>gather the evidence. If they are in a cave can't you pick up
>some of their bodies? Can't you catch any in a net? Are these
>somehow nonmaterial but magically show up on videotape? If you
>don't have any hard evidence and don't plan to gather such why

>don't you please admit so? And if you know what a rod would do
>to a Mo, let's hear it from you, rodsman.

>If you do not gather hard evidence to prove your assertions I
>suggest that you need to spend months of extended field research
>inside that cave in New Mexico. Certain indigenous mushrooms may
>aid your observation, as they do for local medicine men and
>Shamen. Back in the sixties we did that sort of thing with
>Shamen and peyote.

>Don't forget to always be ready with your net.

Hi Josh

Only a short answer here. Do you 'dip' your Mos as they do sheep? Research is still ongoing in regard to rods by myself and others. And - if a de bunk theory is proposed as truth it should be proven by those purporting it, not me. Can't afford the travel expense's myself to New Mexico but I can watch the local sheep very very closely :-)

In regard to putting up or shutting up, I don't agree with blind acceptance of the de bunk of anything and therefore will try to keep all avenues open unless proof is forthcoming as you do in regard to claims of knowledge of previously unknown things. The boot can fit on the other foot here and I insist it doe's. Pay me enough money and I will give you the research so far. Name me a price ? or I will publish when I'm ready to do so.

Re; Mushrooms. They are quite legal here too [UK] in natural form although they are not greatly enjoyed by myself. Try the French :-) Certainly don't eat Rods as these definitely are suspect as a culinary delight - although I believe they eat French frogs and snails, so maybe there is an opening for Rod sales... but there is also a big river there called the 'Seine' which I would rather not be 'in' :-)

col

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Re: 'Signs' Of Alien Arrival? - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 May 2003 08:31:52 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Signs' Of Alien Arrival? - Balaskas

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>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2003 13:55:36 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: 'Signs' Of Alien Arrival?

>Source: The Express-Times - New Jersey

>'Signs' Of Alien Arrival? Or Just Buffalo On Range?

>Monday, May 26, 2003

>By Peter Hall
>The Express-Times

>L. Mt. Bethel Twp. -- When Lisa and Pete Andrews noticed odd
>patches of tall grass knocked down in a field next to their
>house, the first culprits that came to mind were little green
>men.

>Although the Andrewses don't seriously believe their North
>Delaware Drive neighborhood was visited by creatures from
>another world, the damage has the couple, their neighbors and a
>National Weather Service meteorologist stumped.

>"A herd of buffalo?" said weather service meteorologist Art
>Kraus when asked what could have caused the patterns.

Hi everyone!

At the Ontario MUFON meeting in Toronto yesterday, one of the members who is very interested in crop circles and has closely studied this phenomenon to my surprise made reference to "sheep circles" during her presentation to us. One such mysterious and still not fully explained sheep circle is described in the web site below.

<http://www.swirlednews.com/article.asp?artID=429>

This UFO UpDates post about crop circles and a possible herd of buffalo reminded me of a true story about a herd of cows near St. Robert, Quebec on June 14, 1994. And yes, this story does have an ET connection. The farmer there was puzzled to see his cows out in the field standing in a circle staring at something in the middle. This something turned out to be the largest of several meteorites that had just fallen from the sky!

We know of many individuals and companies that can and do produce large outdoor graphics on one's property for a fee but does anyone know of other crop/animal circles like the story above which have a definite or proven ET/UFO connection? Another much larger natural circle also in Quebec, the 100 km. diameter Manicouagan ring lake (not really crater shaped), is so large it can easily be seen from space by astronauts - and ETs.

The St. Robert, Quebec meteorites have since been acquired by the Geological Survey of Canada and are now on public display in Ottawa. On an earlier visit to GSC with some suspected ET/UFO artifacts I brought along that I wanted tested there, I met with

Re: 'Signs' Of Alien Arrival? - Balaskas

Dr. Richard Herd, Curator of Canada's National Meteorite Museum. He was kind enough to personally show me the rest of their huge meteorite collection, including some specimens which he believed originated from the Moon and Mars. The museum is free and is open to the public on weekdays.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Abydos Helicopter - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 May 2003 08:33:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Abydos Helicopter - Aldrich

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>Date: Sun, 25 May 2003 01:15:48 -0700
>Subject: Abydos Helicopter

>You must have heard of the Abydos Helicopter. For a while it
>appeared that the case was debunked. Now, there is a counter-
>solution backed up by the science of geometry. It gives the
>Abydos scene legitimacy. An important sighting, and no need to
>fill out a questionnaire. You can experience it yourselves.

><http://www.geocities.com/jirimruzek/abyhelic.htm>

A helicopter on the temple at Abydos? Put there by whom? United Technologies, Inc. Or maybe it was the Greeks who put it up there and their secret writings were stolen by Da Vinci and later by Sikorsky.

My challenge at the time was for the advocates to explain how this stylized item was a helicopter. Did they understand the context of the position of the item which looked to them like a helicopter. So far the answers have been none.

Jiri, your site is having all kinds of trouble. I haven't been able to access it fully.

The work "debunker" is emotionally charged in ufology. However, for every debunker there are 50 bunk-generators. They work over time to produce a steady stream of bunk piled upon bunk and fertilized by high grade BS. I would say every decade since 1960 has seen bunk-generation increase by an order of magnitude. The universe, by many theories is thought to be expanding. Ufology will have to expand several time faster than the universe to encompass all the bunk that is being generated at the current rate.

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Re: Disclosure Dialogue #01-01 - Bassett

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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 May 2003 08:58:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Disclosure Dialogue #01-01 - Bassett

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>Date: Mon, 27 May 2003 08:22:23 -0400
>Subject: Disclosure Dialogue #01-01

>Disclosure Dialogue
>Vol I Edition 1
>May 2003

>Introduction:

>Based on the overwhelming mass of evidential material both
>within the UFO research community as well as within the
>sequestered data residing in government archives, Disclosure of
>an Extraterrestrial presence on planet Earth has become the
>ultimate Terrestrial Imperative for the human race as we
>discover ourselves, the universe and those who share it with us.

<snip>

Victor's thoughts and efforts, while perhaps extending more credit to me than deserved, are greatly appreciated. He raises the key questions at the heart of the "disclosure process."

The word "truth" does not appear in the three principal founding Constitutional Acts of Canada (1867, 1871 1982). In the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence, the word "truth" appears but once - in the plural in the Declaration:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The Bill of Rights would designate further rights to join these notable three, but the right to the truth is not among them. If Truth was in the minds of the founders, it was, as with Happiness, the right to "pursue" it, not the right to "have" it.

What the founding documents of Canada and the United States do provide (and the source of their great success) are the tools in which citizens can get the truth from their government, if they want it.

If a President lies too often and too well, impeach him. The same for judges. If a Senator or Congressperson lies and subverts the truth, vote them out of office. Demand appointees be dismissed. Demand the Congress conduct inquiries. Refuse to elect the liars and spin doctors. Use the press freedom under the 1st Amendment to investigate the hell of whatever needs investigating.

Or not.

Canadians and Americans have the right to pursue the truth, not to have it. In America only one citizen in four votes - only half register. The great media explosion is now being

consolidated in the hands of fewer and fewer owners. We are told it is good for business. It is also good for mitigating the scrutiny of a media explosion. Few are paying attention. The FCC vote to dramatically further this consolidation is only a few days away.

It is fully appropriate to state the public will not learn the truth of the extraterrestrial presence until the public demands the truth and not before. Why should it be otherwise? If an insufficient number of citizens in a relatively free country are not willing to invest enough time and resource to have a truth (or in the larger sense a truthful government), they will not have it. And the consequences will be what they will be. History is filled with such consequences. Canadians and Americans are not immune.

In reality, the circumstances of disclosure are such, the end of the "cover-up" is inevitable, not because a critical mass of citizens have finally massed behind a truth telling process, but because the cover-up is so large, so complex, has gone on so long, involves so many people - many going public with their knowledge - it is collapsing under its own weight.

But all truth telling (like glory) is fleeting. How long? How much? What objective?

It does not take a majority of citizens to speak truth to power and demand the same. Only a modest and determined minority is required.

If the most extraordinary information in the history of the human race is not sufficient to galvanize such a minority, what possibly could?

If the citizens of the free, first-world nations are willing to permit their futures be determined by policies based on lies, disinformation and fraud, what prospects does this century hold?

Based upon the low end estimates, if contactees/abductees/experiencers (forget the millions of interested public - the intriguées) each put \$100 in the pot, there would be tens of millions of dollars to press the government for the truth. Washington (Ottawa?) would be shaken to its foundation.

The activists and the researchers are burning out. It is a choice they made, but it is not an outcome which is required or desired. Their talent and good will is needed. Like the pursuit jets in the still relevant "Fail Safe," they run out of gas and fall into the sea. Waste.

There are many rooms in the mansion of government and even more lies. The extraterrestrial issue is the most powerful lever anyone living will ever have to open the door to the Secret Empire. The government of the United States (and Canada?) does not want that lever used. But, until such time as the Constitutional freedoms are gone, it remains a personal choice.

Thanks, Victor, for choosing to act.

Regards,

Stephen Bassett

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

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Kansas Crop Circles?

From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2@webtv.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 May 2003 09:02:23 -0400
Subject: Kansas Crop Circles?

Source: WIBW TV - Kansas

<http://www.wibw.com/home/headlines/351656.html>

Sunday, May 25, 2003

Crop Circles Appear in Southcentral Kansas

Crop circles have appeared all over the world in recent years. Now, one has turned up in Kansas. A Haysville family says they found one in their backyard.

Curtis Fletcher woke up Saturday morning to find what appears to be a crop circle in the wheat field next to his house. Similar crop formations have been found in fields just south of Viola and north of Conway Springs this weekend.

Meteorologists believe these circles were probably caused by strong winds and rain.

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