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- The CISU at CICAP Conference

UFOS AND "MAGIC PIEDMONT"

In bookstores is a new work entitled "Piemonte Magico" ("Magic Piedmont").

Its author is journalist Enrico Bassignana, who dedicates it to "Mysterious persons and places seen through the eyes of a skeptic". The book is published by Priuli & Verlucca as part of their collection "Books on Piedmontese Civilization and Culture" (160 pages, 16.50 Euro).

As you may expect, this one deals with a review spanning from ghosts to witches, from Nostradamus to Gustavo Rol, from spiritualists to Satanists, from the Damanhur community to practitioners of magic.

UFOS make their appearance in the last two chapters, with a discussion on sightings and the ill-famed Mount Musine, featuring interviews with Edoardo Russo, Gianni Settimo and Danilo Tacchino.

[Communication by Paolo Fiorino]

THE CISU AT CICAP CONFERENCE

UFOS will also have a part, if only incidentally, in the 8th Annual Conference of the CICAP (Italian Committee for Checking the Claims of Paranormal), held this year right in Turin from 6 to 8 June with the theme, "The Return of Magic? A Voyage into the Mystery between Fascination, Tradition and Risks".

The Italian Center for UFO Studies (CIUS) will indeed contribute a poster about Ufology in the poster section, at the faculty council room of the Turin Politecnic School, along with a discussion scheduled for Friday the 6th. Greater details will be forthcoming shortly.

[Collaboration by Stefano Bagnasco and Andrea Ferrero;  
[www.cicap.org/conference](http://www.cicap.org/conference)]

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## 'Maybe We Are The Martians'

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<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3050209.stm>

Friday, 30 May, 2003

As Europe and the United States prepare to launch missions to Mars, BBC News Online's Helen Briggs looks at our long-running fascination with the idea of Martian life.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have a grave announcement to make," said the newscaster. "Incredible as it may seem, strange beings who landed in New Jersey tonight are the vanguard of an invading army from Mars."

So goes the broadcast that sparked panic in pre-war America. There were tales of people hiding in cellars, clutching loaded guns, and thousands fleeing their homes.

The performance, on the eve of Halloween in 1938, was in fact a news-style adaptation of the HG Wells novel *The War Of The Worlds*.

The science fiction classic tells the story of a doomed race of hi-tech Martians landing in southern England to try to take over Earth.

There were, of course, no wriggling snake-like monsters emerging from spaceships that autumn day.

But the incident seeped into a corner of the human psyche that has long been fascinated by the idea of little green men from Mars.

God of War

Charles Cockell, a Mars biologist at the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridgeshire, UK, says it goes back long before telescopes.

"The fascination has been there for centuries," he says. "Ancients saw this thing that was slightly different in the sky - it appeared to wander across the sky and had a red colour."

In Assyria, Mars was known as the "shedder of blood" while the Vikings, Greeks and Romans called it the God of War. It is easy to imagine why the planet looked to ancient civilisations like a drop of blood in the sky.

We now know that Mars is red due to oxidised iron materials - rust - in the surface rocks. And its elliptical orbit means it is only close to Earth for a couple of months in any two-year stretch before swinging away again.

The advent of telescopes brought more myths about Mars. Italian astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli announced the discovery of "canali" (channels) on Mars in 1877.

It fuelled speculation that he had seen artificial canals built

by an intelligent civilisation, inspiring a host of science fiction books.

Barren wilderness

By the early 1960s, when a robotic space craft first visited Mars, the idea of some form of extra-terrestrial life had seeped into the human consciousness.

It came as a shock when the first close-up images of the planet revealed not lush vegetation but a barren, hostile wilderness.

Since then Mars has been visited by more space craft than any other planet providing a tantalising glimpse of a world that could once have had water, oceans and life.

However, the chances are that if there ever was primitive life on Mars, there will only be fossils left for space probes and future astronauts to discover.

But, as Bo Maxwell, of the UK branch of the Mars Society, puts it, the thought doesn't quell the human urge to explore.

"It's the very essence of mankind," he says. "Are we alone - is this all that we are?"

Many writers have dreamed of a day when Mars becomes our future - a place with water and sunlight where we can leave the Earth behind.

But there is another possibility, says Mark Adler of the US space agency (Nasa).

"Earth and Mars exchanged material in the early days when life was forming on Earth," says the deputy mission manager for the Mars Exploration rovers.

"Was Mars part of our past? Maybe we are the Martians."

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>>Date: Fri, 30 May 2003 13:12:33 -0400  
>>Subject: Sci-Fi Channel Broadcast Of 'Out Of The Blue'

>>[This is the text from a press release issued by the Sci-Fi  
>>Channel this week.]

>>May 27, 2003

>>Are We Alone?

>>SCI FI Channel Premieres Award-winning Documentary 'Out of the  
>>Blue,' Narrated by Peter Coyote, On June 24

>Might the premier date of June 24, 2003, have been chosen (at  
>least in part) because it is the 56th anniversary of Kenneth  
>Arnold's June 24, 1947 sighting?

That may be part of the reasoning, but it's also on Tuesday and  
part of their "Tuesday Declassified" series:

<http://www.scifi.com/onair/declassified/>

But this documentary is apparently much better than most of the  
programs they've been airing on that series.

As noted by another post, this documentary has been released for sale and  
you can find out additional information at:

<http://outoftheblue.tv/>

According to that site, James Fox, the Executive Producer of OUT  
OF THE BLUE, was interviewed on Strange Days. . .Indeed on  
February 22nd.

Steve

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>>>Date: Thu, 29 May 2003 12:07:01 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Disclosure Dialogue #01-01

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>>... and the first "Congreessional Briefing" event, sponsored by CSETI  
>>and Dr. Greer, caused all interest to dry up.

>There are two separate issues here:

>1. Some Listers who are long term researchers do not like things  
>Dr. Greer has done in his disclosure efforts.

>2. A group of former government and military employees held a  
>press conference describing what they knew about UFOs.

>\_Ignoring\_ issue #1 for the moment, can someone explain why a  
>group of former government and military employees describing  
>what they knew about UFOs "caused all interest to dry up"? It  
>would seem that this would "whet the appetite" of both the  
>public and Congress for more information. It would show Congress  
>that there are people in the know who are not afraid to testify.  
>\_Ignoring\_ issue #1.

>Eleanor White

There would be two separate issues if these two things had occurred independent of each other, but the only "press conference" that I'm aware of is the circus that Dr. Greer held here in Washington (and then took on tour). But let's ignore the first issue, as you suggest.

In order for testimony to be of value, it has to be accepted as true and factual, which in turn requires some sort of vetting (or preliminary verification). Many of the "former government and military employees" that had taken part in the Disclosure Project presentation were known to researchers prior to the event and their information was found to be flawed in some way. In some cases their alleged background couldn't be verified independently, and in others their statements were anecdotal and couldn't be backed up by independent evidence. That's not to say that some of the witnesses tweaked the interest of other researchers. But they proved to be difficult to contact outside of the Disclosure Project, so few (if any) were reached. A number of others have researched the witnesses, and many of these issues have been posted previously.



In regard to Congressional interest drying up, I believe this occurred long before the Disclosure Project event. The fact that politicians were distancing themselves from the genre was (IMO) caused in part by the first "briefing" sponsored by Dr. Greer and CSETI in the 90's. But I think the major factor related to the current political climate, and had nothing to do with failures on the part of those who would promote further investigation.

In a related discussion,

It's always been a very difficult task in trying to get Congressional attention, and it's all too easy to become labeled as part of the fringe by staffers who are dealing with crisis issues every day. If we had a major "flap" that was causing the public to demand answers, they would change their focus. But until then, issues like the economy, terrorism, and the Middle East that will take up most of their time.

When Congressional offices are flooded with letters, due to some letter writing campaign, they general a "canned" response and forward that out to all of the senders. This often has little impact and they are generally ignored. E-mail contact may not even generate any sort of response, and once again there is little evidence that a mass email campaign has any impact.

John is promoting the petition concept, which can be effective if you get enough signatures. But, a simple personal letter to your elected Representative is probably the most powerful tool one could use. However, if you intend to write such a letter, I'd make a couple of suggestions:

Firstly, don't send a letter to Senators and Congressmen that you can't vote for. It is actually against House rules for a Member to respond back to those who aren't in their District, and they are forwarded to your Representative anyway. They're overall goal is to satisfy a voter and get their support in the next election

Secondly, write a personal letter rather than send some sort of "canned" statement. A handwritten letter (as long as it can be read) shows that you took the time to write it and have a serious interest in the subject. A generic "typed" (or word processed) letter will likely result in a generic reply. Given the volume of mail each office gets, it's very easy for them to come up with a couple of dozen responses that fit just about any constituent comment or request. If your comments are somewhat unique, it forces the office to respond with a unique reply.

The problem with this sort of letter writing effort is that you won't see any sort of immediate change. It's not the fact that YOU wrote in about a subject, but the fact that all of your neighbors, their families and friends also wrote in about it that will gain their undivided attention. Like it or not, it's all about politics and power.

Steve

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>>Date: Tue, 27 May 2003 18:28:07 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>Now prove ET's are fakes -

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

>>Taken with IR camera in daylight. Various Listers asked me to  
>>get this photo so they could de bunk me. I'm glad I could oblige  
>>them at last after doing constant videoing for weeks.

>Do you jest? Or, is this an attempt to 'prove' the point that  
>imitation does not necessarily preclude the veracity of 'rods'  
>as a phenomenon of exotic origin? If that is the case, then  
>granted; even Amy's superb material does not totally rule out  
>the possibility that some images of a similar appearance do  
>actually represent a living species hitherto unknown to science.  
>However, taken in conjunction with all other factors, such as  
>the fact that a 'rod' has never been caught and examined, dead  
>or alive (as far as I'm aware!),

You are wrong here. Research is still ongoing.

>I think it's reasonable to  
>assume, on the balance of probabilities, that the case for rods  
>being a new species remains unproven.

Correct, because publishing has not yet been done and verified by  
anyone because most think they are fake. There are other reasons  
involving anthrax as the sample of a rod so far analysed indicates  
an anthracitic life form but this again is unproven as yet for various  
reasons, mainly due to contamination of the sample.

>I'd be more than happy to review any new evidence, should you be  
>able to produce anything such as, say, a 'rod'. As it stands,  
>Jose Escamilla et al have made extraordinary claims, backed up  
>not by extraordinary evidence but by images that are easily  
>replicated, such as shown by Amy Herbert.

Just because a rod can be imitated by insects does not mean they  
do not exist. When rods die they shrivel to an amorphous mass  
similar to a slime mold or like a long tenuous strand of spiders  
web. When sufficient proof is verifiable then it will be  
published.

>In respect to your "gray" image, I can only assume that this was  
>indeed intended to illustrate your point, and not an ET.

The point here is that I am not sure what it is, but it looks  
like a gray ET to me. It's easy to debunk things and say they  
are something logical and known.

Another point is that investigation of these types of thing are halted in their tracks by debunking, when all things strange and unknown should be investigated, in order to further mankind's knowledge - we stagnate with our present inadequate knowledge which does not explain everything. If we didn't investigate these types of thing then we would still be living on a Flat Earth at the center of the Universe !

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## Appeal Re. Upcoming NY Times Mag Article

From: Will Bueche <[willb3d@hotmail.com](mailto:willb3d@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 02:41:11 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 13:31:49 -0400  
Subject: Appeal Re. Upcoming NY Times Mag Article

Dear Autumn,

A man named Dave was kind enough to pass on to me your comments from the Consciousness and Contact mailing List, which I truly appreciated.

I wanted to say how thoughtful I thought your ideas were - your ideas of what may account for why experiencers who took part in Susan Clancy's study at Harvard, such as myself, had a higher error rate on the recall of thematically related words. I'd thought of the conceptual memory aspects before but not in the terms you did. I'm saving your e-mail.

I thought your ideas were insightful and I am so glad to know others care to consider their own ideas, rather than take what is presented to them in the press.

I am writing also with an urgent alert of something I think you or possibly others on the Consciousness and Contact List may be able to address. Would you pass this message on to them? Thank you if so.

(I am also cc'ing it to the UFO UpDates List which I am more familiar with).

Earlier this year a gifted writer for the New York Times Magazine, Bruce Grierson, visited Cambridge and interviewed many of the people who you saw interviewed in the Psych. Today piece - Susan Clancy and her partner at Harvard Medical School, Richard McNally - both of whom believe alien encounters are fantasies - and on the 'pro'-side of the story, Dr. John Mack, myself, and neutral-position people such as filmmaker Laurel Chiten, whose documentary film about experiencers, 'Touched', debuted at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts the week the reporter was visiting.

All in all, this New York Times Magazine visit was wonderful; the Times does indeed have some outstanding writers in its fold - I'm judging Grierson by his interview style, not by his written words, which I have of course not yet seen, and will not until the paper hits the newsstands.

However, that being said, we expect that many of the same criticisms that were leveled in the Psych. Today article will appear again in the Times. This is inevitable, since it can be expected that it will be quoting Susan Clancy extensively. The experiencers and the pro-side of the exploration will, I have no doubt, be cast as underdogs at best, as this is standard in the media. Though I am sure the New York Times Magazine piece will present this with good natured humor (given the writer's talent) as opposed to the mean spirit that Ms. Perina of Psychology Today did, we must all - and by all, I mean every one of us who cares about advancing the reasoned discussion and exploration of human experience - nonetheless be prepared for an inadequate article which will cast doubt on the experience of alien contact.

We must be ready to e-mail well-reasoned and succinct messages to the New York Times Magazine on the very Sunday when the

article is presented, if responses are to make it in to the next issue. They prefer e-mail, and they do not open file attachments - e-mails must be written as e-mails, not as attachments.

This is a call for the best writers among you, of which I'd count you Autumn, to consider preparing some thoughts for a letter now - based on the comments Clancy already made in Psychology Today - so that when the Times article is released on an up-coming Sunday, you can swiftly compose a thoughtful reply and send it by e-mail; a reply which the editors would find interesting and well-reasoned enough to consider publishing in the following week's issue.

What kind of mail does the New York Times Magazine print? Ones that reveal that readers have as excellent insights into the world as do their own reporters and the people they write about. Ones that are bright and say something the original article did not. Not to mention, mail that may still be understood even if one missed the previous week's issue to which the mail refers.

This would not be a time to complain about biases of Susan Clancy, and certainly not to complain about editorial choices which may give one side more favor than another. No one likes to read negative comments. No, this is a time for people to be ready to send mail that shows that they have appreciated the research they read about, but have used their own minds to consider what else the research may mean, and to consider the larger issues of what human experience is, what perception is, and what the search for meaning lends to life.

Please be aware I do not know what the article will say. No one can see an article before it is printed, so all I can go by is expectation based on who has been interviewed and what the slant of the piece was, and so forth. Most precisely, I do not know if the article will focus exclusively on Susan Clancy's "thematic word list experiment", or on Richard McNally's "physiology of memory" experiment, or both. As you may know, I've got differences of opinions on both of their tests... but I'm not one who can write a letter to the New York Times Magazine since I was interviewed for the article - though I do not expect I am in the final cut. They'd be looking for mail from the wider readership, not from those who were interviewed for the piece; I've already had my chance.

Does this List believe it can respond to this article with well reasoned and interesting letters? I am hoping it can. I believe it can.

I am attaching an excerpt from Autumn's recent message which may perhaps offer some inspiration to others. I'd also intended to attach 3 other comments from the UFO UpDates List but I do not seem to have the files with me today; they were about how holding images in memory as concepts rather than as rote words is not an error at all, but a way the mind is supposed to work, and some other observations which encouraged me - in having faith in other people's ability to discern for themselves what the ultimate truth may be - when I first saw the onslaught of negative press earlier this year when Clancy and McNally were talking to all the papers, promoting their negative opinions as if their two research studies - Clancy's "thematic word list" experiment and McNally's "physiology of memory" experiment - had justified the opinions - which it had not.

Remember it is best, for the purpose of mail for publication, to be succinct. Avoid tangents - "there are millions of UFO sightings" would be an example of a pointless tangent, since what I expect will be at issue in the article is not what aliens drive, but whether the mind itself is capable of perceiving events which may not be entirely ordinary, but are nonetheless interactions of some kind, and are likely not fantasies - or may be of great import even if they are.

Use your best judgement. Feel what is best to say and say it. Once you've seen the article that is.

Watch for the article in an upcoming New York Times Magazine - I do not know which Sunday it will appear - possibly next week, possibly the week after or the week after that. But it is coming, we know this for a fact because a photographer just came around to get portraits of the interviewees.



The excerpt from Autumn follows, and I'll see if I can find the other comments I mentioned (from the UFO UpDates List) soon.

Thank you for your time.

Will Bueche

----- Original Message -----

From: Autumn Drake  
To: Consciousness And Contact Mailing List  
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2003 3:06 PM  
Subject: [Consciousness And Contact]

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Posted to Consciousness And Contact  
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It all raises more questions than it answers. For instance, the inference that people who "remembered" words on memory tests that they had not been shown - but which were very similar in meaning (rather than appearance or sound) to words that were on the test - were simply over imaginative is overlooking other ways of viewing this tendency. "What if" they have an excellent ability to categorize and this ability causes them to remember types rather than specifics? "What if" they had a "deja vu" type reaction to seeing the words on the test because they had been exposed to them through stronger precognitive tendencies than the average test subjects? "What if" their enhanced imaginative emotional response to described situations is why they were chosen (by the "Visitors") in the first place - because this ability is a strong part of creating a future reality? Or "what if" they were assisted in developing this ability, for the same reason?

I could go on; but something has suddenly come up and I need to get off the computer for a bit. So, I'll send this now and we can continue the discussion later.

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## Re: Disclosure Dialogue #01-01 - Viggiani

From: Victor Viggiani <[zland@sympatico.ca](mailto:zland@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 10:30:55 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 14:01:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disclosure Dialogue #01-01 - Viggiani

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: 2003/05/31 Sat PM 06:02:37 EST  
>To: "- UFO UpDates Subscribers Too -":;  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Disclosure Dialogue #01-01 - Velez

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 02:03:47 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Disclosure Dialogue #01-01

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 30 May 2003 11:32:55 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Disclosure Dialogue #01-01

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>>I certainly wouldn't want to detract from the petition efforts  
>>that are underway, and it's certainly an effort that can help to  
>>bring people together in fighting the 'good fight'. You've named  
>>one witness that should be included in such hearings, and  
>>perhaps we should try to create a list. Given the weight of a  
>>good list of (pre-vetted) witnesses, we could proceed with  
>>approaching sympathetic Members who could support a probe.

>It would mean poaching Greer's disclosure project witnesses. I  
>don't have a problem with that. If good candidates could be  
>identified, they could be contacted and asked if they'd be  
>willing to participate.

>Has anyone taken the time to evaluate the witnesses in terms of  
>which ones present the strongest cases? John Callahan is one,  
>who else? Maybe Victor can be helpful here. He has made a  
>careful study of the witnesses and the testimony. Maybe he can  
>suggest a few good candidates that we can contact and start  
>with. Hey, I'm game if you are. Let's see what we can come up  
>with.

>Just an observation/opinion if I may:

>This is the kind of thing that Stephen Bassett 'should be' doing  
>and that CFI could pump well spent money and resources into.  
>And... I still say that we need to hear from John Alexander who  
>was a principle in trying to secure congressional hearings most  
>recently. We need to hear the story in it's entirety about how  
>far they had gotten and if there is still any possibility of  
>reviving those original negotiations.

>Victor? Are you following this? Can you chime in please? You  
>wanted to make something happen. Here's an opportunity to get  
>the ball rolling on a worthy project. Screw Greer. Who needs  
>him. My daddy always told me that if you want something done  
>'right,' you need to do it yourself. What do you say?

>Let's have a go at it Steve. I'll do what I can from this end.  
>We might end up surprising ourselves and coming up with a few  
>solid people/witnesses. Errol's 'Strange Days... Indeed' program  
>can be a bully pulpit if needed. We are not entirely without

>where with all or willing people.

John, Steven K. Stephen G. and List

Thank you for your cogent contributions. And yes John I am following... closely.

The purpose of Disclosure Dialogue is to develop ongoing discourse about Disclosure and the directions we need to take to make the information we have public and to have the government release the sequestered truth. While the avalanche of opinions has not as yet reached fever pitch, good progress is evident.

It is not the intention of Disclosure Dialogue to start from scratch but to build on the excellent initiatives like Stephen Bassett's Disclosure 2003 campaign and the UN Petition by John Velez. These must be affirmed and allowed to move forward. They represent the essence of Disclosure. Disclosure Dialogue is merely a venue to re-focus and extend substantive initiatives.

The ideas presented thus far give reason for great hope that the will to radicalize and propel government ETI disclosure is alive and well. I will continue to monitor and synthesize ideas and present them along with Disclosure Dialogue perspectives.

Congressional Hearings, re-approaching witnesses and media relations attempts appear to be viable efforts. I support this idea. It is my opinion that unless these witnesses have signed some kind of agreement or contract, their testimony so far is material that resides in the public domain. Impressions here?

As suggested below, I am willing to review my testimony files to draw up an outline of testimonial details and present them for consideration to the List. Since I was unable to bring all of my files with me to Australia I will have to access alternate sources to obtain testimony details. This will take a few days. My initial impressions are that Robert Jacobs, John Callahan, Carl Wolfe and Ret. Brigadier Gen. Lovekin are prime considerations. There are others.

It is my contention that the Airline Safety paper on the NIDS site is critical documentation. The general public and the Press are unaware of its potential impact. I am willing to pursue contact with NIDS or NARCAP to solicit their co-operation in presenting this paper in a public forum. I may need everyone's open support to obtain their contribution for public involvement. Does anyone have contacts at these organizations? Also, contact with pilot associations may be effective in determining the level of suppression of reports of UAP. Any takers here?

I remain cautiously sanguine about the discourse so far. In order to present unequivocal information we must develop a coherent plan that includes documentation that is unimpeachable and segmented into witness testimony, written documentation, FOIA enquires and other relevant areas open for discussion.

Many practical questions need discussion. Questions regarding how witnesses are contacted, in what forum or venue will they be engaged and ultimately practical questions of who does what, when and where are inevitable? How best approach the Press in the initial stages? What International aspects need consideration? Are we there yet or do we need time to hash this out also? I would imagine Stephen G. may have some ideas here.

The process of how the information is managed and presented is probably just as important as the type of information presented. The last thing we want is to run out of gas or implode from within. This is why a collegial approach to discourse, the creation of consensus and the formulation of a structure of procedure is needed. This sounds formal but it's not really; it's simply good management practice; anything this important requires the highest possible level of thinking and preparation.

This is not meant to throw cold water on the energy and ideas put forth to this point. It is an attempt to be circumspect and careful about our efforts to ensure everything we do is focused on the our objective of providing the best possible flow of information and the use of the collective wisdom we all know is out there.

I am just as eager and compelled as anyone to see this hit the Foreign Press, AP, the CBS Evening News or 60 Minutes for analysis and scrutiny. But the very last thing we need is to have the information disappear from the front page or become the fodder, which is wrapped in the previous day's newspaper because we were too hasty in assembling our case and its information.

The information must be compelling information that sticks... information the Press cannot let go of. This means we must call upon our best evidence, our best thinkers and achieve a collective clarity of thought unparalleled in researched media presentation. I believe we have to be that good in order to make an impression.

Now if others on the List would awaken to the notion and PAY ATTENTION to what is being attempted here there remains the chance ufologists will have a roll in proving what most of the world has suspected for a long time.

Please... let's keep talking, pursue the actions and ideas put forth thus far and encourage those who have valuable credentials and information to contribute.

Perhaps the discourse on the List will spill over onto the front pages of your local newspaper, the New York Times and all over the President's desk.

History is made in strange ways indeed.

Respectfully

Victor Viggiani

Addendum To Those Who Watch:

I am certain there are many out there who ask, "What the hell is this all about?" Well, quite simply it's all about making the most important event in history actually happen. Reading about it all on the List is a passive act. There are many out there who have yet to be heard from. Many have been actively involved in ufology for years and who have much to contribute, knowing full well the ultimate goal. There are also a few who have taken a stand. Taken the risk and steps towards this goal.

Where do you stand?

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## Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack - Johnson

From: Meryl Johnson <[merylspot@earthlink.net](mailto:merylspot@earthlink.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 13:49:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack - Johnson

>From: Will Bueche <[willb3d@hotmail.com](mailto:willb3d@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 30 May 2003 19:23:39 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>>Date: Fri, 30 May 2003 10:28:36 -0300  
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 30 May 2003 17:30:52 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack - Friedman

>><snip>

>>There are footprints..... I really don't expect they would leave  
>>care packages for earthlings or gold plated business cards.

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>>I for one would be totally astonished if a technologically  
>>advanced civilization did NOT have advancement in biology,  
>>telepathy, the world of the spirit, reincarnation etc. They  
>>would study aging and learn to control it and live a long time,  
>>have great computers and wisdom..

This is my first message to the List, although I've lurked here for years now. I'd like to point out, though, that the assumption we're dealing with something so vastly technologically advanced that we assign God-like powers to it is exactly that - an assumption. Perhaps they know things we don't, perhaps we know things they don't and maybe that's why they keep coming around?

>>The notion that they would only be concerned with advanced nuts  
>>and bolts technology seems absurd to me. Denial of 3-D reality  
>>in the physical trace cases seems equally absurd.

>Fair enough, and thank you for your acknowledgement that  
>escoteric concepts about the nature of the world are probably  
>not merely an idea unique to the human mind.

>But I have no need to "deny" the physical traces. There simply  
>aren't any. Not a single gram. Footprints aren't alien  
>artifacts. Pajamas put on backwards aren't alien artifacts.  
>Burnt earth isn't an alien artifact (though possibly some kind  
>of unique energy signature may be!). I'm trying to make the  
>distinction clear because if I did not make the distinction  
>clear I would be undercutting the very important and noble work  
>done by people like yourself and many others who have for  
>decades meticulously recorded and studied things which were  
>obviously affected by the "aliens" or their vehicles. And I do  
>not want to undercut that documentation, which has gone a long  
>way towards proving that all the history of strange flying craft  
>can't be chalked up to being advanced military planes from  
>today.

>What I am asking is to examine the expectation that because  
>something which was already here was affected by something, that  
>the alien "something" also is therefore as material as our  
>computers are.

>Here's what I'd argue: Are aliens so incredibly neat and precise  
>that in fifty years they have never accidentally left something,  
>anything at all, behind? That would stagger the mind, to even  
>conceive that neatness accounts for the entire absence of any  
>physical traces which are not simply things which are already  
>present which have been touched in some way.

>I'm not only complaining that the search for artifacts left  
>behind has been fruitless (though I think that fruitlessness is  
>why some of the general public disregards these efforts). I'd  
>also argue that despite our having populized nearly the entire  
>land of the earth, we've never run across an alien building  
>either. Never. Why? If they're materially here on earth, why  
>haven't we run across them?

>"They're in the sky," "they're deep underground," "they're under  
>the ocean," "they're in Antarctica" are all sound like the  
>plaintiff cries of people who want to be able to explain why  
>there's no physical trace of them, but can't. The common theme  
>is "they're somewhere else." Indeed. So look at that  
>commonality, and then look at the absence of physical remnants,  
>and consider that 2+2 might indeed equal 4.

<snip>

I'd like to suggest that we could be knee-deep in "alien artifacts" and never realize it. How would we recognize an alien artifact? Everything in the known universe is made of the same elements. To even begin to recognize something as genuinely "alien" we'd have to compare it to every known similar substance on this planet. Something physical and genuinely "alien" is simply not going to jump out and announce itself. There won't be any trace elements we don't have here somewhere, and other physical differences would be extremely subtle.

There are three mainstream interpretations of what's going on, each with its subsets and variations and we could argue forever about which is correct. (1) They're physically nuts-and-bolts "real." (2) They're somehow mystical/astral. (3) They're "all in the mind." Each of these interpretations has strong arguments and lots of data to support it, even the "all in the mind" theories, because the mind does play a large role in interpreting what it experiences. Perhaps the real question should be: What could possibly have characteristics that match all three interpretations?

Meryl Johnson

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## Sighting Over Chennai India

From: **Anish Naidu** <[chennaibluez@yahoo.com](mailto:chennaibluez@yahoo.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 14:25:31 -0400  
Subject: Sighting Over Chennai India

[Non-subscriber post]

Dear Friends,

To begin with I would like to throw some light on myself and my friend David. I am 27 and a management graduate (MBA). David is 30, and also a management graduate (MBA) & a networking engineer. We both have a great deal of interest in Science, Religions, Philosophy, World Affairs, etc.

This incident took place on the 19th of May 2003 when David and I had gone on one of our regular late evening visits to one of the most beautiful Chennai beaches - Valmiki Nagar Beach in Thiruvannmyur, Southern India.

The time was 9:45 PM. The beach was almost empty and pitch dark. We were lying on the sand, looking at a beautiful and partially cloudy night sky. We noticed a strange object, the exact shape of a 'Boomerang', flying West and inland, from the Bay of Bengal side to the East. It was flying at a great height and even at that height it was huge - really huge - and all we could see was the exact cloud-coloured frame of the huge boomerang-like object. It had no lights and was flying smoothly, fast, and with ease in between the clouds.

We saw it make two circuits, with a gap of 4 to 5 minutes and then disappear.

We have never seen anything like it ever in our lives. It was too high-tech and not the least bit like modern day spy aircraft used by the US and other developed countries.

It made no sound, it had no lights, it seemed to follow a course, flew with ease, was huge and not the least bit like the latest aircraft shown on the Discovery and Natural Geography channels.

Me and my friend are damn sure of one thing... what we saw was a UFO or something really supernatural. After seeing it, we believe that we aren't alone in this astronomically huge and infinite universe - we have company.

If interested, contact me for further details at:

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## Liars & Legends

From: **Royce J. Myers III - UFOWatchdog** <[ufowatchdog@msn.com](mailto:ufowatchdog@msn.com)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 10:06:40 -0700  
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## Mars Rover Area

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Subject: Mars Rover Area

Hi Listers

Thought you might like to take a look at an enlargement  
of the ET Mars Rover area at:

[http://ida.wr.usgs.gov/display/MGSC\\_1232/e17014/e1701475.img.jpg](http://ida.wr.usgs.gov/display/MGSC_1232/e17014/e1701475.img.jpg)

- a 458Kb picture

It has been given a little enhancement at:

<http://www.colsweb.com/rover.gif>

a 28Kb short download.

There appears to be a trail to the left of the rover and some  
destruction of the tree-type things.

Location of rover shown at:

<http://www.colsweb.com/marsrover.gif>

283Kb gif file.

Presently trying to ascertain some sizes and will send when  
calculated.

Also trying to ascertain if the data presented on the IDA pic.  
is accurate.

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## Earth Invasion Force Sets Sights On Mars

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June 1, 2003

By Michael Stroh  
Sun Staff

Mars, beware - the Earthlings are coming.

A sweeping scientific assault on the Red Planet will commence in coming weeks as an international flotilla of spacecraft blasts off to study Mars and scour it for signs of life.

If all survive - hardly a sure thing, given the planet's reputation as a graveyard for probes - four satellites and three ground-based robots will be sifting the planet for secrets by late January, the greatest concentration of scientific hardware ever assembled on another planet.

"It's going to look like a NASCAR race to Mars," says Philip Christensen, a planetary geologist at Arizona State University who is involved with one of the missions.

First off the pad will be a quirky, budget-built British robot scheduled for launch tomorrow in Kazakstan. Trailing its fumes will be a pair of NASA rovers departing separately from Cape Canaveral. Instrument-laden European and Japanese orbiters are also aiming to converge on the planet early next year.

The timing is no accident. Celestial mechanics are swinging Mars and Earth within 34.6 million miles of each other, closer than at any time in recorded history. For Mars-obsessed scientists, it's too good to pass up.

In addition, growing scientific evidence has led to renewed speculation that Martian soil is not as sterile as it seems.

"Mars is probably the most interesting object in the solar system, and for one reason: It's the most likely place to find evidence of life," says John Logsdon, director of the Space Policy Institute at George Washington University.

Of all the spacecraft that will be sailing toward the planet, the one with the greatest potential for a stunning payoff is Britain's Beagle II. Not since the Viking landers crunched down on the planet's sandy surface nearly 27 years ago has a spacecraft been designed to test so directly for signs of extraterrestrial organisms - dead or alive.

Named after the vessel Charles Darwin used to explore the South Seas, the \$60 million lander is scheduled to parachute down Christmas Day. On the ground, it will unfold four solar panels and a robotic paw that is to serve as a mobile laboratory. The lander will remain stationary while the paw does the work.

Although far less expensive than Viking, Beagle II's experiments are more sophisticated, says Raymond Arvidson, a former Viking

project scientist now at Washington University in St. Louis.

Viking's samples from the Martian surface showed dead rock. Only afterward did scientists realize that ultraviolet rays bombarding the planet could have destroyed evidence of life on the surface. Beagle II will bore into the soil and chew up rocks on the surface to retrieve samples unaffected by radiation.

Onboard spectrometers and other instruments will test the samples for chemical signs of life. One of the most important is the ratio between two isotopes of carbon, Carbon-12 and Carbon-13. On Earth, a higher concentration of Carbon-12 usually signals the presence of life.

#### Tantalizing signs

Most scientists think finding evidence of life is a long shot at best, but not as long as it once was. A pair of NASA orbiters now circling Mars have found tantalizing signs of frozen water a few feet below the surface in equatorial and polar regions. Water is one of the most important prerequisites for life - on Earth, at least.

In addition, scientists have discovered bacteria flourishing in some of the most inhospitable places on this planet, from hydrothermal vents on the ocean floor to subterranean rock. That tells them that the harsh conditions on Mars don't rule out life.

Beagle II, which weighs 73 pounds and is about the size of a backyard grill, is drawing attention not just for its scientific potential, but also for its quirky British pedigree.

Britain's most significant venture into space since, as one pundit cheekily put it, "James Bond went into orbit in Moonraker," the craft was cobbled together with funding from a variety of sources that included British universities, private corporations and even the national lottery.

"Imagine the audacity to say the first mission we're going to send anywhere is to Mars to look for life," says Christensen. "You've really got to give those guys credit."

NASA's rovers won't be looking for life, but for the water that could support it. Scheduled for launch June 8 and June 25, the buggies will bounce down to Mars' surface in cocoons of air bags, much like NASA's last successful Mars lander, the toy-like Sojourner rover.

#### Robot geologists

At 400 pounds, the latest vehicles look nothing like their predecessor, and they're designed to cover as much as 130 feet a day. "We're the monster truck of Mars rovers," says astronomer Steven Squyres of Cornell University, leader of the mission's science team.

Squyres, who calls the mission the "most aggressive" Mars junket ever, says the rovers are designed to act as robotic geologists. Over three months and an area the size of 10 football fields, they will use a panoramic camera, a microscopic imager, drill and three spectrometers to search for signs of water.

The first rover is headed toward Gusev Crater, a giant bowl south of the Martian equator that is thought to possibly be an ancient lake bed. The second buggy will bounce down at Sinus Meridiani, where NASA orbiters have spotted deposits of a gray mineral called hematite. On Earth, hematite is often formed in the presence of water, which makes the site especially tantalizing.

"It's like a chemical beacon visible from space that says: 'Water may have been here,'" says Squyres.

The British and American spacecraft will be joined by others. Beagle II will hitch a ride aboard the European Space Agency's Mars Express satellite, which is also designed to seek out sources of water.

The wayward Japanese orbiter Nozomi, launched in 1998, might also show up. Designed to study the Martian upper atmosphere, Nozomi was originally supposed to arrive four years ago. But it blew a thruster en route, so Japanese controllers parked the spacecraft in a solar orbit until the planets were more favorably aligned and it wouldn't have so far to travel.

The flotilla will join two NASA spacecraft, Mars Odyssey and Mars Global Surveyor, which are in orbit studying the planet's atmosphere.

The chances that all of the spacecraft will make the trip are grim. Just 13 of the 31 probes dispatched to the planet since 1960 have arrived intact. Fewer still survived long enough to carry out their missions. As a result, the planet has earned a reputation as the Bermuda Triangle of the solar system.

"It's gobbled up a lot of hardware," Squyres concedes. "But it also tends to draw more missions because it's such a tasty target."

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## Bonnybridge Photo Followup

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Subject: Bonnybridge Photo Followup

Hey List,

A short while back, I posted a request for a high-res file and info on a photo from Bonnybridge, Scotland. As a few people got back to me saying they were interested, here is the most useful link I found:

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/ufophysics/grangemouth.htm>

Regrettably, I do not have any more information on this photo than before, so if anyone knows anything about this case, I'd be very interested.

I'd also appreciate any opinions on the photo from people who have experience in photographic analysis.

The one aspect that really got me about the photo is the softness of the lights.

Thanks,

Chris Burns

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## STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

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Subject: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

Last night, May 31, Mark Carlotto and I discussed the STS-48 situation on 'Strange Days... Indeed'. (It was lots of fun. Thanks for having us on the program, Errol).

Mark brought up the subject of "sprites" viewed from orbit. Sprites are jets of plasma sometimes emitted vertically up into the stratosphere by electrical storms. I didn't get around to mentioning it during the program, but evidence of this phenomenon was gathered by the TV cameras aboard space shuttles during the 1990's for the "Mesoscale Lightning Experiment" or MLE for short. This is exactly why the TV camera was running when the seemingly anomalous objects appeared in the STS-48 video.

Mark suggested that the "projectiles" that appear in the video to shoot up rapidly from the Earth's surface might be sprites. In my opinion, that seems unlikely, because sprites are limited to altitudes of about 75 km maximum, and the "projectiles" in the video seemed to travel to far higher altitudes. The "prosaic" explanation is that they were ice particles clogging the rocket nozzle, violently expelled when the rocket fired.

But the issue of the projectile-like objects isn't the main reason I bring up the subject of the MLE here. It's because there is a connection between the MLE and the alleged time stamps, which are invalid as proven by the loss-of-signal event. But since the STS-48 video was taken as part of the MLE, a scientific experiment, and not just to get pretty pictures, I have always assumed that the time-stamp capability would certainly have been used, even if the time stamps on the video released by NASA aren't the real ones. Knowing the time at which images had been taken would have been critical to matching lightning phenomena observed from the shuttle to meteorological conditions in the atmosphere that were responsible for generating them. But it appears there were no time stamps at all on the video.

Thinking that there might be papers available on the MLE that would discuss how the times of imaged lightning displays were determined, I did a search for the name of an author mentioned on an MLE web page that I got from one of Oberg's articles. I found a very illuminating one at:

[http://thunder.msfc.nasa.gov/bookshelf/pubs/Obs\\_ligh\\_space.html](http://thunder.msfc.nasa.gov/bookshelf/pubs/Obs_ligh_space.html)

This paper does give some information on how the authors determined UTC, which means the same thing as Greenwich Mean Time. The paper says:

"We have identified 17 stratospheric discharges in the tens of hours of lightning video obtained during 1989-1991. Table 1 summaries a variety of statistics associated with each stratospheric flash. In Table 1, Time indicates the start time in UTC of the cloud flash associated with the stratospheric discharge. The UTC time of the event is obtained from a time window that is added in the TV studio. [!!!!] The time may vary from UTC by =B11 s."

The exclamation points are mine. Times derived from the space shuttle's master timing unit should be accurate to at least a millisecond, and perhaps to the microsecond. The authors would certainly not be limited to a one-second accuracy if they had had access to the precision time information provided by the master timing unit. They had to improvise, and the following paragraph on one of the imaged flashes gives a clue on how they might have done it:

"A single filament flash was observed on a moonless night from an isolated storm over the Pacific ocean (Fig. 1q). The horizon and airglow are hidden in this high contrast picture with only a horizontal band of noise pulses to mark the approximate location of the airglow layer above the horizon. A single lightning flash occurred while this storm was in the field-of-view of the shuttle. Although the observation time of the storm could not be precisely determined for this case because of the lack of light, the flash rate of this storm can be estimated at less than 1 flash per minute."

While not stated explicitly, I gather from this paragraph that the authors may have used a method very similar to the one I used that indicated that the times displayed on the video may have been off by several seconds (as described in my New Frontiers In Science article). Apparently, they derived the time of the flash events from the positions of stars or city lights in relation to the reference frame of the horizon or airglow layer, given the position of the spacecraft predicted by its orbital parameters. Without any points of reference, they couldn't determine the time of the event with much precision.

Had accurate time-keeping utilities existed, NASA certainly would have made them available to the scientists who conducted this experiment, one of whom was from NASA. What I suspect happened is that the capability for interleaving GMT with video telemetry was added several years after the STS-48 mission.

This is suggested by the images on this MLE web page:

<http://wwwghcc.msfc.nasa.gov/skeets.html>

Two images from shuttle missions in 1993 and 1994 do show time stamps. But images on the same web page from missions prior to 1993 do not. The STS-48 mission was in 1991. I had hoped that eventually, we would be able to get the real time stamps for the STS-48 video, but if even scientists working for NASA couldn't get them, it seems extremely unlikely they ever existed.

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- First Course on Ufology at Popular University Ends
- UFO Films Make Their TV Debut

FIRST COURSE ON UFOLOGY AT POPULAR UNIVERSITY ENDS

May 30 marks the end of what in all probability was the first actual course on Ufology to take place at a Popular University in Italy, held in Turin.

The course was led, for the whole 2002-03 Academic Year, by Danilo Tacchino, who along with his class was hosted in the rooms of the Physical Sciences and Mathematics Faculty of the University of Turin, for a run of approximately 30 lessons on "The True History of Flying Saucers."

The last lesson in the course was led by Edoardo Russo on "Techniques and Methodology for Interviewing Witnesses".

[Collaboration by Danilo Tacchino]

UFO FILMS MAKE THEIR TV DEBUT

Coinciding with the return to TV of Roberto Giacobbo, who transferred to Raidue the old format of "Stargate" with his new program "Voyager", the pay-TV platform of Tele+ Bianco is airing, beginning in the second half of May, the first TV broadcasts of some recent movie pictures having a UFO theme.

Debuting on the 18th was "K-Pax" (focusing on a psychiatric patient who maintains that he is an alien); next up on the 25th is "The Mothman Prophecies" (from with the same-titled UFO "cult"-diary of the ufologist John Keel); and waiting now in the wings is "Signs" (which connects the appearances of crop circles in fields with the beginning of an extraterrestrial invasion), the latter also debuting on video.

[Collaboration by Dario Giacometto]

Collaborators on this edition were:  
Dario Giacometto, Roberto Labanti,  
Gildo Persone' and Danilo Tacchino.

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## Re: Sci-Fi Channel To Broadcast 'Out Of The Blue'

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>>Subject: Sci-Fi Channel Broadcast Of 'Out Of The Blue'

>>[This is the text from a press release issued by the Sci-Fi  
>>Channel this week.]

>>May 27, 2003

>>Are We Alone?

>>SCI FI Channel Premieres Award-winning Documentary 'Out of the  
>>Blue,' Narrated by Peter Coyote, On June 24

>>Filmmakers James Fox, Tim Coleman and Boris Zubov take an  
>>explosive look at the legitimacy of the UFO phenomenon in the  
>>award-winning, feature-length documentary Out of the Blue. For  
>>the first time, high-ranking military and government personnel  
>>go on record saying that certain unidentified flying objects  
>>could in fact be of extraterrestrial origin. Narrated by Peter  
>>Coyote, Out of the Blue premieres Tuesday, June 24 @ 9 p.m.  
>>ET/PT exclusively on SCI FI Channel as part of its 'Tuesday  
>>Declassified' primetime block.

>Folks:

>I am a friend of Tim Coleman and have received, from him, a copy  
>of "Out Of The Blue" documentary. It is one of the best I have  
>ever watched, too. Fox, Coleman and Zubov did a great job and I  
>strongly recommend the video to anyone really interested in the  
>"whys" of the UFO phenomena.

I, too, have met Tim Coleman and he is a man on the move. He is  
working on several new proposals for the Sci-Fi Channel.

"Out of the Blue" did an excellent job on the Phoenix Lights.  
One of the prime witnesses, who is on this list, Mike Fortson  
was the one who described the large boomerang-shaped object that  
passed extremely close to his home in Chandler at the time. Mike  
should be invited to tell his story and how it got him involved  
in UFO research. Mike did not have a videocam at the time of  
his sighting on March 13, 1997, but has obtained one since and  
has subsequently videotaped other objects over Phoenix skies.

-Bill Hamilton

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JUSTICE DEPT BLOCKS RELEASE OF WEN HO LEE REPORT

The Justice Department Office of Professional Responsibility is refusing to release a new report on the Wen Ho Lee case despite earlier promises that it would be made public.

Wen Ho Lee was a Los Alamos scientist who became the object of frenzied allegations, uncritically reported in the press, that he had stolen the "crown jewels" of the U.S. nuclear weapons program and transferred them to China. Lee was indicted in December 1999 on 59 felony counts and held for nine months of pre-trial detention under particularly harsh conditions. In the end, the government was unable to sustain its nuclear espionage case, and Lee was convicted in September 2000 of one felony count involving computer security violations.

In an extraordinary turn of events, the judge hearing the case actually apologized to Lee and criticized the Justice Department and Energy Department officials who, he said, "have embarrassed our entire nation and each of us who is a citizen of it."

"Dr. Lee, I tell you with great sadness that I feel I was led astray last December by the Executive Branch of our government through its Department of Justice, by its Federal Bureau of Investigation and by its United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, who held the office at that time," said Judge James A. Parker at a September 13, 2000 hearing.

[http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/whl\\_plea\\_transcript.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/whl_plea_transcript.html)

In response to Judge Parker's rebuke and the larger controversy surrounding the case, the Justice Department initiated an investigation by its Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR).

The White House announced the OPR review at a September 22, 2000 press briefing and promised public accountability.

"The American public should look forward to an accounting there and I think that will be done," said White House press spokesman Joe Lockhart.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2000/09/wh092200.html>

The OPR report on the Wen Ho Lee case was finally completed this year. But contrary to official promises, the Justice Department indicated there would be no public accounting.



In response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act from the Federation of American Scientists, Marlene W. Wahowiak, assistant counsel for freedom of information at the Justice Department, wrote on May 29 that "I have determined that this report should be withheld in its entirety." She cited FOIA exemptions involving national security, personal privacy and law enforcement records. The denial of the request will be appealed.

#### ANOTHER LOOK AT THOSE IRAQI TRAILERS

President Bush hailed the discovery in Iraq of trailer-mounted biological agent production facilities as concrete evidence of a clandestine Iraqi biological weapons program. But the closer one looks at the Central Intelligence Agency report on the mobile facilities, the more ambiguous the case appears.

In its report last week, the CIA said that the mobile plants could only be used for illicit production of biological weapons.

"We have investigated what other industrial processes may require such equipment -- a fermentor, refrigeration, and a gas capture system -- and agree with the experts that BW agent production is the only consistent, logical purpose for these vehicles," the CIA report said.

But this seems to be an overly hasty conclusion.

"Mobile pilot plant fermentation facilities are not uncommon," observed chemist George C. Smith. In fact, they have a sufficient number of conventional applications, he noted, that they are commercially marketed. One such mobile fermentor is described here:

<http://www.johnmorris.com.au/html/NewBrunswick/bioflow5000.htm>

The CIA report said the Iraqi plant design could be specifically identified as a banned weapons system because of its device for capturing exhaust gases: "The capability of the system to capture and compress exhaust gases produced during fermentation is not required for legitimate biological processes and strongly indicates attempts to conceal production activity."

But that's not necessarily so either, said Smith, a senior fellow at GlobalSecurity.org.

Thus, a design for a mobile bioreactor that is used to decontaminate soil at the U.S. Department of Energy Savannah River site features an optional "noxious gas adsorber" that has nothing to do with biological weapons production. See the schematic diagram on this page:

<http://www.wpi.org/Initiatives/2002/20020603.asp>

"Perhaps the CIA analysts are correct when they claim the fermentors in Iraq are part of a biological weapons program," Dr. Smith said. But "a vapor trap is no smoking gun indicating the labs must be for bioweapons production."

Furthermore, "it is not that difficult to think of legitimate reasons for the generation and uses of microbial products in Iraq." He cited the production of *Bacillus thuringiensis* for pest control as one illustrative hypothesis.

In short, the CIA report does not conclusively prove the case that it asserts.

Nevertheless, President Bush said last week that the mobile production facilities were unambiguously intended for biological weapons.

"For those who say we haven't found the banned manufacturing devices or banned weapons, they're wrong. We found them," Bush said May 30, referring to the trailers.

#### DEFECTORS MAY SUE CIA

In a remarkable reinterpretation of the legal framework

governing the Central Intelligence Agency's relations with persons who have defected to the United States, a federal appeals panel of judges ruled last week that two purported defectors are entitled to sue the CIA for compensation allegedly owed them.

The CIA had contended that a civil war-era case known as *Totten v. United States* barred any such suit. The *Totten* doctrine, which lies near the root of the "state secrets" privilege, has previously been invoked to preclude litigation by espionage agents claiming breach of contract.

But the court found that the case should proceed, at least for now, notwithstanding *Totten*.

"We should not precipitously close the courthouse doors to colorable claims of the denial of constitutional rights," according to the May 29 ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

A vigorous dissent from one member of the appeals panel argued that the court had no authority to reinterpret *Totten*. The 55 page ruling includes dense technical discussion on the laws of state secrets, with some quotable asides, such as:

"Although a district court must almost always defer to the government's evaluation of what constitutes a state secret and why, a district court cannot simply rubber stamp the government's conclusions."

A copy of the appeals court ruling in *Doe v. Tenet*, which was first reported in the Los Angeles Times on May 30, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/doe052903.pdf>

#### IG REPORT ON SEPTEMBER 11 DETAINEES

A report by the Department of Justice Inspector General on "The September 11 Detainees: A Review of the Treatment of Aliens Held on Immigration Charges in Connection with the Investigation of the September 11 Attacks" was released last week. A copy of the 239 page report, dated April 2003, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/oig/detainees.pdf>

See also this June 2 Justice Department press release:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/06/detainees.html>

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## UFO Research At Grampians

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<http://the.standard.net.au/articles/2003/06/02/1054406109738.html>

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UFO sightings around the Grampians National Park will be the subject of a new documentary.

A group of investigators from the Victorian section of the Australian UFO Research Network will compile the footage with the aim of attracting an international TV market.

The members plan to spend as long as six nights during June staking out sites in the Grampians.

Spokesman Jason Groves, of Warrnambool, said that during the past three years there had been many reports of strange lights from in and around the Grampians.

"Last October, a group of us from the Victorian section of the Australian UFO Research Network went on an expedition to the area," he said.

"One of the members had gone up there a few days before and managed to get some footage of the lights.

"Sadly, the one night that we all decided to go up there, the area was covered in fog."

The reports have continued.

"There have been a few more reports and last month I contacted a distribution company in England because we plan to make a doco about the expedition," Mr Groves said.

The 10 members of the Warrnambool and Melbourne units will focus their cameras on the Lake Wartook area.

The group hopes to market the documentary to European television stations and will also seek to publicise their findings on Australian TV.

Network members are seeking help from people who may have seen unusual lights.

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## UFOs Active Over Caspian Sea

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Subject: UFOs Active Over Caspian Sea

Source: Baku Today - Azerbaijan

<http://www.bakutoday.net/view.php?d=3D4749>

02/06/2003

As Baku Today already reported last month, on May 19 at 17:00 the inhabitants of Baku witnessed an unusual flying object in the sky. 02/06/2003 03:12 Baku Today

By Emin Allahverdiyev

It did not look like a plane or other type of vehicle. It appeared right in the center of the city. According to witnesses, the flying object was "hanging" in the sky for over two hours, it was white and stretched.

Never before had alien flying objects appear at such an early time and never before were they observed with by so many people.

This appearance of the UFO had a great impact on the city and rumors began to spread all over. Some of these rumors say that it was not a UFO, but something else - but what exactly, nobody could tell.

The head of the space seismology sector and member-correspondent of International energy-informational academy for the UN, Fuad Gasimov, commented on this recently in a local newspaper. Mr. Gasimov confirmed the fact, that the flying object that appeared in the sky on May 19 was truly an apparatus from another planet. "This fact is not surprising. For a long period of time, all facts about UFO's were being denied," he said. "As usual, they were denied at the authoritative level, by famous scientists, who, by the way, were not scientists in fields relating ufology."

According to Mr. Gasimov, all data concerning UFO's were kept secret by the country, over which they appeared. In spite of that, it's hard to conceal the obvious. By 1969 American scientists had published the "Blue book", in which they maintain that the civilization on earth is not the only civilization. Many facts, proving the existence of alien civilizations were espoused in the book. During Soviet times, there existed a special organization for UFO research under the direction of the famous cosmonaut Popovich. A lot of rumors spread about the activity of that organization. The results of the research, as well as facts about UFOs, were labeled "top secret" -- this disappointed the cosmonaut. As the result, Popovich refused to cooperate further with the organization.

"Today it's not a secret that the USA and other countries have special hangars, where they keep downed UFOs. Americans using modern technology, now have unique knowledge and are keeping it secret," Mr. Gasimov says. UFO specialists suggest that Azerbaijan create special hangars and begin research on our own.

"Currently, it is known that there are three alien bases on Azerbaijan territory," Mr. Gasimov continues. It is also known that in 1999 a UFO fell in the Caspian Sea. At that time, Iran,

Russia and the U.S. were arguing over who would get the remains of the object for research purposes. In the end, the alien ship was transferred to Russia.

"This happened because Azerbaijan didn't have the resources to hide the ship," he said. Hangars in the U.S. today are housing up to 120 UFOs. Leading the research efforts are the famous scientists, Edward Teller (the creator of the hydrogen bomb for the U.S.) and Bob Laser (engineering specialist). A group of ufologists are working along side them in the secret hangar-cities.

Question is, what do the UFOs look like and from what are they made? Fuad Gasimov responded that the shapes and sizes vary from tiny to 300 km in length. Usually such giant ships are called "mother ships", inside of which you can find a number of smaller multi-functional flying devices. The material is kept secret. It's impossible for an ordinary man to get into the alien bases, because of the powerful gravitational fields surrounding them. A UFO, based of the bottom of the Caspian Sea, is "charging" from its tectonic structure. UFOs have the ability to teleport- to disappear in the moment of need.

"That's why the residents of Baku thought that after hanging in the air for the two hours, the UFO went back into space," Mr. Gasimov said. "In reality, due to their hyper-speed capabilities, teleportation took place." The aliens can attain speeds exceeding that of the speed of light and can cover distances of hundreds of light years in a few days. After Fuad Gasimov reported that bodies of aliens were found in the ship, the obvious next question was -- what do they look like?

Gasimov said that a few species were found. For example, some aliens were short, with extended vast eyes, and were dressed in silver-colored suits. Other types of aliens were also discovered. They resemble Anglo-Saxons- tall, with light eyes and hair.

Also Gasimov said that worldwide, up to 1 million people are kidnapped annually. In Azerbaijan alone, the number of people kidnapped is 184. Their names and the places from which they were kidnapped are known. Why are they kidnapping earthlings? Mr. Gasimov thinks that they are researching - it is only known that all of the people kidnapped are younger than 35.

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 07:52:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 23:15:33 -0500  
>Subject: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

>Thinking that there might be papers available on the MLE that  
>would discuss how the times of imaged lightning displays were  
>determined, I did a search for the name of an author mentioned  
>on an MLE web page that I got from one of Oberg's articles.

I'm gratified that Mr. Fleming regards such names as 'experts',  
and I'll make a connection between these Fleming-acknowledged  
experts and the prosaic hypothesis:

The following is from the Larry King transcript that Don Ecker  
shared with us recently. The '4th caller' whose name is  
phonetically guessed at here ("Bond") is really Otha Vaughan,  
the world's leading shuttle-based sprite observation expert  
and the principal investigator of the MLE shuttle experiment,  
which captured the video on STS-48 under dispute.

I merely ask Mr. Fleming to look at Vaughan's opinion of  
the prosaic hypothesis, first offered by NASA in response  
to a congressional letter (i.e., not "my" theory), and  
subsequently elaborated and buttressed by my research.

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.

JimO narration returns: So... Mr. Fleming? Is Vaughan really the  
expert after all, if he agrees with the prosaic hypothesis? Or  
are YOU a greater expert than they guy who designed and  
conducted the experiment that you selectively quote from to  
support YOUR view?

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 23:15:33 -0500  
>Subject: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

>Mark suggested that the "projectiles" that appear in the video  
>to shoot up rapidly from the Earth's surface might be sprites...  
>The  
>"prosaic" explanation is that they were ice particles clogging  
>the rocket nozzle, violently expelled when the rocket fired.

I don't recall anyone ever suggesting this and I challenge Fleming to provide documentation that anyone ever did. My theory was that they were loose particles near the thruster that got entrained in the plume. I would agree that the best explanation of their origin was that they did come off a thruster, but it's impossible to determine which one.

>I have always assumed that the time-stamp capability would  
>certainly have been used....

>But it appears there were no time stamps at all...

>Times derived from the space shuttle's master timing unit  
>should be accurate ..

>The authors would certainly not be limited to a one-second  
>accuracy if ...

>They had to improvise...

>...the following paragraph ...gives a clue

>I gather from this paragraph that the authors may have used  
>a method very similar to the one I used ...

>Apparently, they derived the time of the flash events ...

>Had accurate time-keeping utilities existed, NASA certainly  
>would have made them available ....

>This is suggested by the images ...

Fleming's imagination is still getting in the way of his understanding what is really going on, especially in light of his continuing unwillingness to actually track down and talk to anybody involved in this process. Instead he takes the 'safe' way of using his imagination, and then preserving it against reality by refusing to expose his interpretations to any experts.

>I had hoped that eventually, we would be able to get  
>the real time stamps for the STS-48 video, but if  
>even scientists working for NASA couldn't  
>get them, it seems extremely unlikely they ever existed.

On the other hand, the real time stamps may exist and have been always available (my theory, based on study, experience, and discussion with experts), and Fleming refuses to accept this

because the timing data disproves his preferred interpretation of the video. Hard evidence fails to fit favored theory? Easy solution: bend or break the evidence.

Fleming should go to the original witnesses instead of continuing to insist he's sure they will lie to him, so he's too smart to fall into that trap.

-- Jim Oberg

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 08:12:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

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>Subject: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

>Last night, May 31, Mark Carlotto and I discussed the STS-48  
>situation on 'Strange Days... Indeed'. (It was lots of fun.  
>Thanks for having us on the program, Errol).

I'm sorry I missed it, and hope there's a chance to hear an audio file of the discussion.

My interest would be to see if Mark ever got around to discussing some of the questions I raised in my posting here on May 23, such as:

1. 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?
2. 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?
3. Do you agree that all sudden changes in direction of ALL particles in view only Y occurred in the one-second interval allegedly coincident with the thruster firing?

-- Jim Oberg

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## Re: Rods Exposed - Bright

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 08:16:34 -0400  
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>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

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>>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>a 'rod' has never been caught and examined, dead  
>>or alive (as far as I'm aware!),

>You are wrong here. Research is still ongoing.

Where is the research taking place, Colin? Who is conducting it?  
What is the nature of the sample being tested? What specific  
tests are taking place? How are they being carried out?

>>I think it's reasonable to assume, on the balance of  
>>probabilities, that the case for rods being a new species  
>>remains unproven.

>There are other reasons involving anthrax as the sample of a  
>rod so far analysed indicates an anthratic life form but this  
>again is unproven as yet for various reasons, mainly due to  
>contamination of the sample.

Again, would you please provide specific details of this  
research?

>Just because a rod can be imitated by insects does not mean they  
>do not exist.

Correct, that would not be a logical assumption to make.  
However, it would also be unreasonable to assume that they do  
exist in the absence of any clear evidence. The photographic and  
video evidence does not constitute clear evidence, due to the  
fact that it has been proven that images of insects can  
appear identical to those of so-called 'rods'.

The burden is on those making the extraordinary claim to prove  
their case. Photographic images or video footage alone does not  
constitute proof.

>When rods die they shrivel to an amorphous mass  
>similar to a slime mold or like a long tenuous strand of spiders  
>web. When sufficient proof is verifiable then it will be  
>published.

Until such time as that 'proof' becomes available for scrutiny,  
I'm afraid your statement carries about as much weight as a pea  
on the moon.

>The point here is that I am not sure what it is, but it looks  
>like a gray ET to me. It's easy to debunk things and say they  
>are something logical and known.

It's also easy to claim things to be that which they are not.

>If we didn't investigate  
>these types of thing then we would still be living on a Flat  
>Earth at the center of the Universe !

There is a big difference between conducting scholarly, evidence based research and making extraordinary, unsubstantiated claims. I'm glad to see that you're not claiming that your "gray" image is an ET, but that it appears to you to resemble such. That's a very important distinction to make. However, if you were to claim that the image was an ET, then the burden of proof would naturally be placed entirely on you. You would need to substantiate the claim with proof that supports your hypothesis. The image alone would obviously not come anywhere near to accomplishing this requirement.

I will look forward to viewing your 'rods' research Colin, if and when it should become available,

All the best,

Dan

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## Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup - Stanford

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 08:18:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup - Stanford

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>Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 19:23:40 EDT  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Bonnybridge Photo Followup

>Hey List,

>A short while back, I posted a request for a high-res file and  
>info on a photo from Bonnybridge, Scotland. As a few people got  
>back to me saying they were interested, here is the most useful  
>link I found:

><http://homepage.ntlworld.com/ufophysics/grangemouth.htm>

>Regrettably, I do not have any more information on this photo  
>than before, so if anyone knows anything about this case, I'd be  
>very interested.

I strongly suspect this is a fake photo made in the following way: The photographer seems to have taken a pane of glass that has been shot (pocked) with a bb gun or else maybe a pellet gun, held it up to the sky with a light source or two off to the side (whether the sun or and/or an artificial source I do not know), defocused the pane of glass slightly, and taken the photo.

Presto! A 'UFO photo' that will make those with a will to believe almost anything gawk and see all kinds of pseudoscientific evidence of propulsion physics in it (as seen in that web page if one scrolls down), despite the fact that they must immediately realize its close resemblance to a bb or pellet pock on a glass pane!

Notice that the two alleged 'witnesses' seem to have been known only by fake names, initially. Experience has taught me that persons who submit 'UFO photos' under fake names are usually submitting fake photos.

Frankly, the photo seems a rather transparent hoax, pun intended. :)

Ray Stanford

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

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## Re: UFO Research At Grampians - Stanford

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<snip>

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>their cameras on the Lake Wartook area.

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>stations and will also seek to publicise their findings on  
>Australian TV.

If the group tries to market mere images of lights in the night to the media without some of those images having been made by a spectrographic camera and revealing types of light other than what one might expect from conventional aircraft, lights of balloons, ground lights, etc., then they continue to add to the pile of useless speculation that gives 'UFO studies' a sleazy reputation in most media and scientific circles.

It might sound (judging just by the words of the referenced article) as though their interest is money (and maybe media attention and 'fame') and not really science. Of course the writer may not have presented an accurate picture of the group's motivation.

But if they go into the field without ability to obtain light spectra, then I say they are at best 'UFO buffs' and less than scientific. Truthfully, I feel like using stronger words!

We've had about 56 years of that kind of nonsense, and it is high time the guys and gals out there start trying to do some UFO science and quit playing fruitless games!

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>"What we need at this point is to find more people who may have  
>seen the lights but have not reported them," Mr Groves said.

They seek more 'tales told in the night' for a media special to be marketed in Europe?! Ridiculous! Honesty, we have enough of those. They should seek some scientific definition of the light sources, at the very least.

'Ufology' should either 'put up or shut up'. The battle for scientific credibility (and, with it, ultimately, media credibility) will not be won by merely more videos of lights in the night, or anecdotes of lights in the night, described from memory.

Ray Stanford

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

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## Re: UFO Research At Grampians - Harrison

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 08:45:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Research At Grampians - Harrison

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>Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2003 15:39:13 -0300  
>Subject: UFO Research At Grampians  
  
>Source: The Standard - Australia  
  
><http://the.standard.net.au/articles/2003/06/02/1054406109738.html>  
  
>June 2, 2003

Dear Readers

I am the National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network My name is Diane Harrison - some of you on the List may know me.

The information contained in the article is incorrect.

It was been brought to my attention, this morning, that comments have made by a club member of the Victorian branch of AUFORN - Mr Jason Grove - to a newspaper called 'The Standard', said to have been made on behalf of AUFORN.

Jason's comments were made without official permission from AUFORN and without the prior knowledge of George Simpson AUFORN's state director for Victoria.

Jason is an AUFORN club member only with no official position within AUFORN as an investigator, nor is his club, Warrnambool Dark Matter Investigations, affiliated with AUFORN.

I would like to put a few facts forward and set the record straight in relation to the comments made by Jason Groves, said to be on behalf of The Australian UFO Research Network.

Please read on.....

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>UFO sightings around the Grampians National Park will be the subject of a new documentary.

This is an unknown documentary to AUFORN

>A group of investigators from the Victorian section of the Australian UFO Research Network will compile the footage with the aim of attracting an international TV market.

AUFORN is a research Network and does not seek any international TV marketing in relation to the Grampian footage taken, as it has not been proven if the Grampian phenomena is related to UFOs or it is just a natural occurrence caused by deep subterranean earth quakes?

A more scientific investigation is needed in this area before any concrete explanation or conclusion can be reached.

>The members plan to spend as long as six nights during June  
>staking out sites in the Grampians.

An unknown stakeout which has not been discussed or approved by AUFORN or the Victorian state director George Simpson.

>Spokesman Jason Groves, of Warrnambool, said that during the  
>past three years there had been many reports of strange lights  
>from in and around the Grampians.

Jason is not a spokesman for AUFORN. However he can speak on behalf of his own organisation 'Warrnambool Dark Matter Investigations'.

This is information re. light is correct. There have been many reports of strange lights, but as yet not proven to be UFO related.

>"Last October, a group of us from the Victorian section of the  
>Australian UFO Research Network went on an expedition to the  
>area," he said.

This is correct the Victorian group did spend a night in the Grampian National Park area and saw nothing.

>"One of the members had gone up there a few days before and  
>managed to get some footage of the lights.

Unknown footage yet to be seen by AUFORN.

>"Sadly, the one night that we all decided to go up there, the  
>area was covered in fog."

Correct

>The reports have continued.

>"There have been a few more reports and last month I contacted a  
>distribution company in England because we plan to make a doco  
>about the expedition," Mr Groves said.

AUFORN does not plan to make a documentary about the expedition and did not ask Mr J Groves to contact any distribution company on our behalf. The information below, and AUFORN's involvement in such a venture is totally incorrect and has not been sanctioned by my self, Diane Harrison National director The Australian UFO Research Network.

>The 10 members of the Warrnambool and Melbourne units will focus  
>their cameras on the Lake Wartook area.

>The group hopes to market the documentary to European television  
>stations and will also seek to publicise their findings on  
>Australian TV.

>Network members are seeking help from people who may have seen  
>unusual lights.

>"What we need at this point is to find more people who may have  
>seen the lights but have not reported them," Mr Groves said.

We all understand how enthusiasm for the subject can drive a young guy to do say many things without thinking. However when using the name of an organisation one should ask if this is okay first.

Anyone wishing to report a UFO in the area in question can contact AUFORN at 1800 77 22 88.

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Regards Diane Harrison

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
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## Some Web Chat Ideas Are Out of This World

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Source: The Washington Post

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Some Web Chat Ideas Are Out of This World

By Dana Milbank  
Tuesday, June 3, 2003; Page A21

A milestone in human civilization was reached yesterday afternoon with hardly any notice: The U.S. government made contact with an extraterrestrial.

The space creature, one King Bloop Zod of planet Mars, sent an e-mail to the White House Web site in hopes of communicating with earthling Mel R. Martinez, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who was holding a Web chat. Their historic exchange follows.

King from Mars writes:

Greetings Mr. Secretary. Although there are no humans on Mars at present, I would like to invite the human race to consider Mars as an ideal location for a vacation home or just a place to get away from it all. Would you consider offering incentives to those who might want to build a home on Mars? I'll tell you, it is a beautiful place and oh, let me tell you, there is nothing like Autumn on Mars. And please don't tell me that you are looking at Venus first. Kindly,

King Bloop Zod, Mars

Mel Martinez:

Dear King,

Your problem is one that does not appear to be housing. I think you are doing great at promoting tourism but affordable housing in America is more of my concern. Good luck in your endeavors.

The HUD secretary's polite rebuff of the Martian is but one of the fascinating developments unearthed by the White House Web site's new "Ask the White House" series of Web chats, 11 of which have been held in the past six weeks. Among other things, we have learned that White House chef Walter Scheib thinks it's okay to have red wine with fish, that White House counsel Alberto R. Gonzales likes the Houston Astros and that Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton admires Paula Abdul.

The White House began the online discussions as a way for administration officials to communicate directly with the public -- cutting out those pesky journalists who act as filters. The resulting exchanges are a blend of the frivolous, the revelatory and, often, the saccharine.

It is rare, for example, that you will hear, on the evening news, a sound bite like this from Gonzales: "The President is a remarkable person. It is hard to be around the President and not learn, just by watching and listening."

Or this view of Bush from White House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card Jr.: "He's guided by ethics and faith and a belief in the American people."

Then there was the question last week from "John from Rocky Mount," which sounded as if it had been planted by Bush's budget director, Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. John wanted to know how much his family of four earning \$41,000 would save with the tax cut. Treasury Secretary John W. Snow said their taxes would drop 96 percent, from \$1,178 to \$45. Turns out that's the same example Bush used that same day in signing the legislation. Coincidence, said White House Web chat coordinator Jimmy Orr, who called the question "absolutely legit."

Other observations at [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov) come from Texas ("The president has shown the world what a good leader he is and has surrounded himself with a wonderful cabinet") and Illinois ("Thank you for creating such an innovative dialogue opportunity for all citizens.").

Sometimes the unfiltered exchanges produce big news, as when Card offered his opinion that Saddam Hussein is dead. And not all questions are soft. Gonzales accepted a question asking why it matters if two or three judicial nominees don't get approved if "over 120 already have been." Norton was challenged on an initiative that "will benefit the forest industry but not the forest."

And it cannot be disputed that the Web chats have exposed the administration to questioning that has been missing from your typical news briefing. From Terry of Huntsville to Scheib: "Baked Alaska? Who likes that? I say MORE PIE! Thoughts?" From Fred of Flint, Mich., to Scheib: "If you were having a hot dog, what would you put on it -- Ketchup? Mustard? Relish?"

From Rich, of New York City, to Gonzales: "Could you and Miguel Estrada take Chuck Schumer and Ted Kennedy in a tag team wrestling match? Could tag team wrestling be a compromise to the gridlock which has kept so many nominees in limbo?"

"It just tells you that people are interested in different parts of the news," said Orr, suggesting a lesson for the media. "Some people are interested in age-old baked Alaska versus pie debate. Some people are interested in hypothetical wrestling matches. It's not only what's on front pages of newspapers that people are interested in."

Occasionally, the administration officials join in the fun. When Snow was asked what currency he would like his face on, he said it would be the \$500 bill. "It has the least circulation. That way I wouldn't have to see myself too often." Then, Snow typed in "lol" -- the e-mail abbreviation for "laughing out loud" used routinely by the young and hip. For the sixtyish former corporate titan, it must have been as natural as talking to King Bloop Zed.

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## Re: UFOs Active Over Caspian Sea - Hatch

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Subject: Re: UFOs Active Over Caspian Sea - Hatch

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2003 15:42:18 -0300  
>Subject: UFOs Active Over Caspian Sea

>Source: Baku Today - Azerbaijan

><http://www.bakutoday.net/view.php?d=3D4749>

>02/06/2003

>As Baku Today already reported last month, on May 19 at 17:00  
>the inhabitants of Baku witnessed an unusual flying object in  
>the sky. 02/06/2003 03:12 Baku Today

>By Emin Allahverdiyev

>It did not look like a plane or other type of vehicle. It  
>appeared right in the center of the city. According to  
>witnesses, the flying object was "hanging" in the sky for over  
>two hours, it was white and stretched.

>Never before had alien flying objects appear at such an early  
>time and never before were they observed with by so many people.

>This appearance of the UFO had a great impact on the city and  
>rumors began to spread all over. Some of these rumors say that  
>it was not a UFO, but something else - but what exactly, nobody  
>could tell.

>The head of the space seismology sector and member-correspondent  
>of International energy-informational academy for the UN, Fuad  
>Gasimov, commented on this recently in a local newspaper. Mr.  
>Gasimov confirmed the fact, that the flying object that appeared  
>in the sky on May 19 was truly an apparatus from another planet.  
>"This fact is not surprising. For a long period of time, all  
>facts about UFO's were being denied," he said. "As usual, they  
>were denied at the authoritative level, by famous scientists,  
>who, by the way, were not scientists in fields relating  
>ufology."

>According to Mr. Gasimov, all data concerning UFO's were kept  
>secret by the country, over which they appeared. In spite of  
>that, it's hard to conceal the obvious. By 1969 American  
>scientists had published the "Blue book", in which they maintain  
>that the civilization on earth is not the only civilization.  
>Many facts, proving the existence of alien civilizations were  
>espoused in the book. During Soviet times, there existed a  
>special organization for UFO research under the direction of the  
>famous cosmonaut Popovich. A lot of rumors spread about the  
>activity of that organization. The results of the research, as  
>well as facts about UFOs, were labeled "top secret" -- this  
>disappointed the cosmonaut. As the result, Popovich refused to  
>cooperate further with the organization.

>"Today it's not a secret that the USA and other countries have  
>special hangars, where they keep downed UFOs. Americans using  
>modern technology, now have unique knowledge and are keeping it  
>secret," Mr. Gasimov says. UFO specialists suggest that

>Azerbaijan create special hangars and begin research on our own.

>"Currently, it is known that there are three alien bases on  
>Azerbaijan territory," Mr. Gasimov continues. It is also known  
>that in 1999 a UFO fell in the Caspian Sea. At that time, Iran,  
>Russia and the U.S. were arguing over who would get the remains  
>of the object for research purposes. In the end, the alien ship  
>was transferred to Russia.

>"This happened because Azerbaijan didn't have the resources to  
>hide the ship," he said. Hangars in the U.S. today are housing  
>up to 120 UFOs. Leading the research efforts are the famous  
>scientists, Edward Teller (the creator of the hydrogen bomb for  
>the U.S.) and Bob Laser (engineering specialist). A group of  
>ufologists are working along side them in the secret hangar-  
>cities.

>Question is, what do the UFOs look like and from what are they  
>made? Fuad Gasimov responded that the shapes and sizes vary from  
>tiny to 300 km in length. Usually such giant ships are called  
>"mother ships", inside of which you can find a number of smaller  
>multi-functional flying devices. The material is kept secret.  
>It's impossible for an ordinary man to get into the alien bases,  
>because of the powerful gravitational fields surrounding them. A  
>UFO, based of the bottom of the Caspian Sea, is "charging" from  
>its tectonic structure. UFOs have the ability to teleport- to  
>disappear in the moment of need.

>"That's why the residents of Baku thought that after hanging in  
>the air for the two hours, the UFO went back into space," Mr.  
>Gasimov said. "In reality, due to their hyper-speed  
>capabilities, teleportation took place." The aliens can attain  
>speeds exceeding that of the speed of light and can cover  
>distances of hundreds of light years in a few days. After Fuad  
>Gasimov reported that bodies of aliens were found in the ship,  
>the obvious next question was -- what do they look like?

>Gasimov said that a few species were found. For example, some  
>aliens were short, with extended vast eyes, and were dressed in  
>silver-colored suits. Other types of aliens were also  
>discovered. They resemble Anglo-Saxons- tall, with light eyes  
>and hair.

>Also Gasimov said that worldwide, up to 1 million people are  
>kidnapped annually. In Azerbaijan alone, the number of people  
>kidnapped is 184. Their names and the places from which they  
>were kidnapped are known. Why are they kidnapping earthlings?  
>Mr. Gasimov thinks that they are researching - it is only known  
>that all of the people kidnapped are younger than 35.

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Gawd what a load.

All that verbiage, what the object does not look like,  
nowhere does the article say what it did look like.

2 hours over town? How about a balloon.

I see the authority quoted here, one Fuad Gasimov, is a "Space  
Seismologist". Never heard of that. I want to see a space  
seismograph. I'd like to be the fly on the wall when they chart  
earthquakes in space.

>"Currently, it is known that there are three alien bases  
>on Azerbaijan territory," Mr. Gasimov continues.

Well if anyone should know, its an expert on Space Seismology.

Who writes this stuff? Oh yeah, it says right up top. Its Emin  
Allahverdiyev of Baku Today. Didn't we hear from that paper  
recently? I think I made a comparison to the Weekly World News.  
The WWN is funnier (space aliens pushing JFK's wheelchair etc.)  
There's little risk of being taken in unless you are (well,  
never mind.)

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Connors

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 09:18:33 -0400  
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>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2003 15:06:14 -0500  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

<snip>

>My theory was that they were loose particles near the thruster  
>that got entrained in the plume. I would agree that the best  
>explanation of their origin was that they did come off a  
>thruster, but it's impossible to determine which one.

Mr. Oberg. Mr. Fleming doesn't want your theory. He wants a straight forward answer as to why the Time Stamp is out of sequence? Simple question and an extremely important one...could you give him a straight answer instead of the dog and pony show? The audience is waiting. Curious minds desire to know. If you want Lan Fleming to talk to the "experts," please direct him to the top dog who determines why Time Stamping sequencing should be out of order, but considered in order and everything is perfect.

Wendy Connors  
Back Seat Viewer

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 13:46:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Fleming

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>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2003 15:06:14 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 07:58:38 -0400  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 23:15:33 -0500  
>>Subject: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

>Fleming's imagination is still getting in the way of his  
>understanding what is really going on, especially in light of  
>his continuing unwillingness to actually track down and talk to  
>anybody involved in this process. Instead he takes the 'safe'  
>way of using his imagination, and then preserving it against  
>reality by refusing to expose his interpretations to any  
>experts.

Well, Oberg is supposed to be an expert, but so far all we've gotten from him is dissembling, evasions, appeals to authority, and insults. Sadly, I'm afraid we won't get any better from other such experts, except perhaps under oath in the presence of an attorney from the Justice Department.

>On the other hand, the real time stamps may exist and have been  
>always available (my theory, based on study, experience, and  
>discussion with experts), and Fleming refuses to accept this  
>because the timing data disproves his preferred interpretation  
>of the video. Hard evidence fails to fit favored theory? Easy  
>solution: bend or break the evidence.

Um, the evidence was already "broken" before I ever knew about it.

This was proven by

(1) the loss of signal sequence in the STS-48 video where the time stamps don't line up in any reasonable way with either the loss of signal or the re-acquisition of the signal.

<http://www.vgl.org/imview.htm>

and

(2) the paper on the Mesoscale Lightning Experiment where it was disclosed the time stamps on shuttle videos and that the time couldn't be precisely determined without lights in the scene.

[http://thunder.msfc.nasa.gov/bookshelf/pubs/Obs\\_ligh\\_space.html](http://thunder.msfc.nasa.gov/bookshelf/pubs/Obs_ligh_space.html)

I'm repeating myself here, but it seems that Mr. Oberg's strategy is to run away from the facts as fast as he can and hope that everyone will forget about them. He needs to be reminded occasionally - as he will be over the coming years, I'm sure.

I wonder who did "break" the evidence and what role Mr. Oberg played in it, besides being the promoter of the broken theories that depend on people believing in the broken evidence. I'm sure that Mr. Oberg, being a bigshot in "skeptic" circles, doesn't

believe in ghosts. But I think he's going to be haunted by his false claims about the STS-48 video for many years to come.

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## Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup - Hale

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 13:50:16 -0400  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2003 17:40:46 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup

<snip>

>Presto! A 'UFO photo' that will make those with a will to  
>believe almost anything gawk and see all kinds of  
>pseudoscientific evidence of propulsion physics

Hi,

Great to read some real fresh ideas on this photo, but not heard  
of firing guns at panes of glass to deceive the public on UFOs,  
mind you' the lengths of debunking are far and wide < remember  
Pelicans >!

As for the "pseudoscientific evidence of propulsion physics", I  
guess it would seem that those believers at NASA are at it  
again!

<http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/bpp/>

<http://members.lycos.co.uk/spaceprojects/propulsion.html>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/692968.stm>

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

[http://www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/physics/html/ra\\_archive/2002/burrell.htm](http://www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/physics/html/ra_archive/2002/burrell.htm)

[http://www.greenglow.co.uk/whatis\\_gg.html](http://www.greenglow.co.uk/whatis_gg.html)

[http://www.forteantimes.com/articles/145\\_fieldofdreams.shtml](http://www.forteantimes.com/articles/145_fieldofdreams.shtml)

<http://www.ttauv.freemove.co.uk/9000electric.html>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/Archive/Article/0%2C4273%2C4435751%2C00.html>

<http://members.lycos.co.uk/spaceprojects/laserpropulsion.html>

Those silly believers, fancy believing in that silly  
"pseudoscientific" stuff.

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2003 08:55:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 13:56:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 23:15:33 -0500  
>Subject: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

>Last night, May 31, Mark Carlotto and I discussed the STS-48  
>situation on 'Strange Days... Indeed'. (It was lots of fun...).

Fleming's myhttakes regarding the STS video time tags can be exploded by asking experts (which he refuses to do), and since he has raised the theme of scientific papers on lightning observations, and has chosen to mythinterpret selected phrases from those papers to support his view, I thought it only reasonable to ask the authors themselves about the time tags, rather than resort to imagination.

So I emailed an author yesterday and received the following response. I am not providing his name, to prevent him from being harrassed by Fleming, who will possibly insist the scientist is lying as part of a grand coverup. Here's what he said:

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From: "xxx" <[xxx@xxx.edu](mailto:xxx@xxx.edu)>  
Subject: Re: Shuttle MLE Time - Tags  
Date: Monday, June 02, 2003 5:36 PM

We are going back a dozen years.

There is telemetry recorded in the vertical interval.

If you play the video and adjust the raster to see above the image you can see a series of black and white marks on a horizontal line. one of them is the time code. The time code was read by special hardware at JSC and put on the image in postprocessing. I remember it as simple binary coding.

At that time I had a description of the camera system with some information on the location and content of data fields. One set of data is the YAW and pitch of the camera mount. Unfortunately, it is open loop data ( reset to zero at what ever position the camera is at when powered up).

My files have moved several times and I do not know if I can locate the camera system description. I think the time code is UTC 1 second resolution.

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Before Fleming gets too excited about 'open loop' data, this refers only to the camera pan/tilt values on the encoded downlink; a standard procedure when turning the cameras on is to point the forward and aft corresponding pairs at each other, and hit RESET on the control panel to set pan/tilt to zero-zero. The count is mechanical gear turns, and since during fast motion some cogs can slip on the gears, it's possible to wind up with slightly off-count results. This does not apply to the timing signals, which come hardwired from the Master Timing Unit.

By the way, there is also some explanatory information on time codes in the 'Scene List' documents prepared for each mission to describe all downlinked video (this is another primary information source that it seems Fleming has avoided hurting his eyes with). As follows:

>Time code is a recorded signal used as a label for each frame of  
>video. With time code we can identify where a particular scene  
>is located on a tape.

>In the scenelist heading there are three basic time codes  
>identified. They are: Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), Mission Elapsed  
>Time (MET) and the Society of Motion Picture and Television  
>Engineers (SMPTE) time code.

>On downlink VTR dumps an Event GMT and Event MET are also noted.  
>GMT and MET tell when an event was downlinked to Earth.

>The Event GMT and MET tell when the video was actually recorded  
>on-orbit. SMPTE time code is used to identify where a scene may  
>be found on a master tape. On downlink video the GMT and SMPTE  
>are the same, therefore only a GMT time code column has been  
>given. On onboard video the GMT and SMPTE differ, so a separate  
>SMPTE time code column is given.

Does anybody - Dr. Carlotto, hello? - have any residual doubt that Fleming's imaginary time-tagging sloppiness - fundamental to his thesis that the flash on the STS-48 video cannot be the thruster firing that all the documentary evidence indicates it is - is utterly without merit, and further discussion is a waste of time? Mark, I trust you will make some adjustments to your webpage which presents Fleming's thesis as potentially credible.

-- Jim Oberg

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From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2003 10:22:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 16:32:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 06:33:39 -0600  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Connors

>Mr. Oberg. Mr. Fleming doesn't want your theory. He wants a  
>straight forward answer as to why the Time Stamp is out of  
>sequence? Simple question and an extremely important one...could  
>you give him a straight answer instead of the dog and pony show?  
>The audience is waiting. Curious minds desire to know. If you  
>want Lan Fleming to talk to the "experts," please direct him to  
>the top dog who determines why Time Stamping sequencing should  
>be out of order, but considered in order and everything is  
>perfecto.

Dear Ms. Connors:

Well, I don't see it as my fault that Mr. Fleming is somehow incapable of doing the kind of original-source research that is the responsibility of the person making such extraordinary claims and - frankly - nasty accusations. I do not accept responsibility for 'disproving' something he claims sincerely, but without the kind of evidence this topic demands.

I do not think the time tags are 'out of order', merely that the equipment which converts the digitally encoded time signals onto a displayable form on the videos has a memory, a 'lag', that is there to handle short-term data drop outs and other normal comm hiccups. I don't think the behavior of the displayed time hacks across the LOS/AOS boundary is at all unusual or significant, and since Mr. Fleming makes the claim it is, I humbly suggest that it is his responsibility to show examples of other LOS/AOS boundaries where the displayed time behaves differently.

This is also the view of my former colleagues in Mission Control whose responsibility it was to know the functioning - and malfunctioning - of such hardware and software, since lives depended on these skills. It is not difficult to locate former INCO engineers and find their phone numbers and call them - but it's not my responsibility to do Mr. Fleming's investigation work.

I don't think people should believe his assertions first, and ask for evidence later - and not care when it is never provided. Perhaps we approach the subject differently, but that's the value of this high-octane forum.

- Jim Oberg

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## Re: UFO Research At Grampians - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2003 10:59:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 16:34:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Research At Grampians - Groff

>From: Diane Harrison - AUFORN <[auforn@hypermax.net.au](mailto:auforn@hypermax.net.au)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2003 08:56:13 +1000  
>Subject: Re: UFO Research At Grampians

>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2003 15:39:13 -0300  
>>Subject: UFO Research At Grampians

>>Source: The Standard - Australia

>><http://the.standard.net.au/articles/2003/06/02/1054406109738.html>

>>June 2, 2003

>I am the National Director of The Australian UFO Research  
>Network My name is Diane Harrison - some of you on the List may  
>know me.

>The information contained in the article is incorrect.

>It was been brought to my attention, this morning, that comments  
>have made by a club member of the Victorian branch of AUFORN -  
>Mr Jason Grove - to a newspaper called 'The Standard', said to  
>have been made on behalf of AUFORN.

>Jason's comments were made without official permission from  
>AUFORN and without the prior knowledge of George Simpson  
>AUFORN's state director for Victoria.

Thank you for chiming in on this Ms. Harrison.

I would seriously consider removing Mr. Grove as a member of  
AUFORN for his comments, but, more importantly, your  
organization needs to make the media aware of all the errant  
statements made by Grove and of the lack of real follow-up by  
the reporters of The Standard. Did anyone from the paper ever  
contact anyone from AUFORN to verify Grove's statements?

You might even have an actionable cause against this paper or  
Mr. Grove if any damages to AUFORN's credibility are perceived.

Terry Groff

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2003 13:19:56 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 19:16:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 08:34:43 -0500  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Fleming

>Well, Oberg is supposed to be an expert, but so far all we've  
>gotten from him is dissembling, evasions, appeals to authority,  
>and insults. Sadly, I'm afraid we won't get any better from  
>other such experts, except perhaps under oath in the presence of  
>an attorney from the Justice Department.

Fleming's implication that these people will lie to him is clear, but when I suggested he would say it again, he has now threatened (personal email) legal action for libel. Let's see, he calls people liars - that's OK - but I suggest he might call somebody else a liar too, and that's libelous. Once libel laws get called into a debate, it may be an admission of losing the argument, but also it's time to quench the fires and leave it alone.

My appeal isn't to 'authority' - my whole writing and speaking career should be ample proof of the contempt I hold for that rhetorical gimmick - but to 'expertise'. There's no 'supposing' here - people with special skills usually have proven that, by passing tests and performing under pressure - they are real experts. I've asked Fleming for any evidence that he has ever done this, or has talked to anybody else who has, and so far I've seen no response.

>Um, the evidence was already "broken" before I ever knew about it.

>This was proven by

<snip>

>and

>(2) the paper on the Mesoscale Lightning Experiment where it was  
>disclosed the time stamps on shuttle videos and that the time  
>couldn't be precisely determined without lights in the scene.

'Disclosed'?? It only took two days for the following paragraph (where Fleming 'gathers' and imagines a hidden meaning) to metamorph into the above assertion of a disclosure.

On June 1, Fleming had written: "While not stated explicitly, I gather from this paragraph that the authors may have used a method very similar to the one I used that indicated that the times displayed on the video may have been off by several seconds (as described in my New Frontiers In Science article). Apparently, they derived the time of the flash events from the positions of stars or city lights in relation to the reference frame of the horizon or airglow layer, given the position of the spacecraft predicted by its orbital parameters. Without any points of reference, they couldn't determine the time of the event with much precision."

Now, two days later, what Fleming had conjectured becomes a

hard \_disclosure\_. Isn't the power of the imagination-driven  
will to believe impressive?

Especially true when, after I contacted one of the authors in  
the document cited by Fleming, he explained (posted earlier)  
that the time tag is encoded on the video and then displayed in  
later processing -- exactly as I've been saying all along.

-- Jim Oberg

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## Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2003 11:52:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 20:54:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup - Groff

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2003 17:40:46 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup

>>From: Chris Burns <[Thurstonoreggae@aol.com](mailto:Thurstonoreggae@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 19:23:40 EDT  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Subject: Bonnybridge Photo Followup

>>Hey List,

>>A short while back, I posted a request for a high-res file and  
>>info on a photo from Bonnybridge, Scotland. As a few people got  
>>back to me saying they were interested, here is the most useful  
>>link I found:

>><http://homepage.ntlworld.com/ufophysics/grangemouth.htm>

>>Regrettably, I do not have any more information on this photo  
>>than before, so if anyone knows anything about this case, I'd be  
>>very interested.

>I strongly suspect this is a fake photo made in the following  
>way: The photographer seems to have taken a pane of glass that  
>has been shot (pocked) with a bb gun or else maybe a pellet gun,  
>held it up to the sky with a light source or two off to the side  
>(whether the sun or and/or an artificial source I do not know),  
>disfocused the pane of glass slightly, and taken the photo.  
> Presto! A 'UFO photo' that will make those with a will to  
>believe almost anything gawk and see all kinds of  
>pseudoscientific evidence of propulsion physics in it (as seem  
>in that web page if one scrolls down), despite the fact that  
>they must immediately realize its close resemblance to a bb or  
>pellet pock on a glass pane!

>Notice that the two alleged 'witnesses' seem to have been known  
>only by fake names, initially. Experience has taught me that  
>persons who submit 'UFO photos' under fake names are usually  
>submitting fake photos.

>Frankly, the photo seems a rather transparent hoax, pun  
>intended. :)

I agree with you about the fake names providing fake evidence  
which is highly likely. But more than that, it seems odd that,  
if this photo were real, there would have been more widespread  
scrutiny of it. I suspect that the reason for this is that a  
real analysis would prove it to be a fake.

I am not a photographic expert but I did take the available  
image (link above) and split it into it's Hue, Lightness and  
Saturation components and there appear, to me, to be some  
anomalies, particularly in the Saturation component. The dark  
patches suggest a very bright and intense light source. A  
flashbulb perhaps?

If anyone would like to take a look go to:

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

Sorry, I couldn't think of any puns. 8^)

Terry Groff

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## Massive Desertions From Largest UFO Cult

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2003 13:21:39 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 07:31:33 -0400  
Subject: Massive Desertions From Largest UFO Cult

The Projeto Portal (Gateway Project) cult created and directed by the biggest Brazilian UFO hoaxer of all time, Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, is about to collapse. Over the past few days details of Fernandes de Oliveira's scams became known to hundreds of members of the group, causing many of its main supporters to noisily defect. Some are very angry at its founder and want reimbursement of payments made for "special alien teachings and wisdom", offered by the Project.

The Gateway Project and Urandir have been trying to extend their activities towards the US, through the release over the internet of several information of sensational abduction stories and fabricated UFO crashes at Fernandes de Oliveira's and his co-worker's properties.

All the stories have been unanimously rejected by the Brazilian UFO community for the last 7 years. Last February, journalist Linda Moulton Howe came to Brazil and interviewed Fernandes de Oliveira, the alleged contactee, who has been claiming to be "chosen by ETs to guide Earth's people fates", presenting several of his stories at [www.earthfiles.com](http://www.earthfiles.com)

The question of Fernandes de Oliveira's hoaxing is a past issue, as Brazilian UFO researchers have long proved the illegitimacy of his alleged cases. The most outrageous hoax perpetrated by him has been largely exposed on the internet by several Brazilian and US investigators and by me, personally, at the 3rd Seattle UFO and Paranormal Convention, in May. Now, the people abandoning the Gateway Project have also denounced his activities as fraudulent and giving new details of the sting.

The last big scam fabricated by Fernandes de Oliveira was the abduction he claimed to have had in September 2002, which supposedly left strange marks on the bed sheets and ceiling of the bedroom where he was sleeping. Intriguing photos were posted all over the internet. Although details of the fabrication have been made public before, the former supporters of the Project have released more info of how the marks were produced.

While visiting in Brazil last April, Californian DPM Dr. Roger Leir collected, from several UFO researchers, information that the marks (that can be seen at LMH's website) were made by using an iron. This is now considered inaccurate. According to new info, Fernandes de Oliveira and his employees faked the marks using a torch. Strangely, the marks have been considered "very unusual" by specialist Mr. Levengood, who examined samples collected by Linda Moulton Howe.

All new information is being carefully gathered and will be presented to the Brazilian and US UFO communities, in order to help investigators naively supporting a case that is considered to be the biggest UFO scam ever in the UFO field, worldwide.

A. J. Gevaerd, editor

Brazilian UFO Magazine

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Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 07:31:18 -0400  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2003 18:23:05 -0400  
>Subject: Re: UFO Research At Grampians

>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2003 15:39:13 -0300  
>>Subject: UFO Research At Grampians

>>Source: The Standard - Australia

>><http://the.standard.net.au/articles/2003/06/02/1054406109738.html>

>>June 2, 2003

>>UFO sightings around the Grampians National Park will be the  
>>subject of a new documentary.

>>A group of investigators from the Victorian section of the  
>>Australian UFO Research Network will compile the footage with  
>>the aim of attracting an international TV market.

><snip>

>>The 10 members of the Warrnambool and Melbourne units will focus  
>>their cameras on the Lake Wartook area.

>>The group hopes to market the documentary to European television  
>>stations and will also seek to publicise their findings on  
>>Australian TV.

>If the group tries to market mere images of lights in the night  
>to the media without some of those images having been made by a  
>spectrographic camera and revealing types of light other than  
>one might expect from conventional aircraft, lights of balloons,  
>ground lights, etc., then they continue to add to the pile of  
>useless speculation that gives 'UFO studies' a sleazy reputation  
>in most media and scientific circles.

>It might sound (judging just by the words of the referenced  
>article) as though their interest is money (and maybe media  
>attention and 'fame') and not really science. Of course the  
>writer may not have presented an accurate picture of the group's  
>motivation.

>But if they go into the field without ability to obtain light  
>spectra, then I say they are at best 'UFO buffs' and less than  
>scientific. Truthfully, I feel like using stronger words!

>We've had about 56 years of that kind of nonsense, and it is  
>high time the guys and gals out there start trying to do some  
>UFO science and quit playing fruitless games!

Dear Ray and List

"I knew this would happen" and I'm not happy either.

Ray I totally agree with you. The article presented by Jason



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## Some Unusual Encounters

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Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 16:10:30 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 07:48:05 -0400  
Subject: Some Unusual Encounters

Source: The Salt Lake Tribune - Utah

<http://www.sltrib.com/2003/Jun/06032003/tuesday/62522.asp>

June 03, 2003

Close Encounters

UFO researcher George Filer said the number of sightings has remained fairly consistent for the last few months, but May had some of the most unusual encounters.

For instance, folks in Winnebago, Wis., reported seeing what looked like three flying Spaghettios hovering over Lake Winnebago on May 15 and May 20 and a trio of flying green cigars was spotted running amuck around North-ridge, Calif., on May 7.

Still, the most bizarre UFO sighting occurred in rural Ohio, where a group of 30 stick figures, each about 3-feet tall, broke up a wild party.

Filer admits these cases sound almost unbelievable but that won't sway him from doing further research because, in his words, "the strange ones are more likely to be true."

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## 'ET' Army Officers All Business

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Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 16:13:41 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 07:52:24 -0400  
Subject: 'ET' Army Officers All Business

Source: Wireless News

[http://www.ncbuy.com/news/wireless\\_news.html?qdate03-06-02&nav=VIEW&id=8MC900K0T22030602](http://www.ncbuy.com/news/wireless_news.html?qdate03-06-02&nav=VIEW&id=8MC900K0T22030602)

June 2, 2003

E.T. Army Officers All Business, No Fun

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Wireless Flash) -- Join the Army and you'll not only see the world -- but you could meet E.T. as well.

Dr. Michael Salla, an expert on extraterrestrial foreign policy, claims aliens have been infiltrating the U.S. Army, Navy and CIA ever since 1954 when President Dwight Eisenhower signed a treaty.

Today, E.T.s work side-by-side with their Earthling counterparts in various "technology transfer" projects.

But not all aliens are alike. Salla says Gray Aliens are more interested in genetic experiments; the Nordics work on weapons technology and a group of lizard-like creatures known as "Reptilians" deal with environmental concerns from their underground base.

E.T. military men and women have one thing in common: They keep to themselves, refusing to join human co-workers for beers after work.

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## Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2003 15:26:54 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 07:54:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup - Stanford

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.hale@ntlworld.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2003 14:42:48 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2003 17:40:46 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup

<snip>

>As for the "pseudoscientific evidence of propulsion physics", I  
>guess it would seem that those believers at NASA are at it  
>again!

><http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/bpp/>

><http://members.lycos.co.uk/spaceprojects/propulsion.html>

><http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/692968.stm>

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

[http://www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/physics/html/ra\\_archive/2002/burrell.htm](http://www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/physics/html/ra_archive/2002/burrell.htm)

>[http://www.greenglow.co.uk/whatis\\_gg.html](http://www.greenglow.co.uk/whatis_gg.html)

>[http://www.forteantimes.com/articles/145\\_fieldofdreams.shtml](http://www.forteantimes.com/articles/145_fieldofdreams.shtml)

><http://www.ttauv.freemove.co.uk/9000electric.html>

><http://www.guardian.co.uk/Archive/Article/0%2C4273%2C4435751%2C00.html>

><http://members.lycos.co.uk/spaceprojects/laserpropulsion.html>

>Those silly believers, fancy believing in that silly  
>"pseudoscientific" stuff.

Fascinating links, of which I was in the most part already aware, but you're trying to put words into my mouth. It is plain to see that I was referring only to such attempts as one saw on the linked website to see exotic physics in that, IMO, hoaxed photo, and absolutely not to the research of NASA and others into advanced propulsion technologies, which research I hold is high regard and toward which I have high hopes.

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: Bonnybridge Photo Followup - Kerrigan

From: Alan Kerrigan <[akerrigan3@comcast.net](mailto:akerrigan3@comcast.net)>  
Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 21:38:06 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 08:03:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup - Kerrigan

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2003 17:40:46 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup

>>From: Chris Burns <[Thurstonoreggae@aol.com](mailto:Thurstonoreggae@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 19:23:40 EDT  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Subject: Bonnybridge Photo Followup

>>Hey List,

>>A short while back, I posted a request for a high-res file and  
>>info on a photo from Bonnybridge, Scotland. As a few people got  
>>back to me saying they were interested, here is the most useful  
>>link I found:

>><http://homepage.ntlworld.com/ufophysics/grangemouth.htm>

>>Regrettably, I do not have any more information on this photo  
>>than before, so if anyone knows anything about this case, I'd be  
>>very interested.

>I strongly suspect this is a fake photo made in the following  
>way: The photographer seems to have taken a pane of glass that  
>has been shot (pocked) with a bb gun or else maybe a pellet gun,  
>held it up to the sky with a light source or two off to the side  
>(whether the sun or and/or an artificial source I do not know),  
>disfocused the pane of glass slightly, and taken the photo.  
> Presto! A 'UFO photo' that will make those with a will to  
>believe almost anything gawk and see all kinds of  
>pseudoscientific evidence of propulsion physics in it (as seem  
>in that web page if one scrolls down), despite the fact that  
>they must immediately realize its close resemblance to a bb or  
>pellet pock on a glass pane!

>Notice that the two alleged 'witnesses' seem to have been known  
>only by fake names, initially. Experience has taught me that  
>persons who submit 'UFO photos' under fake names are usually  
>submitting fake photos.

>Frankly, the photo seems a rather transparent hoax, pun  
>intended. :)

Ray,

I think you're giving the photographer far too much credit for  
his efforts in taking the picture. I'm betting it's a picture of  
the top of a lawn installed water sprinkler working at night. The  
flash (at least one) is obviously from directly above the  
sprinkler head. The center dimple is not blurry because it  
deflected the light rays outward. The water and mist explains  
the jet streams and the flare at the bottom which looks like  
back-lighting.

I don't mean to dampen your enthusiam, pun intended. :)

Alan

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## Re: Mars Rover Area - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Jun 2003 02:50:07 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 08:09:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Area - Stevenson

>From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 15:21:44 +0100  
>Subject: Mars Rover Area

>Hi Listers

>Thought you might like to take a look at an enlargement  
>of the ET Mars Rover area at:

>[http://ida.wr.usgs.gov/display/MGSC\\_1232/e17014/e1701475.img.jpg](http://ida.wr.usgs.gov/display/MGSC_1232/e17014/e1701475.img.jpg)

>- a 458Kb picture

>It has been given a little enhancement at:

><http://www.colsweb.com/rover.gif>

>a 28Kb short download.

>There appears to be a trail to the left of the rover and some  
>destruction of the tree-type things.

>Location of rover shown at:

><http://www.colsweb.com/marsrover.gif>

>283Kb gif file.

>Presently trying to ascertain some sizes and will send when  
>calculated.

>Also trying to ascertain if the data presented on the IDA pic.  
>is accurate.

Hello again Listers

Recieved a reply from Patricia A Garcia (IDA website)  
[pgarcia@usgs.gov](mailto:pgarcia@usgs.gov) in regard to the above two questions:

To get a rough estimate, use a program like Adobe Photoshop to view the JPEG image and determine the number of lines and samples. You can then apply the "resolution" value given on the html page for the image.

Regarding your previous question, I have looked at the raw data we received for e1701475 and feel confident that the JPEG image presented is representative of the original data. It is common to have glitches in the spacecraft telemetry stream that produce what you see at the "bottom" of the image. Let me know if you have other questions.

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My calculations for size:

Using the data outlined the size of the Mars Rover is;

Length 18 pixels x 3.39 metres = 61 metres approx.

Width 6 pixels x 3.39 metres x 1.25 ( view angle correction )  
= 25 metres approx.

Position on the IDA jpg image is;

444 pixels in from the left and 1015 pixels down from the top.

Wondered if anyone knows of a lost Human Mars Satalite which matches the picture and size in any way at all as there is said to be at least 18 lost? Could the dark lines be solar panels and central light area the 25 metre approx. long body?

col

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## Re: Rods Exposed - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Jun 2003 03:55:06 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 08:13:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Rods Exposed - Stevenson

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 29 May 2003 10:19:51 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>From: Ian Rogers <[onemoreshadow@rogers.com](mailto:onemoreshadow@rogers.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2003 17:53:42 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>>From: Colin Stevenson <[colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 May 2003 18:28:07 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Rods Exposed

>>>Now prove ET's are fakes -

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

>>>Taken with IR camera in daylight. Various Listers asked me to  
>>>get this photo so they could de bunk me. I'm glad I could oblige  
>>>them at last after doing constant videoing for weeks.

>>I still don't get why the onus is on me to disprove that this is  
>>an alien. Disregarding the fact that this photograph is  
>>particularly lame... I mean, is there \_anyone\_ who sees an alien  
>>in this picture? I have five people in my apartment right now  
>>looking at this and none of us can see an alien.

>It isn't up to you to disprove that this photo is of an 'alien.'  
>It is up to Colin to prove that it is. If he is going to post  
>fuzzy, overexposed photos like this one and claim that one of  
>the many unrecognizable, fuzzy elements depicts an 'alien', then  
>it is up to him to prove the claim.

>Colin, I've been sitting back quietly reading your posts and  
>purposely refraining from getting involved with any of it. You  
>have as much right as the next guy to be heard. To tell your  
>'story'. But, speaking as an abductee and a UFO witness, I have  
>to tell you that you are not helping our cause one bit.

>I have always tried hard to stick to presenting the most solid  
>cases and what evidence there may be for a genuine abduction  
>phenomenon. Posting the kind of credulous material that you do,  
>doesn't help to win over any intellectually honest people, who  
>may be systematically looking into our claims to see if there is  
>anything there to justify taking them seriously.

>Stuff like this 'alien photo' of yours, along with your calling  
>it 'proof', \_hurts\_ our cause much more than it helps.

>Believe me.

Hi John and Listers

The point of letting folk see my photo, of what seems to be a  
gray, was to prove the point what not all video's and pictures  
can be accurately interpreted as Amy did with the insect/Rod



thing and also proved that no matter what evidence of ET and UFOs are presented that they can be debunked and discredited. I hoped by doing this that it would stimulate anyone to outline what proof they would need to prove ETs existence in a similar way to how Amy disproved Rods. If Amy can disprove Rods with her account, backed up with pictures, then why will most folk not take pictures taken by a reliable witness of ET Flying Saucers as being what they are? Debunks seem to be more readily applicable than the truth.

I personally do not require proof of ET and their craft or their telepathy plus form of communication - they do exist. I personally do not require proof of Rods - they exist too. Because my evidence of the forgoing is not acceptable, because it can easily be debunked, then there is no point in me presenting it. Many others feel the same way.

By the way, I didn't call my picture 'proof' of ET at all although it looks like one to me, I asked for it to be debunked and it was debunked very effectively thus proving my non-credibility. Thank you for pointing this out to me :-)

kind wishes

col

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 22:27:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 08:18:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Fleming

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2003 08:55:21 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 13:56:11 -0400  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

>Fleming's myhttakes regarding the STS video time tags can be  
>exploded by asking experts (which he refuses to do), and since  
>he has raised the theme of scientific papers on lightning  
>observations, and has chosen to mythinterpret selected phrases  
>from those papers to support his view, I thought it only  
>reasonable to ask the authors themselves about the time tags,  
>rather than resort to imagination.

>So I emailed an author yesterday and received the following  
>response. I am not providing his name, to prevent him from being  
>harrassed by Fleming, who will possibly insist the scientist is  
>lying as part of a grand coverup. Here's what he said:

First Oberg tries to dictate to me whom I should "interview",  
and now he tries to withhold this person's email address so I  
can't, on the potentially libelous pretext that I might "harrass"  
(sic) the author. It seems Mr. Oberg has slipped his trolley,  
perhaps because he's distraught about his pet theory going belly  
up.

>From: "xxx" <[xxx@xxx.edu](mailto:xxx@xxx.edu)>  
>Subject: Re: Shuttle MLE Time - Tags  
>Date: Monday, June 02, 2003 5:36 PM  
>  
>We are going back a dozen years.

Yes, and we're supposed to rely on Dr. X's 12-year old memories.  
But contrary to Oberg, I don't accuse people of lying just  
because somebody says something that goes contrary to what I  
think. But Oberg is certainly lying when he alleges that I do.

The paper for which I gave the URL was apparently written  
shortly after the STS-48 mission.

[http://thunder.msfc.nasa.gov/bookshelf/pubs/Obs\\_ligh\\_space.html](http://thunder.msfc.nasa.gov/bookshelf/pubs/Obs_ligh_space.html)

The memories of the author may have been a bit clearer then.

>My files have moved several times and I do not know if I can  
>locate the camera system description. I think the time code is  
>UTC 1 second resolution.

That squares pretty well with what the MLE paper said: an  
accuracy of plus or minus one second. But it does not square  
with a time code from a master timing unit that should be  
accurate to the millisecond at least. It also doesn't square  
with the paper's statement that the precision of the event time  
depended upon having lights in the scene. Obviously, if there's  
an accurate time stamp encoded in the video, then there  
shouldn't matter whether there are lights in the scene.

>>In the scenelist heading there are three basic time codes  
>>identified. They are: Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), Mission Elapsed  
>>Time (MET) and the Society of Motion Picture and Television

>>Engineers (SMPTE) time code.

>>On downlink VTR dumps an Event GMT and Event MET are also noted.  
>>GMT and MET tell when an event was downlinked to Earth.

VTR, according to the NASA acronym list, stands for "Video Tape Recorder" (Another acronym identified, but I still haven't gotten my prize for answering what INCO stands for). This is the first thing I've heard suggesting the STS-48 video wasn't transmitted live. Too bad Oberg didn't have the presence of mind to ask Dr. X what he was talking about here. I think perhaps that Dr. X is having some recall difficulties.

>Does anybody - Dr. Carlotto, hello? - have any residual doubt >that Fleming's imaginary time-tagging sloppiness - fundamental >to his thesis that the flash on the STS-48 video cannot be the >thruster firing that all the documentatary evidence indicates it >is - is utterly without merit, and further discussion is a waste >of time? Mark, I trust you will make some adjustments to your >webpage which presents Fleming's thesis as potentially credible.

Um, the article that Mark published didn't even bring up the subject of the curious lack of accuracy in time estimates described in the MLE paper, so I don't quite understand the basis for this plaintive plea. Oberg's evasion of addressing anything of substance at all in the paper wouldn't seem to me to be a very good reason for any "adjustments."

But back to the subject of the still obscure origins of the time stamps on the STS-48 video, perhaps the mysterious Dr. X is right and they did originate from the shuttle master timing unit but were so unreliable due to transmission delays or operator errors that they couldn't be relied upon for accurate time estimates of the lightning flashes. For whatever reason, the time stamps were inaccurate, and therefore totally demolish Oberg's claims of proof based on "precise" coincidences.

Oberg really needs to find out the difference between accuracy and precision, by the way. Precision usually refers to how many decimal places are in a number while accuracy refers to how reliable the number is as a measure of some real-world value (like time, for instance). They are two different things. Mr. Oberg's precision vastly exceeds his accuracy.

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Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 08:22:41 -0400  
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>From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2003 10:22:13 -0500  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 06:33:39 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Connors

>>Mr. Oberg. Mr. Fleming doesn't want your theory. He wants a  
>>straight forward answer as to why the Time Stamp is out of  
>>sequence? Simple question and an extremely important one...could  
>>you give him a straight answer instead of the dog and pony show?  
>>The audience is waiting. Curious minds desire to know. If you  
>>want Lan Fleming to talk to the "experts," please direct him to  
>>the top dog who determines why Time Stamping sequencing should  
>>be out of order, but considered in order and everything is  
>>perfecto.

>Dear Ms. Connors:

>Well, I don't see it as my fault that Mr. Fleming is somehow  
>incapable of doing the kind of original-source research that is  
>the responsibility of the person making such extraordinary  
>claims and - frankly - nasty accusations.

I've made no extraordinary claims. I pointed out that the time stamps appear to be in serious error, which they are, and that the evidence of rocket exhaust in the lower left hand corner, that Oberg thinks he sees, is an illusion, which it is. There's nothing extraordinary about those "claims" at all, especially since they're facts.

>I do not accept  
>responsibility for 'disproving' something he claims sincerely,  
>but without the kind of evidence this topic demands.

I wonder when Oberg is going to accept responsibility for his own unfounded claims of "precise" coincidences that he's been making for the past 4 years.

>I do not think the time tags are 'out of order', merely that the  
>equipment which converts the digitally encoded time signals onto  
>a displayable form on the videos has a memory, a 'lag', that is  
>there to handle short-term data drop outs and other normal comm  
>hiccups. I don't think the behavior of the displayed time hacks  
>across the LOS/AOS boundary is at all unusual or significant,  
>and since Mr. Fleming makes the claim it is, I humbly suggest  
>that it is his responsibility to show examples of other LOS/AOS  
>boundaries where the displayed time behaves differently.

It's irrelevant whether the time stamps on other shuttle videos are as inaccurate as the ones in the STS-48 video. The problem is that the video frames "lag" behind the time stamps, which go racing ahead after the video image goes to noise. The time stamps continue for precisely 6.5 seconds after the video signal is lost (and I mean "precisely" in the usual sense). If the time stamps were shifted backward so that the last time stamp prior

to LOS were displayed on the last image frame prior to LOS, then the true time would be 6.5 seconds later than the time that's indicated on the video frame. Oddly enough, the predicted transit by Polaris of the airglow layer indicated by the program I wrote was between 6.7 and 8.7 seconds, assuming the official NORAD state vector for the orbiter was correct. I find it very satisfying that my program seems to be returning reasonable results, regardless of the insults Oberg keeps hurling.

As for significance of this error, it's strange that Oberg hasn't figured it out yet since he supposedly read my article. The rocket firing would have ended about 5 or 6 seconds before the light flash appeared given the documented time of the rocket firing. And there would be no causal link between the rocket firing and the light flash and the movements of the objects.

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## Crop Circle In Middle Of Town

From: Chaz Stuart <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Jun 2003 00:12:39 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 08:25:55 -0400  
Subject: Crop Circle In Middle Of Town

Crop Circle at Halewick Lane, Sompting, Nr Worthing, West  
Sussex. Reported 1st June 2003.

<http://www.cropcircleconnector.com/2003/sompting/sompting2003a.html>

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>>Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 23:15:33 -0500  
>>Subject: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

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>Does anybody - Dr. Carlotto, hello? - have any residual doubt  
>that Fleming's imaginary time-tagging sloppiness - fundamental  
>to his thesis that the flash on the STS-48 video cannot be the  
>thruster firing that all the documentatary evidence indicates it  
>is - is utterly without merit, and further discussion is a waste  
>of time? Mark, I trust you will make some adjustments to your  
>webpage which presents Fleming's thesis as potentially credible.

<snip>

Jim,

I think learning the truth behind the time tags is necessary. It is certainly a painful process, but one which Lan is pursuing and reporting on in an open way. I am concerned however that the time tag issue has become a red herring in light of the other anomalies seen in the video. You recently emailed on several points which I'd like to briefly address here:

>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  
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So I do not agree with your statement.

>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?

Certainly as the sun rose there were shadowed areas. The question is whether the object which I call M1 was emerging from a shadow near the shuttle. I present optical measurements in my paper (Figs. 9 and 10) that show its brightness is increasing gradually over a 1-1/3 second period and that it has a slight tail in its trajectory. The gradual increase in brightness is consistent with a large distant object moving into shadow or emerging from the atmosphere. The tail provides circumstantial evidence that it is moving up out of the atmosphere from below.

>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?

Yes, I agree with this (Fig. 7b in the JSE paper).

>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.

Since I've already presented evidence in my paper that the objects are moving in orbital or ballistic trajectories, I believe the onus is on you to show that it is an optical aberation.

>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?

I addressed Dr. Wieder's criticisms in the same JSE issue that my paper and his critique appear. I suggest you ask Dr. Wieder why he did not reply in turn to my statements.

Thanks,

Mark

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Connors

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tuesday, June 03, 2003 9:22 AM  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

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>>Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 06:33:39 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Connors

<snip>

>Dear Ms. Connors:

"Wendy" will be fine. List is, I believe, an informal forum.

>Well, I don't see it as my fault that Mr. Fleming is somehow  
>incapable of doing the kind of original-source research that is  
>the responsibility of the person making such extraordinary  
>claims and - frankly - nasty accusations. I do not accept  
>responsibility for 'disproving' something he claims sincerely,  
>but without the kind of evidence this topic demands.

Lan's efforts to date are well documented. I've seen nothing in this thread that could argue that point. It's perfectly clear that Lan's research is on-going. What is abundantly clear to the situation is that you are challenging research which is not yet completed. The research is being discussed. Your position is that you already have the answer. Your solution is nothing but a plain old guess, wrapped in word canoodling, or "syntax," if you please.

>I do not think the time tags are 'out of order', merely that the  
>equipment which converts the digitally encoded time signals onto  
>a displayable form on the videos has a memory, a 'lag', that is  
>there to handle short-term data drop outs and other normal comm  
>hiccups. I don't think the behavior of the displayed time hacks  
>across the LOS/AOS boundary is at all unusual or significant,  
>and since Mr. Fleming makes the claim it is, I humbly suggest  
>that it is his responsibility to show examples of other LOS/AOS  
>boundaries where the displayed time behaves differently.

Why, there you go, Jim. "I do not think the time tags are 'out of order...'" You're admitting you don't know, but guessing, yet you assume the answer when no such answer is yet available. Lan is working hard on actually documenting and making his research become fruitfull. No one can tell if he will succeed or not. He hasn't come to an answer yet. You have. Whose the real Boogyman here?

>This is also the view of my former colleagues in Mission Control  
>whose responsibility it was to know the functioning -- and  
>malfunctioning - of such hardware and software, since lives  
>depended on these skills. It is not difficult to locate former  
>INCO engineers and find their phone numbers and call them - but  
>it's not my responsibility to do Mr. Fleming's investigation  
>work.

Of course it wasn't your, "...responsibility to do Mr.

Fleming's investigation work," but it would have been nice that you could have used your expertise a little more wisely. For example, emailed Lan privately and offer names and phone numbers of all those, "...former INCO engineers..." Ya think? Too, I seriously doubt you know the "...minds..." of your former colleagues. If I were you I wouldn't cast my lot with the Amazing Randi, because the only thing he's amazing at, is squirming under the lights of facts and documentation.

>I don't think people should believe his assertions first, and  
>ask for evidence later - and not care when it is never provided.  
>Perhaps we approach the subject differently, but that's the  
>value of this high-octane forum.

I see. In other words, you want people to believe your guess, more than the on-going work of Lan's? Twits sporting gnat antlers can see through that scheme. You're wrong, you know. We certainly approach the subject the same way. The only difference is that I approach it with an open mind. Yours?

Wendy Connors

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>Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 07:56:30 -0400  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Thanks for the constructive and quantitative response. This is a topic that can be resolved on technical evidence.

The time history plot of the STS-48 Orbiter attitude, shown at:

<http://www.igs.net/~hwt/zigzag.html>

can allow an accurate measurement of the actual induced change in angular rate. I read the following:

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pitch  0.012 to -0.001 deg/sec, total delta = 0.013
roll   0.002 to -0.003 deg/sec, total delta = 0.005
yaw    0.002 to 0.000 deg/sec, total delta = 0.002
      RSS of all three axes = 0.014deg/sec
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This is the total observed change in angular rate. It is smaller but not significantly so, than the range you gave (0.0175 and 0.0363 deg/sec).

However, that is a maximum change assuming the camera were looking in the plane of the change, or orthogonal to the rotation vector.

The camera was looking out over the left wing, which is actually very close to the pole of the pitch rotation. Some spherical trig may be called for here, but my first 'SWAG' is that the

expected angular rate change along the line-of-sight of the camera is closer to 0.01 deg/sec, at most, than to the 0.0175 to 0.0363 deg/sec you used.

And if those values led to a 2 to 6 pixel shift, as you calculated, than the <0.01 figure would lead to a max pixel shift of 1 -- in the undetectable noise.

I believe this supports my interpretation that the lack of detectable angular rate change as seen on the video can be interpreted to prove there was no attitude thruster firing at that time.

I would also point out that the attitude and attitude rate plots unambiguously show the timing of the pulse as about GMT 20:39:23 plus minus a second or two, consistent with the TM value of starting at 20:39:23.79 for 1.2 seconds.

-- Jim Oberg

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## Re: UFO Research At Grampians - Stanford

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Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 19:05:54 -0400  
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>>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2003 18:23:05 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Research At Grampians

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>>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2003 15:39:13 -0300  
>>>Subject: UFO Research At Grampians

>>>Source: The Standard - Australia

>>><http://the.standard.net.au/articles/2003/06/02/1054406109738.html>

>>>June 2, 2003

>>>UFO sightings around the Grampians National Park will be the  
>>>subject of a new documentary.

<snip>

>Dear Ray and List

>"I knew this would happen" and I'm not happy either.

>Ray I totally agree with you. The article presented by Jason  
>Groves on behalf of The Australian UFO Research Network was done  
>without our knowledge and permission of AUFORN and is a 'total  
>heap of toilet paper' and should be placed in the appropriate  
>place. How dare Jason do this!?! And for the record, Jason is not  
>an AUFORN investigator nor is his group Dark Matters  
>Investigations affiliated in anyway.  
>snip

>This is "truly not the work of AUFORN" It is the work of a  
>immature young guy not thinking of all the ramification it can  
>cause a credible network as ours. "but you can be rest assure  
>I'm going to be pointing this out to Jason loud and very clear"

>Ray and List, I am not happy that this report has gone out in  
>the media for all the public to read and I have taken big steps  
>to make sure it never happens again. I have sought a public  
>apology from Jason Groves, to be given to all the staff of  
>AUFORN. We work so hard to bring credibility to the subject, then  
>this happens.

<snip>

>Regards Diane Harrison

>National Director of the Australian UFO Research Network  
>Australian Skywatch Director

Good going, Diane. It is sad that this happened, but at least

you are doing a good job in informing the media not only of the falsity of the claim made in the article but also that The Australian UFO Research Network takes a far different position.

Unfortunate as it may seem, may it ultimately serve to let the media know of your group's credibility.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup - Stanford

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Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 19:08:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup - Stanford

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2003 21:38:06 -0400  
>Subject: Bonnybridge Photo Followup

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2003 17:40:46 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup

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>>>Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 19:23:40 EDT  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Subject: Bonnybridge Photo Followup

>>>Hey List,

>>>A short while back, I posted a request for a high-res file and  
>>>info on a photo from Bonnybridge, Scotland. As a few people got  
>>>back to me saying they were interested, here is the most useful  
>>>link I found:

>>><http://homepage.ntlworld.com/ufophysics/grangemouth.htm>

<snip>

>>I strongly suspect this is a fake photo made in the following  
>>way: The photographer seems to have taken a pane of glass that  
>>has been shot (pocked) with a bb gun or else maybe a pellet gun,  
>>held it up to the sky with a light source or two off to the side  
>>(whether the sun or and/or an artificial source I do not know),  
>>disfocused the pane of glass slightly, and taken the photo.  
>>Presto! A 'UFO photo' that will make those with a will to  
>>believe almost anything gawk and see all kinds of  
>>pseudoscientific evidence of propulsion physics in it (as seem  
>>in that web page if one scrolls down), despite the fact that  
>>they must immediately realize its close resemblance to a bb or  
>>pellet pock on a glass pane!

<snip>

>>Frankly, the photo seems a rather transparent hoax, pun  
>>intended. :)

>Ray,

>I think you're giving the photographer far too much credit for  
>his efforts in taking the picture. I'm betting it's a picture of  
>the top of a lawn installed water sprinkler working at night. The  
>flash (at least one) is obviously from directly above the  
>sprinkler head. The center dimple is not blurry because it  
>deflected the light rays outward. The water and mist explains  
>the jet streams and the flare at the bottom which looks like  
>back-lighting.

>I don't mean to dampen your enthusiam, pun intended. :)

>Alan

Re: Bonnybridge Photo Followup - Stanford

Creative hypothesis, Alan, but don't worry, you won't dampen my enthusiasm unless you explain how the photographer managed to hover dead-center over the sprinkler. :) In a UFO, perhaps! :o)

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## Searching For UFOs A Life-Long Obsession

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Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 19:11:31 -0400  
Subject: Searching For UFOs A Life-Long Obsession

Source: The London Free Press News - London, Ontario

<http://www.canoe.com/NewsStand/LondonFreePress/News/2003/06/04/102672.html>

2003-06-04

Searching For UFOs A Life-Long Obsession  
Ian Gillespie  
Free Press Columnist

The woman on the phone sounds excited. "I've got some significant evidence of something you'll be very interested in," she says.

An hour later, I'm in a Hamilton Road house, sitting in a tiny room crammed with radios - I count eight of them - plus computers, printers, videotapes, maps and posters. Some of the posters depict big-eyed aliens and the characters Mulder and Scully from the TV show X-Files. There's also a filing cabinet labelled: UFO Files Only - Top Secret.

I'm in the headquarters of the Lansdowne Five UFO Research Committee. And committee member Diane Cryer can hardly contain her excitement.

Cryer says she was sitting on the patio of Williams Coffee Pub on Richmond Street on the afternoon of May 24 when several patrons exclaimed, "What's that?" Cryer says she looked up and saw a large, wingless object fly silently overhead.

Cryer grabbed her camera and started snapping. Later, she developed the film and showed the results to friend and committee president Richard Cote.

Cote has a notebook filled with similar photos sent to him. The photos purportedly show UFOs, but Cote has discounted every one.

This one, he says as he flips the plastic-coated pages, is a sink plug suspended in mid-air. That one, he says, is a lampshade. This one is a flare gun and that one is a helicopter's searchlight.

"This here is two styrofoam cups put together," he says, pointing to another photo. "That's the weirdest one I've got."

Over the years, Cote says he's examined about 80 purported photos of UFOs and he's never seen a legitimate one.

Until now.

"When she showed me this, I was up all night, looking at it with a magnifying glass," says Cote, staring at an enlarged version of Cryer's photo. "I was just amazed."

I ask Cote how much time he devotes to studying paranormal phenomena. He says that, apart from his work as a musician, it's pretty much a full-time obsession.

"I've basically devoted my life to finding out what I saw in

1977," he says.

"And I won't stop until I'm satisfied."

What did he see in 1977?

Cote was 17 years old. He says that one clear morning, his mother woke him up and told him to hurry outside. Hovering above the horizon, he says, was a glowing orange shape that splintered into smaller pieces, then re-assembled.

"It listened to my thoughts," says Cote.

"Because I said, 'I wonder how fast that thing can go?' And it just went - fooosh - straight up, so fast. And then I said, 'I hope it comes back.' And it came back."

Cote says he and his mother watched the objects for about 15 minutes.

"I knew that it was going (away)," he says.

"And I felt so close to it - I don't know why, I can't explain why to you. It was so personal. When I got the sense that it was leaving, I felt like I'd lost my parents. I felt like I lost something I was truly attached to for a long, long time."

As he says this, Cote appears close to tears.

"It left me a thought that I'll never forget," he says.

"I'll die with that message it left in my head."

What was the message?

"I said, 'Will I ever see you again?' " says Cote.

"And it said, 'One day, we're all going to be reunited into one.' That's the thought it left. And then it tilted nicely (away), like a gentle tilt. It was so beautiful.

"Until they tell me what I saw in 1977, I won't stop (searching)," says Cote.

"This is something I'm going to die with."

The next day I call London historian Chris Doty, who says the sighting, which was documented in the Free Press, occurred April 15, 1977.

The newspaper reported 10 red and white objects were seen hovering over London, but added scientists at UWO's Cronyn Observatory argued the UFO was a hoax perpetrated by engineering students. The officials said the lights were likely flares attached to army surplus weather balloons.

I doubt that explanation will satisfy Cote. But I hope he finds something that will.

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Source: US Today

[http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/2003-06-03-planets-cover-usat\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/2003-06-03-planets-cover-usat_x.htm)

6/3/2003

By Dan Vergano, USA TODAY

Forget the next Star Wars movie. The real space sequel guaranteed to capture public attention, astronomers say, is the discovery of another planet like Earth in our own starry neighborhood and it is likely to happen within a decade. (Graphic: Could a new Earth be in the stars?)

That discovery may hold the key to the mystery that long ago captured the minds and imaginations of scientists, philosophers, filmmakers and novelists: Is there life on other planets?

On the heels of discoveries beginning in 1995 of more than 100 planets orbiting nearby stars, a planet, or even planets, twin to our own in size and composition, likely will soon be found, thanks to new telescope designs, say astronomers such as Wesley Traub of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

Within 10 years, an Earth-size planet the size that scientists consider the most likely to contain oceans and therefore life is expected to turn up in searches by two scheduled NASA probes. And astronomers hope to be able to detect life or rule it out in such places within 20 years.

Not long ago, astronomers considered an interest in planet hunting akin to confessing a foot fetish. Traub didn't tell any of his colleagues he was attending his first scientific meeting on the topic in 1995, fearing ridicule. "But when I looked around at the meeting, a lot of people I knew were there, too," he says.

Later that same year, Geneva Observatory astronomers Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz found the first planet to be orbiting a nearby star like our sun. It orbits the star 51 Pegasus.

"We know for certain there are a hell of a lot of planets out there," easily 10 billion in our galaxy alone, says astronomer Steve Vogt of the UCO/Lick Observatory at the University of California-Santa Cruz. Current data suggests at least 12% of nearby stars have Jupiter-size planets, he says, and 3% may have Earth-size ones.

Finding solar systems like our own, where a Jupiter-size planet on a stately circular orbit screens smaller inner planets from space junk, is the focus of his team's efforts in the next five years.

The first Earth look-alikes may be found orbiting small, dim stars called red dwarfs. About 60% lighter and hundreds of times less bright than stars like our sun, red dwarfs should reveal tidal tugs that indicate the presence of Earth-size planets much more readily than bigger stars.

"I expect we'll find many planets like Earth," says Louis Friedman, head of the Planetary Society, a space activism group based in Pasadena, Calif. Most likely, they will come as a series of scientific "hints," he says, first a planet of the right size but the wrong orbit, then the right orbit but seemingly no atmosphere, and then one giving signs of a water-rich atmosphere like Earth's.

Finally, after 2020, probes still on the drawing board with names like "Lifefinder" or "Planet Imager" will fulfill the vision of former NASA chief Dan Goldin, who called for future missions to map nearby Earthlike planets down to the continents and oceans in his grandchildren's lifetime, a feat many planet hunters would like to pull off. "And then an enormously interesting day, culturally and socially, awaits us," Friedman says.

So far, only giants

Most of the "extra-solar" planets those outside our solar system discovered so far don't look like tourist spots: They are Jupiter- and Saturn-size balls of gas, some orbiting close enough to their stars to boast superheated molten-iron skies and completely inhospitable atmospheres. Others follow oddball trajectories more like comets than the planets in our solar system. A few strange stars called "pulsars" have shown signs of hosting small planets, battered and blasted objects riddled by the regular, intense radio emissions of these stars.

But a number of planned space missions are aimed squarely at detecting Earth-size planets:

"Kepler. Named after Johannes Kepler, the 16th-century astronomer who divined the laws of orbital motion, this 2006 NASA mission is expected to find about 30 Earth-size planets in Earthlike orbits. It will detect "transits," the slight dimming of a star's light that occurs when a planet passes in front of it.

"Space Interferometry Mission (SIM). A 2009 NASA mission expected to detect one or two Earthlike planets from a survey of 200 nearby stars. It will measure side-to-side gravitational wobbles that planets produce on their stars via gravitational pull.

"Terrestrial Planet Finder (TPF). Scientists are still deciding what instruments to install in this 2014 NASA search for life on an Earthlike planet. "The goal is a picture of an Earthlike planet to run in every newspaper, above the fold," says Traub, a member of one TPF development team.

"Darwin. The European Space Agency plans to launch this flotilla of small telescopes in 2015. By combining the light from telescopes to make a powerful "interferometer" device, the mission should be capable of detecting chemical composition of atmospheres on Earthlike planets discovered by SIM or other missions.

"Finding another Earth will be the single most exciting moment in all of human history," says communications and media professor Paul Levinson of Fordham University, who writes both science-fiction novels and commentaries on technology and society. "When we discover another planet like ours, suddenly Earth and the rest of the universe will seem intimately tied together."

Mankind's ancient quest

Since Galileo's discovery of moons circling Jupiter in the early 1600s, astronomers and philosophers, once members of the same profession, have pondered the existence of planets circling other stars. Scientists from the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) have searched for radio signals from aliens, to no avail, since the 1960s.

Now a confluence of technologies, bigger telescopes, faster computers and vastly improved optics offers avenues for spotting planets previously undetectable in the glare of their parent stars, making this a golden age of discovery for planet hunters.

Hunting an Earthlike planet is "the most exciting thing I've done in the last 35 years," says Traub. Last year, he and University of Arizona researchers determined the benchmark for "earthshine," the trademark light from Earth captured in reflection from the moon. Astronomers hope to see a match for that light, an oxygen-rich and life-sustaining blue, in glimpses from future planet discoveries. "It's a very distinct color," says Traub.

George Conyers, a Jesuit priest and astronomer who heads the Vatican Observatory in Tucson, has long spoken about the power of astronomy to improve understanding of man's place in the universe.

Scientists are eager to examine Earthlike planets for clues about the inevitability of life in the universe. One school of thought, pointing to evidence of microbial life on Earth for much of its 4.5 billion-year history, holds that life likely arises wherever the conditions are right. Mix water, heat and organic molecules for a few million years of baking, and voil=E0, primitive life materializes. Finding Earth-size planets in Earthlike orbits without life would suggest something more is needed.

Others caution that complex life forms, critters with eyes, for example, only arose on Earth about 540 million years ago. Plenty of Earthlike planets may abound with microbial life but hold nothing more interesting than the flu bug. Or they may only hold the global-warming-run-amok atmospheric broth of Venus. Even so, given the billions of planets in our galaxy, something tantalizing seems likely to show up during one of the searches. "We have to hope that nature, once again, has been kind and put something like Earth near enough to see," says Vogt.

"Such a planet will beckon to us and ultimately, we will go there. It's what we've always done as a species. Just as because 'it's there' was reason enough for Edmund Hillary to scale Everest, so too will the mere presence of another world that we can actually live on compel us to visit it," says best-selling science-fiction writer Robert Sawyer, author of the novel Hominids, a Hugo Award finalist.

#### Mind-boggling distances

Such a trip would take a long time, no matter what. Even traveling at the speed of light, at 670 million mph the fastest speed possible, a trip to the nearest star, Proxima Centauri, would take four years. Schemes to accelerate rockets up to a fraction of light-speed rely on nuclear explosions or laser-assisted solar sails to reach cruising velocity not a casual undertaking.

Levinson believes the knowledge that another Earth exists will lead to a public clamor for more powerful space propulsion systems, ones that can carry probes to other stars in a few decades. "Basically, I think that will be the real start of the space age, and everything we've done from the 1950s until now will be seen as a prelude," he says.

"Whatever we find will be interesting," Friedman says. The only surprise would be a clear-cut "Rosetta Stone" planet that answers all our questions about Earth's place in the universe, he says.

"Science usually asks more questions than it answers."

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>June 2, 2003

>E.T. Army Officers All Business, No Fun

>WASHINGTON, D.C. (Wireless Flash) -- Join the Army and you'll  
>not only see the world -- but you could meet E.T. as well.

>Dr. Michael Salla, an expert on extraterrestrial foreign policy,  
>claims aliens have been infiltrating the U.S. Army, Navy and CIA  
>ever since 1954 when President Dwight Eisenhower signed a  
>treaty.

<snip>

Yes, of course! :-o

One day my wife was walking near the office of the Director of the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, upstairs, in the Public Affairs building at the center, and Lo! Walking the other way was a large-headed 'gray alien' with huge wrap-around eyes. She thought that surely this was a joke of some kind, but as the 'gray' passed right beside her she could clearly see the official NASA photo badge with a color photo of the strange being and his name on it! The catch? Hey, gals and guys, it was Halloween! :)

Be sure to get that: I said it was Halloween.

With Michael Salla, I suspect every day is Halloween. Anyone who believes that crap had best, IMO, have some brain screws tightened.

Repeating that kind of totally unadulterated B.S. without a clear and big smile is one of the things that causes Ufology to suffer a credibility problem.

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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THEY'RE BACK - DISCS AND CYLINDERS SEEN ALL OVER US

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. In New Hampshire - saucer shaped UFO lands behind a house, Massachusetts - multiple very colorful rectangular objects spotted, New York - disc and triangular bright white object, New Jersey - daylight flying cylinder, Virginia -- flying cylinder, Florida - rocket shaped cylinder and sphere, Illinois - high flying cylinder UFO sighted with split contrail, Oklahoma - two discs spotted, Texas - cylinder and discs, California - two cylinders stop car engines, Washington - large cylinder photographed, Canada - rotating UFO lights hover and flying triangle spotted, Ecuador - a big UFO shines like the moon, England - bright light in shape of an egg causes clock to spin, Sweden - two white lights with blinking red light between, Crimea UFO hotspot, and Australia - big disk with flashing colors. US B-52 Bombers first flew fifty years ago.

MOTHER SHIPS RETURN - There has been an upswing in the number of large cylinder craft reported that are often called Mother ships because they are believed to carry smaller disc or egg shaped craft. Often these Mother ships are reported to be the size of an aircraft carrier or larger. My website carries a photo of a Mother ship photographed in the state of Washington eleven miles east of Bangor Submarine Base by Dr. Annamarie Johnstone on May 12, 2003.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - SAUCER LANDS BEHIND MY HOUSE

NEW IPSWICH - The eyewitness reports, "This just happened ten minutes ago. I slept out in my barn, tonight on May 17, 2003. The barn has big bay windows and I was in my sleeping bag watching the stars at 8:55 PM, when I saw an octagon/saucer disc shaped craft take off from the trees at the end of my woods property line. It took off, maybe 300-400 ft above my house and I watched it hover until I couldn't see it through the bay windows anymore. I ran outside and watched it descend into the trees behind the church across the street from my house. It made a humming noise. I ran inside and got my parents to come out and take a look but we didn't find any trace of the craft. This is the coolest thing that ever happened to me especially since I recently did a school report on UFO's. This is NOT a joke. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

MASSACHUSETTS - MULTIPLE VERY COLORFUL RECTANGLE OBJECTS

WOBURN -- We live on top of a hill and were playing basketball at noon, when we noticed a group of 12 objects up in the sky on

May 18, 2003. We thought they were parachutes and were wondering why they had opened so high up in the sky. They started out as a closed group but started to move apart from each other. They moved very slowly, pretty much the same way one moves with a rectangular parachute. We also noticed one object apart from the main group much lower than the rest of the objects. The objects came in a rainbow of colors, such as yellow, green, blue, and red. We noticed that the top ones started to move UP instead of down. We thought that because of the wind streams, they would be in trouble and end up all the way to New York from Boston. However, the objects started to move up and then just simply \*disappeared\* from the sky. Three of us were watching at first and I invited my two daughters to see the objects as well. I am pretty sure that there were a lot of people in the area that saw it because this happened at noon with blue skies. NUFORC

NEW YORK - DISC AND TRIANGULAR BRIGHT WHITE OBJECT

BROOKLYN -- On Thursday, May 8, 2003, at 6:43 p.m. the eyewitness was walking home from the train station and looked up towards the southeast in Canarsie when he saw a silver disk/saucer at about 10,000 feet with the leading edge pointed slightly upwards and moving east. I watched it for about 3-4 seconds as it moved slowly and then there was a blur and it disappeared. He states, "The saucer/disk seemed to be wobbling and it had what seemed to be notches that were evenly spaced around its middle rim as it wobbled and rotated." I had my 35 mm camera with me but the sighting was so quick that it was gone before I could get my camera out. It did not reappear.

NEW YORK CITY - On May 20, 2003, the witness was observing planets with a Leitz 7x35 BA Trinovid Binocular. He states, "I spotted a very bright, object moving east at 4:42 AM, that was much bigger than most satellites I normally view, even with severe light pollution. I lost the satellite for a moment, and went back to the planets. The satellite was moving slightly slower, in my estimation, than most satellites I view. I do not, at all, think it was a commercial aircraft. No standard lighting configuration. Nothing but solid white light, tinged, with yellow. No contrails. Less than half an hour earlier, I tracked one moving south to north. Visuals are not that difficult for part of the track across the sky. Fighter jets have been on station around NYC that strobe their lights, and turn them on and off. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

NEW JERSEY -- DAYLIGHT FLYING CYLINDER

WAYNE - The onlooker reports, "I was walking down the street on May 22, 2003, and there was a loud bang and then a cigar shaped object flew over me at 2 PM." It then circled back and went eastward. This lasted for approximately 30 seconds. Then suddenly it flew away. It was grayish in color and I was about 30 to 40 feet long. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

VIRGINIA -- FLYING CYLINDER

PARKSLEY -- The witness was sitting in his living room playing at 9:40 PM, on May 24, 2003, with the door open when he spotted a shiny cylinder shaped object flying low. He ran to the door to see the shiny object, but it was gone. He stated, "I don't know what I saw but it did not make a sound." Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

FLORIDA - ROCKET SHAPED CYLINDER AND SPHERE

CAPE CORAL -- On May 15, 2003, at 3 PM, the witness heard fighter jets and walked out to his pool area to see a large bright silver orb. It was a very shiny sphere and two US military jets flew towards it in a gradual turn. When I glanced at them for a second and looked back the orb was gone. It left no jet stream or anything. A few helicopters were in the area afterwards, but I don't know if they were military or not.

ORANGE PARK - At about 11:16 PM, the witness was outside observing the lunar eclipse on May 15, 2003, when he and his brother saw a tear shaped bluish purple light pass in front of the now dark shaded moon. It sat in one spot right in the bottom left-right side of the dark moon for approximately twelve minutes. The observer states, "It sat there just changing colors not getting closer or farther away, I know this because

of the constant size and shape." After the moon started to lighten back up it took off at a very very high rate of speed straight up and it was gone.

FORT MYERS -- While sitting on the patio of a third floor apartment on May 26, 2003, at 11:30 PM, a rocket shaped object about one story tall took off from the local baseball field. The observer noted, "The object took off straight up and flew to six stories high and then veered off at a 30-degree angle with the pointed end of the rocket up." The object had two lights on the bottom, one red and the other green. The lights flashed one time together and then blinked every other color. It flew over the top of the building making a noise like an airplane, but very subtle. About five minutes later in the same vicinity of the original sighting, an identical object with numerous red lights flew past the building at the third-story level only a hundred feet away. This object made no apparent noise. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

ILLINOIS - HIGH FLYING CYLINDER UFO SIGHTED WITH SPLIT CONTRAIL.

LEBANON -- On May 22, 2003, on the way back from fishing on Highway 64, the witness saw a cylinder shaped UFO flying fast enough to leave a contrail at 6:45 PM. The eyewitness reports, "The contrail was split in two, but I could see no wings, tail or engines. The cylinder was quite long and appeared to be just under the high Stratus clouds. It was silver in color and appeared to have structure, but I saw no markings. My wife was with me, but I did not point it out to her as it was straight up and would have interfered with her driving. We were approaching O'Fallon and Scott Air Force Base. NUFORC's Peter Davenport spoke with this witness, and found him to be sincere and credible.

OKLAHOMA - TWO FLYING DISCS SPOTTED

RETROP - Jim Hickman reports he was contacted by a radiology technician who spotted two UFOs on June 3, 2003, near Highway 6 at about 10:35 PM just south town. Retrop is 130 miles west of Oklahoma City. She states, "I slowed down and rolled down the window to see two disc shaped objects with extremely bright white and red lights that flashed in sequence around the fuselage." No stars or other aircraft were seen. The objects were seen for about three minutes before vanishing. The weather was good and the objects made no noise. She contacted two police officers in Elk City when she arrived in town. Jim says, "I have interviewed the witness and she seems very credible." Altus AFB tower reported no air traffic in the area at that time. Thanks to Jim Hickman, MUFON- Research Specialist for Media Operations, jhickman@gprmc-ok.com

TEXAS - CYLINDER SHAPED CRAFT HOVERING OVER THE NEIGHBORHOOD

EL PASO -- After delivering newspapers on May 14, 2003, the witness headed towards a friend's home at 4:30 AM. He states, "As I headed down the street a large craft appeared that was hovering and had white lights on top and red lights on the "back"- kind of like the back of a car." It was very large and I ran to the house and woke up my friends who came out and were flabbergasted at the sight. We stood in the middle of the road watching it go slowly back and forth. My friend's wife ran into the house to get a camera and by the time she came out the craft just disappeared. It was huge; almost five times the size of a large aircraft

ROUND ROCK -- At 9:45 PM, on May 14, 2003, the two amateur astronomers were looking at the rings around the moon and noticed a star at a 45 degree angle from the rings, which was very bright. The star suddenly started blinking on an off like a white Christmas light bulb. My friend and I determined it was not an airplane, for it was too high in the sky. We could see other aircraft flying, and suddenly the bright star took off in a northerly direction. It did not burn out like a shooting star, and within a few seconds it had traversed to the north because I was looking at my watch to determine the time. At first, it was traveling straight, then it made a crazy 360 degree circle, flew north, and then hovered while blinking, and then disappeared.

HOUSTON - The witness reports seeing several gray spheres moving together in a smooth rolling pattern across the Houston sky at

11:10 PM, on May 18, 2003. He says, "Three or four large silver or gray spheres traveled across the sky directly above me rotating in a pattern." I did not hear any sound. The object moved about as fast as a large passenger airliner in a straight line going southeast. This UFO may have been more than one object, however the way it moved so smoothly in a rolling pattern it seemed to be one at the time I saw it. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### CALIFORNIA - TWO CYLINDERS STOP CAR ENGINES AND FLYING TRIANGLE

ANAHIEM - The witness was driving home from his job at noon on May 13, 2003, when his new car suddenly stopped as did the cars following him. The witness states, "Some of the people behind me got out of their cars and asked me if I knew what was going on?" I said, "I have no idea, this car is new so I'm kind of mad." I heard a humming sound so I look around and I saw two cylinder shapes just sitting there above us. They then landed, then took off into the air and vanished. When the cylinders were gone, my car and the one's behind me started up.

GOLETA - The witness drives to school three times a week on Highway 101 south bound to Oxnard and often notices a bright light that hovers about half mile out in the ocean off the coast of Goleta. On May 15, 2003, at 11:30 PM, with other witnesses they noticed a very bright light that was very close. Then in five seconds it flew about ten miles heading towards Vandenburg Air Force Base. The eyewitness states, "I have seen this many times and at about 9 PM to midnight. There are no blinking lights, just one bright light and that appears to hover, then flies in a smooth straight line, then speeds off in a blink of an eye.

THE CROSS - The witness who describes himself as having considerable technical training was witnessing the lunar eclipse on May 15, with several friends at a place called "The Cross" which is a high hill in my city. As we were looking in the sky and doing some small talk, a person behind me said, "Hey, what's that?" I looked up directly overhead and saw a very dark, probably dark gray or black triangular craft, flying at about 300 feet overhead with a dull non-blinking white light on each tip of the triangle. The craft was noiseless and flying pretty slow, maybe at about 30 to 60 miles per hour. It was big, probably around 60 to 100 feet wide. It passed over our heads in a straight line towards the eclipsed moon and looked as if it veered to the right before disappearing into the haze. Total sighting time was about 5 seconds. It was very eerie and strange. I have a hard time believing that we have the technology for something to fly like this. The other two witnesses saw exactly the same thing as myself, but my friend convinced himself it was a flock of birds after hearing what we saw. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### WASHINGTON - CYLINDER SHAPED UFO PHOTOGRAPHED

BANGOR SUBMARINE BASE -- Dr. Annamarie Johnstone was attempting to photograph chemtrails at 7:30 PM, on west Kingston Road in North Kitsap County, eleven miles east of the base on May 12, 2003. She reports, "The sky cleared at 4 PM, followed by chemtrails at 6 PM including X-shaped trails. Photographing the unfurling X and its falling aerosol curtain, I captured a cigar-shaped cylinder, nose angled downward and moving to the west. I did not see the craft visually. Thanks to Annamarie Johnstone author of "UFO Defense Tactics" published by Hancock House Publishers.

#### CANADA - ROTATING UFO LIGHTS HOVER, AND FLYING TRIANGLE

KITCHENER - On May 13, 2003, the witnesses were at Bargeman's Conservation Area at 2:15 AM and I looked up and saw a shooting star. He states, "When my wife turned to look up, two more spit into a perfect triangle and rotated in a clockwise motion very slow and deliberate." It's like they met up at an exact point with pinpoint accuracy, and locked together in a triangle shape rotated clock wise for a count of ...1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, to a dead stop, then took off in separate directions.

GEORGETOWN - The observer was sitting in the window watching a movie on May 13, 2003, when a distraction of light caught her attention at 8:15 PM. She says, "As I looked up I saw a beautiful display of rotating lights that slowly hovered moving

no more than 5 km/hr about 100 feet from my roof top." I was paralyzed knowing what I was witnessing and never in my life believing I would ever see or believe such a thing. I rushed out side to gaze at the UFO almost terrified in fear. I got a moment of enjoyment and a real good look at the craft. It was not as big as I thought it would be and very quiet. The outer ends were rotating with a wondrous arrangement of lights and it quickly sped off into in a moment of awe into the night in an instant. I will never forget that experience!!!! We are not alone!

MONTREAL, DOLLARD DES ORMEAUX, QC - The witness reports, "Something passed over the West end of Montreal on May 15, 2003, at 11:45 PM. Four of us were sitting outside watching the lunar eclipse when the UFO came from the left side of the Moon. It had three glowing white "lights," on the "underside," in a rectangular pattern, that moved as if part of the same object. It could have been one object or three moving together. It crossed the sky from south to north in about 20 seconds without making any noise. There were no flashing or blinking lights or marker lights that we could see. Only the 3 large spots underneath. As far as I'm concerned, this was not a fossil fuel powered vehicle. Thanks to Brian Vike

ECUADOR - MOON WAS FLYING

GUAYAQUIL - I was looking at the sky from my window on May 14, 2003, on a cloudy night at 8 PM, and I saw part of the "the moon. This was strange because at that time the moon is not in the western sky. I decided to watch a movie, and at 12:15, I went to the window, and to my surprise the moon was above me. I came to the conclusion, what I first saw at 8 PM was not the moon, but something big that shines like the moon. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

ENGLAND - BRIGHT LIGHT IN SHAPE OF AN EGG CAUSES CLOCK TO SPIN

PORTSMOUTH - The witnesses were driving down a winding country road on May 15, 2003, and all of a sudden noticed a bright egg shaped object in the sky at 9:37 PM. They report, "It was darting from side to side, so we pulled over to look at it, as we knew from the speed and rapid direction changes that this wasn't any normal plane or helicopter." Within a few minutes the object came closer and a bright light surrounded our car, the light was blinding so we covered our eyes with our hands. I was squinting a look through my fingers, when I noticed that the hands on clock on the dashboard was spinning around really fast. This seemed to happen for only a short while, then the egg suddenly disappeared, and we were left feeling a bit dazed and confused about the whole experience. This was definitely something not of this world. The clock on the dashboard has stopped working since then.

MANSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE -- Two hours later, another witness was out in his backyard on May 15, 2003, and spotted three spheres in the sky at 11:30 PM. The three spheres were tightly bunched and moved as one at a rapid pace in the sky covering only what seemed a small area for about 15 minutes. At times the shapes seemed to change. I managed to obtain about 10 photos of the objects at different stages, from stationary to moving. (NUFORC Note: Witness elects to remain totally anonymous. PD))

BELGIUM - SLOW FLYING CROSS UFO

WAREGEM, WEST-FLANDERS -- On Saturday, May 10 , 2003, around 8 o'clock nine residents were witness to a strange event. The father of the large family was busy cooking when he saw a passenger plane flying lower than normal at about 6000 meters. In the blue sky, I suddenly noticed a black spot that had a vertical hanging stripe shape. The object didn't seem to move and was sharply outlined against a small gray cloud. I quickly called my girlfriend and son, and went upstairs grabbing my Tasco 7x50 binoculars. I soon spotted the object, and till my full excitement it didn't appear to be an ULM (Ultra Light Motorized) or balloon but an erected, upright cross.

I wanted witnesses so I shouted to the neighbors who were outside with some guests. Using the binoculars, they saw it very well. One of them is our mayor. The height of the object was about 2000 meters. The object was moving slowly northeast at 5 km in one half hour. There was also a (hot air) balloon moving south

that indicates the object was moving against the wind. Drawings were made by witnesses that agree. Cross-shaped sightings seem to be a rarity; I did some research for sightings where a similar object was spotted, and found only 5 reliable cases. Thanks to the Toine Trust Site Admin [ganzEgal@UFOPlaza.nl](mailto:ganzEgal@UFOPlaza.nl) site: [www.UFOPlaza.nl](http://www.UFOPlaza.nl)

#### SWEDEN - TWO WHITE LIGHTS WITH BLINKING RED LIGHT BETWEEN

V=C4STERVIK -- On May 17, 2003, at 1:30 AM, the observer saw blinking lights around 01:30 AM. He writes, "There were two of them, one higher up than the other, heading due north." I watched them with a pair of field glasses until I could no longer see them. Then around 3 AM, I saw one more light heading across the sky on the same path as the previous ones. NUFORC

#### AUSTRALIA - BIG DISK SHAPED OBJECT FLASHING COLORS

MELBOURNE -- The witness saw three UFOs on May 25, 2003, at 8:00 PM, while sitting outside. The eyewitness states, "It looked like three disk shaped things bobbing up and down in the air flashing blue to white to red back to blue etc. If they landed in my backyard, they would have been about 30 feet long and 30 feet wide.

#### CRIMEA UFO HOTSPOT WITH CYLINDER AND DISCS

In May, the Crimean peninsula confirmed its status as the UFO Hotspot in Europe with UFOs being observed almost daily! Late in the evening on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, a cigar-shaped object was hovering north of the city of Simferopol' (republican capital of our autonomy). The object was noticed at 10 PM, by its bright front yellowish light that outlined the cylindrical shape of the craft. The impression was that the object demonstrated itself to the witness (Mrs. Lenura A. Azizova) by activating this light. Very soon after that, the light was switched off, and the craft dissolved in darkness. The craft was 50 to 60 meters long. Mrs. Azizova claims to see UFOs often because of her 360-degrees panorama of the sky.

FOROS -- On Friday, May 15, 2003, two "daylight disks" were seen hovering over a mountainous ridge at the extreme southwest point of the Crimean peninsula between 2:00 and 2:20 PM. The disks were metallic, 10 to 12 meters in diameter and ~6 meters high, with high central domes and smaller, smooth protruding parts underneath. They approached from the Black Sea and were seen for twenty minutes.

UFOs are very frequent seen over the Bai'darskaya Valley that can be named "Ukrainian UFO Valley," and often local residents do not even pay attention, because they observe UFOs so often, even more frequently than airplanes!

SIMFEROPOL' -- The same day, at 9:20 PM, a big disk was seen hovering north of the city. It was clearly visible by a light on its side, that was silver-white and brighter than Venus). The disk was flat and about 30 meters in diameter with a small central dome on top. After several seconds, the light was switched off. Apparently, aliens are interested in observing Simferopol' International airport the second biggest in Ukraine), as well as nearby Gvardey'skoye military air base that has Russian Su-24 bombers.

On Saturday, May 17, 2003, at 11:25 PM, a remarkable fish-shaped object was observed flying over Simferopol.' It had an oblong, smooth streamlined hull, visible by 3 lights beneath the bottom of the craft. The front was a green light, the middle a red light and bright amber light in back. It was 50 to 55 meters in length and ~8-10 meters high. The hull reflected by lights, was dull-gray or dull-brown. After being visible for ~10 seconds, the lights on the craft died and it vanished. This thing was absolutely soundless, big, and definitely not an airplane. The positioning of the lights is quite different from normal aircraft and pilots do not switch off their lights.

On Monday, May 19, 2003, at 9:50 PM, a bright shining UFO was observed over Simferopol' by local residents, flying from southeast to northwest. This was like a white star, very bright, as Sirius. It was moving in 2-3 times faster than any satellite. Mr. Viktor Zdorov, while walking his dog could see a dim yellow star of a satellite, passing nearby the UFO at the very same

part of the sky. The satellite was dim and moving much slower.

On Wednesday, May 21, 2003, at 9:20 Anton became a witness to a bright white-yellowish star over South Simferopol' that was hovering and started slowly moving directly to the east. The star was changing brightness and pulsating. This was definitely not a satellite or ISS. This object was moving directly to east, following the direction of Earth rotation. The object was observed on May 13, 15, 17, 19, 21! So that means with a period of every 2 days! Note, also, that many cases are not reported, so, the real number of cases is likely much bigger and almost daily!

#### UFOs OVER AZERBAIJAN AND GEORGIA

BAKU -- A UFO flap was reported in the nearby area of Black Sea and Caucasus as well. On May 19, 2003, a UFO was observed over Simferopol' while a UFO was videotaped over the city of Baku, capital of Azerbaijan, at 5 PM Moscow time. This was shaped like an inverted teardrop (with narrow part down), shining with a pearl-white color. Numerous witnesses observed and videotaped the object that flew towards the Caspian Sea. There may be an underwater UFO base in the Derbent Hollow of the Caspian Sea. A video was shown of the UFO at 9 PM two nights later, by the leading Russian 1st TV-channel at "Vremya" ("Time") news. Thanks to Anton A. Anfalov, Research specialist for MUFON in Ukraine, UKUFAS (Ukrainian UFO Association), [an@crimea.com](mailto:an@crimea.com). 380 (652) 25-66-90

#### NEW RADAR UFO CASES

Jan Aldrich of Project 1947, writes, "I haven't let many people know about these so the following would be an exclusive for your Filer's Files. Martin Shough whose work with others on the Lakenheath case recently published on the web compiled a catalogue of UFO radar cases entitled the RADCAT. During the past months we have worked to edit and expanded the RADCAT so it now includes well over 250 such cases from World War II to the present. A number of these case are not well known even to seasoned Ufologists.

In November 1954, the Second Air Force sent a brief preliminary message to Project Blue Book to informed them an RB-36 aircraft from the 60th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, at Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, flying over the Gulf of Mexico had made radar contact with an unknown object and that a "series of APQ-24 scope photographs will be included in full report." Project Blue Book notes that the photos were not received and labeled the case "insufficient data for evaluation." There is no indication that Project Blue Book ever followed up on this case or ask the Strategic Air Command, Second Air Force, Ramey Air Force Base, the 60th Strat Recon Squadron for further information.

Another radar case from Dallas, Texas submitted by 745th Aircraft Warning and Control (AWCRON) Squadron involved a series of visual reports and a radar tracking of UFOs. The 745th AWCRON submitted 200 undeveloped radar scope photographs to Project Blue Book, but the film was opened at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and exposed prior to being developed. A request for another copy of the film was apparently not answered.

The second project, an article for a UFO journal will highlight some missing official documents from Top Secret material to crucial physical evidence such as the radarscope photographs mentioned above. I would welcome more information on radar cases and missing official UFO documents. Thanks to Jan Aldrich, [project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net) [project1947.com/](http://project1947.com/)

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## UFO? The Public Wants To Know

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By Rachel R. Basinger

Friday, April 25, 2003

MOUNT PLEASANT - It's been a controversial subject for members of the Kecksburg community in Mount Pleasant Township for the past 37 years and a local investigator as well as members of the Coalition for Freedom of Information think it's high time some official light was shed on the subject.

Researcher Stan Gordon of Greensburg has recently spearheaded the circulation of a petition in hopes of showing Congress that the public wants to know the truth about what the object was that fell near Kecksburg on Dec. 9, 1965.

And although he's been pretty much solely researching the incident since it happened, Gordon now has backing from a national organization, the Coalition of Freedom of Information (CFI).

"The state-wide petition is Gordon's project," said Leslie Kean, research director of the CFI. "Our role is to help support the petition and offer Gordon some sort of backbone."

Kean added that the coalition, along with support from the SCI FI Channel, is working on a lot of other aspects of the case as well, including spearheading a Freedom of Information Act effort to declassify government documents about the Kecksburg incident.

"We have a law firm in Washington, D.C., working for us on this," said Kean. "They're making contacts with the government, and we'll file some appeals if we have to."

"I do care about the people in Pennsylvania who have been denied information for much too long," she added. "It's caused a lot of suffering and strife among the people in that community because of the conflict of whether or not something did happen, and that's just a microcosm of what can arise when the government denies information."

The Historic Association Incorporated, which is based in Washington D.C., has done some research inside the national archive, according to Kean.

"They will more than likely expand their search into the national federal record center where government documents end up and may be neglected for years before they actually get to the national archive," she said.

She added that they also have an investigator searching to find names associated with the incident.

"We just have a very broad effort focused on the case and the petition that Stan (Gordon) is doing is just one component,"

said Kean.

According to Gordon, over the past 38 years, there has been just one official document released by the government, who says it's the only documentation they have.

"The document is actually a report for the Air Force Project Blue Book, which was a federal investigation into UFOs at the time. It basically states that a three-man team from the Oakdale Radar Site was dispatched on Dec. 9, 1965, to investigate and pick up an object that started a fire, but it later states that they searched until 2 a.m. and did not find anything," said Gordon.

But Gordon feels, after more than 30 years of research and hearing personal account after personal account, that there is more to the incident than that.

"On Dec. 9, 1965, in the late afternoon, at approximately 4:47 p.m., thousands of people saw a fiery object in the sky," said Gordon. "Reports came in from the greater Pittsburgh area that a fire ball was falling from the sky. The reports had it going over Greensburg, continuing to Laurelville and then trekking towards Kecksburg."

According to Gordon, witnesses say it didn't come down fast, but instead had more of a slow descent like it was being controlled.

"There were hundreds of civilians on the scene trying to find out what came down, and there were journalists from most of the major Pittsburgh news stations and papers there," said Gordon.

"The official explanation the next day was that nothing was found or recovered and that maybe the fire ball in the sky was a meteor," he added.

But many witnesses say they saw a number of military personnel from the Army and the Air Force search the woods, and later that evening, saw a large military tractor-trailer coming from the area carrying a large object under a tarp, according to Gordon.

Although Gordon has had many witnesses to the event contact him, giving pretty much the same account, he didn't have a real breakthrough in the case until 1987.

"In 1987 was the first time we had a witness come forward that said he actually saw the object after it had landed," said Gordon.

Gordon and some associates had a display set up at the mall to keep people aware of the UFO phenomenon when a gentleman came up to one of Gordon's assistants and told him that he was with one of the first search teams that saw the object in the woods.

"He wanted to keep anonymous because he didn't want his family involved in anything, but he claimed he was with one of the Mutual Aid fire departments, not from Kecksburg, when they came into the area and were given instructions to search for a downed aircraft in the woods," said Gordon.

"A little while later, the gentleman said, his group got a radio call on their walkie-talkie that another group had come across a large metallic semi-buried object in the ground," Gordon continued. "He said it looked like a very unusual color of metal and there were no rivets or anything like that. It was just one solid piece of metal. He said it looked like someone had taken liquid metal and poured it into an acorn-shaped mold."

The gentleman also told Gordon's assistant that on the bumper area of the object there were raised markings that looked similar to ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.

"He said it was 10 to 12 feet in length and maybe 8 to 10 feet in diameter and easily big enough for a human to fit inside," said Gordon. "He said that while he was on the scene, two men with trenchcoats came down and basically said the area was quarantined and they had to leave the area."

Gordon recounted the man's testimony that, as his group was leaving, military personnel were coming into the area.

"He told us that later that same night he saw a flatbed truck going up Snake Hill, and at approximately 1 a.m., it came back down with something on it covered with a tarp, and the truck had a military jeep in front of it and behind it."

Gordon takes stock in this gentleman's account of the evening, saying that he and his assistants interviewed a number of people about that night and the gentleman could not have known the details of the incident unless he was there.

Then, in 1990, before Unsolved Mysteries did its show on the Kecksburg UFO, a man contacted Gordon and said he was part of the security team that guarded the object at Lockbourne Air Force base near Columbus, Ohio.

"He said it arrived at the base in the early morning of Dec. 10 and that security was very high that day," said Gordon. "He told me they were given a shoot-to-kill order to anyone who approached the object without the proper identification."

A few hours later that same day, the object was transported to the Wright-Patterson Air Force base near Dayton, Ohio, and that's logical because that's where it would have gone for any type of analytical studies," said Gordon, who added that this man's account is verified by at least one other person.

"We have a huge amount of information gathered that would suggest that an object of unknown origin did indeed fall in Kecksburg on Dec. 9, 1965," said Gordon.

But although the possibility of the object being an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO), Gordon still has an open mind as to what the object might have been.

"One possibility is that it could have been the Soviet Venus Probe KOSMOS, which entered the earth's atmosphere in Canada at 3:18 a.m. that same day on Dec. 9, but there is no official evidence to support this theory," said Gordon.

"But, whenever this thing was spotted, it appeared to be slowing down before it landed," said Gordon. "It didn't come down at a high rate of speed, and at that time it was the beginning of the space program, and I'm sure they were still learning about docking and things like that."

Still today, there's controversy in Kecksburg over the incident, but Gordon said when a person puts the pieces of the puzzle together it leads them to believe something came down that night and the government hasn't told the truth.

"Officially, as it stands today, there were only three men dispatched there and nothing was found, but I have many signed statements from many individuals who say they would be glad to testify under oath as to what they witnessed that night."

He added that the petition was started in hopes of having the government release any information it has been holding for the past 38 years, and with all the investigations that are going on right now with the CFI, it's very important that anyone with information should come forward.

"There were rumors circulating for years that people were in the woods and got photos of the object before the military got there, and now is the time to contact me," said Gordon.

The petition was started on March 3 and, so far, the number of people who have signed it is unknown. According to Gordon, several people have printed out hard copies that are still circulating.

"It's really important to get the residents within the Pittsburgh area to sign the petition," said Gordon. "The CFI will need to show Congress that our own constituents here locally have an interest in this so that Congress will request the General Accounting Office to conduct an investigation."

Anyone wishing to sign the petition can log onto [www.signpetition.com](http://www.signpetition.com). They can also download hard copies to distribute, which can be returned to Gordon at P.O. Box 936, Greensburg, Pa. 15601.

"People are still just beginning to find out about the petition, so this could go on for months and months because it's going to take time to get all the signatures that we want," said Gordon. "We're really digging right now to find answers about everything, and anyone that might wish to contact us with information can do so confidentially by calling my UFO hotline at 724-838-7768."

According to Kean, she feels that since they have an unprecedented team working on the case, they have the best possible chance right now of getting any information than anyone else has had up to this point.

"We're going to push this as far as we can," said Kean. "In the past, Stan (Gordon) was the only person investigating the case, but he was just one person with limited resources and manpower. We're here to help build on his incredible work and follow up on some of the information that Stan found.

Kean added that they are really committed to pushing the issue as far as it can go.

"I don't think this kind of effort has been made before, and no matter what we find out or don't find out, the process of trying to get the information will be very useful," she said. "Every step along the way will be a valuable process that might help shed light on other cases, no matter if we are successful with this one or not."

"We're going on 38 years now and unfortunately a lot of people involved in the case have passed away," said Gordon. "These people would like closure on this case. I think, after 38 years, the government should open their files and let the public know what happened that day."

For more information, visit [www.freedomofinfo.com](http://www.freedomofinfo.com) or [www.westol.com](http://www.westol.com).

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## Re: Disclosure Dialogue #01-01 - Bird

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I've been lurking UFO UpDates for quite some time now. Victor Viggiani's Disclosure Dialogue post of May 26, compels me get off my duff and respond. I commend Victor for his courage in putting forth this challenge to ufologists. We've needed it for quite some time. A less eloquent but equally courageous sentiment was voiced by Esen Sekerkarar at last years MUFON Conference in Rochester NY.

I've read Victor's post several times. It reads like poetry, but it stings like a bee! It challenges us to stop quarrelling and to some extent to stop researching, and to replace all the posturing with action.

We've been posturing like a bunch of roosters for close to 50 years now. We've got one thing on our side, that the other side doesn't. We've got the truth. That's all that will matter in the long run. That doesn't mean that we know what it is all about. It just means that we know that something important that is important to the human race is being withheld from us all.

The important issue is that we are being lied to. If the other side thinks they have adequate reasons for bot staring and maintaining the lies, I don't think they are justified. We have a right to know what these things are that have been observed and reported by tens or even hundreds of thousands of people the world over. I do not want to continue to live in a world where extremists fly planes into buildings and murder thousands of people all because of their religious beliefs. If they knew the truth about UFOs, maybe they wouldn't do such things. Maybe we wouldn't do a lot of things if we knew the full truth. Maybe we would stop polluting and destroying our planet if we all knew the full truth.

I like to hold the example of Ghandi as the perfect expression of 'how to do something'. He had the conviction that 'The British must go'. Throw in his personal brand of courage and simplicity and in the end the British did leave.

Victor asked for some practical suggestions. I have one. We pick one day of the year and call it "UFO Truth Day". How about Sept 11? On that day, all those who believe that UFOs are real, converge on the Capital buildings of every country, and hold a silent but visible protest for say 2 hours. We do not speak, we do not shout, we do not rant nor rave. We just stand there in moot silence. We hold signs that say things like "UFOs are Real - Get with the Program". We burn candles. Whatever. We inform the press and TV stations ahead of time. We just stand there, let our message be absorbed by whomever and then we return home. We don't trash buildings and we don't make fools of ourselves.

We just try to convey the message that we know that we are being lied to. And that we don't like it.

Hopefully each year the numbers would increase. Maybe one year we will have a million people standing outside the Capitol buildings of each nation on the planet. Maybe outside the United Nations as well.

I don't know how many years it would take, but that would be my

approach.

I know that the truth is lurking, just waiting to be born, and that our world will change because of it.

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## Re: Some Unusual Encounters - Wilson

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>Source: The Salt Lake Tribune - Utah

><http://www.sltrib.com/2003/Jun/06032003/tuesday/62522.asp>

>June 03, 2003

>Close Encounters

>UFO researcher George Filer said the number of sightings has  
>remained fairly consistent for the last few months, but May had  
>some of the most unusual encounters.

>For instance, folks in Winnebago, Wis., reported seeing what  
>looked like three flying Spaghettios hovering over Lake  
>Winnebago on May 15 and May 20 and a trio of flying green cigars  
>was spotted running amuck around North-ridge, Calif., on May 7.

Re: Green cigar shaped craft:

This really caught my eye. When I saw this sighting report of three green cigar-shaped craft I went straight to my journal because I remembered something similar and I had never seen it before.

It was during an "experience" at night on February 22, 2003. I remembered it consciously in the middle of the night - actually the very early morning hours, but I was still in my bedroom and not outside. The following is just a portion of it for anyone who may be interested.

"Then I saw a green\* long rectangular-shaped craft (similar to a cigar-shaped craft but without the rounded edges as I have seen before) silently and slowly floating from the position of the black "helicopter."

It moved pass me to an area just behind the wall. I guess it did not want to be seen, and there, no one can see anything. It landed, but like the black "helicopter" it did not touch the ground. It stayed in a "hovering" position about 1 to 1-1/2 feet above the ground. "

Notes from my journal: " \*the green color was similar to the tree-frog green - rather a bright green. Neither the helicopter nor the green craft had any lines or rivets or anything on them. They were "perfectly" smooth. It seemed like they were smoother than glass, but they were not glass and I cannot describe the metal other than to say it had a soft sheen to it and looked "perfect." End of notes."

I wonder, if during the investigation of this sighting in California, if anyone will be located who came within close proximity of the craft, for example, as during an abduction/visitation?

I would be interested in what the beings look like. I have not included the description just in case other witnesses can be located.

Thanks

K. Wilson

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## The Science Of UFOs - A Review

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The Science Of UFOs by William Alschuler

Review by Mac Tonnies

In this sporadically interesting but underdeveloped look at exotic physics, astronomer William Alschuler provides a scattered tour of hyperspace, space warps, time travel, and higher-dimensional topology a la Stephen Hawking. Occasionally, almost as an afterthought, he'll make a vague reference to UFO sightings or abduction reports (hence the rather misleading title). But not until the final fourth of "The Science of UFOs" does the depth of Alschuler's ignorance of ufology become fully evident. We're treated to the usual "debunking" spiel: temperature inversions neatly explain radar-visual cases (although Alschuler is careful not to cite specific cases); sleep paralysis explains so-called "abductions," etc.

Boasting one of the most poorly researched chapters on the Roswell Incident ever penned (Alschuler matter-of-factly informs us that the Army Air Force concocted the original "flying disk" story as a cover for Project Mogul), the author chooses to appeal to the collective debunking "wisdom" rather than address historic UFO cases with any sort of scientific vigor. Instead of presenting readers with a synthesis of mainstream astronomical thought and cutting-edge speculation, Alschuler gleefully dismisses UFOs from the scientific stage with the pseudointellectual hand-waving characteristic of UFO debunking's all-time greats, Donald Menzel and Philip Klass. No doubt the act of single-handedly eradicating troublesome UFOs was something of an ego-trip for the author. But for readers looking for answers, "The Science of UFOs" is more of the same myopic terrestrial chauvinism and underhanded Saganism found in the pages of the "Skeptical Inquirer."

For literate perspectives on the UFO mystery, readers are encouraged to seek out books on the UFO phenomenon by zoologist Ivan Sanderson and astronomers Jacques Vallee and J. Allen Hynek.

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--Mac

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## The Failure of NASA: And A Way Out

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The Failure of NASA: And A Way Out

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I was in Mission Control when Neil Armstrong announced that the Eagle had landed. The applause was unexpectedly muted as we were all overwhelmed by the significance of the moment. Nobody had any doubt that Tranquility Base was the first step in an expansion into space that would drive human progress for centuries to come.

We had of course all seen the 1968 Kubrick/Clarke movie 2001: A Space Odyssey, and the facilities depicted there seemed entirely reasonable. In our lifetimes, we expected to see hotels in orbit, translunar shuttles operated by commercial airlines, and settlements on the Moon. Only the alien monolith was questionable.

None of this has happened.

Despite cutbacks, NASA has spent a total of \$450 billion since Apollo 11 (adjusted for inflation to 2003 dollars). That very large sum was more than enough to fund the developments that Wernher von Braun predicted for the end of the 20th Century, but we have not even started on any of them.

If it had been spent wisely, as seed money to stimulate commercial development, we could have established a growing, self-sustaining extraterrestrial enterprise, offering opportunities for thousands of people to live and work off Earth - but the sad truth is that we have less capability in human spaceflight now than in 1970.

In 1969, we landed on the Moon, but now we cannot leave low Earth orbit (LEO). NASA claimed that the shuttle would be fifteen times cheaper to fly (per pound of payload) than the Saturn vehicles used in Apollo, but it is actually three times more expensive.

The average cost of each flight is a staggering \$760 million. After a mission, the time required to prepare a shuttle for the next flight was supposed to be less than two weeks, but in practice tens of thousands of technicians spend three to six months rebuilding each "reusable" shuttle after every flight. Worst of all, the shuttle is a needlessly complex, fragile and dangerous vehicle, which has killed fourteen astronauts so far.

In 1973, we had a space station called Skylab, with berths for three astronauts. NASA let it reenter and break up over Western Australia. A second Skylab was built, which could have become the Earth terminal of a lunar transportation system.

It is now a tourist attraction at the Air and Space Museum in Washington, and the Saturn V to launch it is nothing more than a monstrous lawn ornament, moldering on its side at Johnson Space Center (JSC).

Now we are building the International Space Station (ISS), which is still incomplete after twenty years of effort. Its orbital inclination, chosen for political reasons, makes it useless as a base for future missions beyond Earth.

In the original design, the ISS had a crew of six or seven, but cost overruns have forced deletion of a habitation module and a lifeboat that could return that crew to Earth in emergency. The shrunken station, called "core complete," will accommodate only three astronauts (who will use a Russian Soyuz as a lifeboat). In normal operations, only one of the crew will be American.

The cutbacks gutted the research program, by eliminating much of the scientific equipment aboard the station, reducing the scheduled shuttle flights in support from six to four per year, and leaving the small crew with very little time to spare from housekeeping tasks.

If there are no unusual maintenance problems, the lone American may average 90 minutes per day working on the research that is the alleged purpose of the facility. He or she will conduct experiments by following a checklist, because the small crew precludes specialists in relevant disciplines. The scientific program is thus perfunctory at best, with rote experiments of a kind that might win prizes at a high school science fair. (2)

The life-cycle cost of the ISS, including development expenses and shuttle flights, amounts to at least \$8 billion per year (2003 dollars). This is 60% more than the entire budget of the National Science Foundation, which supports thousands of earthbound scientists.

US taxpayers have a right to expect that such expensive research will be of a quality that wins Nobel Prizes, but what we are actually getting are pro forma experiments that occupy a small fraction of the time of one person.

The cost is preposterous: it amounts to nearly fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000!) for each hour of scientific work by the American crewmember. NASA has no chance whatsoever of convincing scientists that this is a reasonable allocation of scarce research funds.

Until the Columbia accident, NASA had expected 4 shuttle flights per year to the ISS, and one more for missions unrelated to the station (e.g., to lower inclination). Now the shuttle may be restricted to orbits in the same plane as the ISS, so that the shuttle can go dock there if it is damaged during launch. In any case, present plans call for operation of the ISS until at least 2016, so there will be at least 65 more shuttle flights (5 per year).

Based on experience to date (two shuttles lost in 113 missions), the accident probability is a little less than 2% on each flight. Astronauts may accept this risk because there is no other way to fly in space, but they would of course prefer a safer system. As a matter of public policy, however, only a compelling national interest can justify so hazardous a venture. The ISS presents no such necessity.

With these odds, the probability of losing at least one more shuttle during the life of the ISS (i.e., in 65 flights) is nearly 70%. In other words, NASA is gambling its future, and the lives of astronauts, on a program that has less than one chance in three of avoiding disaster. This is like playing Russian roulette with a revolver in which four out of the six chambers are loaded. Only a suicidal lunatic would accept such a proposition.

After wasting three decades (and a perfectly good Cold War), frustrating the dreams of a whole generation of space enthusiasts, and spending hundreds of billions of dollars, NASA's net achievement is a space station that has no definable purpose except to serve as a destination for shuttle flights.

We would not need the shuttle missions if we did not have the

station, and we would not need the station if we did not need something for the shuttles to do. The entire human spaceflight program has thus become an exercise in futility.

The lack of progress has not been due to insufficient funding or to technological problems, but to a series of blunders by NASA management.

NASA engineers did not understand the popular enthusiasm aroused by Apollo. They thought the Giant Leap for Mankind was not the lunar landing itself, but the technological prowess it displayed.

This led to the mistaken inference that the way to maintain popular support, and hence generous funding, was to propose megaprojects of great technical complexity, regardless of whether they were intrinsically interesting.

They are surprised and disappointed that the public are unimpressed by the shuttle and ISS, despite their technical virtuosity. The Giant Leap delusion persists today, in the form of proposals for a flags-and-footprints mission to Mars.

In reality, of course, Apollo existed because Jack Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev chose to make space a principal arena for competition between the superpowers. The purposes of the program were to overcome the perceived Soviet lead in space, and to foreclose the possibility that the USSR would reach the Moon first and claim it as Soviet territory. No Congress was willing to spend more than the minimum needed to achieve those objectives.

The Outer Space Treaty of 1967 relieved concerns about Soviet hegemony by banning weapons and territorial claims on the Moon. This allowed Congress to respond to Lyndon Johnson's simultaneous expansion of social programs and the war in VietNam by slashing funding for NASA. As shown in Figure 1, the budget peaked in 1966, and then fell precipitously.

Despite these obvious trends, NASA developed grandiose visions of the post-Apollo program, which culminated in the Space Task Group Report of 1969. (3)

The STG proposed three options. The most ambitious called for

- \* a reusable Earth-to-orbit shuttle and a small space station by 1975;
- \* a reusable orbit-to-orbit tug and a lunar orbit station in 1976;
- \* a nuclear-powered tug and a lunar surface base in 1978;
- \* a 50-man space base in Earth orbit in 1980;
- \* a manned Mars mission in 1981;
- \* and expansion of the Earth orbit space base to 100 people by 1985.

The other options retained all these objectives, but reduced the cash flow by delaying some of them for up to five years.

Figure 1 also shows the funding profiles required by the STG proposals (in 2003 dollars). Richard Nixon responded immediately, making it perfectly clear that the whole STG Report was sheer fantasy, and that NASA should expect less money, not more.

Given this fiscal reality, NASA could have adopted an incremental approach to space development. The obvious plan was to launch the second Skylab, with minor modifications to permit a long life on orbit, and to support it initially with a simple ballistic capsule (such as a proposed stretch of the Gemini capsule, called the Big G, which could carry seven to nine people) atop an expendable booster.

In time, a small reusable orbiter would replace the capsule, and the booster could eventually become reusable too. Beyond that, the scope of the program would depend on funding, but might include a permanent lunar base.

This plan was unacceptable because it had two dreadful defects. First, it involved a series of small, affordable steps, instead of the Giant Leaps that many in NASA thought essential to public support.

The second and much worse problem was that Skylab was a project run by Marshall Spaceflight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, and

not by JSC. As JSC Deputy Director Chris Kraft said, people in Houston believed that "being in charge of manned spaceflight was their birthright," and they resented Marshall's intrusion.

Kraft once told me that a space station was unnecessary, because the shuttle would be so cheap that astronauts could commute to orbit, returning home every evening.

The claim that the shuttle would be cheap was based on an economic model that was totally divorced from reality. It assumed that the shuttle would fly 60 times per year, so that fixed costs could be amortized over many missions, and that the direct operating cost would amount to less than \$250/pound (2003 dollars). If these estimates had proven correct, we would have flown the shuttle 1500 times by now (and presumably would have killed about 200 astronauts).

The worst mistake made by NASA managers was that they allowed disputes over who would be in charge to influence the direction of the program. Their preoccupation with intercenter turf wars obscured the writing on the wall.

The real lesson of the STG debacle was that a healthy program was not sustainable if funded only by taxpayers. NASA could retain exclusive control of an insignificant, moribund program, or it could accept a supporting role in a growing program, funded by investors and controlled by entrepreneurs.

Given these options, NASA chose the first - but instead of doing the best it could with limited funds, it dissipated its resources in the care and feeding of the white elephants called shuttle and ISS.

The end of the Cold War has intensified the need to engage the engines of free enterprise. Absent a dire national exigency like the Soviet threat, NASA must compete for funding with other uses for the Federal dollar, and many of them are much more urgent. The NASA budget has therefore shrunk to well below 1% of Federal outlays, and there is virtually no hope of any significant increase. Sustained growth is possible only in the private sector, where it is seen as a boon to the economy.

Apart from other issues, the purpose of human spaceflight is to open the solar system to all of us, not just to civil servants. The appeal of the program depends on the perception that it is opening a new frontier where people can escape the increasing regulation of life on Earth. A centrally-planned, government-run program is incompatible with that vision. It cannot survive, because it contradicts a principal reason for popular support.

There are many other advantages to transferring responsibility for human spaceflight to private enterprise:

- \* Commercialization could convert the program from a Federal expense to a source of tax revenues.

- \* Corporations can grow exponentially because of positive feedback of profits from investments, a mechanism that is unavailable to NASA.

- \* Corporations can make rapid progress because they can take risks that government agencies cannot.

- \* A growing commercial program would create the constituency needed to avoid further cuts in Federal funding.

- \* Human spaceflight can be a potent demonstration of US leadership, but the current NASA program sends the wrong message to nations struggling with the transition from command economies to democracy and free enterprise.

The extraterrestrial economy will be like that in Hawaii, where tourism and the export of pineapples are important industries, but not the reason most people live there. The gross Hawaiian product depends primarily on trade between residents.

Similarly, space entrepreneurs may begin by exporting goods and services to customers on Earth (the most promising candidates are space tourism and electric power from solar power satellites), but the real growth phase will begin when trade between people living and working in space generates a

significant fraction of corporate revenues.

The principal barriers to expansion into space are firstly: the high cost of launch to orbit; secondly: actions by NASA that suppress competition from the private sector (4); and thirdly: a regulatory environment, especially in the UN General Assembly, in which capitalism and competition are seen as regrettable aberrations that we should leave behind as we venture out into the universe.

These are all correctable, but not within the institutional culture that has taken root in NASA.

#### How to Fix It

First of all, we must recognize explicitly that NASA has bungled human spaceflight. There have been many suggestions for reform of the agency, and none of them has worked. The only viable solution is a new Federal organization, one that sees its purpose as helping the private sector rather than flying space missions. For convenience, I refer to it here as the Advisory Committee for Commercial Enterprise in the Solar System (ACCESS).

NASA's predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, was a research organization that provided much of the knowledge base that brought us from the Wright Flyer to the Boeing 747 in 65 years. NACA did not try to run airlines. ACCESS should provide analogous services for human spaceflight.

There will be plenty for ACCESS to do. The proper functions of government include:

- \* support for development of enabling technology;
- \* sponsorship of facilities such as simulators and test chambers, available for rent by anybody;
- \* funding for exploration and scientific research;
- \* utilization of Federal buying power in creating initial markets for products and services;
- \* subsidies and tax breaks aimed at overcoming barriers to investment;
- \* development of a legal framework for acquiring, regulating and protecting property and other rights in space;
- \* negotiations leading to international agreements that benefit US industry;
- \* law enforcement;
- \* search and rescue;
- \* traffic and debris control;
- \* protection of fragile environments in space;
- \* military applications of space technology; and
- \* provision for the security and, if necessary, the physical defense of US space assets and interests, public and private.

Some of these functions may require military personnel in space, but there is no need to transfer them from the USAF, USN or Coast Guard to a civilian agency. Any civil missions the government feels it needs should be flown in commercial vehicles by astronauts who are employed by contractors.

I recommend the following specific steps:

1. Ground the remaining three shuttles permanently, as too dangerous and expensive to fly.
2. Mothball the ISS and move it to higher orbit, where it is safe from reentry, citing the lack of shuttles as the excuse. Perhaps somebody will eventually find a real use for it.

3. Set up ACCESS as an agency entirely independent of NASA, perhaps reporting through the Department of Commerce.
4. Remove the line items for the shuttle and ISS from the NASA budget and use the money about \$5.5 billion per year (5) to fund ACCESS.
5. Have ACCESS provide immediate financial incentives for private development of human spaceflight, including economical launch vehicles (6) and corporate operations in space.
6. Provide office and lab space for ACCESS at JSC in Houston, and transfer test facilities and selected NASA personnel to the new agency. Eventually, JSC will become a center run entirely by ACCESS.
7. Phase out other human spaceflight activities in NASA over a five year period, and transfer the funding to ACCESS. NASA will be left as a smaller agency, focusing on aeronautical research, unmanned spacecraft and the space sciences.

A reform of this magnitude is possible only by legislative fiat. NASA will of course fight it by every means available, but perhaps the Congress will take the necessary action once it is realized that transfer to the private sector can make human spaceflight a source rather than a sink for tax revenues.

#### # FOOTNOTES

1. Phil Chapman was born in Melbourne, Australia. He has a doctorate in physics from MIT, and was one of the second intake of NASA scientist astronauts, during Apollo. He has been active in the space advocacy community throughout his long career, including serving as president of the L5 Society (now the National Space Society) in the early 'Eighties. His principal research interests have included laser propulsion, solar power satellites and economical launch vehicles.
2. In 2002, the Space Sciences Board of the National Academy of Sciences issued a scathing report on the scientific capabilities of the "core complete" ISS. It is available online
3. This high-level committee was chaired by the US VP (Spiro Agnew), and included the NASA Administrator (Tom Paine), the Secretary of the USAF (Bob Seamans), and Nixon's Science Advisor (Lee Dubridge). The report is available online here
4. An example: In the late 'Nineties, several small companies, financed by investors, demonstrated substantial progress in developing cheap launch vehicles for human spaceflight. NASA responded by funding a comparable but much more expensive project at Lockheed Martin, called the X-33. Since investors were unwilling to compete with NASA, funding for the small companies evaporated overnight. In 2001, after wasting \$912 million, NASA canceled the project. By that time, some of the small ventures were bankrupt. Whether motivated by malice or by stupidity, the net effect of the X-33 was to crush private enterprise.
5. This figure comes from NASA budget estimates - available here
6. For example, ACCESS could stimulate investment in launch vehicles by offering a prize of \$750 million (i.e., the cost of a single shuttle flight) to the first company to demonstrate routine, reliable launch of people to LEO, at a recurring cost below \$500/pound.

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Fleming

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>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Connors

>Lan's efforts to date are well documented. I've seen  
>nothing in this thread that could argue that point. It's  
>perfectly clear that Lan's research is on-going. What is  
>abundantly clear to the situation is that you are challenging  
>research which is not yet completed. The research is being  
>discussed. Your position is that you already have the answer.  
>Your solution is nothing but a plain old guess, wrapped in word  
>canoodling, or "syntax," if you please.

Thanks, Wendy. It's good to hear something besides Oberg's  
unrelenting nastiness once and a while. But I don't think that  
this is something that necessarily will be completed any time  
soon, and certainly not by me.

>>This is also the view of my former colleagues in Mission Control  
>>whose responsibility it was to know the functioning -- and  
>>malfunctioning - of such hardware and software, since lives  
>>depended on these skills. It is not difficult to locate former  
>>INCO engineers and find their phone numbers and call them - but  
>>it's not my responsibility to do Mr. Fleming's investigation  
>>work.

>Of course it wasn't your, "... responsibility to do Mr.  
>Fleming's investigation work," but it would have been nice that  
>you could have used your expertise a little more wisely. For  
>example, emailed Lan privately and offer names and phone numbers  
>of all those, "...former INCO engineers..." Ya think? Too, I  
>seriously doubt you know the "...minds..." of your former  
>colleagues. If I were you I wouldn't cast my lot with the  
>Amazing Randi, because the only thing he's amazing at, is  
>squirring under the lights of facts and documentation.

It's also not my responsibility to obey the dictates of Mr.  
Oberg and he has no business at all presuming to tell me what my  
"work" is supposed to be. I think I've shown that I've done  
pretty well by paying more attention to the evidence on which  
his past arguments were based than to his present edicts and  
proclamations. Oberg started out last month with a vicious  
attack on me for daring to suggest in the NFS article that the  
time stamps were in error. Now it's proven they are in serious  
error and there's nothing at all left that is in any way  
compelling about the claims he's been making for years. And I  
did that without having to endure an interview with "Chuckles"  
the uncommunicative communications officer.

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Mars Express On Its Way  
by Mac Tonnie

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 39)

On June 2, 2003, the European Space Agency's Mars Express successfully launched, carrying with it the British-made Beagle 2 lander. Beagle 2 is the first probe designed to test the Red Planet for signs of life since NASA's Viking landers of the 1970s. The animation below shows the insect-like, stationary lander unfolding its solar panels and scientific apparatus.

[image]

If all goes well, the Beagle 2 will detach from the Mars Express craft and land on Mars on Christmas of this year. Although low-budget in comparison to the Viking landers, Beagle 2 represents the most sophisticated attempt yet to discern living or extinct organisms in Mars' soil. And since it is an ESA venture, its findings will not be subject to NASA/JPL's rather duplicitous evidential standards. Interestingly, the Viking landers tested positive for life, but this result was downplayed by project scientists who postulated inorganic soil chemistry that merely mimicked the presence of active microbial life.

[image]

The Beagle 2 lander jettisons from the ESA's Mars Express probe.

Despite NASA's official decree that Mars is dead, there are several dissenting voices who will very likely relish a "second opinion." The question of what Viking found -- hardy germs or exotic chemical reactions -- has raged since the 1970s, fueled partly by the recent discovery of widespread water ice and probable liquid water on the Red Planet. It is hoped that Beagle 2 can help settle the lingering controversy over Viking's ambiguous results or perhaps stun the exobiological community with entirely unforeseen revelations.

I will make a prediction. If the Beagle 2 lands successfully, with its instrumentation intact, I think it will discover a Martian surface populated by extremophilic microbes. But as NASA's bungled, wayward Mars probes demonstrate, making it to Mars is the hard part.

[image]

The horizon greeted by NASA's successful Pathfinder lander.

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Dear Readers,

Linda Howe will be on Coast To Coast AM radio this coming Friday night, June 6, from 10 to 11 p.m. PT/ 1-2 a.m., Eastern, to discuss scientific samples collected in February of this year in connection with the Oliveira controversy. A report with images will also be made available on her website, [www.earthfiles.com](http://www.earthfiles.com)

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Dear Scott and Friends,

Linda's announcement about her presentation of "new scientific details" of this "interesting case" on Coast to Coast sadly confirms that she continues to solemnly ignore the loud protests of Brazilian UFO researchers, who have repeatedly informed her and posted info on the internet warning that the case she is supporting is a big hoax. I wonder what prevents her from listening to us?

Things may quickly get complicated for anyone supporting the hoax, because of the several defections that happened in the last few days at Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira's multi-million Project Portal (Gateway Project) - as I posted here yesterday. The yesterday's news, is already old news. Other defections happened in the last 24 hours and the whole thing is collapsing very rapidly.

The people leaving the project are threatening, its directors and Urandir himself, to go public about the scam and to launch criminal complaints. I think they should do so. He can suffer criminal charges at any time.

I am really concerned to see more info about the fabricated marks on the bed sheets and ceiling coming to the international UFO community, soon. I believe that Linda Moulton Howe took the worst road she could possibly take. People who took part in the fabrication are about to come forward and confess it. Some details have already been released, especially that a torch was used to fake the marks. What about the "scientific analysis of the samples", then?

Also, her presentation of the case as "scientifically interesting" at the next MUFON Symposium is very disturbing, as I have tried to tell the MUFON board of directors. See, people in Urandir's cult group are highly enthusiastic about having his 'case' presented by LMH at the symposium. They have a forum over the internet and they have been celebrating the 'achievement' of having Urandir recognized as "legitimate" by an international UFO organization such as MUFON.

MUFON directors should beware - it can damage MUFON's reputation.

See, it doesn't take much for one to realize that LMH's presentation - and MUFON's role in this - has been largely used in a big advertisement campaign of the goals of Urandir's

Projeto Portal (Gateway Project). It is really, really bad, because in the near future it will be believed that MUFON actually supported the biggest UFO hoax of all time.

Best,

A. J. Gevaerd

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Hello List

With all my respect, I will love to listen what Ms. Linda will say about all that was said by Gevaerd in the last congress and the massive desertions from the largest brazilian UFO cult.

I am sure, since a long time ago, that Urandir and those whose follow him are trying to take advantage from innocent people.

Once more we, Brazilian ufologists, warn you: Do not believe a a single word about the aliens contacts, cures and powers by Urandir.

Regards

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>Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 07:56:30 -0400  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

>>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2003 08:55:21 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

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Thank you for clarifying this. As I recall, your original illustration in JSR (figure 4, page 48) showed the sun out in front of the shuttle, and ten degrees above the nose, and hence no shadow zone at all over the wing. You wrote: "When M1 appears in the video, the shuttle is in daylight with the sun to the right. It is thus unlikely that M1 is near the shuttle since there is no mechanism to explain its appearance." As you see, I disagree.

I agree with your measured slow increase in brightness, and merely point out that it is also consistent with emerging from a nearby shadow, contrary to your claim that anything emerging from such a shadow should instantaneously go from full dark to full bright. The reason I believe this claim is untrue is that the region of increasing brightness at the boundary of the shadow zone is created by the angular size of the sun, not being a point source. So while this gradual brightening does not prove the object emerged from a nearby shadow (I agree it is consistent with other models as well), I argue that it does not disprove that it emerged from such a shadow - as you claim.

You had written: "Instead of changing abruptly as one would expect of an ice particle near the shuttle passing from shadow into sunlight, the brightness increases gradually over a one second period." I believe your expectation is flawed, and a gradual brightening is also what one would expect of a nearby object emerging from the shadow of the wing. Please comment.

As for the 'tail', I find such tails commonplace on bright moving dots in typical shuttle video, and to be reasonably explained as camera optic latency effects.

-- Jim Oberg

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 08:46:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 15:50:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Fleming

>From: Mark Carlotto <[markjic@mindspring.com](mailto:markjic@mindspring.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2003 07:56:30 -0400  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Carlotto

>Jim,

>I think learning the truth behind the time tags is necessary. It  
>is certainly a painful process, but one which Lan is pursuing  
>and reporting on in an open way. I am concerned however that the  
>time tag issue has become a red herring in light of the other  
>anomalies seen in the video. You recently emailed on several  
>points which I'd like to briefly address here:

>>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?

>What I wrote in my JSE paper was this:

>"According to Oberg the angular rates induced by the primary  
>thrusters are between are 0.05 and 0.1 deg/sec.) An 80 ms burn  
>of the vernier thruster would cause a much smaller motion,  
>between 0.0014 and 0.0029 deg/sec. However the length of the  
>flash indicates a longer burn. If we assume the vernier thruster  
>fired for 1 second (conservative), the angular rate would be  
>between 0.0175 and 0.0363 deg/sec. Ten seconds after the  
>thruster firing, the attitude would change by 0.175 to 0.363  
>deg, or 2 to 6 pixels which should be easily detectable either  
>in a deflection in the apparent motion of the stars or a shift  
>of the location of the horizon. The lack of any deflection in  
>star motion or change in the location of the horizon line  
>suggests that the flash was not caused by a thruster firing."

>So I do not agree with your statement.

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Four years ago, Mr. Oberg posted the following comment to an AOL  
message forum:

"Somebody asked about shuttle attitude during the zig-zag video.  
The autopilot pointing load was pitch 0, yaw 280, roll 270,

which comes out to left wing down, belly forward, nose tucked about 10 degrees toward the +Vbar."

The "somebody" was me. The beta angle Oberg cites elsewhere was 44 degrees, meaning that the sun was 44 degrees to the left, looking towards the direction of the shuttle's orbital motion. If I understand the coordinate system correctly, this does put the sun beneath the shuttle, with a shadow cast in a direction about 36 degrees from the shuttle's vertical direction (the astronaut's "up" direction). The camera was in the payload bay looking in a direction roughly parallel to the shuttle's wings, so there was a significant shadowed region in its field of view.

I think this needs to be recognized as a fact of the case. Mr. Oberg appears to be correct on this point and it should be acknowledged, despite his expressed hostility. I don't think there is a lack of shadows that can be used to rule out the prosaic explanation. But the slow rate of brightening of object M1 measured by Carlotto is a strong argument against it.

>Since I've already presented evidence in my paper that the  
>objects are moving in orbital or ballistic trajectories, I  
>believe the onus is on you to show that it is an optical  
>aberration.

One thing that I didn't discuss in my NFS article was that I used Mark's "time exposure" technique on a set of image frames from my copy of the video to get traces of the paths followed by the objects like Mark did. I found that object "M0", the first to appear in the video, also followed a curved path prior to the light flash event. The curved part of M0's path was considerably longer than the paths of the objects shown in Mark's JSE paper. M0 was at a position far away from the other objects and was closer to the center of the image field, so I don't think distortions by the camera lens can account for the curvature in the object's path. And the field of view was 40 degrees, which is about the same as a typical camera FOV; it was not a wide-angle lens of the sort where such distortions become significant.

Another thing that I think is worth noting about the motion of M0 is that near the end of the curved part of its path, it is moving at the same rate and in the same direction as nearby city lights on the Earth's surface. In fact, it could be easily mistaken for a light on the ground were it not for its motion at other times in the video. This suggests it might have been stationary relative to the Earth's surface for a period of time. The apparent "hovering" is also seen with objects in the STS-80 video. I think there's more to be said about the STS-48 video and the similarities to the objects in the STS-80 video, which I think deserves more attention in its own right than it has gotten to date.

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 10:48:21 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 15:53:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

Ed Gehrman suggested (to this List and to me) that chalcedony on rock samples collected by him at the place in New Mexico that he believes is where the Alien Autopsy film's UFO crash (IMO, total fiction) occurred is actually a mysterious polymer formed by a UFO propulsive effect. That really does not deserve any further attention, in view of my mineralogical analysis which clearly showed that it is just chalcedony, formed - growth phase atop growth phase - over a very long time period.

However, since Gehrman has asserted that the 'polymer' (actually chalcedony, a microcrystalline silica dioxide deposit) is found only on the upper surface of rocks (allegedly exposed to the UFO propulsion blast during the crash) and not on surfaces beneath the ground surface, I have decided to report my subsequent findings that conclusively prove that claim to be false, and which demonstrate (in addition) that the chalcedony was there much longer than just since the 1940s:

DENDRITIC MANGANESE CRYSTALLINE GROWTHS: Examination of the chalcedony on one surface of one of the two samples reveals an over-growth of form-and-color diagnostic (absolutely diagnostic) 'text-book' dendritic crystalline manganese.

Those growths conclusively prove two fatal errors in Ed Gehrman's allegation that:

- (1) A 'polymer' [really chalcedony] was formed during the UFO crash nearly 56 years ago, and;
- (2) The 'polymer' is only on above-ground surfaces.

Here are three determinations by which Gehrman's claims are falsified:

- (1) By the mineralogical determination that the deposit is not a polymer but chalcedony (thoroughly discussed to this list in my earlier reports);
- (2) By the discovery that on the surface of the chalcedony (Gehrman's 'polymer') of dendritic (a mineral crystallized in or upon another mineral in the form of a branching or treelike mark) manganese crystalline growths that require vastly longer than 56 years to form. In fact, such growths are taken by archaeologists and other investigators (such as collectors) of lithic artifacts, as a certification of great age, i.e., that they are not of recent manufacture; and,
- (3) By the fact that such growths absolutely cannot form on a such a rock surface in open air, requiring moisture and manganese to nucleate and grow.

Thus, one of the surfaces Gehrman alleges was above ground was actually within the ground and the dendritic manganese crystals required a period of much longer than the approximately 56 years since the alleged UFO crash to grow.

In the event that any List members were still interested enough to read this, I shall summarize: The 'Gherman polymer' is nothing but ages-old chalcedony with, at places, a garnish of

ages-old dendritic manganese crystals grown upon it. Thus, to prove this was not formed in a 1947 UFO crash, no microprobe analysis was needed, and no microprobe lab time was wasted.

So, bang, bang, bang! There's the final nail in the coffin of Gehrman's speculation that he had found rocks covered with a mysterious polymer caused by a UFO crash.

The two findings leave Gehrman's fantasy-based speculations between the proverbial 'rock and a hard place' - proverbial pun intended. :)

So, Ed Gherman, believe on, if you insist; but I have done my duty in this analysis by taking time to report the results to this very patient list. I hope you can be realistic enough to concede that you were simply mistaken and the victim or your own zeal to confirm the Alien Autopsy film.

Exploration is a worthy undertaking, Ed, but in your next or further exploration, please remember that discretion is the better part of valor.

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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## Exercise Scrambles 2 F-16s Over D.C. Tonight

From: Joan Woodward <[sky.cat@worldnet.att.net](mailto:sky.cat@worldnet.att.net)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 12:07:44 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 15:56:16 -0400  
Subject: Exercise Scrambles 2 F-16s Over D.C. Tonight

NORAD has a training exercise that will take place tonight (June 5) somewhere in the skies over or near Washington, D.C. Having worked on a sighting involving a NORAD scramble and pursuit of unidentified lights in the D.C. area last summer (see IUR, Winter 2002-2003), I would love to see some of this action that will take place tonight. However, NORAD will not give any information about the location of the training mission.

I wanted to alert people in this area and to ask that if anyone sees part of this exercise, I would love to have their observations. The time is from 10:30 pm to midnight.

Two Cessna "invaders" will cause a scramble of two F-16's from Andrews Air Force Base. If anyone sees the Cessna's, with or without F-16s in pursuit, I would be extremely interested in your observations in terms of lights, noise, anything usual or unusual. Visibility should be good. This exercise was originally scheduled for June 4 but was canceled because of an extremely low ceiling.

The link to the Washington Post article is not working, but if you go to [www.Washingtonpost.com](http://www.Washingtonpost.com) and search F-16 on their site search, the article will come up: "Air Defense to the Tested Tonight" by Spencer S. Hsu. The rescheduling article from today's paper will also come up.

Joan Woodward  
Fairfax, VA

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From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 08:38:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 15:47:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 23:15:33 -0500  
>Subject: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

I received an interesting reply from Otha Vaughan, the principal investigator of the lightning observation program that obtained many hours of night-time shuttle video, including the zig-zag dots sequence. While he agrees that timing data is encoded on the downlink video for later extraction and display, he corroborates Fleming's interpretation about using starfield observations to contribute to proper timing measurements. This underscores the importance of approaching primary sources and primary documentation.

Here's his message:

From: "Otha H Vaughan Jr" <[xx@knology.net](mailto:xx@knology.net)>  
To: "james oberg" <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp  
Date: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 8:09 PM

Jim:

As well as I remember JSC used a SMPT time that was on their original video tape and we had to use a special time code reader that we had here at MSFC to decode the SMPTE. We then converted that time to Universal Time Code and then we could put it in the video for use in our analysis.

We also used the state vectors for the shuttle to tell us where the shuttle was and the star fields were also used to get more information on the locations. Later on JSC put on the video the UT for us. This is about all I can remember at present.

I will go back and see if I can find more information but at the present I am still looking in my mass of files and copies of some of the video tapes I still have.

-- Jim Oberg

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 10:24:26 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 15:59:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

>From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1@earthlink.net](mailto:lornis1@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 07:13:49 -0400  
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## Strange Lights Over Broad St Birmingham

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 14:39:49 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 17:37:36 -0400  
Subject: Strange Lights Over Broad St Birmingham

Source: Evening Mail - IC Birmingham - UK

<http://icbirmingham.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100localnews/page.cfm?objectid=13034897&method=full&siteid=50002&headline=Take%20me%20to%20your%20boozer>

Jun 5 2003

By Steve Swingler  
Evening Mail

UFO experts are investigating reports of strange lights seen in the sky over the city centre.

The respected investigators Contact International UFO Research (CIUFOR) are looking into the sightings over Broad Street last Saturday night.

A man in his 30s phoned the organisation after he was left 'disconcerted' by what he saw at around 11.20pm.

CIUFOR spokesman Michael Soper said: "The eye witness told us he saw two triangular shapes of white, bluish light moving from north east to south west west.

"He was surprised because there was no noise. They were moving completely silently. A third object joined them and together moved in a set square shape before one of the objects shot off vertically. The remaining lights then disappeared leaving a clear sky.

"The sighting lasted for a couple of minutes in total."

Mr Soper said the organisation was now investigating the sighting and checking with air traffic control to see if it could be accounted for by aircraft activity.

He said CIUFOR investigates around three or four UFO sightings a year in the West Midlands. UFO hotspots include the Malvern Hills and Clee Hills. CIUFOR was founded in 1967 by the eighth Lord Clancarty, Brinsley le Poer Trench, author of several UFO books. Up to 50 overseas branches were set up in the 1970s with a total membership of 11,000 enthusiasts. CIUFOR now limits its activities to collecting and disseminating data.

Mr Soper added: "We would be very interested to hear from anyone else who saw these strange lights last Saturday."

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## Rich Dolan Update June 2003

From: **Richard Dolan** <[keyhole@rochester.rr.com](mailto:keyhole@rochester.rr.com)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 15:41:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 17:40:09 -0400  
Subject: Rich Dolan Update June 2003

Greetings all,

Because I prematurely sent out my article on the Triangle phenomenon at the end of April, I had to prevent several interested parties from republishing it on their websites. The article, however, is now available in full on my site, with some graphic images added as well. You may reprint it on your own site if you wish, although I'd appreciate knowing about it if you do.

My website is <http://keyholepublishing.com>

I should point out that I made a couple of small alterations to the version that went out earlier, the main one concerning the identity of the author of the Big Black Delta article that was published by the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS). It was pointed out to me by a reader that the author was not completely anonymous, since he was (is) known to NIDS. It was something I did not make very clear the first time.

The other bit of news is that I am honored to be appearing (briefly) on the excellent UFO documentary, "Out of the Blue," which will appear on the Sci Fi channel in the United States on June 24. If you are able, I strongly encourage you to watch it.

I am very busy with writing and various projects, and will do my best to provide a timely update when the opportunity arises.

Very best regards,

Rich Dolan

<http://keyholepublishing.com>

"The whole visible world is only an imperceptible atom in the ample bosom of nature. No idea approaches it. We may enlarge our conceptions beyond an imaginable space; we only produce atoms in comparison with the reality of things." -- Blaise Pascal

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## Re: Filer's Files #23 -- 2003 - Dvorak

From: **GL Dvorak** <[cordova598@aol.com](mailto:cordova598@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 16:31:47 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 17:46:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #23 -- 2003 - Dvorak

>From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 4 Jun 2003 12:12:27 EDT  
>Subject: Filer's Files #23 -- 2003

>Filer's Files #23 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations  
>George A. Filer, Director Mutual UFO Network Eastern  
>June 4, 2003,

<snip>

A lot of cylinders all of a sudden;a lot of red and white lights. A lot of activity in general including the car engines shutting down and a bang (as something came thru from another dimension?). Why now? What may be going on around us resulting in what appears to be an increase in cylinder sightings etc at this particular time?

Any ideas?

Next question: will this be followed by a wave of cattle mutilation reports.

We'll see.

-GL

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## Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research** <[hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 20:32:50 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 10:32:30 -0400  
Subject: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03

Houston, British Columbia

Date: June 5, 2003  
Time: 1:30 a.m.  
Local call.  
5 witnesses  
Boomerang shaped craft:

On June 5, 2003 at 1:30 a.m. I received a telephone call, which I missed answering by seconds. A witness was trying to get a hold of me, to inform me that if I jumped into my vehicle and headed west out of town - Houston, BC - I would have been able to witness the object they were all watching.

The witness telephoned me again this morning at 8:15 a.m. and filed her report. I also talked with others who witnessed this object. I am just about to do the weekly radio spot with CJFW FM, plus I did a an interview a while ago with CFBV FM for their news. I will be requesting if other folks had observed this object that they contact me. Also the witness mentioned they would have never called me that early in the morning if they weren't sure of what they were seeing being so strange. Plus as I said above, if I would have hurried out the door I would have seen it for myself, as the witnesses said.

A few minutes drive west of Houston, five witnesses watched a huge object move silently and low over the tree line.

Just before 1:30 a.m. the witness woke up as she heard her youngest child get up. As she made her way through their home, she walked by one of the windows and saw a very bright light/object. As she stared at it, she noticed that it was moving very slowly and was of an enormous size. She told me she screamed for her husband to get out of bed, which he did. Because of all the commotion the parents were making, their other two children got up to see what was going on. One of the youngsters asked, "what is that big flashlight doing in the sky"?

The folks who were watching the object said, there had to have been others who saw it, due to it's size, brightness and rate of speed. Also they noted they could hear freight liners traveling on the highway at the time of their sighting.

The witnesses described the object as being boomerang in shape with a massive white/yellow glow around it. There were large bright light white lights in the center of the object. They heard not a sound from it, and the dogs took no notice of it. The sighting lasted approx: 3 minutes. It disappeared behind the treeline and towards the southwest.

After the event was over, the Mom had a problem in getting back to sleep as what she saw frightened her very much.

Brian  
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From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 23:49:31 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 10:35:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

>From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1@earthlink.net](mailto:lornis1@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Hi Scott,

I suspect the theory from some quarters will be:

Samples, scientific evidence, we don't need no stinking samples  
and scientific evidence because we have pronounced it a  
hoax..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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## Where's The UFO Flap?

From: **Chaz Stuart** <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 23:38:56 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 11:03:46 -0400  
Subject: Where's The UFO Flap?

Didn't someone, (I believe it was a UFO researcher), predict a major world-wide UFO flap for May or something?

Can someone refresh my memory?

--Chaz

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## Swamp Gas On SDI

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 23:15:36 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 11:18:09 -0400  
Subject: Swamp Gas On SDI

Greetings Listarians and Rabble Rousers:

On Saturday night, June 7, 2003 at 9:30 p.m. EDT, I will be blabbering again on 'Strange Days... Indeed' (available via the Web) to thrill and entertain you. No, I'm not gonna arm wrestle Oberg... how do these rumors get started? Jeez.....

Anywho...

It is on this program that I will prove that Dr. J. Allen Hynek did not use the description, "swamp gas", as a reason for the objects seen at Ann Arbor, MI and Hillsdale College.

Later in the program will be two abridged versions of old radio dramas from 1952 played. These old dramas deal with flying saucers, abduction, Roswell crash and a RAAF UFO Officer. Worth a listen... it ain't everyday you get to listen to 30 minute radio dramas edited to 5 minutes each and still get the story across. Snippy, snip, snip.

It's gonna be a wild ride!

Come join EBK and his regular cast of characters this Saturday night at 9:00 p.m. on NewsTalk 1010 CFRB in Toronto. Or, beforehand, go to:

<http://www.cfrb.com/>

or

<http://www.cjad.com>

click 'Listen Live', download the player, if you need it, and join in the fun!

Wendy Connors

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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO - <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 08:34:44 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 16:01:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

>From: Ian Rogers <[onemoreshadow@rogers.com](mailto:onemoreshadow@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Folks:

I definitely concur with both Ian and Wendy. Since this debate about the Brazilian hoax has been going on (almost 5 months, now), I have twice been invited to present my version, on SDI and on Jeff Rense.

The next time will be tomorrow, as Errol invited me. The first time he gave me the necessary time to present the facts, and he has done so in a very open, impartial basis - as did Jeff.

However, even sending info and material about the hoax to Coast-to-Coast, repeatedly over this past 5 months, I haven't received any whatsoever to my messages. It looks like there is no one there listening to us. Instead, even while everybody knows that the case stinks, LMH has been on Coast on several occasions, presenting her version of the facts.

A. J.

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From: John Auchettl <[Praufu@aol.com](mailto:Praufu@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 09:03:05 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 16:07:23 -0400  
Subject: UFO Believers Beam Into Brisbane

Source: ABC TV - Stateline - Queensland.

<http://www.abc.net.au/stateline/gld/content/2003/s874008.htm>

Broadcast: 06/06/2003

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Reporter: Jo-Anne Youngleson

And next week Jo-Anne Youngleson looks at the plight of farmers in the Central Lockyer Valley. Who are paying for water they say they're not receiving. Mysterious lights, strange saucer-like craft. Unidentified flying objects have intrigued the human race for centuries. And the question of what - or who else - is out there has never been answered conclusively. Devotees of paranormal activity hope to inch closer to the truth at a national conference on extra-terrestrials next weekend. Jo-Anne Youngleson met one Brisbane believer who wants us to make contact with life that's not as we know it.

Home Video: What does it look like? Just a light.

Jo-Anne Youngleson: A strange light moving like nothing you've ever seen.

Home Video: Oh the battery's going.

Jo-Anne Youngleson: Could it be a visitor from outer space? Doctor Martin Gottschall from Queensland's UFO Research Centre is convinced.

Dr Martin Gottschall, QUEENSLAND UFO RESEARCH CENTRE: There is no question in my mind that they are extra-terrestrial space craft or craft.

Jo-Anne Youngleson: Could there be any other explanation?

Dr Martin Gottschall: No, not when you take all the information together. People have been inside them, they have been invited in by the extra-terrestrials, they've described what they've seen. In any individual case you don't have all the information, but taken collectively there is no question that we are being visited that there is an extra-terrestrial presence on this planet.

Jo-Anne Youngleson: Queenslanders have witnessed some of the most intriguing and unexplained events. Including the famous 1966 sighting over a lagoon at Tully in the state's north.

Dr Martin Gottschall: And he noticed that where previously there was just plain water with all the reeds not visible a mat of reeds had come to the surface.

Jo-Anne Youngleson: There is also this mysterious object seen in the skies above Brisbane's West End in the 1960's. And this unusual image captured near the ABC's Brisbane

headquarters.

Dr Martin Gottschall: The community at large is not spooked by the idea of extra-terrestrial presence anymore, they are quite accepting of it. They haven't taken the next step which is to say OK if this is real what does it mean and what should we be doing with it or about it?

Jo-Anne Youngleson: Can you understand that some people might think that you're mad?

Dr Martin Gottschall: Yes I can and I thought they were mad too. For a decade I knew about the subject, I heard about flying saucers this was in the 50's and 60's, and I thought you've got to be mad. The more you look at the evidence the more compelling it is. It's robust, there are multitudes of independent witnesses, all their stories fit together.

Jo-Anne Youngleson: Some of those witnesses will be in Brisbane in a week's time for a national conference on close encounters and initiating contact with other life.

Dr Martin Gottschall: They are not going away, they've always been around, they always will be and part of our growing up process as a civilisation is confronting the issues that that represents. And I think we should be trying to work out how this will impact on the human race's destiny which it will do.

~End~

NOTES:

[1].  
Dr Martin Gottschall  
<http://www.uforg.asn.au/img/redmartin.jpg>

[2].  
Queensland's UFO Research Centre  
Should read:

UFO Research Queensland - UFOR(Qld)  
In operation since 1956  
<http://www.uforg.asn.au/>  
<http://www.uforg.asn.au/about/history.html>

[3].  
UFORQLD will be hosting the  
Third Australian National UFO Conference

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June 2003  
<http://www.uforg.asn.au/about/event1.html>

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Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 10:00:10 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 16:15:40 -0400  
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know of the programs and those involved, I would agree that  
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Is there any sort of independent rating system that could  
provide information as to the number of listeners? Further, is  
there any sort of indication of the demographic representation  
among those listeners?

Just curious.

Steve

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From: **Pedro Luz Cunha** <[pplcunha@yahoo.com](mailto:pplcunha@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 12:27:33 -0300 (ART)  
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>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
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Dear Larry,

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MUFON has been a good harbor for ufology. I hope they'll get up  
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Attorney General John Ashcroft yesterday rejected congressional criticism of his Department for withholding a new internal report on the controversial Wen Ho Lee case.

"There are lots of times, especially in international intelligence security matters, when we don't release things because it's not in the national interest to do so," the Attorney General said at a House Judiciary hearing on June 5.

He was responding to comments from Rep. Bill Delahunt (D-MA) who cited the Justice Department's refusal to release the new report as part of a pattern of improper withholding.

"The picture this presents," said Rep. Delahunt, "is of a government obsessed with secrecy -- of a 'culture of concealment,' as Senator Grassley has described the ethos within the FBI -- that can only feed public fears and undermine confidence in the justice system."

The Justice Department last week denied a Freedom of Information Act request from the Federation of American Scientists for a copy of the Wen Ho Lee report. The denial was appealed on June 3. On June 5 a Department spokesman told the Associated Press that portions of the report may yet be declassified and released.

See "Justice Department refuses to release report on Lee case" by Leslie Hoffman, Associated Press, June 5:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2003/06/ap060503.html>

## PURSUING ACCOUNTABILITY ON IRAQI WMD

"The fundamental question that is nagging at many is this," said Sen. Robert Byrd: "How reliable were the claims of this President and key members of his administration that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction posed a clear and imminent threat to the United States, such a grave threat that immediate war was the only recourse?"

Senator Byrd (D-WV) posed that challenging question in a plain-spoken and penetrating floor statement June 5:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/s060503b.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s060503b.html)

Meanwhile, the Senate Intelligence Committee attempted to assert control over the brewing controversy concerning pre-war intelligence on Iraqi weapons of mass destruction by taking the matter behind closed doors and implicitly devaluing the views of others.

"The Committee's responsible handling of this important review will enable it to determine if a hearing or further action should or will take place," the Committee loftily declared in a June 4 press release:

<http://intelligence.senate.gov/030604.htm>

The eruption of a parallel, even more heated controversy in the United Kingdom has created a peculiar political dynamic that has so far stymied efforts here to contain the debate or to frame it as a purely partisan dispute.

#### SECURITY OF HISTORICAL NUKE DEPOTS UNDER REVIEW

The continued classification of historical U.S. nuclear weapons storage locations around the world will be reviewed by the Department of Defense and other agencies, and may be revised later this year, according to the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO).

The secrecy of these locations, which in many cases have long since ceased to be operational, impedes the declassification of historical records and accounts for the most frequent inadvertent disclosures of nominally classified information.

Historians had written to ISOO last year to urge reconsideration of this category of secrecy.

In response, ISOO director J. William Leonard reported that the Departments of Defense, State and Energy would address the matter. "Without committing to any specific change, all three entities expressed a willingness to review certain aspects of this issue," he wrote in an April 2 letter to historian Priscilla McMillan:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2003/06/isoo040203.html>

"I don't expect anything new on any internal DoD review until late summer at the earliest," Mr. Leonard said this week.

#### CIA WILL ADDRESS BUDGET DISCLOSURE JUNE 27

The Central Intelligence Agency requested and received a three week extension to present its opposition to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit seeking declassification and disclosure of the 2002 intelligence budget total.

The Agency was supposed to file a response today, but "The briefing schedule currently in place did not anticipate plaintiff's filing of a cross-motion for summary judgment." Accordingly, the due date was extended until June 27:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/foia/2002/cia060203.html>

Also on June 27, in response to a separate FOIA lawsuit, CIA will address the disclosure of historical intelligence budget information dating back to 1947.

#### NEW FRUS VOLUME ON NIXON, KISSINGER

The State Department has published a new volume of its Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) series entitled "Foundations of Foreign Policy," 1969-1976, that focuses on the "worldviews" of President Nixon and National Security Adviser Kissinger.

Unlike previous volumes that straightforwardly documented

events, issues and diplomatic activities, the new volume attempts to provide a quasi-interpretive account of "the intellectual assumptions that U.S. foreign affairs leaders used to make sense of the world and to frame their basic policies."

The success of this approach is questionable. To one reader's dismay, the new volume seems to include an unusually high fraction of documents that are already in the public domain and that have even been published in other official publications. That is not what FRUS is known for or needed for. (The volume does include some material "extracted from still-classified documents.")

The full text of the new FRUS volume is posted here:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/nixon/i/>

#### CONGRESSIONAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION

"No constitutional language authorizes the president to withhold documents from Congress, nor does any provision empower Congress to demand and receive information from the executive branch," observes Louis Fisher.

Yet on this uncertain foundation, an entire edifice of policy and practice has evolved to deal with conflicts between the executive and legislative branches over access to information.

The most important aspects of the issue and the principal tools available to legislators are examined in a recent paper by Fisher, a scholar at the Congressional Research Service.

See "Congressional Access to Information: Using Legislative Will and Leverage," by Louis Fisher, Duke Law Journal, Volume 52, No. 2, November 2002, newly available online here:

<http://www.law.duke.edu/shell/cite.pl?52+Duke+L.+J.+323>

#### EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE IN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION

"In the early stages of his administration, President George W. Bush has already made substantial use of executive privilege in circumstances where the exercise of that power is highly debatable," observes Mark J. Rozell of Catholic University.

"President Bush has exercised the privilege in an attempt to reestablish what he perceives as a more correct balance of powers between the legislative and executive branches. Still, because President Bush has departed from recognized executive privilege norms, he has ultimately weakened executive privilege," he contends.

See "Executive Privilege Revived?: Secrecy and Conflict During the Bush Conflict," by Mark J. Rozell, Duke Law Journal, Volume 52, No. 2, November 2002, here:

<http://www.law.duke.edu/shell/cite.pl?52+Duke+L.+J.+403>

#### A LOOK BACK AT THE KH-7 SPY SATELLITE

The KH-7 spy satellite, first launched by the Air Force in July 1963, was also the first to provide high-resolution imagery to U.S. intelligence analysts.

The achievements of the KH-7 program, which lasted for four years, are surveyed by intelligence historian Jeffrey T. Richelson in "A 'Rifle' in Space," Air Force Magazine, June 2003:

<http://www.afa.org/magazine/June2003/0603kh7.asp>

#### A CONGRESSIONAL VISIT TO NORTH KOREA

Last month Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA) led a six member congressional delegation to North Korea, the first such visit by any elected official in six years, in an effort to engage North Korean officials in dialog about their nuclear programs and other points of conflict with the United States.



Rep. Weldon summarized the outcome of the visit diplomatically:  
"The demonstrated goodwill and willingness to go beyond first  
level posturing gave the delegation reason to believe that there  
are options that should be considered to avoid conflict and  
resolve critical outstanding issues in a way satisfactory to  
both sides."

A report of the congressional delegation visit to North Korea,  
published in the Congressional Record on June 4, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/dprk/nuke/codel0603.html>

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 11:52:56 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 16:28:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 23:49:31 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

>>From: Scott Corrales <[lornisl@earthlink.net](mailto:lornisl@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 07:13:49 -0400  
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>and scientific evidence because we have pronounced it a  
>hoax..... :)

Your comment is really strange. I wonder how much you know about this case? What is the point of having the marks on a bed sheet analysed if they were produced by ordinary means, such as a torch? It is not because we said so, it is because it is. I have only spread the info of how the marks were fabricated. And the way they were fabricated, constitutes a hoax.

A. J.

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From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 11:55:58 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 16:31:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

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### CAVEAT:

Let us realize that a report on "scientific analysis" of  
"scientific evidence" is no better than the intellectual quality  
and intellectual honesty of the person 'analyzing' it, to say  
nothing regarding same of the person reporting that 'analysis,  
secondarily.

Flaky mentality in, flaky conclusions out. It is that simple. I  
don't care how many Ph.D.s are behind a name. I know one  
astronomer with a Ph.D. from what may be the best school of  
astronomy in the world, who, after looking at a daylight color  
movie taken from an airliner over Mexico - wherein a UFO is  
seemingly projecting high-speed pulses of plasma (?) off it that  
happen to repeatedly expand into forms somewhat resembling the  
block letter "S" (square the curves in the "S" instead of  
curving them) - declared it to be proof that UFOs are created  
("...to deceive the world into following false doctrines...") by  
an egotistical "Satan" who is deliberately signing his handiwork  
with the initial letter of his name!!!

Would you have us believe that kind of conclusion because of the  
legitimate Ph.D. behind its author's name? He even declared the  
film to be "scientific evidence" of his assertion!

Furthermore, evidence is also no better than the chain-of-  
evidence-collection (documentation) involved.

A 'grain of salt' helps us 'taste' the real 'flavor' of the  
'evidence' and 'analysis' we are served in life.

Those who fail to add that 'salt' of objective skepticism may  
fail to taste and, thus, detect (soon enough to avoid  
'swallowing' it) the 'poison' of deception and succumb to it.

In this instance, we have been honestly warned by those who have first-hand experience with this case that a wide-scale hoax is involved. By contrast, Linda Moulton-Howe has a career reputation to try and save.

Keep your salt shakers handy tonight if you listen to Linda on Coast-To-Coast. Discretion is the better part of valor.

And as to the 'scientific analysis', please consider any analyst's reputation for making over-drawn conclusions about 'evidence' in the past. :)

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: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03 -

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 12:14:03 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 16:37:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03 -

>From: Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research <[hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 20:32:50 -0700  
>Subject: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03

>Houston, British Columbia

>Date: June 5, 2003  
>Time: 1:30 a.m.  
>Local call.  
>5 witnesses  
>Boomerang shaped craft:

>On June 5, 2003 at 1:30 a.m. I received a telephone call, which  
>I missed answereing by seconds. A witness was trying to get a  
>hold of me, to inform me that if I jumped into my vehicle and  
>headed west out of town - Houston, BC - I would have been able  
>to witness the object they were all watching.

>The witness telephoned me again this morning at 8:15 a.m. and  
>filed her report. I also talked with others who witnessed this  
>object. I am just about to do the weekly radio spot with CJFW  
>FM, plus I did a an interview a while ago with CFBV FM for their  
>news. I will be requesting if other folks had observed this  
>object that they contact me....

Thanks for a fascinating report, Brian.

I can't help but insist, however, that an investigator should refrain from describing a reported object until all available witnesses have been carefully interviewed.

Please consider the possible 'contamination' factor.

The internet is a world community, and local persons could read your description on here and conjure a copy-cat report (maybe adding a few 'juicy' details) and breathlessly report it to you, and you, in turn, to us, as fact.

As I'll say for the third time (to this List) in two days: Discretion is the better part of valor.

Please consider this caution seriously and refrain from describing what the witness(es) said they say on the radio today. Just define the area of the sighting and, maybe, the general (but not the specific) time slot.

This way, corroborative reports you might receive are much more credible and uncontaminated.

Please,

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Swamp Gas On SDI - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 13:19:51 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 16:44:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Swamp Gas On SDI - Balaskas

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 23:15:36 -0600  
>Subject: Swamp Gas On SDI

>Greetings Listarians and Rabble Rousers:

>On Saturday night, June 7, 2003 at 9:30 p.m. EDT, I will be  
>blabbering again on 'Strange Days... Indeed' (available via the  
>Web) to thrill and entertain you. No, I'm not gonna arm wrestle  
>Oberg... how do these rumors get started? Jeez.....

>Anywho...

>It is on this program that I will prove that Dr. J. Allen Hynek  
>did not use the description, "swamp gas", as a reason for the  
>objects seen at Ann Arbor, MI and Hillsdale College.

<snip>

Hi Wendy! Hi everyone!

The 2003 MUFON UFO Symposium will be held in Michigan this year, the same State it was held 27 years earlier when Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Director of 'Center For UFO Studies', gave a talk at the symposium titled 'Swamp Gas Plus Ten... And Counting'.

From my copy of the 1976 MUFON Symposium Proceedings, I will briefly quote what Dr. Hynek had to say below [my comments are in square brackets]:

"The press conference at the Detroit Press Club was, I am told, the biggest in the history of that club and was featured by such notables as Cronkite [TV narrator of the Apollo Moon landings for CBS and someone who, I am told, had a personal UFO abduction experience too], Huntley and Brinkley, and others." ... "The story has never been fully told and now is certainly a good time to do it; it is anniversary time and we are right back where it all happened." ... "I might say right off that the first rule of investigation to be obeyed is that one should never undertake a serious investigation with a wired broken jaw, and while he has to take his food through a straw." ... "But I don't think that I would have gotten away with it; that was to have said to the reporters assembled from many papers and news services, "I have no comment. A committee of scientists must be appointed to conduct a thorough investigation." ... "I began to read my press release, the text of which has been published in the Condon Report. I quote from it:"..... 'Now what was that locale in both instance? In both cases, a swamp.'..... 'The girls at Hillsdale described almost the identical thing. This could have been due to the release of variable quantities of marsh [not swamp] gas.'..... "By the time that I got that far many reporters were already dashing off to the telephones with the magic word 'swamp gas'."

This weekend I'll be at the cottage in the marsh lands north of Toronto and will anxiously be looking forward to hearing the latest old audio clips Wendy will be sharing with us on Errol's

Re: Swamp Gas On SDI - Balaskas

'Strange Days... Indeed' Saturday night radio show on UFOs and related phenomena (now broadcast live simultaneously from Toronto and Montreal).

Nick Balaskas

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## Brazil: Come For The Samba, Stay For The UFOs

From: **Eusta=Elquio Anddraa Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 15:21:11 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 16:46:25 -0400  
Subject: Brazil: Come For The Samba, Stay For The UFOs

Source: Wireless News

[http://www.ncbuy.com/news/wireless\\_news.html?qdate=3D2003-06-06&nav=3DVIEW&i=d=3D0X537I39D6G030606](http://www.ncbuy.com/news/wireless_news.html?qdate=3D2003-06-06&nav=3DVIEW&i=d=3D0X537I39D6G030606)

June 6, 2003

CAMPO GRANDE, Brazil (Wireless Flash) -- In Brazil, the family that stays together, gets abducted together.

That's the alienating truth according to Brazilian UFO researcher A.J. Gevaerd, who says E.T. abductions are pretty common in Brazil.

Gevaerd claims that sometimes whole families "are abducted aboard the same craft ten, twelve times in a row."

He thinks one reason E.T. is so enamored with Brazil has to do with acceptance. Gevaerd says Brazilians are more comfortable with talking about their saucer experiences than Americans.

Also, songs about UFOs and aliens often hit the Brazilian pop charts.

But while E.T. seems to be a frequent visitor to Brazil, don't expect to see him sunning on Copacabana with a girl from Ipanema. Gevaerd says aliens prefer off-the-beaten path destinations more than crowded cities like Rio De Janeiro.

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 11:54:15 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 16:49:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 10:48:21 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>Ed Gehrman suggested (to this List and to me) that chalcedony on  
>rock samples collected by him at the place in New Mexico that he  
>believes is where the Alien Autopsy film's UFO crash (IMO, total  
>fiction) occurred is actually a mysterious polymer formed by a  
>UFO propulsive effect.

Ray,

Yes I suggested on the phone, after you asked, that I thought  
the A-LM might consist of polymer and other atmospheric debris  
and chemicals (modified angel hair). And I also admitted this to  
the list. I changed my mind after your analysis and agreed that  
your tests and microscopic analysis indicated it seemed to be an  
agate-like chalcedony.

>That really does not deserve any further  
>attention, in view of my mineralogical analysis which clearly  
>showed that it is just chalcedony, formed - growth phase atop  
>growth phase - over a very long time period.

Just because there is one layer on top of another only means  
that the material is layered. This, by itself, does not indicate  
how long it took for the layers to form. These growth phases  
could have happened in seconds, as I propose, since all layering  
proves is that it is layered and doesn't tell you the amount of  
time elapsed between layers.

>However, since Gehrman has asserted that the 'polymer' (actually  
>chalcedony, a microcrystalline silica dioxide deposit) is found  
>only on the upper surface of rocks (allegedly exposed to the UFO  
>propulsion blast during the crash) and not on surfaces beneath  
>the ground surface,

Yes, all the outcroppings that have large accumulations of the  
A-LM are above ground and there is no indication that they have  
been buried or underground. The A-LM covers weathered rhyolite,  
without exception. The particular formation, of which the CCS is  
a part, is a several miles' long canyon, all rhyolite, but the  
only place that shows the A-LM is this specific location and  
it's all above ground. Are you saying that I'm not being  
truthful about this?

>I have decided to report my subsequent  
>findings that conclusively prove that claim to be false,

Which claim? Do you mean my claim that the material was all  
above ground? Do you think I dug the A-LM out of the ground? Do  
you think it was buried?

>which demonstrate (in addition) that the chalcedony was there  
>much longer that just since the 1940s:

>DENDRITIC MANGANESE CRYSTALLINE GROWTHS: Examination of the  
>chalcedony on one surface of one of the two samples reveals an

>over-growth of form-and-color diagnostic (absolutely diagnostic)  
>'text-book' dendritic crystalline manganese.

That's interesting. Do you know that this area is rich in manganese deposits?

>Those growths conclusively prove two fatal errors in Ed  
>Gehrman's allegation that:  
>  
>(1) A 'polymer' [really chalcedony] was formed during the UFO  
>crash nearly 56 years ago, and;

This is not my allegation now. I thought I had made that clear to you and the List. After your tests, I changed my mind and agree that the A-LM is a silica dioxide mixture, although I do think further testing will show the presence of polymer at low levels and other anomalous material and chemicals.

>(2) The 'polymer' is only on above-ground surfaces.

As far as I can tell, the A-LM is only on above ground surfaces. The sample I sent you was at one time attached to the rhyolite bench located about twenty yards from where the craft landed. The incline is about 30 degrees and it's bare rock except for some sparse vegetation and some accumulated wind blown sand. There is no indication that your sample or the bedrock to which it was attached was ever under ground.

>Here are three determinations by which Gehrman's claims are  
>falsified:

>(1) By the mineralogical determination that the deposit is not a  
>polymer but chalcedony (thoroughly discussed to this list in my  
>earlier reports);

The material is a mixture of silica dioxide and other atmospheric debris and chemicals (not excluding polymer).

>(2) By the discovery that on the surface of the chalcedony  
>(Gehrman's 'polymer') of dendritic (a mineral crystallized in or  
>upon another mineral in the form of a branching or treelike  
>mark) manganese crystalline growths that require vastly longer  
>than 56 years to form. In fact, such growths are taken by  
>archaeologists and other investigators (such as collectors) of  
>lithic artifacts, as a certification of great age, i.e., that  
>they are not of recent manufacture; and,

All the above is interesting information, but it only proves that manganese was part of the mixture created by the craft's electromagnetic vortex which I theorize accumulated and dispersed the A-LM.

>(3) By the fact that such growths absolutely cannot form on a  
>such a rock surface in open air, requiring moisture and  
>manganese to nucleate and grow.

All I know is that your sample came from weathered bedrock, in the open, with no indication that it had ever been buried.

>Thus, one of the surfaces Gehrman alleges was above ground was  
>actually within the ground and the dendritic manganese crystals  
>required a period of much longer than the approximately 56 years  
>since the alleged UFO crash to grow.

Sorry Ray but that just isn't true.

>In the event that any List members were still interested enough  
>to read this, I shall summarize: The 'Gherman polymer' is  
>nothing but ages-old chalcedony with, at places, a garnish of  
>ages-old dendritic manganese crystals grown upon it.

The A-LM may appear to be nothing but Chalcedony but the site evidence indicates otherwise.

>Thus, to  
>prove this was not formed in a 1947 UFO crash, no microprobe  
>analysis was needed, and no microprobe lab time was wasted.

A commitment is a commitment. Didn't you learn anything from your experience with Frankel. You, of all people, should know how hard it is when folks don't follow through with what they

say they'll do. You know first-hand what a letdown that can be. Your assignment will be completed when the microprobe analysis are posted on the list. Until that time, you'll have to face your own conscience. I'm not going to remind you again and I wouldn't have if you hadn't brought it up with this post.

>So, bang, bang, bang! There's the final nail in the coffin of >Gehrman's speculation that he had found rocks covered with a >mysterious polymer caused by a UFO crash.

I contend that I've found the cameraman's crash site and the A-LM is just one piece of evidence.

>So, Ed Gherman, believe on, if you insist; but I have done my >duty in this analysis by taking time to report the results to >this very patient list. I hope you can be realistic enough to >concede that you were simply mistaken and the victim or your own >zeal to confirm the Alien Autopsy film.

"Zeal"? Maybe so.

>Exploration is a worthy undertaking, Ed, but in your next or >further exploration, please remember that discretion is the >better part of valor.

In a false quarrel, there is no true valor  
--Shakespeare - 'Much Ado About Nothing'

Ed

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## New Series Seeks Witnesses

From: **Bobbi Annino** <[mtngirlzz@aol.com](mailto:mtngirlzz@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 16:10:52 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 16:53:47 -0400  
Subject: New Series Seeks Witnesses

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Media Request For TV Pilot

Supernatural Entertainment is currently in pre-production for the national cable television pilot series, ETVerdict. This creatively entertaining broadcast will focus on UFO sightings and extraterrestrial encounters.

The assembled team for this production embodies diverse and prestigious backgrounds in the arenas of television, film, entertainment, science, journalism and media. We are committed to present this most pertinent subject matter with the highest level of authenticity and integrity.

We are presently seeking credible individuals with eyewitness accounts and documentation, who are willing to tell there fascinating stories on camera.

If you have experienced sightings, I would like to hear from you with a written description of your experience, with any evidence or witnesses. We have a mid-July shoot date.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss details.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Annino  
Production Coordinator  
ETVerdict  
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[North Carolina]  
E-mail: [mtngirlzz@aol.com](mailto:mtngirlzz@aol.com)

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 11:58:43 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 16:35:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
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>Heck. Let them toss in Billy Meier for good measure. They can't  
>begin to say that they were not warned.

Larry,

Actually, I stopped caring about LMH's reputation a while ago.  
Her professional conduct in this case, either as a journalist or  
as a UFO researcher, is totally disappointing or worst, in from  
point-of-view. Plus, the way she keeps pushing this thing is  
really sad. Never mind.....

But, as for MUFON, I do care, as I have a great respect for many  
of its members and directors and for the organization in  
general, some of them I've met personally. If I can do anything  
to prevent MUFON from being involved in a situation like this, I  
will do my best to. I am really very concerned about LMH  
presenting the case as legitimate at their Symposium. We know  
that time doesn't forgive and hoaxers in the past have  
jeopardized sincere people's reputation.

Best,

A. J.

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## Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Rogers

From: Ian Rogers <[onemoreshadow@rogers.com](mailto:onemoreshadow@rogers.com)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 17:12:45 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 17:38:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Rogers

>From: Chaz Stuart <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 23:38:56 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Where's The UFO Flap?

>Didn't someone, (I believe it was a UFO researcher), predict a  
>major world-wide UFO flap for May or something?

>Can someone refresh my memory?

I actually believe it was for March, or perhaps April, and was supposed to occur somewhere in Europe...? I'm going back a lot of shows here.

Either way it never happened - at least I never heard about it in print or on television (and a flap would've presumably attracted some kind of attention).

Ian Rogers

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

From: Ian Rogers <[onemoreshadow@rogers.com](mailto:onemoreshadow@rogers.com)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 17:17:05 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 17:41:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO - <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 08:34:44 -0300  
>Subject: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

>>From: Ian Rogers <[onemoreshadow@rogers.com](mailto:onemoreshadow@rogers.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 17:08:06 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

>>>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 10:24:26 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

>>>>From: Scott Corrales <[lornisl@earthlink.net](mailto:lornisl@earthlink.net)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 07:13:49 -0400  
>>>>Subject: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

>>>>Linda Howe will be on Coast To Coast AM radio this coming Friday  
>>>>night, June 6, from 10 >to 11 p.m. PT/ 1-2 a.m., Eastern, to  
>>>>discuss scientific samples collected in February of this >year in  
>>>>connection with the Oliveira controversy. A report with images  
>>>>will also be made >available on her website, [www.earthfiles.com](http://www.earthfiles.com)

>>>Scott and Listers:

>>>I would highly recommend EBK's 'Strange Days... Indeed' radio  
>>>program, over the dog and pony show of "Coast to Coast." C2C  
>>>doesn't even come close when it comes to treating Ufology with  
>>>the respect it deserves! SDI certainly does and it's because of  
>>>EBK's approach to making SDI Ufology 101 for the novice through  
>>>the professional. As a matter of fact, SDI is like wearing  
>>>comfortable shoes and smelling cinnamon apples baking...

>>>'Scuse me. Gotta to get something to eat! <g>

>>As co-host of "Strange Days...Indeed" lo these past months, I  
>>concur with Wendy's statements. C2C doesn't have a thing on SDI.  
>>Sure, I'm biased, but if I were offered a similar position on  
>>C2C, I wouldn't take it. Errol's program is well-respected and  
>>much more professional. I'm proud to be a part of it.

>I definitely concur with both Ian and Wendy. Since this debate  
>about the Brazilian hoax has been going on (almost 5 months,  
>now), I have twice been invited to present my version, on SDI  
>and on Jeff Rense.

>The next time will be tomorrow, as Errol invited me. The first  
>time he gave me the necessary time to present the facts, and he  
>has done so in a very open, impartial basis - as did Jeff.

>However, even sending info and material about the hoax to Coast-  
>to-Coast, repeatedly over this past 5 months, I haven't  
>received any whatsoever to my messages. It looks like there  
>is no one there listening to us. Instead, even while everybody  
>knows that the case stinks, LMH has been on Coast on several  
>occasions, presenting her version of the facts.

Hi A.J.

I think that's the problem right there with C2C: they're not interested in facts - not real ones, anyway. :)

I look forward to talking with you on the show tomorrow night.

Ian Rogers

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 16:07:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 17:35:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on

Without responding to anyone in particular, I think we should wait to see what Ms. Howe has to say. These shows are booked in advance and perhaps she may have changed her mind since then (unless you know different, I don't). In addition she shouldn't be condemned simply for being on C2C.

I think any forum where controversial views can be aired should be encouraged, not denegated. I haven't listened to Strange Days... Indeed, yet, and I'm sure it's an excellent show but I'm sure they've had programs and guests that you didn't agree with.

If you wait, C2C is on the decline anyway since AB left. Who knows, it may disappear all by itself.

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## Re: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03 -

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research** <[hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 14:26:17 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 22:02:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03 -

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 12:14:03 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 20:32:50 -0700  
>>Subject: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03

>>Houston, British Columbia

>>Date: June 5, 2003  
>>Time: 1:30 a.m.  
>>Local call.  
>>5 witnesses  
>>Boomerang shaped craft:

>>On June 5, 2003 at 1:30 a.m. I received a telephone call, which  
>>I missed answering by seconds. A witness was trying to get a  
>>hold of me, to inform me that if I jumped into my vehicle and  
>>headed west out of town - Houston, BC - I would have been able  
>>to witness the object they were all watching.

>>The witness telephoned me again this morning at 8:15 a.m. and  
>>filed her report. I also talked with others who witnessed this  
>>object. I am just about to do the weekly radio spot with CJFW  
>>FM, plus I did a an interview a while ago with CFBV FM for their  
>>news. I will be requesting if other folks had observed this  
>>object that they contact me....

>Thanks for a fascinating report, Brian.

>I can't help but insist, however, that an investigator should  
>refrain from describing a reported object until all available  
>witnesses have been carefully interviewed.

>Please consider the possible 'contamination' factor.

>The internet is a world community, and local persons could read  
>your description on here and conjure a copy-cat report (maybe  
>adding a few 'juicy' details) and breathlessly report it to you,  
>and you, in turn, to us, as fact.

>As I'll say for the third time (to this List) in two days:  
>Discretion is the better part of valor.

>Please consider this caution seriously and refrain from  
>describing what the witness(es) said they say on the radio  
>today. Just define the area of the sighting and, maybe, the  
>general (but not the specific) time slot.

>This way, corroborative reports you might receive are much more  
>credible and uncontaminated.

Hello Ray

Actually Ray, I don't give out the details over the air waves -  
at least speaking for around Northern British Columbia! Mind

you, when I do other radio shows which are in the United States, Mexico and across Canada, then I do flap my gums and certainly give as much detail as I can, I am sure you can understand this. I am sure there won't be many around my way listening in. If the odd one happens to be, then so be it. As for the net, I am not worrying about what I place to my website, email lists, etc...

Although I do understand where you are coming from, my reason for posting the information I do to the net, is because it works well for me and many others. You would not believe the email I receive at times, which is information I am looking for to help with what I am doing. Plus it also helps out many of the others who are also wanting the information due to me posting my reports.

I am certainly a big believer in sharing my information with others who want to read it. I never was much on receiving information and then filing it away, what good does that do for anyone. Not much.

BTW - sorry if I missed replying to any of your posts. I haven't been all that well the last while. In other words I am not spending much time in front of this computer, only when I feel I want to get something out, then I quickly get things done.

Take care

Brian

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 18:37:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2003 22:04:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 11:54:15 -0700  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 10:48:21 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>Ed Gehrman suggested (to this List and to me) that chalcedony on  
>>rock samples collected by him at the place in New Mexico that he  
>>believes is where the Alien Autopsy film's UFO crash (IMO, total  
>>fiction) occurred is actually a mysterious polymer formed by a  
>>UFO propulsive effect.

<snip>

>>[Of a lot of worthless fantasy and...]

Ed closed with this nice quote from Shapesepeare:

>In a false quarrel, there is no true valor  
> --Shakespeare - 'Much Ado About Nothing'

Ah, yes, indeed, Ed should know. :)

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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## Shuttle Foam Speed?

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <[SGBList2@aol.com](mailto:SGBList2@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 18:48:15 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 08:11:11 -0400  
Subject: Shuttle Foam Speed?

A little help. I just have a BS in Physics. Would someone with a PhD please explain how a piece of foam traveling along with the shuttle on the external fuel tank can break off and reach a speed of 500 mph before hitting the shuttle wing a hundred feet below? I would assume the shuttle speed would have to increase by 500 mph between the time the foam breaks off and hits the wing. Is the shuttle's rate of acceleration that great?

And if this is the case, it is utterly astounding NASA did not test ahead of time the effect of foam traveling at 500 mph impacting the wing. NASA remains, at least for me, an enigma.

Thanks,

SB

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## Re: Shuttle Foam Speed? - Bassett

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <[SGBList2@aol.com](mailto:SGBList2@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 19:17:27 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 08:13:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: Shuttle Foam Speed? - Bassett

Ok, I've answered my own question. It's a combination of shuttle acceleration and foam deceleration due to wind resistance. 540 mph. Would anyone care to be struck by even a ping pong ball at 540 mph?

A monument to human endeavor and creativity at inception, since the end of the Apollo program the management of NASA has been an unmitigated disaster.

Lies, deception, cover-up, incredibly stupid decisions, disregard for astronaut safety - all protected by a layer of smug apologists trotted out to spin, insult and divert attention from the tragedy of this agency.

Well, where are the apologists now. Let's trot 'em out once more and tell us all how NASA is the victim of "unreasoned criticism." Better yet, let's put them in a cannon and fire them at a shuttle wing - just to see what happens.

SB

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - LeFevre

From: Charlette LeFevre <[clefevre@oz.net](mailto:clefevre@oz.net)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 17:16:30 -0700 (MST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 08:17:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - LeFevre

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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People ask why don't we just let Linda and MUFON hang  
themselves. Indeed, why not. Reason?

Because there are hundreds of people still in the UFO sect  
compound including children. These people are unaware of  
Urandir's fraudulent background.

Hey, I can't think of a better reason can you?

No more Jim Jones or Heaven's Gate - not on my shift.

Charlette LeFevre  
Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group

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## Conversations With Extraterrestrials

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By: Preston Dennett

One of the rarest types of UFO encounter is an onboard experience or a face-to-face encounter with an actual extraterrestrial. In my twenty years of UFO investigations, I have uncovered only a handful of these types of very close encounters. Surprisingly, in the vast majority of these encounters, there is little or no conversation between the humans and the aliens.

In the cases where there is conversation, it is often one-sided and limited to the extraterrestrials giving platitudes to the frightened witnesses. Its the same phrase over and over again. Ive heard it a thousand times. Its almost like a broken record. The first word out of the aliens mouths (or minds) is invariably, "DO NOT BE AFRAID. WE WONT HURT YOU."

While the aliens are usually very tight-lipped, occasionally they will engage people in brief conversations or relay brief messages.

CASE ONE: "You Wont Remember This."

My first case involving conversations between humans and ETs occurred to the Robinson family of Reseda, California. In 1989, the family experienced a series of sightings and abductions by gray-type aliens, culminating in what UFO investigators call "a baby presentation."

The main witness, Kelly Robinson, experienced four consecutive visitations over a period of a few months. During each encounter, she was able to converse with the aliens.

On the first encounter, Kelly awoke to find four gray-type ETs standing around her bed. One spoke telepathically, telling her."Do not be afraid. Come with us. You wont remember this."

Kelly, however, was a very feisty, independent twenty-year-old, and like twenty percent of abductees, she did remember. She recalled being taken into a small round room and placed on a table. They told her, "Were going to take your memory away. Youll not remember this...Dont be afraid. Were not going to hurt you. You cant remember this."

Kelly screamed at them, "Yes, I will!"

This argument went back and forth, with the aliens telling her she couldnt and wouldnt remember, and Kelly screaming back that she would.

They then cut her arm. She woke up the next morning and immediately looked at her arm. A neat two-inch scar was exactly where she remembered the aliens cutting her.

Two weeks later, the aliens returned, telling her, "Were going to take your memory."

Kelly screamed at them, "No, youre not. Im going to tell."

They told her, "No, youre not....Your parents wouldnt understand. You better not tell them, you know."

Kelly screamed out that she would tell her father.

They said, "No, no, no! You cant."

A few weeks later, they came again. As usual, they attempted to erase her memory of the incident. They told her, "Youre going to forget everything."

However, as usual, Kelly had some recall of the events. Says Kelly, "I dont know specifically what they asked me. They were asking me things about what we do, but you know, I cant specifically say. They [said,] this will happen and that will happen. I think its about my job or something."

Says Kelly, "Its hard for me to remember. They say, "Youre going to forget everything....Its totally stressed on, "Were not going to let you remember this. Were going to take your memory of this away."

On her final encounter, the aliens appeared and said, "We need to talk to you. Come with us."

Kelly resisted and threatened to tell her father. They said, "No, you cant tell your dad."

Says Kelly, "I think theyre religious. Theyre not really out to hurt us. Theyre out to learn. But theyre afraid for us to remember because theyre afraid we would tell people about them."

#### CASE TWO: "They Have Everything But Love."

Kelly Robinsons mother, Diane, had an experience which she calls a "dream," but is clearly connected to the UFO encounters of her family. Diane recalls being taken into a room where she was shown babies who were genetically altered. First revealed by researcher Budd Hopkins, these rare cases involve abductees who are told to hold and nurture babies that appear to be half-alien and half-human. In most cases, there is little information exchanged. Diane, however, was given a brief explanation.

She recalled being taken to a room where she saw a large contraption shaped like a Christmas tree, but instead of branches there were incubators filled with babies.

Diane was told to pick a baby and hold it. She refused because the babies appeared to be deformed. Says Diane, "Every one of them had something wrong with them. And she said it was sad, because it wasnt planned that way, that they had all these things wrong with them....She said they had everything but love. She said, Thats why Id like you to take one and love it....They have problems. They are different. But they still need love."

Diane was unable to overcome her revulsion and refused to hold the babies. Following this experience, all the UFO encounters of the Robinson family ended.

#### CASE THREE: "Theres Going to be a Rebellion."

During my research into the UFO wave over Topanga Canyon, California (see UFOs Over Topanga Canyon, Llewellyn, 1999), I uncovered several cases involving face-to-face extraterrestrial encounters. Again, in most cases, the aliens either didnt speak or said only, "Do not be afraid, we wont hurt you." However, in a few cases, messages were given. One case is that of the Martin family. It was Sarah Martin, the mother, who actually spoke with the extraterrestrials.

Sarah Martins encounters occurred during the peak of the UFO wave and involved several close-up sightings and at least one onboard encounter. Sarah recalls being inside a small circular room surrounded by small robed figures. Says Sarah, "To be honest with you, I cant remember their faces. I just remember talking to them...and they were talking to me. And this is what they said: Why are you so involved in this [Ross Perot] campaign? Why are you wasting your time? Its going to fall apart, one by one, and whoever wins, it doesnt matter because the whole system is going to come down around everybody. Theres going to be a rebellion. And youre not a part of this, so dont get involved."

At the time, Sarah was heavily involved in the Ross Perot presidential campaign. After the experience, she dropped all her political activities. Says Sarah, "This was so incredible. In my mind, I keep going over again what they said: Youre not a part of this, so dont be a part of it. Get away from all of it....The other thing too is something about an earthquake, a big earthquake. Something like that...but the thing that stuck out the most was, Why are you so involved? Why are you letting this consume your time? Its not worth it, and its all going to fall apart."

A few years later, the devastating Northridge earthquake struck, destroying several homes in Topanga Canyon.

#### CASE THREE: "We Need Babies."

Interestingly, another Topanga witness received prophetic warnings of the Northridge earthquake the night before it occurred, thereby saving her from serious injury or even death. Marcellina X had had encounters all her life, but it wasnt until she moved into Topanga Canyon that she began to experience face-to-face visitations. Following the earthquake, she had an encounter with a gray-type extraterrestrial in her home.

During the encounter, the ET spoke to her telepathically. Says Marcellina, "It was telling me they were trying to invent ways of intercourse. They needed babies. It was just telling me a bunch of things telepathically. There would be more earthquakes. And then you know, we had all those earthquakes all over the world....I had changed my living room after the earthquake with a whole bunch of pictures I had painted of planets. And they told me thats not exactly the way it looked there...[they said] I would be able to heal myself and I would be able to heal them. If they wanted me to heal them, I would be able to heal them."

Following this experience, Marcellina experienced the missing-fetus syndrome. Well known among UFO investigators, this syndrome involves women who become pregnant following a UFO encounter and then mysteriously lose the fetus. Marcellina also experienced subsequent paranormal healing events.

#### CASE FOUR: "Our Emotions Are Different Than Yours."

Pat Brown is a physical therapist from Panorama City, California. She had never thought of UFOs until 1992, when a vacation to Arizona triggered a series of encounters with gray-type extraterrestrials. For a period of several months, Pat reported terrifying nightly visits by ETs in her condo. Then, one evening, she was taken on board.

To her surprise, she found the experience enjoyable. She was given a tour of the craft and taken to meet "the master." It was then that she was given several messages of a spiritual nature. Says Pat, "I dont know all that they said to me, but I remember them telling me there was something I had to do with my aura."

She was surprised to find that the appearance of the alien had changed to a human male with blond hair. She asked, "Why do you look like that?"

The ET replied, "Because this is the way you want me to look."

Pat was taken out of her body and was shown what her astral body looked like. The ET told her, "That is your soul. That is the part of you that goes through all the lifetimes."

Pat was given further spiritual lessons on vibrations and healing and was then returned to her bedroom.

She soon had further experiences, and suffered several medical effects as a result of her encounters. Her case is also supported by additional witnesses. Her obsession with the subject grew and Pat began a search for information and was led to a channeler, someone claiming to speak for the ETs.

Pat asked the channeler if people who are abducted make an agreement on some level. The channeler, speaking for the ETs, said that yes, abductees do, in fact, agree to be abducted.

Pat said, "Can you make them stop?"

The ETs replied, "No, you cannot make them stop, but if you become consciously aware, you will be handled in a different way...You need to understand why you have created this. We perceive we are supporting you in your drama. Why did you create this?"

Another audience member asked, "You come here and you get specimens. What do we get from you?"

"You get a jump start in your growth. Thats what we give you."

Another member asked about emotions and the ETs replied, "Our emotions are different than yours, but we do have emotions because we accept it as important to us."

The conversation continued until Pat became angry and shouted at them that they shouldnt take her against her will.

The ETs replied, "The experiences you are receiving from this far outweigh the other things you are experiencing, and theres not one person in this room that would not trade places with you."

Pat continues to have experiences, both positive and negative. She is also continuing her quest to understand the reasons for her encounters.

#### CASE FIVE: "We Are From a Place You Dont Know About Yet."

In 1995, a middle-age couple, William and Rose Shelhart, were driving outside Sedona, Arizona, late at night when they spotted a bright light in the sky following them. It soon became apparent that the light was playing a game of cat and mouse with them as it chased them down the road and eventually landed in a field next to them. That was the last thing they consciously remembered.

Their next memory was arriving at a hotel in Sedona, several hours too late. Realizing they had missing time, they later sought out a hypnotist and recalled an incredible onboard UFO experience. They recalled being taken on board the craft and examined by nearly human-looking uniformed extraterrestrials. While Williams recall was negligible, Rose was able to recall most of what happened, including an actual conversation that she had with the ETs.

According to Rose, they were "invited" onboard and treated with kindness and respect. Says Rose, "They [the extraterrestrials] were just saying that we are helping you. They told me [William] was in another room getting different messages."

Rose asked where they come from. The aliens gave a typically enigmatic and evasive answer, replying, "We are from a place you dont know about yet."

When asked about their purpose for coming here, their response was decidedly positive. Says Rose, "They said they are helping certain people here because they will help humanity. And something about like, the more we help, the more they help us. But they cant interfere and just take over and fix everything."

Rose was unable to obtain any further useful information. She and her husband continue to have sightings and encounters, and William reports that he was healed of carpal-tunnel syndrome as a result of his interaction with the Ets.

CASE SIX: "Dont Worry, We Wont Hurt You."

Jack Stevens (pseudonym), of Everett, Washington, was only twelve years old when he was abducted out of a car and into a large craft. Most of the event was shrouded in amnesia until 1997, when he spontaneously recalled what happened twenty-five years earlier. His memory revealed a harrowing six-hour-long abduction event.

Jack recalled being levitated inside a beam of light and laid out on a table surrounded by short figures. As he was being taken on board, the ETs told him, "Dont worry, were not going to hurt you."

As they examined him, Jack reports that the aliens conversed among themselves. "I remember two of them going back and forth, and it was like a good cop, bad cop thing. One of them, for all he cared, just throw me off. Thats what the impression was, just, get him off here. And the other one was saying, No, we are not going to do that.

"I remember them telling me to open my mouth."

Jack became nervous about his mother and brother who were still back in the car. The beings responded, "Dont worry about it, we dont want them...Dont want them, dont need them...We dont care about them."

At one point, one of the beings attempted to relate a complex message. Says Jack, "He was telling me all kinds of stuff, but it wasnt sinking in. I didnt understand what he was telling me. There were math formula things and something about a lot of triangles and circles. There was a lot of geometry thrown at me. And Im just sitting there thinking, this is pretty cool, but I kind of want to go home."

After several more procedures, the ordeal finally ended. As Jack was being placed back into his car, a final exchange ensued. Jack said, "You didnt do anything to my mom and brother, right?"

The beings responded, "Right, dont worry."

Jacks case involves considerable physical evidence and numerous other witnesses. The case is still ongoing.

CASE SEVEN: "Weve been Here a Long, Long, Time."

A very unusual case of extraterrestrial contact occurred to a waitress named Maryann X, of Carpinteria, California. One evening in 1992, following a series of UFO sightings, Maryann was in her home watching TV when she became aware of a presence. Although she couldnt see anything, in her minds eye she sensed a strange being. The figure was thin, bald, with a large head, gray skin and dark almond-shaped eyes. In other words, the typical gray-type alien.

At that point, Maryann began to experience the phenomenon of automatic writing. Messages which she believed were from the alien began to be transmitted through her.

Says Maryann, "Hes very interested in our interest in him and his race. [He says] that theyve been here for a long, long time, longer than we have from what I understand...Theyre vastly interested in us. Theyre almost more fascinated in us than we are in them. We dont think the same way they do. He said, We live in oceans. They live in the ocean, underwater. Their ships are underwater. Theyre very benign. They have no nuclear warheads [or] this kind of stuff."

Like many contactees, Maryann was given information about upcoming natural disasters. "He was telling me something about earthquakes. He didnt predict anything else. He just said were in for some big type of natural disaster. I get the impression, thinking back to what he talks to me about, is that theyre almost here to warn us. Not of an impending doom type of thing, like the worlds going to blow up, but theyre not here to hurt. Theyre here to observe."

The alien told Maryann that their race is much more numerous than all of humanity. "Lot and lots and lots. This is not just five or ten or twenty ships roaming around. Were talking--from what I get from him--millions and millions of these people. And theyve existed before we recorded time and history."

The alien told her that they were conducting a program to contact small groups of people across the planet. "Thats the understanding I have. They have jobs like everybody has jobs down here. His job is to find people who are receptive enough that he can talk to. And he was really worried about whether or not I was really scared....I get the impression that I am not the only one he talks to. In fact, I think that its like a job for them. Thats kind of the impression I got, is they kind of probe different people. Its like his job is to find people who are receptive."

Marianne has made contact with the alien on several occasions, and has been given much more information.

CASE EIGHT: "It Is Very Important We Do This."

Melinda Leslie of Los Angeles, California, is an office manager and secretary who has been having ET contact her entire life. Even more amazing is that Melinda has been able to recall many of her experiences consciously, without the aid of hypnosis. She is what UFO researchers call a conscious abductee.

While she has had virtually the entire range of UFO experiences, one of her most dramatic occurred in July 1991 while driving with two friends through the Los Angeles forest. All three experienced a two-hour-long abduction into a metallic craft piloted by grey-type ETs.

Once on board, they were undressed, examined, separated and given separate messages. Melinda Leslie was able to recall the entire event consciously. As she was laid out and examined, she hammered the aliens with questions, none of which they answered.

She saw her friend sitting in a chair with a bizarre-looking headset on him and she screamed out, "What are you doing to him?"

One of the aliens replied, "Its all right, were giving him information. Its all right. Were educating him."

"Dont hurt him," Melinda said.

"Were not hurting him. Hes all right. Its all right."

Melinda continued to let out a stream of questions, however, she was rarely answered, and then, only in an evasive manner. Says Melinda, "They dont give you straight answers. They say, Its okay. We need to do this. You understand."

At one point, the three friends were separated and placed into different rooms. Melinda found herself in a room with a dozen greys. One stepped up to her and said, "Now, were going to do something. Dont be afraid, but this is very important that we do this. Were going to put this over your head."

What followed was a bizarre procedure. Melinda was immobilized by a device placed over her head. The aliens stood in a circle around Melinda and pushed her back and forth like a punching clown. Melinda felt she was going to fall, but each time she was caught and pushed again. Finally, she relaxed. At that point, they stopped and removed the device. One of the aliens said, "You needed to learn that....You needed to learn to trust us."

Meanwhile, Melindas friend, James, was receiving a different message. Says Melinda, "James said when I was out of the room, they came over to him, and they showed him a device, a bunch of stuff. They told him how to make a UFO detector, and they gave him the information. He said, they said because they wanted him to document and videotape them. When sightings happen, they told him he has a mission to document this stuff."

According to James, "They showed me how to do this. And they explained the whole thing technically to me, and I was given the information how to build those. They were done and they made



sure I understood. And I said, Yes, I understand."

Melinda's other friend was unable to recall much detail other than being taken onboard and examined. Melinda continues to have experiences and has lectured extensively about her encounters.

#### CONCLUSIONS

There are many other cases where aliens have conversed with human beings. However, the patterns are usually the same. For the most part, aliens are not only extremely taciturn; when they do speak they are often evasive. When abductee Travis Walton was taken onboard a UFO, he asked numerous questions of the aliens, none of which were answered. When abductee Betty Hill asked her abductors where they came from, they told her, "You wouldn't understand."

But as the above cases show, the aliens do sometimes reveal information about themselves, their feelings, their intentions, their desires, fears and beliefs. By piecing together these accounts, we are beginning to get a clearer picture of who the aliens are and what they are doing on this planet. The main message revealed by the aliens' conversations is that they have a strong interest in humanity. Whether they are removing genetic material, imparting spiritual knowledge, predicting natural disaster or studying our emotions, the aliens are obviously fascinated by humanity. The conclusion is clear. For whatever reason, they are deeply interested in us. And if the patterns reveal anything, the aliens will remain here for a long, long time.

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>I received an interesting reply from Otha Vaughan, the principal  
>investigator of the lightning observation program that obtained  
>many hours of night-time shuttle video, including the zig-zag  
>dots sequence. While he agrees that timing data is encoded on  
>the downlink video for later extraction and display, he  
>corroborates Fleming's interpretation about using starfield  
>observations to contribute to proper timing measurements. This  
>underscores the importance of approaching primary sources and  
>primary documentation.

I appreciate Mr. Oberg's willingness to say that. But contrarian  
that I am, I don't agree completely that Dr. Vaughan  
corroborated my interpretation. In his reply to Oberg, Dr.  
Vaughan says they used the star fields to help determine  
locations - I suppose due to the uncertainties regarding the  
direction the camera was pointing. He didn't say anything about  
using the stars in time measurements.

The MLE paper I cited:

[http://thunder.msfc.nasa.gov/bookshelf/pubs/Obs\\_ligh\\_space.html](http://thunder.msfc.nasa.gov/bookshelf/pubs/Obs_ligh_space.html)

seemed to strongly imply that the star fields were also needed  
to determine event times, but it didn't say so explicitly. I'd  
be interested in hearing Dr. Vaughan's interpretation of the  
comment made in the paper that the time of one of the lightning  
events could not be determined precisely due to a lack of  
lights. I agree that when primary sources are available, it's  
important to find out what they have to say. That's why I try to  
pay close attention to what Mr. Oberg says on the subjects he's  
so well versed in, even while the bombs are flying back and  
forth.

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>Wendy Connor's wrote (in part):

>>>I would highly recommend EBK's 'Strange Days... Indeed' radio  
>>>program, over the dog and pony show of "Coast to Coast." C2C  
>>>doesn't even come close when it comes to treating Ufology with  
>>>the respect it deserves! SDI certainly does and it's because of  
>>>EBK's approach to making SDI Ufology 101 for the novice through  
>>>the professional. As a matter of fact, SDI is like wearing  
>>>comfortable shoes and smelling cinnamon apples baking...

>>>'Scuse me. Gotta to get something to eat! <g>

>>As co-host of "Strange Days...Indeed" lo these past months, I  
>>concur with Wendy's statements. C2C doesn't have a thing on SDI.  
>>Sure, I'm biased, but if I were offered a similar position on  
>>C2C, I wouldn't take it. Errol's program is well-respected and  
>>much more professional. I'm proud to be a part of it.

>I'll have to admit that I don't listen to overnight radio, and  
>couldn't tell you off the top of my head if Coast to Coast was  
>actually available via radio in my market. However, from what I  
>know of the programs and those involved, I would agree that  
>Strange Days... Indeed is most likely a much better outlet for  
>rational information related to this genre.

>Is there any sort of independent rating system that could  
>provide information as to the number of listeners? Further, is  
>there any sort of indication of the demographic representation  
>among those listeners?

Hi Steve,

C2C allegedly is the leading over night radio show. I don't know of any numbers or ratings other than what is generally published within the radio industry. During Art Bell's days of hosting, it was termed Hoax to Hoax by some because it thought that Bell's producer didn't meet a story he/she didn't like, no matter how lame it was. Bell also had some legit people on as well. Mixed bag I suppose.

Now Noory has taken over and based upon radio stations in the larger markets replacing it with other programing (Philadelphia is one as I recall) it is thought that the show is dropping in popularity.

Cheers,

Robert

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>>>Linda Howe will be on Coast To Coast AM radio this coming Friday  
>>>night, June 6, from 10 to 11 p.m. PT/ 1-2 a.m., Eastern, to  
>>>discuss scientific samples collected in February of this year in  
>>>connection with the Oliveira controversy. A report with images  
>>>will also be made available on her website, [www.earthfiles.com](http://www.earthfiles.com)

>>I suspect the theory from some quarters will be:

>>Samples, scientific evidence, we don't need no stinking samples  
>>and scientific evidence because we have pronounced it a  
>>hoax..... :)

>Your comment is really strange. I wonder how much you know about  
>this case? What is the point of having the marks on a bed sheet  
>analysed if they were produced by ordinary means, such as a  
>torch? It is not because we said so, it is because it is. I have  
>only spread the info of how the marks were fabricated. And the  
>way they were fabricated, constitutes a hoax.

I believe MUFON's position on this is fine... that essentially  
being that regardless of personalities and beliefs the bottom  
line is about scientific evidence and analysis.

Bottom line on this is run out and duplicate the hoax, then give  
the samples to the same person running Linda's samples and see  
if they compare. Or give them to another recognized scientific  
person and see what his analysis comes up with. If they are  
duplicate then its obvious. If they don't match then all the  
talk and commentary in the world won't make any difference.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Myers

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Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 09:07:51 -0400  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 17:17:05 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO - <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 08:34:44 -0300  
>>Subject: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

Greetings Listers,

I have obtained a copy of a 40-page in-depth infrared spectroscopy analysis of samples gathered by Linda Moulton Howe from the bedsheet, bedding and pillow from the alleged abduction of Urandir Oliveira. I received this extensive report this past Monday. There is no doubt in my mind that the work was carried out by well qualified individuals and was supported by other scientists. Both Budinger and Reiter have examined several anomalous cases for various investigators. A full story will be forthcoming from [ufowatchdog.com](http://ufowatchdog.com) on this report.

This thorough analysis was conducted by veteran analytical chemist Phyllis A. Budinger and includes the SEM/EDS analysis carried out by scientific research technologist Nicholas Reiter on the stones that are alleged to have fallen from the sky. This report, including multiple analyses and replication experiments, was completed this past April. It should be noted that claims were made that certain melting properties of the samples of bedding could not be reproduced. These results have indeed been reproduced by both Budinger and Reiter.

The replication of these alleged anomalous effects clearly shows that there is nothing unusual about the bedding. It is being claimed that since these replication experiments do not look exactly like what has been found on Oliveira's bedsheets, they have no merit while at the same time the claim is being made that the effects could not be replicated by any heat source. Just as with defense attorneys: If you don't like the prosecution's expert testimony, you go and find your own expert to refute the previous expert.

>From what I have observed, and while I am not a scientist, I believe this can be easily summed up: If you go into a fast food restaurant and look up at a picture menu, your eyes are greeted with great looking pictures of tasty food. Essentially, you receive the same thing advertised but it usually looks nothing like the picture. I believe this is the case here with the properties of the melted fibers within the bedding. It doesn't look exactly like the melting found on Oliveira's sheets, but it is the same effect and was replicated when it was claimed that there was no possible way for it to be replicated.

It is the opinion of [ufowatchdog.com](http://ufowatchdog.com), based on the past investigations of Urandir Oliveira, the general consensus of the Brazilian UFO community, and the results of this in-depth report, that the UFO claims made by Oliveira are false and have no merit other than presenting us with an important lesson



showing how easy it is for a few people to make the rest of us  
look like idiots.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM  
"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind"

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## SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community - Brazil UFO

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Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 09:38:04 -0400  
Subject: SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community - Brazil UFO

Dear UFO Community,

No Emmys For Linda.

We are appalled at the irresponsible reports related by Linda Moulton Howe and the media coverage supporting these reports which only stand to support a known Brazilian UFO cult.

Our purpose in this open letter is to report the truth that is not being told and we have posted our report and photos which prove the Brazilian case is a hoax and, unfortunately, worse. We have been informed of the real story having given an open fair platform to an International Editor and Ufologist from Brazil - A.J. Gevaerd, an expert in this area.

The real story is the well documented fraud and abuse of Urandir Olivera's UFO cult Project Portal (which has yet to be mentioned in any of Linda Howes reports). While Linda is misleading the public by continually burying her eyeballs in bedsheet analysis with exaggerated testicle impressions and attempting to garner support with numerous analysis by scientists, she is disregarding the truth and doing nothing for the public's best interest. Linda's furthering speculation and double-talk on the analysis of polyester fibers - fibers which can be affected by any number of solvents sidesteps the real issues of this Brazilian UFO cult.

It should be noted that photos of the bedsheet have already shown the alleged abduction to be a hoax as the impressions have changed in subsequent photos. A huge clue of hoaxing that any responsible investigator would have noticed.

It would be different

It would be different if Linda had not confirmed with me that she was invited by Urandir and his business supporters at their expense to go to Brazil. Sorry but the ufologists in Brazil and myself have a problem with paid investigators, as it compromises objectivity.

It would be different if Linda Howe had not confirmed with me she was informed of the background of Urandir through A.J. Gevaerd in December of 2002 or was not at his multi-million dollar compound in Brazil for two weeks, but the sad facts are she was fully aware and still she has not reported. Why?

It would be different if Linda had not censored Brazilian Ufologist A.J. Gevaerd's comments from her first report.

It would be different if this was just a hoaxer with neighbors throwing rocks in the air or claiming to have an alien in his freezer but its not. This is much more serious. This involves supporting a known UFO cult with hundreds of people that Brazil's own numerous ufologists have declared a fraud, based on numerous reports from people who have left the compound.

Have we forgotten the lessons of Jim Jones or of Heavens Gate - which only happened five short years ago? Does consumer fraud take second place to sensationalistic speculation?

Every person and organization stands on their own merit and misleading reports supporting an abusive UFO cult is heinous and yes, we are finding this cult has the same earmarks and template as the Jim Jones cult. Everything from the bilking of hundreds of thousands of dollars from believers to reports of abuse, reports of unsanitary conditions, and reported death threats.

Please re-read the history of Jonestown and compare similarities between these two cults and isolated compounds. We found that indeed, yes, the locals were not exaggerating when they say Urandir is another Jim Jones.

In November 18, 1978 - 912 followers of American cult leader Jim Jones Peoples Temple died in a remote South American jungle compound called "Jonestown" in British Guyana. (not unlike Urandir's Happy Camp) 280 of those dead were children.

Sect members had been secretly handing notes to Congressman Leo Ryan wanting to leave before they were gunned down. It was believed many people felt oppressed and couldn't say anything for fear.

Yes, A.J. Gevaerd living in the same town, himself, has received many of the same comments from people who have left the Project Portal compound. His file is thick.

It would be different if there were not still people there, at compound, including children.

It would be different if Linda showed the numerous building of Urandirs multi-million dollar compound and not the photograph off the corner of a porch overlooking the lands of this humble farmer. Misleading? Yes, I would say, very much so.

It would be different if Linda interviewed and acknowledged A.J. Gevaerd's concerns, as a person who knows more about ufology and Urandir living in the same town, than any other person in Brazil. But she hasn't.

It would be different if Linda interviewed the mother of the boy with leukemia who came there for faith healing treatment and left the compound worse off and his family bilked of \$11,000 - but she hasn't.

It would be different if Linda interviewed Urandir's former lawyer Lutz Netto who left the compound and felt he was scammed - but she hasn't.

It would be different if Linda ever confirmed Urandir's arrest over beating his wife. Saint? Hardly. Linda hasn't.

It would be different if Linda ever confirmed Urandir's arrest of four days for fraud that has been additionally documented by local journalists - but she hasn't.

It would be different if Linda ever interviewed Fernando Goncalves da Silva who was defrauded by Urandir and calls him another Jim Jones? Linda hasn't.

It would be different if Linda ever interviewed Daniela S. - a teacher who feels she was defrauded? - but Linda hasn't.

It would be different if Linda had not confirmed, with me, she had only interviewed those arriving and leaving the UFO compound and those persons brought to her through one translator - a business partner. How convenient.

Yeh, it would be different if Linda had... but she hasn't - and she continues despite knowing and despite the facts.

We all know if Linda Howe was with any responsible media or newspaper she would have been fired for violating journalistic ethics. But is Linda held to any responsibility or is this entertainment at consumer's expense?

Frankly, neglecting to report the abuse from people who have left this UFO sect is beyond despicable.

The picture is a little bit larger here than just a tiff between investigators or International politics, as Linda has used as an

excuse for not even listening to any of the Brazilian Ufologists or their reports. They condemn and charge her for conducting the worst form of journalism, and having looked into this case I have to agree, two-fold, having confirmed the information myself.

Objectivity and fair reporting have been disregarded over ego and to the detriment of every person who was ever scammed by Urandir or who may be scammed in future because of Linda's supportive reports.

Serious questions have to be asked:

Why is media not fairly presenting A.J. Gevaerd's information?

A.J. is a National MUFON Director of Brazil and Linda claims to be an independent reporter? Perhaps because Linda is listed as a Technical Advisor to media with MUFON. Translation? Paid sensationalistic media promoter.

MUFON presenting Linda Howe?

All I can say is how awful for the MUFON organization and its President to outright ignore letters of concern, which they have acknowledged they have received, from their very own Brazilian National Director and to turn their backs on a formal complaint on such a serious matter and not give a fair platform.

Aiding and abetting fraud isn't funny and its a disservice to the public, but then again I shouldnt be surprised when people like this work hand in hand. They deserve each other.

No Emmys for Linda and no more Jim Jones or Heavens Gate - not on my shift.

Charlette LeFevre  
Coordinator Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group

<http://www.seattlechatclub.org/urandir.html>

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Hatch

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Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 09:41:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Hatch

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 11:58:43 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 23:25:49 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 08:21:18 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

<snip>

>>>See, it doesn't take much for one to realize that LMH's  
>>>presentation - and MUFON's role in this - has been largely used  
>>>in a big advertisement campaign of the goals of Urandir's  
>>>Projeto Portal (Gateway Project). It is really, really bad,  
>>>because in the near future it will be believed that MUFON  
>>>actually supported the biggest UFO hoax of all time.

>>I have this really silly question.

>>If LMH is determined to trash what remains of her reputation  
>>over Urandir, and even MUFON is prepared to do likewise.....

>>Why not simply let them?

<snip>

>>They can't begin to say that they were not warned.

>Actually, I stopped caring about LMH's reputation a while ago.  
>Her professional conduct in this case, either as a journalist or  
>as a UFO researcher, is totally disappointing or worst, in from  
>point-of-view. Plus, the way she keeps pushing this thing is  
>really sad. Never mind.....

>But, as for MUFON, I do care, as I have a great respect for many  
>of its members and directors and for the organization in  
>general, some of them I've met personally. If I can do anything  
>to prevent MUFON from being involved in a situation like this, I  
>will do my best to. I am really very concerned about LMH  
>presenting the case as legitimate at their Symposium. We know  
>that time doesn't forgive and hoaxers in the past have  
>jeopardized sincere people's reputation.

Hello A.J.:

I understand and sympathize with your concerns for the  
reputation of MUFON. There are a lot of good people in that  
organization, and they have done some good work.

They also have a lot of members whose grasp of reality is

tenuous at best. I avoid UFO conventions/hootenannies as a rule. One person who didn't, was presented with a MUFON lecture about the ongoing struggle between the grey aliens and the reptilians, in great detail I am told.

At some point, I lose patience with the psychotic who insists he will jump from a tall building, despite all reason, pleading and platitude.

"OK! OK!" I want to say "... just don't jump off to the right toward Jones Street. That's my white Oldsmobile parked down there."

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Brazilian Hoax Info Site

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Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 08:00:05 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 09:46:43 -0400  
Subject: Brazilian Hoax Info Site

Folks:

Since we, the Brazilian UFO researchers, started exposing the hoax perpetrated by Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira through his Gateway Project, we have received much support from several segments. I want to thank Errol for letting us express ourselves through UFO UpDates and Strange Days... Indeed. And I also want to thank the Seattle UFO & Paranormal Chatclub for its extensive support as well. I have just been informed that this organization has a section in its webpage devoted to the hoax:

<http://www.seattlechatclub.org/urandir.html>

I wish I had more time and resources to get more articles and info about this thing translated and supplied to the U.S. UFO Community. However, as the editor of a monthly magazine, in a country in deep economical crisis, I have very little time, like some of the other Brazilian UFO researchers who are trying to expose the hoax. Gradually we are translating and sending abroad more and more info. Unlike the hoax perpetrator, we have no money to spend on this case.

A. J. Gevaerd

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## The Moon Is A Hoax

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 05:58:36 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 10:20:05 -0400  
Subject: The Moon Is A Hoax

Dear Sirs and Mmes:

I hope you enjoy this web page as much as I did.

<http://www.revisionism.nl/Moon/The-Mad-Revisionist.htm>

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Connors

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Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 08:03:16 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 10:42:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Connors

>From: Royce J. Myers III - The UFO Watchdog <[ufowatchdog@msn.com](mailto:ufowatchdog@msn.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 23:14:03 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Myers

>>From: Ian Rogers <[onemoreshadow@rogers.com](mailto:onemoreshadow@rogers.com)>  
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>>>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 08:34:44 -0300  
>>>Subject: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

<snip>

I listened to C2C last night, out of curiosity. Accordingly, I was wondering why the good doctor duplicating the effect on the bed sheet, used a blow torch? I'm not a scientist, but it seems to me that if polyester melts at 500 degrees F and cotton disintegrates at 300 degrees F, then why weren't votive candles placed about 3 inches from the sheet and allowed to do their work slowly over time, without causing black scorch marks? Also, where were the trace element analysis on the sheet done and what were the results?

Thus, I agree with Royce. If Budinger can closely replicate the effect on the bed sheet in the laboratory using only one test, then there is nothing unique or special about the bed sheet evidence. The doctor intimated that given time and enough bed sheets, he could duplicate the effect without black scorch marks.

LMH is only trying to earn a living and I can't fault her on this point. But, she certainly can make a shambles of things once in awhile and ufological researchers and investigators with much more experience than herself, are left with damage control over her over zealously, as the legitimacy of Ufology comes under attack once again.

But, then again, LMH and George (former NICAP member) never have the legitimate and experienced researchers on C2C...which tends to show that C2C uses sensationalism at the expense of the field of study which comprises Ufology. A real shame, since there are people in Ufology who are fun and interesting to listen to, but are never invited to C2C anymore and haven't been for a long, long time.

What makes me ill is that C2C and LMH project that they are experts in ufological research, when the gallery of guests are the Shawn David Morton's, Jonathan Reed's, etc. Real researchers and experts in the field of Ufology stay as far away from these hoaxers as possible. Reputation and legitimacy isn't the flag word and goal of C2C and the audience certainly isn't being respected.

And it definitely shows.

Wendy Connors

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## Re: Shuttle Foam Speed? - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 09:52:07 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 10:55:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Shuttle Foam Speed? - White

>From: Stephen G. Bassett <[SGBList2@aol.com](mailto:SGBList2@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 18:48:15 EDT  
>Subject: Shuttle Foam Speed?

>A little help. I just have a BS in Physics. Would someone with a  
>PhD please explain how a piece of foam traveling along with the  
>shuttle on the external fuel tank can break off and reach a  
>speed of 500 mph before hitting the shuttle wing a hundred feet  
>below? I would assume the shuttle speed would have to increase  
>by 500 mph between the time the foam breaks off and hits the  
>wing. Is the shuttle's rate of acceleration that great?

>And if this is the case, it is utterly astounding NASA did not  
>test ahead of time the effect of foam traveling at 500 mph  
>impacting the wing. NASA remains, at least for me, an enigma.

When Challenger exploded, it was a minute and 15 seconds into its flight. A NASA controller announced, "Altitude 9 nautical miles, downrange 7 nautical miles, velocity 2,900 feet per second".

One report (Houston Chronicle) states that the foam impacted the leading edge of the wing 81 seconds into the flight. If at 75 seconds the velocity can be 2,900 feet per second, then at 81 seconds, Mach 3 (roughly 3,300 feet per second) isn't beyond reach.

A low density object like foam would de-celerate rapidly, and if the distance were a hundred feet, de-celeration by 500 mph (or about 733 feet per second) doesn't sound unreasonable.

Eleanor White

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## Re: The Moon Is A Hoax - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 09:37:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 10:57:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Moon Is A Hoax - Clark

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 05:58:36 -0700  
>Subject: The Moon Is A Hoax

>Dear Sirs and Mmes:

>I hope you enjoy this web page as much as I did.

><http://www.revisionism.nl/Moon/The-Mad-Revisionist.htm>

Larry,

This would be a whole lot funnier if it weren't being used to serve the ends of Holocaust revisionists, among the lowest of life forms. In context, this isn't amusing at all.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 10:41:47 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 10:59:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Kaeser

>From: Ian Rogers <[onemoreshadow@rogers.com](mailto:onemoreshadow@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 17:12:45 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap?

>>From: Chaz Stuart <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 23:38:56 -0500 (EST)  
>>Subject: Where's The UFO Flap?

>>Didn't someone, (I believe it was a UFO researcher), predict a  
>>major world-wide UFO flap for May or something?

>>Can someone refresh my memory?

>I actually believe it was for March, or perhaps April, and was  
>supposed to occur somewhere in Europe...? I'm going back a lot  
>of shows here.

>Either way it never happened - at least I never heard about it  
>in print or on television (and a flap would've presumably  
>attracted some kind of attention).

Has anyone created a UFO Prediction database to collect these  
predictions so that we can monitor how many are made and how  
often they actually occur? It seems that there are two or three  
major predictions made every year that the truth will be  
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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 07:49:22 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 11:01:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Hatch

>From: Charlette LeFevre <[clefevre@oz.net](mailto:clefevre@oz.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 17:16:30 -0700 (MST)  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 23:25:49 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

>>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 08:21:18 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

<snip>

>>I have this really silly question.

>>If LMH is determined to trash what remains of her reputation  
>>over Urandir, and even MUFON is prepared to do likewise.....

>>Why not simply let them?

>>Heck. Let them toss in Billy Meier for good measure. They can't  
>>begin to say that they were not warned.

>People ask why don't we just let Linda and MUFON hang  
>themselves. Indeed, why not. Reason?

>Because there are hundreds of people still in the UFO sect  
>compound including children. These people are unaware of  
>Urandir's fraudulent background.

>Hey, I can't think of a better reason can you?

>No more Jim Jones or Heaven's Gate - not on my shift.

Hello Charlette:

Perhaps we should send in Walagrian soldiers to attach bungee  
cords to the ankles of all jumpees. [burp!]

All seriousness aside, people have to take control of their own  
little peeks at the world. What I hope is that everybody gets a  
little peek, maybe two or three. Most important is to find and  
share some bit of joy.

The nut cases you refer to are not the point, as I see it.  
Urandir does not want mass deaths, just lots of money from dumb  
people.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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>>>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 17:08:06 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

>>Wendy Connor's wrote (in part):

>>>>I would highly recommend EBK's 'Strange Days... Indeed' radio  
>>>>program, over the dog and pony show of "Coast to Coast." C2C  
>>>>doesn't even come close when it comes to treating Ufology with  
>>>>the respect it deserves! SDI certainly does and it's because of  
>>>>EBK's approach to making SDI Ufology 101 for the novice through  
>>>>the professional. As a matter of fact, SDI is like wearing  
>>>>comfortable shoes and smelling cinnamon apples baking...

>>>>'Scuse me. Gotta to get something to eat! <g>

>>>As co-host of "Strange Days...Indeed" lo these past months, I  
>>>concur with Wendy's statements. C2C doesn't have a thing on SDI.  
>>>Sure, I'm biased, but if I were offered a similar position on  
>>>C2C, I wouldn't take it. Errol's program is well-respected and  
>>>much more professional. I'm proud to be a part of it.

>>I'll have to admit that I don't listen to overnight radio, and  
>>couldn't tell you off the top of my head if Coast to Coast was  
>>actually available via radio in my market. However, from what I  
>>know of the programs and those involved, I would agree that  
>>Strange Days... Indeed is most likely a much better outlet for  
>>rational information related to this genre.

>>Is there any sort of independent rating system that could  
>>provide information as to the number of listeners? Further, is  
>>there any sort of indication of the demographic representation  
>>among those listeners?

>C2C allegedly is the leading over night radio show. I don't  
>know of any numbers or ratings other than what is generally  
>published within the radio industry. During Art Bell's days of  
>hosting, it was termed Hoax to Hoax by some because it thought  
>that Bell's producer didn't meet a story he/she didn't like, no  
>matter how lame it was. Bell also had some legit people on as  
>well. Mixed bag I suppose.

>Now Noory has taken over and based upon radio stations in the  
>larger markets replacing it with other programing (Philadelphia  
>is one as I recall) it is thought that the show is dropping in  
>popularity.



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Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 11:15:31 -0400  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 04:54:03 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

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>>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 11:58:43 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

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>I understand and sympathize with your concerns for the  
>reputation of MUFON. There are a lot of good people in that  
>organization, and they have done some good work.

>They also have a lot of members whose grasp of reality is  
>tenuous at best. I avoid UFO conventions/hootenannies as a rule.  
>One person who didn't, was presented with a MUFON lecture about  
>the ongoing struggle between the grey aliens and the reptilians,  
>in great detail I am told.

>At some point, I lose patience with the psychotic who insists he  
>will jump from a tall building, despite all reason, pleading and  
>platitude.

>"OK! OK!" I want to say ".. just don't jump off to the right  
>toward Jones Street. That's my white Oldsmobile parked down  
>there."

Hi Larry,

I agree with you there. My main reason for staving off UFO  
groups at large was because there always seemed to be one or two  
people who wholeheartedly believed the whole grays and  
reptillians bit, and I would have to start to wonder just how  
scientific this outfit is. Though I have to say that MUFON  
Ontario seemed to have way more level-headed investigators than  
out-and-out loony tunes.

That's all, folks.

Ian Rogers

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Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 11:30:01 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 12:19:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Rogers

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 10:41:47 -0400  
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>revealed, or that the visitors will come for those who've  
>prepared themselves (and everything in between).

>Just curious.

That would be a great idea. I know there's a site out there  
somewhere that collects end-of-the-world predictions - ever  
since the new millennium we get a few more than usual each year.

Ian Rogers

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## Re: SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community - Denzler

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Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 11:44:16 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 12:24:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community - Denzler

>From: Charlette LeFevre <[clefevre@oz.net](mailto:clefevre@oz.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 01:53:43 -0700  
>Subject: SUFOPG - Open Letter To UFO Community - Brazil UFO Cult

>Dear UFO Community,

>No Emmys For Linda.

>We are appalled at the irresponsible reports related by Linda  
>Moulton Howe and the media coverage supporting these reports  
>which only stand to support a known Brazilian UFO cult.

>Our purpose in this open letter is to report the truth that  
>is not being told and we have posted our report and photos  
>which prove the Brazilian case is a hoax and, unfortunately,  
>worse. We have been informed of the real story having given  
>an open fair platform to an International Editor and  
>Ufologist from Brazil - A.J. Gevaerd, an expert in this area.

>The real story is the well documented fraud and abuse of  
>Urandir Olivera's UFO cult Project Portal (which has yet to  
>be mentioned in any of Linda Howes reports). (snip)

It seems to me that we have two issues here. One is whether or not the Olivera case is a hoax. The second is whether or not his drawing followers - apparently live-in followers - to him is appropriate or dangerous. By saying that the case is a hoax, the implication is automatically that his drawing followers is dangerous.

I would maintain, however, that no matter whether the case is a hoax or genuine, the ability of any person to draw that kind of live-in (and hence to some extent "captive") body of followers is potentially dangerous. Followers who live independently are at least less likely to be subjected to abuse and control (though this is not 100% a given). But when the followers live in a compound controlled by the leader, it can get dicey. At least one eyebrow ought to be - and remain - raised, it seems to me. Even if Olivera is as genuine an abductee as they come.

Brenda Denzler

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Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 11:59:36 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 12:26:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Denzler

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Ian,

Not too sure about the Area 51 caller, but I do know that Bell and C2C in general do not have a good track record of acknowledging facts regarding their past guests and their claims. This would include guests such as Sean David Morton, Jonathan 'Reed', and Ed Dames to name a few. And this isn't simply info from me, but from other sources that have directly refuted their claims. Of course, UFO groups, so-called investigators and conferences aren't immune from ignoring the facts either.

Odd how no one on C2C wanted to address the Reed UFO Fraud after I exposed it. No one on C2C talked about the lawsuit filed against my website by Sean David Morton that got tossed out into the gutter like a drunk from a bar since Morton couldn't prove any of his claims in a court of law. Speaking of lawsuits, didn't Oliveira try to sue AJ and lose? Strange how no one on C2C wants to address all of the predictions made by so-called remote viewers that have never come to fruition, yet these same 'remote viewers' claim a 90% to 100% accuracy rate. And we all know it is no where close to that boasted percentage.

Or how about 'Art's Parts'? Remember this gem of a story? Well, the Oliveira case isn't the first time that Howe has apparently chosen to disregard someone's replication experiment. Apparently, there was someone that had replicated the bismuth/magnesium metal composition, a process that was supposed to be unknown. The account that I have is that Howe disregarded the results after replication because the piece wasn't as thick as the other pieces. Here we go again with my earlier fast food picture menu analogy: It doesn't look like the picture on the menu, but the content is the same.

Now, here we are with Oliveira and his UFO hoax now being promoted on C2C by Howe. But again, the other side of the story has yet to make it on the show. Can you say 'ratings'? The other



side of that story will be told.

Radio shows and conferences continually host and promote a number of UFO buffoons every year with such disregard that it truly is disturbing. Remember the International UFO Congress and its string of UFO frauds (Reed, Shargel, et al)? All the while, science sits back and watches the dog and pony show ready to wash its hands of the lunacy and antics that are rampant in this field. And we continue to wonder why this field has no credibility with mainstream science.

So, when are people going to start taking responsibility by doing the right thing and not hosting, promoting, or sensationalizing those who clearly are engaged in fraud or hoaxing? When are radio hosts going to start taking responsibility for reporting both sides of the story? When are 'reporters' and 'investigators' going to start giving us all of the facts, and not only their skewed vision of what should be reported? When are conferences going to start ousting the lunatics and hoaxers from conferences?

When? Probably never, because being honest and not sensationalistic simply won't generate ratings, book sales, ticket revenues, controversy and usually never puts anyone in the spotlight. People choose which side of the fence they want to be on, and its obvious some have chosen to jump head first to the side of lunacy. But you always have a choice of whether you want to participate in the madness or champion simplistic truth and fact without attempting to distort it as a means to your end.....

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM  
"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind"

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Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 13:01:20 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 13:12:07 -0400  
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Brenda and Steve,

Reasoning behind the most accurate predictions would be the most  
valuable data from such a database. Brenda, how many of those  
posts you have been saving list rationales for the predictions?  
For the ones that do, are they measurable like Mars proximity,  
Sun spot activity, or even use as a basis methodology such as  
Aime Michel's Straight Line Theory? Or if accurate predictions  
result from abductee or contactee information gleaned during  
their experiences then that would be very interesting indeed.

Bill Stockstill

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Friday, June 06, 2003 4:07 PM  
>Subject: RE: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>Without responding to anyone in particular, I think we should  
>wait to see what Ms. Howe has to say. These shows are booked in  
>advance and perhaps she may have changed her mind since then  
>(unless you know different, I don't). In addition she shouldn't  
>be condemned simply for being on C2C.

Well I listened to as much of the show as I could stand and I see that LMH has had no change of heart. Perhaps it's C2C that should be chastised for helping to perpetrate this hoax. sigh

Terry Groff

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## Re: The Moon Is A Hoax - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 13:28:06 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 16:52:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Moon Is A Hoax - Sandow

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 09:37:31 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Moon Is A Hoax

>Larry,

>This would be a whole lot funnier if it weren't being used  
>to serve the ends of Holocaust revisionists, among the lowest of  
>life forms. In context, this isn't amusing at all.

>Jerry Clark

Are you sure? I took this truly hilarious website as a parody of  
holocaust revisionism. As if it were saying: "People who don't  
believe in the holocaust are as dumb as people who don't believe  
in the moon."

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03 -

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 15:08:49 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 17:08:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03 -

>From: Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research <[hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 14:26:17 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 12:14:03 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03

>>>From: Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research <[hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 20:32:50 -0700  
>>>Subject: Houston, British Columbia Sighting 06-05-03

<snip>

>>I can't help but insist, however, that an investigator should  
>>refrain from describing a reported object until all available  
>>witnesses have been carefully interviewed.

>>Please consider the possible 'contamination' factor.

<snip>

Brian then said:

>Actually Ray, I don't give out the details over the air waves -  
>at least speaking for around Northern British Columbia! Mind  
>you, when I do other radio shows which are in the United States,  
>Mexico and across Canada, then I do flap my gums and certainly  
>give as much detail as I can, I am sure you can understand this.  
>I am sure there won't be many around my way listening in. If the  
>odd one happens to be, then so be it.

<snip>

Thanks for that explanation, Brian, and I understand your position; but I, personally, would give cases that seem really important at least more time before releasing specific details anywhere publicly. Lest one risk getting a false 'witness' into things or, at the very least, a spectacular real witness who provides very important information but which some skeptics start screaming is invalid, alleging that the 'witness' made up a story after hearing from you reporting what an earlier witness said.

You see, I'm thinking of the kind of problems an attorney might bring out in court if a legal case were being made. Even scientists can be no less compromising than lawyers in trying to demolish reports that threaten to stretch their minds beyond personally comfortable limits.

UFO advocates should, IMO, be as cautious as lawyers and prosecutors in putting together their cases, for there are those out there who are waiting to pounce upon anything that might be a possible 'chink' in a case's 'factual armor'.

Understand, Brian, I am not (as you seem to interpret)

advocating withholding important cases or evidence, but any tendency to release them prematurely is foolish. It is prudent to withhold case details or evidence until the best evidence is in and the case is well understood from both the pro and con perspectives. Prosecuting attorneys prudently do so before indicting anyone, defense attorneys do so for as long as possible until a case comes to trial. One might hope UFO researchers should become equally prudent. Then, maybe, we will stand a chance (provided the evidence is adequate) of winning our case(es) with the 'scientific establishment', the politicians, and the media, alike.

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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## Another Sighting Rendlesham?

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 18:30:11 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 16:57:16 -0400  
Subject: Another Sighting Rendlesham?

If anyone is familiar with this "Wholeflaffers" character, he spends an inordinate amount of time filling up various UFO newsgroups with mainly speculative "proof" of alien visitation. It is only rarely that I bother to read any of his output. I was wondering if anyone else has heard of his latest "proof"?

Joe

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From: "Sir Arthur C. B. E. Wholeflaffers A.S.A." <[nospam@newsranger.com](mailto:nospam@newsranger.com)>  
Newsgroups: alt.alien.visitors, alt.alien.research,  
alt.paranet.ufo, alt.paranet.abduct  
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 6:09 PM  
Subject: Re: The Rendlesham Incident-PROOF, PROOF, PROOF!

<snipped rhetorical & abusive text>

Bentwaters Soldier Saw Inside Super-Secret Vault

Base Was Site of Famous UFO Events in 1980  
by Michael Lindemann

<snipped general background to RF case

Now CNI News has learned of a U.S. soldier who was stationed at Bentwaters some years after the famous 1980 events, but who saw several things that lend strong credence to the strange claims associated with the base. This soldier prefers that his name not be used in this story, but he has communicated under his own name with CNI News editor Michael Lindemann.

Concerning his military background, the soldier says: "I entered the service in 1983 and was assigned to RAF Bentwaters in 1984.

I was involved in nuclear weapons and because of our extensive background investigations, members of our section were often called upon to do other high-security details. Since even the Security Police didn't have as high a clearance, a lot of these details were simply being our own guards -- hence my access to the vault (see below). I volunteered for as many of these details as I could because it was supposed to create an impressive military record. However, when I arrived at my next base (I left Bentwaters late in '86) no records of my special duties followed me. I called my immediate supervisor when I discovered this and he said, 'What happens at Bentwaters stays at Bentwaters.' I think this had more to do with security than UFOs. I was an enlisted man and I was an E-4 Sgt when I entered the vault. I left the service in 1988. I was still angry that none of my record followed me. I simply didn't re-enlist and had an honorable discharge. I was still an E-4."

Here is the soldier's account of his extraordinary experience in "the vault" at Bentwaters, where apparently something very interesting and very secret is hidden.

"On RAF Bentwaters there is a secured area around the



flightline. This is normal and many people have access, but not all. Inside this area is another secured area containing the munitions dump. Again, this is normal; fewer people have access to this. On this particular base there is another weapons storage area that only a few people can get in. You are searched and must travel around in pairs inside this area. It is heavily guarded. The bunkers in this area require an elaborate key and password sequence to get in. One particular bunker is different.

"Inside this bunker is a vault with two combinations and two locks. Because of regulations, no one person can have access to more than one [combination or lock]. Hence, if you can get a key you won't get the combo, or vice-versa. It takes four people to open the door -- plus the security team verifying passwords, etc. This is the most secure area I have ever seen in the Air Force.

"I was picked to be a key holder, which meant that I was armed, and told to escort the individual who needed [access to] the vault, along with the three others needed to open the door. I don't know who the individual was; he was American and a civilian. We opened the door and I at first couldn't believe it. It contained a roughly-made shelf made out of two-by-fours holding two old wooden crates. The individual opened one of the crates, which was only sealed with a lead seal, and inside was a green styrofoam container in two halves. He opened it up and inside was a rod about a quarter inch in diameter and bent about three times along its length. It looked solid and if it were straight it would be about a foot long. It was dull but corrosion free from what I could tell. The man looked at it for about a minute, then put it away and resealed the box with a new lead seal. "For his minute we spent about four hours preparing to open the vault. It is that secure. That was when I started asking questions about why a small rod would require so much security. The underlings such as me hadn't a clue, but when I started asking others I was told not to worry about it. One officer that I knew personally once said under his breath that it was 'proof,' but when I pressed him he denied saying it. The only other response I got, from people who obviously didn't know, [was] that it probably had something to do with all the UFOs that supposedly visit the base."

This soldier has no doubt that he saw something very extraordinary in that vault, but he was highly skeptical of a UFO connection until he had his own amazing sighting at Bentwaters some time later. Here is his account.

"I was working nights and for once the sky above the base was clear. I took an astronomy class in college and was testing my knowledge of the constellations when I saw what looked like an equilateral triangle. Of all the constellations, none I could think of formed a triangle with such bright stars. I had been looking and thinking for about five or ten minutes when, right when I was looking directly at them, the stars turned a full circle, each ending up where they started, and then shot out at 90 degree angles from the direction they were moving, and within a second were gone over the horizon, each going a different direction. Because they were just points of light I figured they were far away and that would make their speed something incredible. I was so shook up I took the rest of the night off and for weeks had this nightmare that all the stars in the sky were spinning, and thus the end of the universe was near. That may sound strange, but it was that disturbing."

It is interesting to compare this soldier's sighting with Colonel Halt's eyewitness description of events on December 28, 1980. Halt wrote in his memo: "Three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10 degrees off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time."

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## Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 12:53:38 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 17:15:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Hatch

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 10:41:47 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap?

>>From: Ian Rogers <[onemoreshadow@rogers.com](mailto:onemoreshadow@rogers.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 17:12:45 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap?

>>>From: Chaz Stuart <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 23:38:56 -0500 (EST)  
>>>Subject: Where's The UFO Flap?

>>>Didn't someone, (I believe it was a UFO researcher), predict a  
>>>major world-wide UFO flap for May or something?

>>>Can someone refresh my memory?

>>I actually believe it was for March, or perhaps April, and was  
>>supposed to occur somewhere in Europe...? I'm going back a lot  
>>of shows here.

>>Either way it never happened - at least I never heard about it  
>>in print or on television (and a flap would've presumably  
>>attracted some kind of attention).

>Has anyone created a UFO Prediction database to collect these  
>predictions so that we can monitor how many are made and how  
>often they actually occur? It seems that there are two or three  
>major predictions made every year that the truth will be  
>revealed, or that the visitors will come for those who've  
>prepared themselves (and everything in between).

>Just curious.

>Steve

Dear Steve, Ian and anyone/nobody else much interested:

The author of a major and important UFO Database (but not mine)  
predicted a major UFO wave for May of 2003.

This took some guts. I would never have predicted such a thing.

Please write to me offlist if you must know more.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 17:19:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Hatch

>From: Ian Rogers <[onemoreshadow@rogers.com](mailto:onemoreshadow@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>SDate: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 11:04:57 -0400  
>subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 04:54:03 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 11:58:43 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira Case on Radio

><snip>

>>I understand and sympathize with your concerns for the  
>>reputation of MUFON. There are a lot of good people in that  
>>organization, and they have done some good work.

>>They also have a lot of members whose grasp of reality is  
>>tenuous at best. I avoid UFO conventions/hootenannies as a rule.  
>>One person who didn't, was presented with a MUFON lecture about  
>>the ongoing struggle between the grey aliens and the reptilians,  
>>in great detail I am told.

>>At some point, I lose patience with the psychotic who insists he  
>>will jump from a tall building, despite all reason, pleading and  
>>platitude.

>>"OK! OK!" I want to say "... just don't jump off to the right  
>>toward Jones Street. That's my white Oldsmobile parked down  
>>there."

>Hi Larry,

>I agree with you there. My main reason for staying off UFO  
>groups at large was because there always seemed to be one or two  
>people who wholeheartedly believed the whole grays and  
>reptillians bit, and I would have to start to wonder just how  
>scientific this outfit is. Though I have to say that MUFON  
>Ontario seemed to have way more level-headed investigators than  
>out-and-out loony tunes.

>That's all, folks.

Hello Ian:

Of all the people I have ever met, the Ontarians consistently  
show me all the good points that I lack sometimes. If they show  
fewer looney-tunes, maybe its because they have more places to  
hide them. [list moderators excepted.]

I avoid UFO groups for the same reason I avoid virtually all  
groups. Some bully is always trying to make me and others into  
flock-members. It is psychologically insulting to be counted  
into those lame numbers, even by inference.

I would be an unwelcome guest at any Christian Convention for example. The same goes for exhortations to put on nut-group demonstrations before government bodies. I'm just the wrong guy for that.

If MUFON, BUFON or FUFON want to trash themselves, they have my kind blessings but no endorsements. [burp!]

The best work in UFO matters is done by individuals or very small groups of like-minded (non-nutcase) people. This is rare, but it does happen once in a while.

If anyone wants to make UFO studies look like the horse's ass, just join a large vocal group. You will not be alone.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Shuttle Foam Speed? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 15:23:12 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 17:11:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Shuttle Foam Speed? - Maccabee

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 09:52:07 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Shuttle Foam Speed?

>>From: Stephen G. Bassett <[SGBList2@aol.com](mailto:SGBList2@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 18:48:15 EDT  
>>Subject: Shuttle Foam Speed?

>>A little help. I just have a BS in Physics. Would someone with a  
>>PhD please explain how a piece of foam traveling along with the  
>>shuttle on the external fuel tank can break off and reach a  
>>speed of 500 mph before hitting the shuttle wing a hundred feet  
>>below? I would assume the shuttle speed would have to increase  
>>by 500 mph between the time the foam breaks off and hits the  
>>wing. Is the shuttle's rate of acceleration that great?

>>And if this is the case, it is utterly astounding NASA did not  
>>test ahead of time the effect of foam traveling at 500 mph  
>>impacting the wing. NASA remains, at least for me, an enigma.

>When Challenger exploded, it was a minute and 15 seconds into  
>its flight. A NASA controller announced, "Altitude 9 nautical  
>miles, downrange 7 nautical miles, velocity 2,900 feet per  
>second".

>One report (Houston Chronicle) states that the foam impacted the  
>leading edge of the wing 81 seconds into the flight. If at 75  
>seconds the velocity can be 2,900 feet per second, then at 81  
>seconds, Mach 3 (roughly 3,300 feet per second) isn't beyond  
>reach.

>A low density object like foam would de-celerate rapidly, and if  
>the distance were a hundred feet, de-celeration by 500 mph (or  
>about 733 feet per second) doesn't sound unreasonable.

Interesting reasoning. However, it should be possible to arrive  
at an explicit answer since the velocity relative to the shuttle  
is what counts and since the whole event was videotaped. They  
should measure, frame by frame, the position of the foam  
relative to the leading edge of the wing. This should be a graph  
of distance shrinking with time. The rate of shrinkage of the  
distance can be project' to zero distance and the slope of the  
thus-created graph would be the relative velocity. I would  
assume that someone has already done this in order to arrive at  
the 500 mph (730 ft/sec) or whatever was given by NASA.

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>Are you sure? I took this truly hilarious website as a parody of  
>holocaust revisionism. As if it were saying: "People who don't  
>believe in the holocaust are as dumb as people who don't believe  
>in the moon."

Greg,

Bob Young made the same point in a private e-mail. You guys may  
well be right. If so, in the words of the immortal Emily  
Latilla: Never mind.

Jerry Clark

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>>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 05:58:36 -0700  
>>Subject: The Moon Is A Hoax

>>Dear Sirs and Mmes:

>>I hope you enjoy this web page as much as I did.

>><http://www.revisionism.nl/Moon/The-Mad-Revisionist.htm>

>Larry,

>This would be a whole lot funnier if it weren't being used to  
>serve the ends of Holocaust revisionists, among the lowest of  
>life forms. In context, this isn't amusing at all.

>Jerry Clark

Hello Jerry:

That is just the point made by the authors of the page I referred to!

Please check the rest of their stuff.

They are taking the pond scum we both refer to, and holding them up to ridicule by reverse example.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia'

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Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2003 10:31:46 -0400  
Subject: Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia'

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DATE: June 7, 2003

Ms. Rumburg:

Please provide me a cost estimate for placing the following ANNOUNCEMENT advertisement in one edition of the Fort Myer, Va.-published weekly newspaper the "Pentagram" (serving the interests of defense personnel stationed in the national capital region):

Blow The Whistle On Bush's "Gulf Of Persia" Resolution!

History shows that presidential lying constitutes an impeachable offense. If Bush has lied to the world about his No. 1 reason for waging war against Iraq, then he should be impeached. If enough whistleblowers on this issue decide to come forward, their evidence may be enough to guarantee that impeachment. And if you happen to be (or know someone who is) one of those Deep Throats, please make yourself known to Larry W. Bryant at: 3518 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302; phone: 703-931-3341; e-mail: [overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net).

Armed with your evidence ("leaked" or otherwise), we can begin establishing a whistleblower reward fund toward achieving Pres. Bush's full accountability as to what he knew (and when he knew it) about the veracity of his statements and acts. (And: since our defense officials affirm the efficacy of polygraph testing for their employees, let's demand that Bush undergo a lie-detector test on this issue!)

Thank you, Ms. Rumburg, for attending to this request.

Larry W. Bryant

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Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 15:52:53 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2003 10:33:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Hatch

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>see that LMH has had no change of heart. Perhaps it's C2C that  
>should be chastised for helping to perpetrate this hoax. sigh

>Terry Groff

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Hello Terry:

Chastise C2C? Hey! lets all whip Standard Oil for making money.  
Its the morons that make C2C and similar profitable. Its dope  
addicts that keep Colombia from being poorer than Bangladesh.  
Its kids having fun that make me buy Halloween candies.

How do we prevent morons? Well, you might start by dating women  
that aren't so screamingly dumb. That's pretty tough, especially  
in western Canada where girls are as pretty as trees. Living in  
California as I do, there are more choices, but retroactive  
abortion is illegal even here.

The commercial crap that comes out of C2C is just that. Nobody  
here (except the usual and obvious pigeons) should feel any  
shame or blame.

C2C may even have beneficial effects. What other audience will  
keep hard working folks employed at the Human Growth Hormone  
plant? Who really cares how stupid the dumb-shit public is? Who  
believes that anyone can really change that?

I only suggest that we not overdose the Schleppeoisie with  
anything like genuine HGH. They might reproduce faster.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: The Moon Is A Hoax - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 22:57:47 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2003 10:43:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Moon Is A Hoax - Hall

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 13:28:06 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Moon Is A Hoax

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 09:37:31 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Moon Is A Hoax

>>Larry,

>>This would be a whole lot funnier if it weren't being used  
>>to serve the ends of Holocaust revisionists, among the lowest of  
>>life forms. In context, this isn't amusing at all.

>>Jerry Clark

>Are you sure? I took this truly hilarious website as a parody of  
>holocaust revisionism. As if it were saying: "People who don't  
>believe in the holocaust are as dumb as people who don't believe  
>in the moon."

Jerry,

I agree with Greg. That's the way that I took it too. Anyone  
dumb enough to deny the holocaust would be the type to deny the  
existence of the moon based on the same sort of [ill]logic.

- Dick

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From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 16:12:58 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2003 10:44:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Moon Is A Hoax - Hatch

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 16:03:30 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Moon Is A Hoax

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Dear Jerry, Greg, Umatilla, Sasquatch ..

Done deal. Next?

- LH

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## Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 20:52:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2003 10:46:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Aldrich

>From: Brenda Denzler <[bdenzler1@email.msn.com](mailto:bdenzler1@email.msn.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 11:59:36 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap?

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 10:41:47 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap?

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>>prepared themselves (and everything in between).

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>saving "prophetic" posts for several years now from the  
>Internet Lists I'm on. It would be interesting to go in and  
>make a proper database of them and analyze their accuracy.

This would be a great project! Perhaps Royce would consider it  
for his website!?

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## Re: SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community - Brazil

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Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2003 10:47:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community - Brazil

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 01:53:43 -0700  
>Subject: SUFOPG - Open Letter To UFO Community - Brazil UFO Cult

<snip>

>We are appalled at the irresponsible reports related by Linda  
>Moulton Howe and the media coverage supporting these reports  
>which only stand to support a known Brazilian UFO cult.  
>All I can say is how awful for the MUFON organization and its  
>President to outright ignore letters of concern, which they have  
>acknowledged they have received, from their very own Brazilian  
>National Director and to turn their backs on a formal complaint  
>on such a serious matter and not give a fair platform.

>Aiding and abetting fraud isn't funny and its a disservice to  
>the public, but then again I shouldnt be surprised when people  
>like this work hand in hand. They deserve each other.

Hi,

Do you think MUFON should now close, due to in-fighting?

Roy.

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## Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Denzler

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Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2003 10:53:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Denzler

>From: Bill Stockstill <[size14d@bigfoot.com](mailto:size14d@bigfoot.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 13:01:20 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap?

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>>Would it be possible to ZIP up those posts and forward them  
>>to me? I'm thinking of setting up such a database, and that  
>>would be a good start.

>>The problem I'm going to have are the "off the record"  
>>predictions that I've picked up from time to time. I'll have  
>>to figure out a way to deal with those.

>Brenda and Steve,

>Reasoning behind the most accurate predictions would be the  
>most valuable data from such a database. Brenda, how many of  
>those posts you have been saving list rationales for the  
>predictions? For the ones that do, are they measurable like  
>Mars proximity, Sun spot activity, or even use as a basis  
>methodology such as Aime Michel's Straight Line Theory? Or if  
>accurate predictions result from abductee or contactee  
>information gleaned during their experiences then that would  
>be very interesting indeed.

No, Bill, I haven't categorized them. Haven't analyzed them at all, although, of course, the whole idea of saving them was so that one day I could do something like that. "One day" is pretty far off into the future, however. The parameters you suggest for the analysis sound like good ones.

Which brings me to Steve's post: Yes, I'd be happy to zip them and send. However...I just checked and there are 348 separate posts dating from 1998 until the present. Each one of those

posts doesn't necessarily have a separate prediction in it. Rather, there may be several posts devoted to discussing a prediction or a set of predictions. So maybe there would be 75-100 actual predictions in all of that? I have no way of knowing, actually.

The questions are: (1) Can I use the same program to zip them up as I use to unzip things? (2) What format should I use for them? Usually, when I export my email messages, they go into a PST file (for use with Microsoft Outlook). I am sure I can choose another format, but what one would work best for you? (3) I'm guessing that those 348 messages will comprise quite a chunk of stuff, even zipped. If the size is very large, it may not be practicable to send them to you via email. Would burning them onto a CD do? Can you read from CD-RW disks, or should I limit it to CD-R? Of course, this would require your snail mail address.

And, I should say here, that it would be very nice if you'd post your results -- even preliminary ones -- to this group when you get them. Inquiring minds, and all that....

Brenda

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Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2003 00:17:46 -0300 (ART)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2003 10:56:38 -0400  
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Terry,

C2C, seems to me (and I never listened to the show as I live in Brazil) to be a bygone as I first knew about it in the beginning of the 90s. Maybe C2C has lost the guidance of the 'shining stars' and got the guidance of the glitter of money and no serious research.

Pedro Luz Cunha=B5 +

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Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 23:16:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2003 10:59:52 -0400  
Subject: Special Projects Page At presidentialufo.com

[http://www.presidentialufo.com/special\\_projects.htm](http://www.presidentialufo.com/special_projects.htm)

My God If this is the best intelligence they've got and we find  
nothing, what about the rest of it. --Hans Blix

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## Military Control Of Space

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Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2003 14:33:27 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 11:16:28 -0400  
Subject: Military Control Of Space

Source: The Daily Telegraph, London

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2003/06/08/wspace08.xml>

June 8 2003

Now the US wants control of space  
By Julian Coman in Washington

The United States is planning to take control of parts of space and develop patrolling military aircraft in orbit as part of a revived Star Wars proposal for an American military empire above the ozone layer.

According to James Roche, the US Air Force Secretary, America's allies would have "no veto power" over projects designed to achieve American military control of space.

The key theme of the ambitious plans is described as "negation" - the denial of the use of space for military intelligence, or other purposes, without American endorsement.

The plans come after the successful use of global positioning satellites (GPS) and other space technology during the recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), the intelligence agency that is responsible for US spy satellites, is to develop a strategy that ensures America's allies, as well as its enemies, never gain access to the same space resources without Washington's permission. Recent proposals that have been circulated at Space Command and NRO briefings suggest that access to "near-earth space" may be refused to other nations.

All GPS satellites are located within near-earth space, which covers the orbital distance from Earth to the moon. A fleet of spacecraft will be developed, designed to attack and destroy future satellites of enemies and rivals. The rapid-launch "military space plane," the potential cost of which has not been disclosed, would also be used as a mobile "bodyguard" for US space installations. It would be the first "space plane" in history with a directly military function.

A prototype is expected by 2005 although military deployment is not expected before 2014. "It will hopefully be a new kind of vehicle, equipped for the challenges of the future," said a Pentagon official.

After the recent military action in Afghanistan and Iraq, US Air Force Command claimed that American forces on the ground had a decisive advantage in gathering intelligence and targeting enemy troop positions.

As a result, the Pentagon believes that the struggle to control space will form the next stage of a global arms race.

Its plans confirm that America expects space to be "weaponised" in the medium-term future, and is determined to take an



unassailable technological lead.

Two years ago, a report commissioned by Donald Rumsfeld, the US defence secretary, warned of the danger of a "Space Pearl Harbor" if America did not take action to protect itself.

At America's National Space Symposium, held in April in Colorado Springs, Gen Lance Lord, the commander of US Air Force Space Command, explained the logic of the new strategy to a largely military audience.

"The pursuit of asymmetric advantage is not new," he said. "In the 20th century, airpower emerged as just such an advantage. Today, at the outset of the 21st century, we are realising the same sort of advantage through space power."

It was at the same forum that Mr Roche warned America's allies not to expect any veto over its plans.

Until now, international treaties have forbidden the deployment of weapons in outer space, although a loophole exists which allows the United States to use its satellites for military intelligence.

The 1967 Space Treaty - the first international legislation on space exploitation - also stated that outer space should be free for exploration and use by all states, and would not be subject to national appropriation by occupation or any other means.

Last month, the Russian foreign minister, Sergei Ivanov, repeated Moscow's demands for the complete demilitarisation of space.

In March last year, however, Peter Teets, the under-secretary of the air force and director of the NRO, said: "I believe that weapons will go into space. It's a question of time. And we need to be at the forefront of that."

A Department of Defence Review in 2001 also stated that "a key objective [for the US] is not only to ensure US ability to exploit space for military purposes but also as required to deny an adversary's ability to do so". Canadian government officials have already complained that senior American officials have begun to exclude them from sensitive areas of joint aerospace defence operations.

The implications of an American military monopoly in space are bound to concern European allies, who have recently agreed to launch their own \$3.2billion satellite navigation system - Galileo - which is to be used only for civilian purposes.

Europe has long resisted the prospect of a military use of space technology.

In the 1980s, Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative - the so-called "Star Wars" plan - to use space technology to repel Soviet missiles, ending the era of nuclear deterrence, drew fierce resistance from allies.

President George W Bush's plans for a satellite-guided missile defence system have now largely been accepted.

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From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
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Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 11:17:39 -0400  
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>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 18:30:11 +0100  
>Subject: Another Sighting Rendlesham?

>If anyone is familiar with this "Wholeflaffers" character, he  
>spends an inordinate amount of time filling up various UFO  
>newsgroups with mainly speculative "proof" of alien visitation.  
>It is only rarely that I bother to read any of his output. I was  
>wondering if anyone else has heard of his latest "proof"?

<snip>

>Now CNI News has learned of a U.S. soldier who was stationed at  
>Bentwaters some years after the famous 1980 events, but who saw  
>several things that lend strong credence to the strange claims  
>associated with the base. This soldier prefers that his name  
>not be used in this story, but he has communicated under his own  
>name with CNI News editor Michael Lindemann.

<snip>

Joe and List,

The story is also written up in Georgina Bruni's book on the  
case, "You Can't Tell The People", on pages 376 and 377.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## 'UFO' Crash In Saudi Arabia?

From: Chaz Stuart <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 00:55:14 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 11:32:47 -0400  
Subject: 'UFO' Crash In Saudi Arabia?

Source: Arab News - The Middle East's Leading English Language Daily

<http://www.arabnews.com/?page=3D1&section=3D0&article=3D27174&d=3D9&m=3D6&y=3D2003&pix=3Dkingdom.jpg&category=3DKingdom>

Monday, 9, June, 2003

UFO Falls in Jizan Region

Mahmoud Ahmad  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, 9 June 2003 -- An unidentified flying object fell to earth in the southern Jizan region last Monday and experts believe that it could be part of a spy plane that invaded Saudi airspace.

Witnesses told Al-Watan daily that the object looked like a flying saucer and radiated light. A number of people in Arraith town, about 220 km northeast of Jizan, watched the strange object fall at about 9 a.m. on Monday.

The fall of the object sent shockwaves through the area and frightened cattle. People ran away from the object and observed it from a distance. Abdul Rahman Al-Osaimi, governor of Arraith, told the Arabic daily that he visited the area where the object had fallen, adding that it had frightened the residents.

?The object is not big, but it scares people,? the governor said. Informed sources told Al-Watan that security officers visited the site to inspect the object and interview witnesses.

If the UFO turned out to be a spy plane, it could bring back memories of stories of flying saucers frequently found during the Cold War period. The United States recorded some 850 flying objects crashed on its territory in those days.

Salman Al-Raithy, a resident of Arraith, told the daily that he had watched the object flying at a low altitude and then fall on the ground. Wadi Amoud in Arraith saw a number of strange incidents over the past years.

It witnessed the emergence of poisonous carbon water from a well in the area, which the superstitious used to treat diseases, forcing authorities to cover the well. An old mass grave with the remains of people killed in battles was also found in the area.

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

From: **Ed Gehrman** <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2003 09:35:13 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 11:19:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 18:37:42 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 11:54:15 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>>[Of a lot of worthless fantasy and...]

>Ed closed with this nice quote from Shapeseare:

>>In a false quarrel, there is no true valor  
>>--Shakespeare - 'Much Ado About Nothing'

>Ah, yes, indeed, Ed should know. :

EBK, Listers,

"April is the cruelest month, breeding Lilacs out of the dead  
land; mixing memory and desire." TS Eliot 'The Waste Land'

"The high rolling desert west of Socorro, New Mexico is  
strangely beautiful. On every side signs of ancient volcanism,  
like awesome black serpents, twist and meander across tossing,  
grassy plains." So begins Ray Stanford's fascinating and  
informative saga: 'Socorro Saucer In A Pentagon Pantry'.  
Blueapple Books, 1976.

This is the chronicle of Ray's investigation into the Lonnie  
Zamora UFO sighting south of Socorro, NM during April of 1964.  
It's a wonderful read, with many interesting twists and turns;  
the writing is excellent. I recommend it to all Listers, without  
reservation.

But it leaves me baffled. Where is the Ray who wrote that book?  
Where has he gone when we really need him?

Ed

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Carlotto

From: Mark Carlotto <[markcarlotto@attbi.com](mailto:markcarlotto@attbi.com)>  
Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 00:09:04 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 11:29:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Carlotto

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 4 Jun 2003 08:55:02 -0500  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

>Thank you for clarifying this. As I recall, your original  
>illustration in JSR (figure 4, page 48) showed the sun out in  
>front of the shuttle, and ten degrees above the nose, and  
>hence no shadow zone at all over the wing. You wrote: "When M1  
>appears in the video, the shuttle is in daylight with the sun to  
>the right. It is thus unlikely that M1 is near the shuttle since  
>there is no mechanism to explain its appearance." As you see, I  
>disagree.

>I agree with your measured slow increase in brightness, and  
>merely point out that it is also consistent with emerging from a  
>nearby shadow, contrary to your claim that anything emerging  
>from such a shadow should instantaneously go from full dark to  
>full bright. The reason I believe this claim is untrue is that  
>the region of increasing brightness at the boundary of the  
>shadow zone is created by the angular size of the sun, not being  
>a point source. So while this gradual brightening does not prove  
>the object emerged from a nearby shadow (I agree it is  
>consistent with other models as well), I argue that it does not  
>disprove that it emerged from such a shadow - as you claim.

>You had written: "Instead of changing abruptly as one would  
>expect of an ice particle near the shuttle passing from shadow  
>into sunlight, the brightness increases gradually over a one  
>second period." I believe your expectation is flawed, and a  
>gradual brightening is also what one would expect of a nearby  
>object emerging from the shadow of the wing. Please comment.

>As for the 'tail', I find such tails commonplace on bright  
>moving dots in typical shuttle video, and to be reasonably  
>explained as camera optic latency effects.

I certainly agree that there is a penumbral region due to the angular size of the sun. This was noted by Wieder in his referee's report. I think its size is about 0.009 radian, so the width of the region of gradual brightening would be  $0.009 \times D$  where D is the distance from the wing. If we knew the distance between the camera and the object we could measure the speed of M1 and could assess the shadow hypothesis. Unfortunately we don't know this distance or D.

Although the shadow hypothesis seems reasonable, as I pointed out in my response to Wieder, it is not consistent with the sun-shuttle geometry. The brightening occurs more or less in the horizontal direction -- at a right angle to the edge that is casting the shadow. This would imply the shadow casting edge (the wing) is oriented more or less vertically with the sun behind the observer. But we know the sun is to right.

Finally I'd like to point out that M1 is not particularly bright relative to many of the stars in the video, which exhibit no such tails. Could you expand more on camera optic latency effects?

Mark Carlotto

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## Disclosure Dialogue Editon 2

From: Victor Viggiani <[zland@sympatico.ca](mailto:zland@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 09:08:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 12:25:25 -0400  
Subject: Disclosure Dialogue Editon 2

Disclosure Dialogue

Vol I Edition 2

10 June 2003

Review:

For the sake of those new to Disclosure Dialogue and for the many still silent credentialed observers

The primary purpose of Disclosure Dialogue is to generate ongoing collegial discourse about the need, and methods to stimulate government Disclosure about the Extraterrestrial presence on the planet and the cover-up of sequestered information about the UFO/ETI reality.

The need to radicalize and animate international discussion within the UFO community and among the international media, the scientific community, the general public, the judicial system and elected officials has long since passed.

A New Discourse

For those in ufology whose time has passed or for those who are consumed by chasing down hoaxers, read on if you wish, but please move aside to allow windows and doors to be opened for the breath of a new kind of discourse.

The world-wide UFO community possess the rarest of resources, an immense inventory of world-wide data and a well-established communication network. Yet it has lost its will and impetus to educate a public that dearly wants to know about ETI but has been conditioned to guffaw at the very notion.

The network instead is used to castrate risk takers or use ad hominem attacks and vitriolic cross-examination to discredit research. An old boys network mentality has emerged. It seeks out hoaxers at the expense of using its expertise to identify critical issues or setting standards of truth for a citizenry looking for leadership about the most perplexing issue of our time.

We do not hold to the same standard those in government who hide the truth.

Demand though we must, that government fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to do what governments are supposed to do & represent the will and needs of the people who confer the management of trust and good government. Altruistic? Perhaps. However, think carefully how remote the modern day legislator is from original democratic values.

A New Consensus

A few of the courageous in ufology have taken risks to bring

forward the issues. They have challenged the democratic process, engaged the judiciary system as well as freedom of information laws. Now the responsibility of challenging government and military obfuscations and energizing the collective imperative to pursue and speak the truth has been placed in our hands. The new consensus is using our vast resources and the communication networks to crystallize issues, broaden and educate the public into awareness and ultimately animate the disclosure movement world-wide.

The few who have taken the risk are the voices. We must become the consensus.

Their labours must not be perceived as futile efforts or marginal attempts at grandeur but as energizing challenges to those of credentials among us who watch while others attempt to act.

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.

Disclosure Dialogue is a challenge to every single person within the UFO community. Regardless of your research stature, how often your web site has been visited, the number of books sold, or your oratorical acumen, it is now time to dispense with political gamesmanship, internet posturing, idle chatter, internal wrangling and intellectual self-importance. Distancing yourself from consensus by attempting to entertain or profit from the biggest secret in history is unfortunately superfluous activity.

Contribute your personal influence, resources and commitment. Connect, help to create a collegial dialogue to move Disclosure to the doors of government.

#### Summary Of Disclosure Dialogue Responses

Thus far the ideas posted to the List regarding Disclosure initiatives include:

Re-identifying and re-establishing contact with appropriate Disclosure witnesses,

Approaching sympathetic Members (elected officials) with this information to revive Congressional Hearings negotiations,

Suggestions of on mass and co-ordinated letter writing campaigns to elected officials,

An International Day Of Truth,

Seeking the involvement of the scientific investigative organization NARCAP. NARCAP has an on-going mandate of assembling world-wide data on near miss incidents, instrumentation failure and emergency pilot control inputs resulting from the presence of UAP (unidentified aerial phenomenon) and the relationship of these effects on airline passenger safety. NARCAP has gathered the most comprehensive international data on UAP related incidents. They offer pilots confidential mechanisms to report UAP incidents.

Become informed. Read the reports. They represent some of the most poignant, real-time international descriptions in existence of UAP sightings by Pilots, Air Traffic Controllers and ground personnel. Visit the NARCAP or NIDS web sites.

<http://www.narcap.org/>

<http://www.nidsci.org/>

#### Progress to Date

A list of disclosure witnesses has been forwarded for review to the individuals concerned who have come forward to examine the vetting and contact process. The real number of witnesses is undoubtedly much larger and could be expanded or consolidated.

Anyone interested in: providing more information on competent disclosure witnesses, assisting to contact witnesses or obtaining the witness list, summary can post their intentions and you will be contacted.

A formal invitation to the Director of NARCAP to participate in the presentation of their research findings has been prepared and is currently being edited.

Comments on these or other suggestions are welcome. As suggestions and ideas come forward they will posted. The imperative behind these ideas will depend ultimately on how they resonate among the readership of the List.

Respectfully Submitted

Victor Viggiani

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## Re: Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia' -

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 08:45:31 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 12:27:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia' -

>From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 17:28:46 -0400  
>Subject: Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia'

<snip>

And, pray tell, just exactly what does your position on Iraq have to do with the science of Ufology on a discussion list intended for that purpose? Makes better sense to do your beating around the Bush on a different forum and learn to separate the two subjects.

It's things like this that make me want to question just how positive your UFO disclosure research is in comparison to how much damage you are doing to the field of Ufology by going off on irrelevant topics and trying to blend the two.

Wendy Connors

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## Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 11:06:59 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 12:31:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Kaeser

>From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 20:52:38 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap?

<snip>

>>>Has anyone created a UFO Prediction database to collect these  
>>>predictions so that we can monitor how many are made and how  
>>>often they actually occur? It seems that there are two or  
>>>three major predictions made every year that the truth will  
>>>be revealed, or that the visitors will come for those who've  
>>>prepared themselves (and everything in between).

>>>Just curious.

>>I wouldn't call what I have a "database" per se, but I have been  
>>saving "prophectic" posts for several years now from the  
>>Internet Lists I'm on. It would be interesting to go in and  
>>make a proper database of them and analyze their accuracy.

>This would be a great project! Perhaps Royce would consider it  
>for his website!?

I think it would be a useful page, showing how many predictions  
are made and what has resulted. I know of no UFO predictions  
that have come to pass, and this would show those new to the  
field how common they have been through the years. This also  
would be a good way to promote a rational approach to this  
subject.

If we can move this idea forward, I would recommend that we  
include as much information as possible related to how the  
prediction came about. Further, we should include information on  
some of the more bizarre outcomes, such as the Heaven's Gate  
travesty.

Steve

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 11:19:26 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 12:38:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Kaeser

>From: Pedro Luz Cunha <[pplcunha@yahoo.com](mailto:pplcunha@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2003 00:17:46 -0300 (ART)  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>Well I listened to as much of the show as I could stand and I  
>see that LMH has had no change of heart. Perhaps it's C2C that  
>should be chastised for helping to perpetrate this hoax. sigh

>Terry,

>C2C, seems to me (and I never listened to the show as  
>I live in Brazil) to be a bygone as I first knew about  
>it in the beginning of the 90s. Maybe C2C has lost the  
>guidance of the 'shining stars' and got the guidance  
>of the glitter of money and no serious research.

>Pedro Luz Cunha=B5 +

Pedro-

I don't believe that C2C ever did serious research. Art Bell explained that he was only presenting information and it was up to the audience to determine its value. It gave a lot of people a platform to promote their theories and ideas, which (IMO) often had little basis in fact. From the program's perspective, it's all about audience share and entertainment.

Steve

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## Re: SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 11:42:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 12:43:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community - Stanford

>From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community - Brazil UFO Cult  
>Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2003 02:42:40 +0100

>>From: Charlette LeFevre <[clefevre@oz.net](mailto:clefevre@oz.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 01:53:43 -0700  
>>Subject: SUFOPG - Open Letter To UFO Community - Brazil UFO Cult

><snip>

>>We are appalled at the irresponsible reports related by Linda  
>>Moulton Howe and the media coverage supporting these reports  
>>which only stand to support a known Brazilian UFO cult.  
>>All I can say is how awful for the MUFON organization and its  
>>President to outright ignore letters of concern, which they have  
>>acknowledged they have received, from their very own Brazilian  
>>National Director and to turn their backs on a formal complaint  
>>on such a serious matter and not give a fair platform.

<snip>

If someone had a covert agenda to discredit UFO research, the position John Schuessler has reportedly been taking on this would be a delight. Huummmm...

Is any MUFON member (which I am not) on this List brave enough to prepare and circulate-for-signatures a member petition (e.g., via this List), addressing this matter to Schuessler and the MUFON Board of Directors and requesting they cancel LMH's scheduled appearance at the MUFON Symposium?

If so, please get into action; and congratulations.

If that doesn't work, maybe some of the serious among us should plan to picket the MUFON conference, making known to the media and everyone else, that serious UFO researchers do not support that kind of flaky claim and reporting. Perhaps the threat of picketing would be enough to cause John Schuessler to cancel LMH's appearance.

Seriously,

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: Another Sighting Rendlesham? - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 17:00:19 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 12:45:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Another Sighting Rendlesham? - McGonagle

>From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2003 16:26:18 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Another Sighting Rendlesham?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 18:30:11 +0100  
>>Subject: Another Sighting Rendlesham?

<snip>

>Joe and List,

>The story is also written up in Georgina Bruni's book on the  
>case, "You Can't Tell The People", on pages 376 and 377.

Thanks Nick,

The way that it was presented in the newsgroup I thought it was  
a recent article for CNI News so it didn't occur to me to look  
in YCTTP. I should have known better knowing "Sir Arthur C. B.  
E. Wholeflaffers A.S.A" 's record of irrational postings!

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Stockstill

From: Bill Stockstill <[size14d@bigfoot.com](mailto:size14d@bigfoot.com)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 11:35:49 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 12:41:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Stockstill

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 12:08:55 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Friday, June 06, 2003 4:07 PM  
>>>Subject: RE: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>>>Without responding to anyone in particular, I think we should  
>>>wait to see what Ms. Howe has to say. These shows are booked in  
>>>advance and perhaps she may have changed her mind since then  
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>C2C, seems to me (and I never listened to the show as  
>I live in Brazil) to be a bygone as I first knew about  
>it in the beginning of the 90s. Maybe C2C has lost the  
>guidance of the 'shining stars' and got the guidance  
>of the glitter of money and no serious research.

Pedro,

You could contact C2C and be a guest if you have something interesting to talk about for an hour or two. I take everything I hear on there with a grain of salt. Be it the man who hit a bigfoot and had it in his storm cellar for Art Bell to pick up to the night their feed satellite allegedly turned over during a call from a supposed Area 51 employee who said they are after him. Its entertainment. They have always had all types of people on there and you would think they get their guests by checking who's listed on the UFO Hall of Shame where LMH and Urandir Oliveira have been recently added:

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

C2C is entertaining, attracts listeners and therefore ad revenue.

As for LMH, she did wonders for cattle mutilation, really made the public aware of the magnitude of the phenomena. But not being a scientist, she reached her limits and now NIDS has taken the ball and is running with it. The reasons she is investigating what most believe is a hoax are only known to her. Maybe she has run out of interesting material.

Bill

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 12:27:30 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 13:12:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2003 09:35:13 -0700  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 18:37:42 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2003 11:54:15 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>>[Of a lot of worthless fantasy and...]

>>Ed closed with this nice quote from Shapesepeare:

>>>In a false quarrel, there is no true valor  
>>>--Shakespeare - 'Much Ado About Nothing'

>>Ah, yes, indeed, Ed should know. :

>"April is the cruelest month, breeding Lilacs out of the dead  
>land; mixing memory and desire." TS Eliot 'The Waste Land'

>"The high rolling desert west of Socorro, New Mexico is  
>strangely beautiful. On every side signs of ancient volcanism,  
>like awesome black serpents, twist and meander across tossing,  
>grassy plains." So begins Ray Stanford's fascinating and  
>informative saga...

<snip>

Well, Thanks, Ed. I'm glad you classify my writing with that of  
T.S. Eliot! :o)

>Where is the Ray who wrote that book?  
>Where has he gone when we really need him?

I'm right here and am still trying to contribute to UFO studies  
constructively; but on June 9, you come along and would have us  
pretend it's April 1!

Whether April is the cruelest month may depend on whether one's  
head is in the spirit of April 1 or into real events like what  
happened at Socorro, New Mexico, on April 24, 1964, for example.  
Lonnie Zamora wasn't fooling us, but you are fooling yourself.

Good losers are not fools, but fools never know they've lost  
because it is themselves they fool!

Now, as I politely explained to you in a private communication  
yesterday, I have more important UFO studies in which I must be  
engaged, and I hope you will exercise the courtesy of not  
further taking up my time by trying to bring me into your 'alien  
autopsy crash site' foolishness, either on this list or  
privately.

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: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 12:16:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 13:19:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Groff

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 15:52:53 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>>From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 12:08:55 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>>>From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Friday, June 06, 2003 4:07 PM  
>>>Subject: RE: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

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>>see that LMH has had no change of heart. Perhaps it's C2C that  
>>should be chastised for helping to perpetrate this hoax. sigh

>Chastise C2C? Hey! lets all whip Standard Oil for making money.  
>Its the morons that make C2C and similar profitable. Its dope  
>addicts that keep Colombia from being poorer than Bangladesh.  
>Its kids having fun that make me buy Halloween candies.

Ouch, LOL.

You are right. We should not "kill the messenger", but we sure  
feel like it sometimes.

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<http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>  
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## Re: Disclosure Dialogue Editon 2 - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 17:38:51 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 13:16:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disclosure Dialogue Editon 2 - McGonagle

>From: Victor Viggiani <[zland@sympatico.ca](mailto:zland@sympatico.ca)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 09:08:53 -0400  
>Subject: Disclosure Dialogue Editon 2

>Disclosure Dialogue

>Vol I Edition 2  
>  
>10 June 2003

>Review:

>For the sake of those new to Disclosure Dialogue and for the  
>many still silent credentialed observers

>The primary purpose of Disclosure Dialogue is to generate  
>ongoing collegial discourse about the need, and methods to  
>stimulate government Disclosure about the Extraterrestrial  
>presence on the planet and the cover-up of sequestered  
>information about the UFO/ETI reality.

It sound's better than Greer's "Disclosure Project" which seems to include disclosure of perpetual motion devices, the Space Defense Initiative and probably a campaign to "Save the Lesbian Dolphins" buried in there somewhere. It sounded so similar that I almost made the mistake of assuming that you were talking about the same project.

....oops - I just noticed the phrase "primary purpose". Please can you be explicit about the secondary, tertiary, and subsequent purposes?

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community - LeFevre

From: Charlette LeFevre <[clefevre@oz.net](mailto:clefevre@oz.net)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 08:02:03 -0700 (MST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 12:30:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community - LeFevre

>From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community - Brazil UFO Cult Date:  
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 01:53:43 -0700  
>>Subject: SUFOPG - Open Letter To UFO Community - Brazil UFO Cult

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>>which only stand to support a known Brazilian UFO cult.  
>>All I can say is how awful for the MUFON organization and its  
>>President to outright ignore letters of concern, which they have  
>>acknowledged they have received, from their very own Brazilian  
>>National Director and to turn their backs on a formal complaint  
>>on such a serious matter and not give a fair platform.

>>Aiding and abetting fraud isn't funny and its a disservice to  
>>the public, but then again I shouldnt be surprised when people  
>>like this work hand in hand. They deserve each other.

>Do you think MUFON should now close, due to in-fighting?

Hi Roy,

If you haven't noticed, most MUFON chapters around the nation are already closed or defunct for a variety of reasons. Washington State's MUFON hasn't had a meeting for close to two years now.

Please note the Seattle Group is not a part of MUFON nor are we governed or influenced by any outside organizations.

Charlette LeFevre

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## Re: RAF Operation Charlie 1947 - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 13:18:32 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 13:17:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: RAF Operation Charlie 1947 - Aldrich

Ghost Aeroplanes Over England

<http://www.project1947.com/1947/index.html>

Greetings List

Project 1947 is pleased to host Operation Charlie, the code name for "the scheme to trap and intercept target X."

Dr. David Clarke reveals his research on the little known pre-Arnold radar contacts and attempted interceptions of unknown objects over the United Kingdom in early 1947. Through witness interviews and searches of official documents what was just a small summarized incident in the Project Blue Book files becomes a more important aspect of the early UFO picture.

A few news stories which slipped out at the end of April and the beginning of May 1947, but official denials made the whole thing sound trivial. However, there was far more to the incidents than the newspapers knew or printed.

Martin Shough provides an analysis of the radar trackings of the incidents.

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## Chemist Who Worked On LMH's Brazil 'Samples'

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 14:01:57 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 16:44:43 -0400  
Subject: Chemist Who Worked On LMH's Brazil 'Samples'

>From: Phyllis Budinger  
>To: [Clefevre@oz.net](mailto:Clefevre@oz.net); [Gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:Gevaerd@ufo.com.br)  
>Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 1:39 PM  
>Subject: The Corguingo, Brazil Hoax

>Loved your reports on the Rense website!!! I am an analytical  
>chemist who worked on Linda's samples. Linda lifted excerpts of  
>my report to her advantage and added the discrepancies of other  
>examiners to accomplish her goals.

>I just completed a commentary to the UFO community which will be  
>put on the Rense site as well as ufowatchdog. Rense will also  
>put my 40 page analysis on the site. Your reports and mine  
>should deliver a "double whammy"!! Thank you, thank you, thank  
>you!!

>Best regards,

>Phyllis Budinger

Dear Dr. Budinger:

Your e-mail and the info it contains is very revealing of how Ms. Linda Moulton Howe came to the conclusions she published on her website. As you already know, she has been focusing all her attention on those bedsheets and is completely ignoring everything else, specially Urandir's - the hoaxer's - background, that she has been persistently informed of by Brazilian UFO researchers.

We, the Brazilian UFO researchers, thank you very much for your cooperation in establishing the truth about it.

A. J. Gevaerd  
Editor, Brazilian UFO Magazine

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## Re: Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia' -

From: Will Bueche <[willb3d@hotmail.com](mailto:willb3d@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 13:38:49 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 16:48:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia' -

>From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 08:45:31 -0600  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 12:27:29 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia' -

>>From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 17:28:46 -0400  
>>Subject: Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia'

<snip>

>It's things like this that make me want to question just how  
>positive your UFO disclosure research is in comparison to how  
>much damage you are doing to the field of Ufology by going off  
>on irrelevant topics and trying to blend the two.

Not to kick a man when he's down, but, I'll at least try to wear soft shoes:

This particular request, Mr. Bryant, seemed designed for the sole purpose of making sure that paper viewed you as a crank. If you had truly been interested in knowing what the cost of an ad in their paper would be, you'd have simply asked for an ad rate card. All magazines and newspapers have such rate cards at the ready to send to prospective advertisers.

But you weren't actually interested in that, you were trying to tweak them into an antagonistic response.

And sometimes it seems that this is your tactic for "disclosure" as well. You send many letters to the FOIA with the seeming intent to irritate them, rather than to actually produce anything.

And the result? You irritate them, without actually producing anything.

Consider that carefully.

If you had in mind some other result, you could come up with a different approach. I just don't see what good it does you, or anyone, to simply make a pest of yourself. Sure, you're well within your rights, but that is beside the point. The reality is you're simply making everyone in their office know you're a crank, more interesting in provoking than in any actual request.

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## LMH On C2C

From: Daniel Moroff <[dmoroff1073@rogers.com](mailto:dmoroff1073@rogers.com)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 13:38:58 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 16:52:34 -0400  
Subject: LMH On C2C

C2C used to be entertaining when Art Bell was the host. After all, he was merely irritating. This new(?) guy George Noory is positively awful!

Art, come back soon and maybe have a few rebuttal guests. Perhaps, Linda should do a study of "Crossing Over". I'm sure it would be as useful.

I'm glad Strange Days... Indeed is as good as it is. Loved the final minutes rant last Saturday night!

I'd suggest that Errol should fill in for C2C but that would mean going over to the competition and giving up on his principles.

SDI 4Ever!

Daniel D. Moroff  
ICQ # 2610768

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 11:42:41 -0400  
>Subject: Re: SUFOPG Open Letter To UFO Community

>>From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>such a serious matter and not give a fair platform.

><snip>

>If someone had a covert agenda to discredit UFO research, the  
>position John Schuessler has reportedly been taking on this  
>would be a delight. Huummmm...

>Is any MUFON member (which I am not) on this List brave enough  
>to prepare and circulate-for-signatures a member petition (e.g.,  
>via this List), addressing this matter to Schuessler and the  
>MUFON Board of Directors and requesting they cancel LMH's  
>scheduled appearance at the MUFON Symposium?

>If so, please get into action; and congratulations.

>If that doesn't work, maybe some of the serious among us should  
>plan to picket the MUFON conference, making known to the media  
>and everyone else, that serious UFO researchers do not support  
>that kind of flaky claim and reporting. Perhaps the threat of  
>picketing would be enough to cause John Schuessler to cancel  
>LMH's appearance.

>Seriously,

>Ray Stanford

I would think the liability and damage of supporting a UFO cult  
with a documented history of fraud through Linda would be reason  
enough for MUFON to cancel her - we certainly did. We informed  
her we don't generate our sales like that.

One wonders why Schussler put her on as a speaker at the MUFON  
Symposium at the last minute knowing full well of this hoax and  
concerns from A.J. Gevaerd? Shame on Schussler.

Perhaps they want attendance and think MUFON members are anxious to hear hours and hours of polyester fibers analysis?

Sorry, I'll take A.J. Gevaerd any day. Hope MUFON and its members give A.J. support - a well respected Editor in Brazil and a chance to talk or support a fund to A.J. to assist former sect members re-establish their lives outside the compound as he lives in their same hometown. Because essentially, its about them - not stupid bedsheets.

A.J. Geveard is presenting at the Leeds conference in September.

Best

Charlette

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>Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 13:18:32 -0400  
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>Project 1947 is pleased to host Operation Charlie, the code  
>name for "the scheme to trap and intercept target X."

I have a 1946 Paul Harvey news clip of these objects seen in  
December 1946, observed by military and tracked on radar. Runs  
about 2 mins.

Wendy Connors

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Hi, Bill:

Did she really do "wonders" for cattle mutilations? If a  
connection is found to exist between cattle mutilations, crop  
circles, UFO's and man-made technology, how has Linda's  
reporting informed the public and of what has she made them  
aware - all these years?

(Please excuse me if it takes me a while to respond to anything  
on this List - we are in the process of moving this week and I  
will have to switch servers as the apartments we are moving to  
do not have high speed cable access or attbi/Comcast, my current  
server. This is why I haven't been posting much lately. Got 7  
years of junk to sort through and trash/pack. But never fear...  
"I'll be back". ;>)

A. Hebert

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## Re: Chemist Who Worked On LMH's Brazil 'Samples' -

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Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 17:16:01 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 17:41:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Chemist Who Worked On LMH's Brazil 'Samples' -

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>Subject: Chemist Who Worked On LMH's Brazil 'Samples'  
>Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 14:01:57 -0300

>>From: Phyllis Budinger  
>>To: [Clefevre@oz.net](mailto:Clefevre@oz.net); [Gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:Gevaerd@ufo.com.br)  
>>Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 1:39 PM  
>>Subject: The Corquingo, Brazil Hoax

>>Loved your reports on the Rense website!!! I am an analytical  
>>chemist who worked on Linda's samples. Linda lifted excerpts of  
>>my report to her advantage and added the discrepancies of other  
>>examiners to accomplish her goals.

>>I just completed a commentary to the UFO community which will be  
>>put on the Rense site as well as ufowatchdog. Rense will also  
>>put my 40 page analysis on the site. Your reports and mine  
>>should deliver a "double whammy"!! Thank you, thank you, thank  
>>you!!

>>Best regards,

>>Phyllis Budinger

>Dear Dr. Budinger:

>Your e-mail and the info it contains is very revealing of how  
>Ms. Linda Moulton Howe came to the conclusions she published on  
>her website. As you already know, she has been focusing all her  
>attention on those bedsheets and is completely ignoring  
>everything else, specially Urandir's - the hoaxer's - background,  
>that she has been persistently informed of by Brazilian UFO  
>researchers.

>We, the Brazilian UFO researchers, thank you very much for your  
>cooperation in establishing the truth about it.

Forgetting all the craziness that's been going on about  
Oliveira, LMH and the whole deal, let's look at like this:

Linda Moulton Howe has been going around radio stations with a  
set of burned bed sheets, citing them as proof of some kind of  
alien activity.

No legit news wire would pick this up because she sounds like a  
crazy person. I mean, I wouldn't care if she did have proof that  
they were burned in some strange way - I'd be asking, Is that  
all you got?

Ian Rogers

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## Re: The Moon Is A Hoax - Tonnies

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Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 11:07:54 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 17:06:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Moon Is A Hoax - Tonnies

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 22:57:47 +0000  
>Subject: Re: The Moon Is A Hoax

<snip>

>I agree with Greg. That's the way that I took it too. Anyone  
>dumb enough to deny the holocaust would be the type to deny the  
>existence of the moon based on the same sort of [ill]logic.

There's no question that this is the site's intention. If you doubt it, check out the start page: they're selling Michael Shermer's Why People Believe Weird Things, which is largely a scathing and articulate refutation of Holocaust denial (even if its obligatory chapter on UFOs is dismal).

The Mad Revisionist site is great satire. "Holocaust" and "humor" generally don't mix -- but the guys at The Mad Revisionist have done an impeccable job of using humor to debunk historical "revisionism." I totally enjoyed it.

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Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (daily blog)

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Rogers

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Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 17:02:39 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 17:38:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Rogers

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>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2003 15:52:53 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 12:08:55 -0500  
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>>>Date: Friday, June 06, 2003 4:07 PM  
>>>Subject: RE: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>The commercial crap that comes out of C2C is just that. Nobody  
>here (except the usual and obvious pigeons) should feel any  
>shame or blame.

<snip>

Chastise C2C? Hey! lets all whip Standard Oil for making money.  
Its the morons that >make C2C and similar profitable. Its dope  
addicts that keep Colombia from being >poorer than Bangladesh.  
Its kids having fun that make me buy Halloween candies.

>How do we prevent morons? Well, you might start by dating women  
>that aren't so screamingly dumb. That's pretty tough,  
>especially in western Canada where girls are as pretty as  
>trees. Living in California as I do, there are more choices,  
>but retroactive abortion is illegal even here.

Hi Larry,

Very, very true words. This past weekend on SDI we discussed  
Oliveira, the Brazilian UFO hoaxer, and his followers, and I was  
wondering if what we were talking about might convince some of  
his people that the guy is a total fraud. But then I thought,  
Well, they're just gonna find someone else to latch onto.

Fighting the good fight isn't easy; sometimes it seems downright  
pointless. :)

Ian Rogers

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## Bullhead City Man Visited By UFOs

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Source: Mohave Daily News

<http://www.mohavedailynews.com/archives/index.inn?loc=detail&doc=/2003/June/08-565-news4%20txt.txt>

June 08, 2003

Bullhead City Man Says His Home Was Visited By UFOs

By KAY JENNEY

BULLHEAD CITY - Approaching the one-year anniversary of an extraordinary UFO sighting over Bullhead City and Laughlin, a local man has decided to come forward with his story.

"It slithered over the roof of my house. It blocked out all the stars and was a glistening dark metallic color. I looked for any sort of propulsion or flames. There were none and there was no noise," Bill Hartinett said. Except for the sound of chalk being scraped on a chalk board. He said there were no signs of air turbulence and no flashing red, or green lights used by conventional aircraft. Hartinett said he did not think it was one of ours.

"I could have thrown a rock and hit it," he said.

The sighting happened about 1 a.m. June 12, 2002 when Hartinett, who says he is an amateur astronomer, was out in his back yard to view the stars with his telescope in the foothills above Bullhead Parkway.

He said there were three UFOs apparently being chased by a military-type helicopter.

"Three white lights came from the east," Hartinett said. The one "slithered" over the roof of his home, straight over his head, while one shot strait across the river over Laughlin and the third maneuvered towards the granite mountains across from Lake Mohave. Hartinett said he recognized the military helicopter as he has had military experience.

As one craft swept over his home, the helicopter, which was making a lot of typical noise, flew down the ravine next to his house as fast as it could fly.

"Somebody must have seen or heard something," Hartinett said. He said he thought he would see something in the paper or on television soon afterwards, but there was nothing. He said he thought he should tell his story now and he will be watching the skies this Thursday, June 12 and Friday, June 13.

The following day after the sighting his wife, June, called a friend in Las Vegas who told her "everything that could fly" was in the air that night. She said it seemed Nelis Air Force base had scrambled aircraft. Also, their real estate agent had told them there was a lot of activity in the skies over Lake Havasu City that night June said.

Hartinett said a neighbor who was staying in apartments further

down the hill reported being awakened during the night by her windows rattling.

Hartinett has been an amateur astronomer for 23 years and last Oct, 6, at 1:58 a.m. he caught "something unusual" on a digital camera attached to his telescope. Two streaks of light appeared about 10 minutes apart using time-lapse photography. Hartinett said he had his telescope pointed at Galaxy NGC1055 at the time and his computer gave him the coordinates. He traced the entrance of the streak to one star with no other stars in that trajectory. Likewise, the ending of the streak was in the path of another solitary star with no others. Hartinett said he would like scientist to see his pictures and recalculate the coordinates.

"I thought it was an asteroid at first," he said. Hartinett said his telescope and camera will be aimed at both those stars this October to see if he can capture the object again. He said NASA explained another streak recorded by an amateur astronomer in El Centro, California as space rocket debris in the December 2002 edition of Sky and Telescope magazine.

Hartinett said the SETI website on the internet has recently acquired a large grant to do optical studies of the skies, plus its research to listen for radio waves that may indicate intelligent life.

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## Jizan UFO Just a Big Balloon?

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Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 20:50:25 -0400  
Subject: Jizan UFO Just a Big Balloon?

Source: Arab News

<http://www.arabnews.com/?page=0&section=1&article=27231&d=10&m=6&y03>

10 June 2003

JIZAN, - Jizan Governor Prince Muhammad ibn Nasser has denied that an unidentified object that reportedly fell to earth in the region was part of a spy plane.

In an interview with Okaz newspaper, the prince said the object had merely been a balloon. "No unidentified object landed in Jizan, and there was no spy plane taking pictures. It was only a big balloon," he said.

The prince said elderly and uneducated people had mistaken the balloon for a UFO.

Newspaper reports had stated, citing experts, that the object observed by a number of residents in Arraith town, about 220 km northeast of Jizan, on Monday could have been part of a spy plane that had encroached on Saudi air space.

Arraith Governor Abdul Rahman Al-Osaimi said he went to inspect the site of the reported crash and found nothing untoward. "There was no trace of anything that landed there," he said.

Other eyewitnesses described seeing a child's toy balloon, the paper added.

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Hi Amy:

Let me clarify what I meant. LMH gathered reports, did  
interviews, and wrote books about cattle mutilations and made  
the phenomenon known to the public, like no other I am aware of,  
in much the manner Colin Andrews has investigated and reported  
on Crop Circles.

Who knows if a LMH report or book caught Robert Bigelow's  
attention and was a catalyst to his directing NIDS to explore  
the subject? He is after all in the hotel business, not the  
ranching business.

Pure conjecture on my part, but there are many, including myself, who would not know the phenomenon existed, especially to the extent it does, if it were not for her reports on C2C years ago.

So, I think her getting the information out to the general public, sparking interest, and I would imagine others to investigate the subject, is noteworthy indeed regardless of what ultimately is the causative agent behind this mystery.

Bill

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## Brazilian 'Abduction' Comments on Analysis

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Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 22:45:14 -0400  
Subject: Corguinho Brazil Purported UFO Abduction -  
Comments on Analysis of Samples

June 9, 2003

To The UFO Community

On 6/6/2003 [www.Earthfiles.com](http://www.Earthfiles.com) presented a 4-part report on the scientific analysis of samples resulting from the controversial Corguinho, Brazil purported abduction. I spent considerable time analyzing samples from this event. Clearly, the Earthfiles report necessitates a response from myself. Attached to this message is the commentary. For those who are averse to opening attachments on Emails, this response will also appear on [www.ufowatchdog.com](http://www.ufowatchdog.com) and [www.Rense.com](http://www.Rense.com). Additionally, the Rense website will also present my well-referenced 40 page analytical report documenting Nick Reiter s and my results.

You are most welcome to pass along this message to anyone you think may be interested.

Regards,

Phyllis A. Budinger  
Analytical Scientist

Response to 6/6/03 Earthfiles Report on the Scientific Analysis  
of Samples Related to the Corguinho, Brazil Event  
by  
Phyllis Budinger, Analytical Scientist

June 7, 2003

My purpose here is to comment on the recent Earthfiles website report regarding the scientific analyses of samples from the alleged Corguinho, Brazil abduction. The Earthfiles report is in four parts, but only portions of my 40-page final report on the analyses of samples of bedding and stone samples were included. (For those who are unfamiliar with the case, the details can be found on [www.Earthfiles.com](http://www.Earthfiles.com) or [www.Rense.com](http://www.Rense.com).)

I am an analytical chemist with 35 years experience as a problem-solver in the petroleum industry, now retired. I have a B.S. (Baldwin-Wallace College, 1961) and an M.S. (Miami University, 1964) in chemistry. Because of my analytical capability and technical skills my position at a large petroleum company involved overseeing many other chemists' work. I headed up the infrared spectroscopy group and, at one point, also supervised the X-ray diffraction area. I retired at the rank of "Research Scientist," at a more advanced grade-level than that achieved by the majority of PhDs.

Once retired, in addition to other projects I decided to use my

analytical skills in the evaluation of physical traces related to the UFO phenomenon. I set up a professional laboratory for this purpose. Having noted that a solid analytical approach was often lacking in the evaluation of many of the UFO physical-trace cases, it was my hope to contribute some solid information which might aid in unraveling at least part of the UFO mystery.

Generally, I am not paid for my UFO-related work. I do receive income from some projects, but usually only enough to cover costs. I also do contract work for various industries, which income covers most of my overhead. The point I wish to make here is that my work in the UFO and related fields is motivated by scientific curiosity and my sincere desire to understand whatever it is that is going on.

The recent report on the Corguinho, Brazil samples took about a month's work. On this case I consulted with five professional polymer chemists, four of whom are PhDs. (Over the years I have amassed a contact list of many professionals with a wide variety of scientific disciplines which have proved very valuable to me in many of my analyses of physical traces relating to the UFO phenomenon.) For the Corguinho, Brazil analysis, I created an internet chat line and called for input and recommendations from these polymer chemists. The total experience represented by these people is roughly 175 years. If you add my own professional experience this comes to roughly 210 years. This extensive professional skill base was applied to the analyses of the Corguinho, Brazil samples.

The 6/6/03 Earthfiles report presents primarily results obtained by Ms. Howe's consultations with others than myself. In professional scientific analyses multiple consultations, so long as they are obtained from competent personnel, are highly advisable and in fact I suggested that Ms. Howe do so in this case both by phone and in conclusion 5 of my report. The reason additional examinations should be done is that, as scientific knowledge increases so, by necessity, does specialization, and each specialist is likely to offer different backgrounds, experience and skills. This approach has been a critical part of my professional training, and application of this principal is one of the reasons I rose to such a high level in my career.

However, it is customary to share whatever information is forthcoming from each of various consultants amongst all of those working on any particular project--both to avoid duplication of effort (and wasted professional time) and to facilitate a common understanding of the facts. In all professional situations in my experience, this transmittal of various consulting opinions is always carried out prior to the presentation of any final public report. However, in this case I was not afforded this courtesy and was not informed regarding the opinions of Ms. Howe's textile consultant. Unfortunately, I feel this failure has tarnished Prof. Barndt's credibility unnecessarily.

After all the analyses I did, and my current evaluation of the recent Earthfiles report, I am of the opinion that no real evidence of an alien abduction has been presented. Nor, based on the samples presented for analyses, has such a conclusion been ruled out. Let me take each part of the Earthfiles report and make some comments.

Earthfiles, Part 1:

This part deals with the analysis of the bedding, and there are two points I would like to address. I have to start with the fact that I found that most of the bedding (e.g. sheet and pillow covering) is made of a polyester (specifically polyethylene terephthalate, or "PET") cross-woven with cotton. The Corguinho sheet image visually appears to consist of what I call burned areas and halo-like areas. In Conclusion 3 of my report I noted the following:

3.) An observation that the halo area of the sheet consists of melted PET and undegraded cotton is not an anomaly, though it is noted PET has a melting range between 250-265=B0C (482-509 =B0F) and cotton degrades at 148=B0C (298 =B0F). This can be explained by the differences in rates of heat conduction (Thermal Conductivity) of these materials. PET (0.28 W/m\*K) conducts heat about ten times faster than cotton (0.029 W/m\*K). Therefore, a fast burst

of heat (above the melting point of PET) would melt the PET but not degrade the cotton. This was experimentally accomplished with an iron on the control sheet swath by this laboratory.

Regarding this conclusion, Earthfiles reports that the director of a major textile research lab, Prof. Barndt, disputes my statement (Earthfiles here used the word "assumption") that PET conducts heat ten times faster than cotton. This matter is addressed below.

To see if I could replicate the melting of polyester while leaving the cotton unburned, I pressed a fragment of the control swath from the Corguinho sheet with an iron at high temperature. I sent these pieces to biophysicist W. C. Levengood. Levengood observed that the reverse side of my experimental swath looked different than the reverse side of the Corguinho samples. Ms. Howe also notes that the polyester is flattened out in my experimental samples and indicates this does not compare to the polyester melt in the Corguinho sheet, which appears neatly contained and rounded, and not flattened. I respond to these statements, below, also.

P.A. Budinger's Remarks re Earthfiles, Part 1:

PET polyester does conduct heat faster than cotton. This is not an assumption. This is fact! Thermal Conductivity values (included in my report) are indisputable--they are measured physical constants. (Thermal conductivity is a measure of the rate at which a material transmits heat.) Clearly a value of 0.280 for PET of 0.029 for cotton shows that the PET transmits heat faster. And my sources for these values are referenced in my report. Furthermore, the polymer chemists I consulted concur with me. One said: This is a solid explanation.

Finally, let me add a comment for readers without a technical background, to help illustrate the above. Suppose you have a casserole in the oven at 350 degrees and want to take it out. You have two sets of gloves. One pair is made of cotton, and the other made of polyester. Which would you use? Of course, you would use the cotton, because it insulates better against the heat. That is, it does not transmit heat as fast as polyester. Did you ever wonder why most pot-holders are made of cotton? It is an insulator. Hawley's Chemical Dictionary reports one of cotton's many uses is as an insulator.

I don't know Prof. Barndt, the Director of the Grundy Testing Laboratory at the School of Textiles and Materials Technology in Philadelphia, the "textile expert" whose comments are presented by Earthfiles and, so, cannot comment on his expertise. But regardless of his academic position he is, here, in error regarding the rate of heat transference of polyester versus cotton. I would like to see his written report (with references) showing where he garnered this knowledge. I assume he will present such a report for all of us to see

Here is another of Prof. Barndt's errors. Ms. Howe called me after she had received my written report and said that the textile man" says "you are wrong about the pillow composition." [As previously noted, I had reported that it was comprised of strands of pure polyester cross-woven with strands of pure cotton.] This "textile man" stated instead that the pillow was a polyester/cotton blend (i.e., that each of the fiber stands was composed of a mix of polyester and cotton, rather than a weave of cotton and polyester strands). I was amazed that this deduction came from a "textile man" and absolutely disagreed, because my microscope photographs clearly show the random, disoriented fibers typical of cotton strands going in one direction, and the well-oriented, aligned fibers of the polyester going in the other direction (see my report). Conclusive proof that the material was a weave was provided by my infrared analysis. Several spectra were taken of the fibers going in both directions and these spectra show pure cotton going in one direction and pure polyester going in the other direction, (Infrared analysis for identification of molecules is essentially akin to DNA for identification of people.) There were no spectra typical of a blend. Prof. Barndt subsequently realized his mistake, as indicated by Ms. Howe's Email of May 13, 2003 to me, which follows.

You were right about your infrared analysis of the pillowcase being cotton and polyester cross woven. Prof. Barndt, who



originally thought it was a polyester and cotton fiber blend because it does have a much finer structure than the bed sheet, examined it today under his own magnifier. So, your confidence in infrared identifications is deserved! -)

However, for me, this error immediately raised a red flag regarding his credibility and/or insight into the Corguinho bedding examination.

Next I would like to address the observations regarding the appearance of my iron experiment control sheet swath versus the imaged swath. Of course the pressure of the iron flattened the melted polyester! This is correct. My iron experiment was done merely to demonstrate that you could melt the polyester and leave the cotton intact (even though cotton degrades at lower temperatures than polyester melts). And that you could do this with a quick burst of heat. The iron was not selected to suggest that an iron was the source of the heat but simply to demonstrate or approximate the amount of heat required and the ease of finding a source of such heat. In fact, I saw that an iron could not have been the heat source as I did my experiment, because it was obvious when examining the burned cotton in the Brazil sample that it had been subjected to a temperature beyond the capabilities of the iron.

Nick Reiter, the SEM/EDS technician who also examined these samples tried the same sort of experiment, using a soldering iron as his source of heat. Again, this was his most convenient heat source, and not one chosen to suggest it as the actual heat source which had impacted the samples. And nowhere in our report do I suggest either the iron or the soldering iron as possible heat sources for the Brazil samples. These were good experiments--and the same approach was repeated again, to overkill, by Prof. Barndt, producing the same results as those obtained by Mr. Reiter and myself.

Earthfiles, Part 2:

This section of the Earthfiles report focuses on Prof. Barndt's attempt to duplicate the Corguinho sheet anomalies. Barndt used a blowtorch at 1500F on wet controls from the sheet (Urandir, the alleged abductee, had taken a shower before lying down, and Barndt therefore assumed that moisture would have been present on the sheet). Photographs of this experiment are shown. He did not reproduce the exact effect as viewed on the sheet, and states he doesn't know what heat source caused the effect. He wonders why the Corguinho sheet did not ignite and burn during its formation of its curious impression, and speculates it was moisture or something else. He reiterates details which Ms. Howe dwells upon in Part 1 of the Earthfiles report, details which I have already clarified.

Additionally, there is a microphotograph of a tiny piece of the mattress cover which appears to have a missing vertical thread and three melted horizontal polyester bead melts right where the vertical thread should have been. None of the other polyester fibers on this sample appear to be affected. Earthfiles suggests that this indicates that a pinpoint source of heat, like a laser, may have caused this effect. Please observe the photograph in the Earthfiles website, <http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=3D540&category=3DScience>.

P.A. Budinger's Remarks re Earthfiles, Part 2:

First I'd like to comment on Prof. Barndt's experiment. Essentially he repeated what both Mr. Reiter and I had already done with a hot iron and soldering iron. It is my opinion that the use of temperatures in the range of 1500F was rather high and not very realistic, because polyester degrades rapidly at 1500F. My analysis of the bedsheet samples showed the polyester had melted, but it did not degrade even in the most darkened areas of the sheet. So, it was my judgment that whatever source produced the quick burst of heat was in the temperature range of 600-900 F.

I offer a suggestion regarding Prof. Brandt's musings on why the Corguinho sheet did not ignite and burn during image formation: the fabric could have been treated with a fire-retardant.

Regarding the microphotograph of the mattress-cover sample with the missing vertical thread, there are not enough details

presented about this sample to make any conclusions, in my opinion. This particular sample was not submitted to me, but in the samples that I did examine there was no evidence of any "pinpoint melting." I would have liked to have seen this sample and to have been able to examine the reverse side of the swath to see if there were melted beads on the back--if you look at the weave in the photograph posted on the Earthfiles website cited above, it is obvious that three beads should be on the backside of the swath if the missing thread had been present and the polyester had been melted. Unfortunately, no photograph is provided of the reverse side. The question is Are there any polyester melted beads on the backside? If not, then I would agree that this is an example of pinpoint melting.

I suspect that the missing thread went missing after the heat exposure, perhaps during the sampling procedure. It is my opinion that nothing conclusive can be drawn from this photograph alone--without a photograph of the reverse side of the same swath.

Earthfiles, Part 3:

Part 3 deals with the infrared (IR) and Energy Dispersive (EDS) analysis of the stones which are reported to have fallen down upon the roof of the house during the alleged abduction episode. Clearly there are no major differences in opinions here, just some minor assumptions that need clarification. One relates to Nick Reiter's speculation that these are similar to Moqui marbles. Another regards the comment made by an un-named geologist quoted in the Earthfiles report who speculates that Moquis result from a meteor impact site. There is also a comment regarding the fact that I did not originally include in my report a photograph of the stone I split for data acquisitions by Nick and myself. Additionally, I have a comment to offer on the presence of trace-titanium in the stone.

P.A. Budinger's Remarks re Earthfiles, Part 3:

For the stone analysis I recommended that Earthfiles obtain additional x-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis. Not enough analytical information could be gleaned using IR and EDS techniques alone to establish conclusive identification of the stones composition. I recommended XRD analysis because it the best technique to use in the evaluation of structures of crystalline species and could identify most (if not all) of the specific mineral types in the stones. I also felt that the additional expertise of a mineralogist or geologist (the sort of specialist who would carry out the XRD analysis) would have been useful.

Nick Reiter and I have suggested that the stones may be similar to "Moqui marbles." We do not say they are Moquis, but that they appear to be akin to them [Our backgrounds are limited here, though Mr. Reiter is more knowledgeable in this area than I am; from our limited background, and the data we had, an attempt was made to narrow down the possibilities.] Clearly there are indications, though not proof, in the EDS comparison of scans of the sample stones to references from a known Moqui. The infrared analysis indicated a subtle compositional change between the sample stone's interior and exterior surface: the exterior was shown to contain slightly more iron, a finding which is typical of the Moquis. The rounded shapes of Moquis are also similar to the sample stones, indicating they may have experienced a similar geological process in their formation.

Mr. Reiter and I also speculated that these stones could originate from the Corguinho, Brazil area, because this area of Brazil is known to have an iron-rich sandstone-type geology similar to that of the U.S. southwest. Previous Earthfiles reports of the Brazil landscape also indicated this might be true. (See Earthfiles Part 4 regarding the XRD identification of a rare mineral in the stones, a form of which exists in Brazil.)

We did not say these sample stones came from the American southwest or had anything to do with the Moquis from that area. More information was needed to resolve this issue, which is why we recommended XRD analysis and a geologist's input.

I am aware of geologist Dave Crosby's (Earthfiles un-named geologist) now abandoned theory that Moqui stones might have originated from meteor impacts. He no longer holds this opinion

and his current theory (8/20/01) can be found at <http://www.rocksandminerals.com/specimens/mogui.htm>. In essence, it agrees with Nick Reiter's contribution in our report that these stones "are formed much like pearls, by accretion of mineral from the water supply around a core that can be anything from a sand grain to a small rock.

In our final report I did not provide a photograph of the interior of the Corguinho sample stone which I had broken open, since I didn't think it added anything to the report. However a photograph was taken at the time of the analysis, and is provided here.

Ms. Howe commented on Earthfiles that she didn't like the red tones in my photographs of the stones. I apologize for the fact that the lighting in my lab has contributed to the red color in this photograph, which is not an accurate representation of the sandstone color of the sample stones. If I were paid for the month's work required to carry out the Corguinho, Brazil case analyses (and other similar work), perhaps I would be able to afford improved lighting in my laboratory and/or a new camera.

Finally, in regard to the Corguinho stones, I suspect that the presence of titanium in the stone I examined could be a marker as to its origin. Mr. Reiter correctly indicated in our report that trace minerals vary with the local mineralogy in an area. For example, I am reminded of an analysis I did for my company in the late 1970s. The company owned uranium mines at the time, and thieves had stolen several barrels of yellow cake (uranium ore). The thieves were apprehended at the Mexican border. I was given several samples of yellow cake, which included the stolen ore, ore from the company's mine, and ore from other sites. The objective was to prove it was, in fact, our ore.

I was able to prove that the stolen yellow cake was ours because the trace metals in the retrieved material were identical to those found in the sample from our mine. I presented this case as a paper, published it in a journal, and it was included as a chapter in a book. (Analytical Approach to the Case of the Case of the Great Yellow Cake Caper, Houston ACS Meeting, Symposium on Industrial Problem-Solving A Multitechnique Approach, March 24, 1980); (Budinger et. al, Analytical Chemistry, 1980, Vol 52, No 8); (The Analytical Approach, Edited by Jeanette G. Grasselli, published by the American Chemical Society, United States, 1983, ISBN 0-8412-0755-0.)

#### Earthfiles, Part 4:

Part 4 discusses an XRD and geologist's input on the stone samples. This is a very well-done analysis by the geologists and nicely profiles most all of the minerals in the stones. A rare mineral was observed (which has been found Cuba), and other forms of this mineral have been found at various sites in Brazil. The XRD spectra, which I understand were run on a new instrument, are superb. On the last page of this section is a statement made by geologist Prof. Johnson, in which he states that he and his colleagues have never encountered objects like these stones before.

#### P.A. Budinger's Remarks to Earthfiles, Part 4:

Just because these examiners state that these objects (the stones) are unfamiliar to them does not necessarily mean that the stones are unusual, or would be unknown to other specialists. What we need to know is how are these stones unfamiliar? In precisely what particulars do they differ? Without more investigation, or more information, we cannot conclude that the objects in question are, in fact, anomalous. The rare mineral is a nice find, and may be a tracer to the origin of the stones. It is curious to note that other forms of this rare mineral have been found before, and in Brazil.

#### Final Comments

Personally, I have a lot of questions concerning this purported abduction. If the material of the bed sheet, the pillowcase, and the mattress-cover were affected, why wasn't Urandir's underwear similarly affected? It would seem to me to be very useful to be able to analyze his underwear, especially since his undershorts were purportedly also aboard the alien craft for two days. And

did anyone examine the roof shingles outside and the ceiling beams inside the house? Were they affected? How? The ceiling was scorched on the lower surface, but was it also scorched on the upper side beneath the roof? It would seem to me likely that all components in the path of the beam up should have experienced some effect, such as the charred underside of the ceiling and the bedding. To-date, the source of the heat remains unknown. However, this does not mean that the source was unusual or anomalous.

Finally, I would like to emphasize a conclusion presented in the beginning of this commentary. After all the analyses I did, and my evaluation now of the Earthfiles report, I have to say that it is my opinion that, so far, there is really no evidence for an alien abduction here, nor can we rule it out.

I would have truly liked to have found something solid, and therefore spent a great deal of time on this case. My 40-page report (with 20 references) demonstrates that I covered all the bases within my area of expertise. It is my opinion that the Earthfiles website report utilized only minimal and carefully chosen excerpts from my final report, interspersed with comments which appear to disagree with my analysis by "textile expert" Prof. Barndt. Additionally, I think this has been done in a deliberately misleading manner, completely devoid of any professional objectivity.

Now that my entire final report will soon be available to all interested parties on the Jeff Rense website ([www.rense.com](http://www.rense.com)), I suspect that individuals with a scientific background as well as those with just plain common sense will understand my sharp disappointment in the Earthfiles coverage of my work. Those of us truly interested in trying to understand the UFO phenomenon do not need inaccurate, biased reporting. What we do need is open, cooperative, interaction among the few trained scientists interested in and willing to take on this work... and comprehensive, honest reporting of the results of such efforts to the interested public.

Respectfully,

Phyllis A. Budinger  
Analytical Scientist,  
Frontier Analysis, Ltd.

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## Response From Analytical Chemist on Brazil Case

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Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 07:01:31 -0400  
Subject: Response From Analytical Chemist on Brazil Case

[You can view Phyllis A. Budinger's response to Linda Howe's report on this case at:

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

in lieu of an attachment. Also posted is the story about this case and the analysis of the report generated by Budinger and Nicholas Reiter, which can be viewed at:

<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/brazil.html> -- Royce]

June 9, 2003

To The UFO Community

On 6/6/2003 [www.Earthfiles.com](http://www.Earthfiles.com) presented a 4-part report on the scientific analysis of samples resulting from the controversial Corguinho, Brazil purported abduction. I spent considerable time analyzing samples from this event. Clearly, the Earthfiles report necessitates a response from myself. Attached to this message is the commentary. For those who are averse to opening attachments on Emails, this response will also appear on [www.ufowatchdog.com](http://www.ufowatchdog.com) and [www.rense.com](http://www.rense.com). Additionally, the Rense website will also present my well-referenced 40 page analytical report documenting Nick Reiter's and my results.

You are most welcome to pass along this message to anyone you think may be interested.

Regards,

Phyllis A. Budinger  
Analytical Scientist

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## IUFO: The Mystical Side Of The Iraqi War

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Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 07:11:43 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 07:30:00 -0400  
Subject: IUFO: The Mystical Side Of The Iraqi War

This just in: new predictions!

Brenda

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From: Clarence Spence [mailto:[HippieLifestyle@hotmail.com](mailto:HippieLifestyle@hotmail.com)]  
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Subject: IUFO: The Mystical Side of the Iraqi War

Four omens predict grand political, financial, economic changes  
in the world.

As it is well known, people are drawn to notice mysterious signs  
and omens before a war or a grand global event happens. One may  
argue about mysticism forever, although omens surprisingly  
become true. (Translated by Dmitry Sudakov)

-Full article- <http://english.pravda.ru/main/2003/04/02/45430.html>

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## Fwd: Possible TechTV Interview

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Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 07:05:01 -0400  
Subject: Fwd: Possible TechTV Interview

Hello all:

I just got the message below from one Adam Dreyfus of the TechTV studio in San Francisco.

Does anybody know much about TechTV, most especially the "Unscrewed with Martin Sargent" program? I take it this something very new on late nite TV, I never heard of it before.

I did a browse, and their guests included a Mr. Chau with his Secret to Eternal Life (magnetic foot jewelry if I recall), something about the Raelians if not Rael himself and even wankier stuff.

The impression I have is that they get the screwiest people in cyberspace on and have some fun with them. If that's the case, I think I would be a poor fit with my rather conservative opinions, UFO maps, statistics etc.

Anybody know about this? Has anyone seen the shows yet? The original message follows..

Best

- Larry Hatch

----- Original Message -----

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To: [webmaster@larryhatch.net](mailto:webmaster@larryhatch.net) <[webmaster@larryhatch.net](mailto:webmaster@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 16:11:48 -0700  
Subject: Possible TechTV Interview

Hello Mr. Hatch-

I am the Booking Manager for TechTV's newest show 'Unscrewed with Martin Sargent'. I am writing to see if you are interested in coming on our show for an in-studio interview. I notice you are located in Redwood City.

We shoot out of our San Francisco studio on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Our show is dedicated to 'unscrewing' the top off the internet and showing our viewers what is really going on in cyberspace. To that end, it is my job to locate interesting guests to come on the show. I came across your website and thought you would make a perfect guest.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns you might have.

Thanks very much for your consideration.

Adam Dreyfus  
Booking Manager/Guest Producer  
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TechTV is the cable network that showcases the smart, edgy and unexpected side of technology. By telling stories through the prism of technology, TechTV intrigues viewers with everything from help and information to cutting-edge documentaries to outrageous late-night fun. TechTV viewers are highly interactive and passionate about engaging in the television experience and log a monthly average of 1.5 million unique visitors to [techtv.com](http://techtv.com). Owned by Vulcan Inc., TechTV is currently available in nearly 40 million homes in the US and distributes content to more than 70 countries.

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If the curse is real, then Gere could suffer a terrible accident - and so could Coleman, who consulted on the film.

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There are literally hundreds of people who work on any major  
film production. Are they all in danger? What's the statute of  
limitations on a curse?

Gere could break his leg ten years from now and Coleman will  
probably be saying, See, toldya.

So very sad.

Ian Rogers

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>Subject: 'Brazilian Abduction' Comments on Analysis

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>attachments on Emails, this response will also appear on  
>[www.ufowatchdog.com](http://www.ufowatchdog.com) and [www.Rense.com](http://www.Rense.com). Additionally, the Rense  
>website will also present my well-referenced 40 page analytical  
>report documenting Nick Reiter s and my results.

>You are most welcome to pass along this message to anyone you  
>think may be interested.

<snip>

Folks:

After the "bomb" from Budinger, I am very curious to see if Ms.  
Linda Moulton Howe will still continue this nonsense of  
supporting a hoax and promoting a cult leader.

Just curious... Very curious.....

Because, if she does, then I believe that lots of people in the  
USA and all over the world will start thinking in 'Whys?', and  
these 'Whys?' may be very risky to someone's career.

A. J. Gevaerd

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 08:52:05 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 09:14:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Kaeser

>From: Bill Stockstill <[size14d@bigfoot.com](mailto:size14d@bigfoot.com)>  
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## Re: Disclosure Dialogue Edition 2 - Viggiani

From: Victor Viggiani <[zland@sympatico.ca](mailto:zland@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 09:32:55 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 21:14:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disclosure Dialogue Edition 2 - Viggiani

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2003 17:38:51 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Disclosure Dialogue Editon 2

>>From: Victor Viggiani <[zland@sympatico.ca](mailto:zland@sympatico.ca)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 09:08:53 -0400  
>>Subject: Disclosure Dialogue Editon 2

>>Disclosure Dialogue

>>Vol I Edition 2

>>10 June 2003

>>Review:

>>For the sake of those new to Disclosure Dialogue and for the  
>>many still silent credentialed observers

>>The primary purpose of Disclosure Dialogue is to generate  
>>ongoing collegial discourse about the need, and methods to  
>>stimulate government Disclosure about the Extraterrestrial  
>>presence on the planet and the cover-up of sequestered  
>>information about the UFO/ETI reality.

>It sound's better than Greer's "Disclosure Project" which seems  
>to include disclosure of perpetual motion devices, the Space  
>Defense Initiative and probably a campaign to "Save the Lesbian  
>Dolphins" buried in there somewhere. It sounded so similar that  
>I almost made the mistake of assuming that you were talking  
>about the same project.

>....oops - I just noticed the phrase "primary purpose". Please  
>can you be explicit about the secondary, tertiary, and  
>subsequent purposes?

Joe

Thank you for your comments. Looking forward to learning more  
about your perspective on the Disclosure issue. Trust you will  
continue to review Disclosure Dialogue to learn and notice more  
about the initiative.

Victor Viggiani

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 09:09:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 21:49:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Hebert

>From: Bill Stockstill <[size14d@bigfoot.com](mailto:size14d@bigfoot.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>>>As for LMH, she did wonders for cattle mutilation, really made  
>>>the public aware of the magnitude of the phenomena. But not  
>>>being a scientist, she reached her limits and now NIDS has taken  
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>>>investigating what most believe is a hoax are only known to her.  
>>>Maybe she has run out of interesting material.

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>on Crop Circles.

<snip>

Yes, Bill, that's exactly what she did.

I'm sorry, I wasn't really asking you the question so much as I  
was muttering under my breath.

Following the posts on this thread, it seemed to me that most  
were focused on Linda's promotion and support of the Oliveira  
case while the rest of her work remains above scrutiny. Linda's  
continued support of the Oliveira case, despite the mounting  
evidence against the case, makes me wonder just how accurate her  
work really is and what are her motivations.

Years ago, when I was still new to the UFO community, I thought  
Linda was the best researcher in the field. I called her book,  
Glimpses Of Other Realities, my "bible" and shared it with  
everyone - even had it personally autographed by her at the 1994  
Ozark convention. As I matured in my studies, I realized Linda  
is more of a show-and-tell reporter than a researcher. I look  
back at all the work she has done to date and wonder just how  
much of what we now know about cattle mutilations is accurate.  
In fact, I can't help but wonder just how much of what Linda has  
shared with the public about crop circles, abduction phenomena,  
UFO's, cattle mutilations, etc. is information and how much is  
misinformation or, perhaps, disinformation.

For years Linda has paraded so-called scientific studies and  
"experts" before us in support of her reports. If Linda  
"filtered" the information from Budinger's report and the

reports of others to use to her advantage in the Oliveira case, how many times has she done this with other 'scientific studies' included in her reports in the past?

And let's not forget Levengood. Anyone trained in research and research reporting can read Levengood's comments on the Earthfiles web site for a good laugh. Notice how Levengood seems to say exactly what Linda wants to hear? And if Levengood has biased the results of his analyses in the Oliveira case, could he have done the same in his studies of crop circle samples, etc.?

Just how much of the truth can we expect from Linda Moulton Howe and W.C. Levengood?

A. Hebert

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## Re: Possible TechTV Interview - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 07:40:00 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 21:55:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Possible TechTV Interview - McCoy

>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>To: Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
>Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 17:27:18 -0700  
>Subject: Fwd: Possible TechTV Interview

>Hello all:

>I just got the message below from one Adam Dreyfus of the TechTV  
>studio in San Francisco.

>Does anybody know much about TechTV, most especially the  
>"Unscrewed with Martin Sargent" program? I take it this  
>something very new on late nite TV, I never heard of it before.

>I did a browse, and their guests included a Mr. Chau with his  
>Secret to Eternal Life (magnetic foot jewelry if I recall),  
>something about the Raelians if not Rael himself and even  
>wankier stuff.

>The impression I have is that they get the screwiest people in  
>cyberspace on and have some fun with them. If that's the case, I  
>think I would be a poor fit with my rather conservative  
>opinions, UFO maps, statistics etc.

>Anybody know about this? Has anyone seen the shows yet? The  
>original message follows..

<snip>

Hello, all, Larry.

Don't do it - these guys are going to try to make you look like a drooling "Believer". I never trust the media types. When I was fighting fire for a living, you wouldn't believe some of the inane stupidity that would come from the mouth of media types. I spent an hour for a 'photo op' that the USFS wanted us to do - I was tempted to do it with a paper bag over my head.

GT McCoy

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From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 09:58:04 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 21:59:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Hebert

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 08:52:05 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

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Is it valid because it's accurate or "valid" because no one has  
yet challenged her work?

When I stopped reading cattle mutilation reports with awe and  
amazement and started reading them from a more scientific point  
of view, I began to ask a lot of questions that have yet to be  
addressed. I now wonder just how much of the information  
gathered by LMH about crop circles, cattle mutilations, UFOs,  
abductions, etc. has been filtered to represent only one side of  
the story - the side that reflects the beliefs of the reporter.

If there were evidence of human elements involved as opposed to  
only the bizarre and anomalous, would Linda have included this  
information in her reports? If Linda came across more mundane  
explanations in her studies of UFOs, crop circles, cattle  
mutes, etc. and shared this at UFO conferences, in her TV  
programs, videos, books, articles, would she be as popular as  
she is today?

I think Linda has given the general public exactly what they  
wanted (and whatever it takes to promote the sales of her books,  
videos, etc.). Doesn't mean it's valid, doesn't mean it's the  
truth. First and foremost, Linda is a reporter - she reports

whatever it is that gets her books sold, her face on TV, draws people to subscribe to her web site and anything that keeps her in the public eye.

A. Hebert

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## Question about Linda Moulton Howe

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 11:56:02 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 22:03:26 -0400  
Subject: Question about Linda Moulton Howe

Hi -

I've heard about Linda Moulton Howe for the past three years. My impression, from personal appearances on talk radio, and others referring to her work, was that she was regarded as one of the best conservative seekers of the truth.

Was that true?

If yes, does anyone have an idea why someone who has carefully built such a reputation might suddenly abandon all regard for the truth?

Eleanor White

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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 09:55:39 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 21:46:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Gevaerd

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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I have to disagree, Steve.

With all due respect, Ms. Linda was plenty informed of what was going on in this case. We sent her lots of material that she could use to make a better judgement. It was her option, however, not to take anyone's word into consideration, not to take any other evidence presented to her into consideration, not to take any material of any kind into consideration.

By doing that, she did a very precarious and unreliable job both as a UFO research and as journalist. And even while this debate is going on, she continues to solemnly ignore anything different than her own opinion. In my magazine, she wouldn't have a seat either as a journalist or as a intern.

A. J. Gevaerd

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## The Brazil Case

From: Royce J. Myers III - UFO Watchdog <[ufowatchdog@msn.com](mailto:ufowatchdog@msn.com)>  
Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 22:08:48 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 22:08:48 -0400  
Subject: The Brazil Case

Here's what I have so far...

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

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 14:38:46 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 22:10:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Velez

>From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2003 12:08:55 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>>From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Friday, June 06, 2003 4:07 PM  
>>Subject: RE: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>>Without responding to anyone in particular, I think we should  
>>wait to see what Ms. Howe has to say. These shows are booked in  
>>advance and perhaps she may have changed her mind since then  
>>(unless you know different, I don't). In addition she shouldn't  
>>be condemned simply for being on C2C.

>  
>Well I listened to as much of the show as I could stand and I  
>see that LMH has had no change of heart. Perhaps it's C2C that  
>should be chastised for helping to perpetrate this hoax. sigh

Hi Terry,

Before I respond to the Linda Moulton-Howe material, I just wanted to commend you on a truly unique and useful website contribution. Everything any amateur UFO investigator would need to begin conducting their own research. Nice job! Much needed information all in one place. One stop shopping, I love it!

I highly recommend a visit to Terry's website to all List readers and any persons interested in UFOs and UFO investigation.

Re: Linda Moulton-Howe

I have known and communicated with Linda (on and off) for about seven years. I have always liked her personally and respected her professionally. This business of her insisting on promoting a hoax in spite of many admonitions from her own peers is something I find deeply disappointing. I'm sorry that she's chosen the path that she has chosen. It has destroyed any credibility she had with me. The same goes for MUFON. Although I lost all respect for MUFON when they failed to conduct an internal investigation to determine if any of the files of the Abduction Project had been sold (to Bob Bigelow of NIDS) by John Carpenter while he was head of the MUFON Abduction Project. Questions which were never answered. A major issue that was never properly dealt with.

Anyway, the whole episode involving this South American hoaxer has been one big eye-opener (in terms of LMH and MUFON) not to mention one big bring-down.

I would like to put a positive spin on the whole thing by asking our South American friends to please post about a "good" Brazilian abduction case! One that us Norte-Americanos are not familiar with.

We are already well aware of one 'bad' case. (hoax) I would

truly like to hear about one of your 'better' cases. One with more substantial, substantiating evidence. A well researched example of an abduction case from your neck of the woods.

Maybe all this can end up being a good thing after all. We can, in good conscience, dismiss all reports from LMH and MUFON in regard to this Oliviera business. And... maybe we can learn about some of the more credible Brazilian UFO abduction cases.

I'm for 'moving on' at this point and trying as best we can to turn this sow's ear into a silk purse. :)

Regards to All,

John Velez, Webmaster, Abduction Information Center.  
Contributing editor, Strange Days... Indeed. Former creator/webmaster of Budd Hopkin's (old) Intruders Foundation Website.

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 10:45:14 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 22:12:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
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>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2003 09:35:13 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>"April is the cruelest month, breeding Lilacs out of the dead  
>>land; mixing memory and desire." TS Eliot 'The Waste Land'

<snip>

>I hope you will exercise the courtesy of not  
>further taking up my time by trying to bring me into your 'alien  
>autopsy crash site' foolishness, either on this list or  
>privately.

Ray,

I'm not "taking up" your time; you volunteered your time and I sent the samples to you to be examined to the best of your ability, not half-assed where you stop before all the facts can be obtained.

You said you'd do a microprobe on the material and that's what I expect. How hard could that be? Just drop it off, then pick up the results. Don't get involved next time if you aren't planning to see the project through to the end.

Yes, as I told you privately, I could have the material analyzed, but my "AA zeal" would still cause doubters to doubt. But if you do the testing, then the results, if they are unusual, are more apt to be trusted. It's a simple matter of expediency and folks keeping their commitments.

I'm not a fool and I'm not being fooled, but I suppose I am a little foolish to believe that my physical evidence, possibly confirming the legitimacy of the cameraman and his story, would be given serious consideration or a fair shake.

Ed

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## '87 UFO Over LaGuardia Airport?

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 16:42:21 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 22:28:04 -0400  
Subject: '87 UFO Over LaGuardia Airport?

In the past week I've talked with an airport employee who has related a story from 1987 regarding a 'tremendous sized' UFO that was of some concern near LaGuardia Airport, here are the details as he could recall from an email he sent earlier this afternoon:

"TWA asks LGA tower what is object following us on approach? Tower says no object on radar. Delta tower personnel saw winged type craft about 5 aircraft carriers in size hovering over LGA for 5 minutes. It then took off to the north towards the Bronx."

If anyone has any relevant info it would be appreciated (and interesting!)

Thanks,

Kenny Young

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## The Mothman Prophecies Special Edition DVD

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Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 22:30:40 -0400  
Subject: The Mothman Prophecies Special Edition DVD

The Mothman Prophecies: SE (Special Edition DVD)

Just Released in the USA on May 27, 2003!

Includes the motion picture with Richard Gere, Debra Messing, Alan Bates, Will Patton, and Laura Linney, plus extras like commentary from director Mark Pellington, deleted scenes, audio commentary, director's diary, and a music video. Columbia presents The Mothman Prophecies in a pleasing 2.35:1 anamorphic-widescreen transfer of the film's original theatrical presentation, with a Dolby Digital 5.1 track.

The Special Edition DVD also has the entire nonfiction documentary, Search for the Mothman (director David Grabias), with interviews of John Keel, Loren Coleman, eyewitnesses, and others. Several of the eyewitnesses won't talk about Mothman with outsiders too often, so this is unique merely for those and the old archival footage of the downed Silver Bridge. It is a remarkable collector's item for any serious researcher or casual Mothman fan.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/B00008WJEK/mothmanbooks-20>

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## Further Support of Larry W. Bryant's DOI FOIA

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 20:18:06 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 22:54:28 -0400  
Subject: Further Support of Larry W. Bryant's DOI FOIA

[NOTE from L.W.B. to William W. Wolf, DOI FOIA Appeals Officer (6/10/03): The below-quoted content of a June 10, 2003, e-message to you from Carolyn S. McNellis of Plainfield, N.H., refers to the two documentary enclosures I'm sending to you with a printout of this message. Please add this material to the growing body of evidence in support of my two interrelated appeals (No. 2003-144 and No. 2003-151).]

TO: FOIA Appeals Officer  
ATTN: [osfoia@nbc.gov](mailto:osfoia@nbc.gov)  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, DC 20240

FROM: Carolyn S. McNellis

DATE: June 10, 2003

Dear DOI FOIA Appeals Officer/Solicitor:

As a former director of fund-raising for the 501(C)(3)-chartered organization called the Mutual UFO Network, Inc., where Larry W. Bryant serves as director of governmental affairs, I submit this statement in support of his April 20, 2003, appeal (No. 2003-151) to you for reversal of your agency's denial of his records-search-fee-waiver request in his FOIA pursuit of all "Roswell-dig" records (and any related DOI-held FOIA case files).

Mr. Bryant's past journalistic contributions to the monthly MUFON UFO Journal have consisted mainly of his column "UFO Secrecy Update," whereby he would share his UFO-related research findings and conclusions with the organization's worldwide membership. One of his more memorable essays there bears the title "Why Is the F.B.I. Spying on UFO Researchers?" (February 1990) -- a FOIA-exposed look at how the Bureau has chosen to deal with such controversial UFologists/UFO journalists as Mr. Bryant. Even at least one Canada-based UFO researcher has had no immunity from F.B.I.-directed surveillance of his UFO-research activity -- a fact that warrants citizens' continued vigilance and that requires continued agency accountability. This issue alone attests to the enduring value of Mr. Bryant's published writings as regards shedding (much-needed) light on various U.S. government policies, operations, and activities. By granting his appeal, therefore, you will have facilitated and protected that open-government process; but, by rejecting his appeal, you will have perpetuated the public's conviction that officialdom, both domestic and foreign, has failed, continues to fail, and probably will continue failing to level with us about its knowledge of, and experience with, UFO reality.

Please note that, for the record, I'm asking Mr. Bryant to send you a photo-copy of his above-cited essay about F.B.I. surveillance of UFologists, along with a copy of his related essay titled "CIA Falls on Secrecy Sword" (MUFON UFO Journal for June 1990). The latter article ought to convince you of his decades-long public-service commitment and determination to press on with his brand of UFO journalism despite any agency's strategy for dissuading him. Ponder the following self-fulfilling CIA prophecy excerpted from that piece: "Part of that

Hall dossier consists of a one-page memo dated August 14, 1973, 'Subject: Larry W. Bryant/Richard H. Hall.' It concerns how the Agency was reacting to my FOIA request for documentation on their 'confidential' contact with NICAP. Its final sentence reads: '[Deleted] is not going to pursue the matter, however, [deleted] in their telephone conversation, suggested that we had not heard the last from Mr. Bryant.' "

Besides encouraging Mr. Bryant to post this statement upon any Internet web site of his choosing, I'm also urging him to include it amongst any similar material for his appropriate legal action against your agency.

Yours truly,

Carolyn S. McNellis

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## CI: A Protohuman Counterpart for the Face?

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Subject: CI: A Protohuman Counterpart for the Face?

Cydonian Imperative  
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A Protohuman Counterpart for the Face?

Several illustrations. See:

<http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 39)

In "The Monuments of Mars," researcher Richard Hoagland suggests that the Face/City complex on Mars is half a million years old, placing it concurrent to the emergence of homo erectus on Earth. This correspondence begs the question: Is there a link between possible ET artifacts on Mars and early human ancestors? The answer is a tentative and purely hypothetical "yes."

Hoagland has noted repeatedly that one side of the Face in Cydonia appears to represent a terrestrial hominid - not a contemporary human. Study of the Face's relatively well-preserved western side, which features an anatomically correct "eye," protruding "brow" and lip-like features around what appears to be a parted mouth, reveals a strong resemblance to reconstructions of homo erectus.

Whether or not the Face's seeming resemblance to homo erectus is a reliable means of dating the Face's construction (if it was in fact built) is unknown. Hoagland's book offers the possibility that the "Martians" -- whoever they were -- may have been somehow instrumental in humanity's evolution (a la the revisionist archaeology of scholar Zechariah Sitchin), in which case the Face may be a literal "monument" to a feat of genetic engineering.

Anthropologists are quick to dismiss the possibility as pseudoscience. But the anthropological community is also among the first to admit how tangled and largely unrealized humanity's past really is. Contrary to some Internet commentators, genetic intervention (by ETs or humans) does not overrule Darwinian evolution. Rather, it compliments mainstream evolutionary thought; as Richard Grossinger writes in the preface to Hoagland's book, genetic engineering can be viewed as an extremely focused form of natural selection.

Perhaps study of the human genome will result in unexpected finds. If evidence of selective "tweaking" is discovered, the specter of intelligent intervention will become a very real prospect. And if such tweaking can be traced to ~500,000 before present, then the Martian connection proposed above may deserve serious attention.

What would a Martian evolutionary link tell us about ourselves? Likely many things delivered in one paradigm-whopping package. Our genetic (if not historical) legacy might be vastly different than presented in orthodox models. Similarly, the Face's "alien" builders might not be nearly as foreign as typically conjectured. The Martians may literally be us, the Face functioning as a mute reminder of our overlooked trans-planetary heritage.

The Face's eerie similarity to our own primate ancestors argues that the presence of archaeologists and biologists is vital for any effort to seriously examine Mars for evidence of prior occupation.

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## Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Dvorak

From: GL Dvorak <[cordova598@aol.com](mailto:cordova598@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 21:41:49 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 23:00:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Where's The UFO Flap? - Dvorak

Back when I first became involved in ufo research after chasing one in 1973 I was one of those people who took yrs of info and graphed it trying to find out anything at all predictable and there was nothing. I have heard so many predictions that the gov would come clean-and I don't believe they will ever tell us what they know because there's nothing in it for them. If anyone can actually graph anything and we see it pans out I'd like to see it too.

- GL Dvorak

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## Pravda Predicts

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The Mystical Side of the Iraqi War

Four omens predict grand political, financial, economic changes in the world

As it is well known, people are drawn to notice mysterious signs and omens before a war or a grand global event happens. One may argue about mysticism forever, although omens surprisingly become true.

A hundred days before American President George W. Bush presented his ultimatum to Saddam Hussein (March 17th), which was December 6th last year, the American finance minister and the presidential economic adviser resigned from the American government on the threshold of economic and political priority changes. Another event happened the same day, although it was hardly noticed by media outlets. A small private jet slammed into the building of the Federal Reserve Bank. The pilot of the plane died. The FBI soon announced that the tragedy was incidental. Probably, it was really so. However, that was the first omen, which predicted the US dollar demise. Furthermore, the accident happened in the sun eclipse orbit (December 4th). The system analysis of rhythmical factors allows to calculate, when dollar is going to crash. We believe that the first vestige of the coming crash of the American currency will occur in hundred days v in July of the current year. More important events will happen to US dollar in August and September of the current year. It will not be the total collapse of the global dollar system (it will happen in two or three years), but dollar will lose 20 or 30% of its value.

Further events, which are going to happen with the American currency, are possible to be calculated with the use of ancient astrologers- methods v the range of lunar groups, eclipses of December 4th, 2002: this is the period of May-June of 2004 and February-March of 2005.

The tragedy with the Shuttle of Columbia (February 1) took place about fifty days before the launch of the army operation in Iraq. The catastrophe happened around the new moon period, like the first eclipse (December 6th of the past year). A lot of people noticed something mystical about the shuttle crash. For example, the shuttle blew up above George W. Bush-s home state - Texas. The shuttle with the first Israeli astronaut on board went to pieces not far from a small Texan town of Palestine. To crown it all, the Israeli astronaut took a direct part in the operation that was conducted by the Israeli Air Force in 1981 v to destroy a nuclear reactor in Iraq. He also participated in other actions of the Israeli aviation in the Middle East. The Russian space giant Rosavicosmos paid attention to the fact that the shuttle did not fly to the International Space Station. Columbia was meant to conduct technical and technological

experiments in space. The Russian space company did not rule out that some of those experiments were conducted according to the Pentagon-s program that was connected with the operation against Iraq. Furthermore, specialists compared the shuttle-s crash with the explosion of a chemical bomb on the territory of the United States, and which is desperately sought for in Iraq. Certain calculations of lunar groups of the February new moon tragedy allow to predict shocking events that might occur in the United State and in Israel during September-October of the current year, as well as between June-July of 2004, and March-April of 2005.

Another weird event happened in the United States on February 28th, 20 days before the war in Iraq began. This time period is very close to the new moon again. A lightning hit Florida governor Jeb Bush-s plane and made a hole in its wing. There were seven people on board the plane, none of them was injured. The jet successfully landed at its destination airport, where the governor boarded another plane and left for Miami Beach. As Jeb Bush (George W. Bush-s brother) said, he was not frightened with the incident at all. Alia Faraj, the governor advisor, was sitting next to the Florida governor, and she was scared of the lightning a lot. As Jeb Bush stated, she was paralyzed. Since it goes about mystical coincidences, it is worth mentioning that Jewish Alia would be scared and paralyzed in Israel too. However, this omen predicted Israel (USA-s junior brother) that the Iraqi war would not be a disaster for the Jewish state, although it would clip its wings . Indeed, if the American administration manages to win the war (nobody has any doubts about it) and to set up a loyal pro-American regime in Iraq, Israel and its problems will be pushed into the background for the USA. Moreover, Israel might become an annoying obstacle for the American new policy in the Middle East.

Lunar groups of this omen allow to predict severe problems for Israel (and for the United States) for the period of November-December of the current year, as well as for July-August of 2004, April-May of 2005. This period will be dangerous for George W. Bush and for his family.

Preparations for the military operation in Iraq were also accompanied with mystical coincidences. The fourth omen was given for America on March 19th, when the largest blast of the year was registered on the Sun. As the Russian NTV network reported with reference to the Institute of Earth magnetism, the blast was accompanied with a tremendous radiation outburst. Electromagnetic waves of that blast reached planet Earth on March 19th. Scientists said that they might cause powerful geomagnetic storms in the near-Earth space environment. Specialists say that such a strong activity of the sun precedes grand tragedies and catastrophes. To crown it all, the blast on the sun took place at the time, when a lot of people were infected with the previously unknown pneumonia virus.

This omen (the blast on the sun) took place around the full moon period (March 18th). It belongs to the lunar group, which springs from the middle of September of 2001 v right after 9/11 acts of terrorism in the United States. This logic means that the next stage of the lunar group will happen in December of the current year. The war in Iraq will not be limited to Iraq only.

As it can be seen, all omens show the period from August to December of 2002, from May to August of 2004 and from April to May of 2005 v grand military, political, economic and financial changes in the world.

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## Know Your Camera

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Subject: Know Your Camera

### KNOW YOUR CAMERA

So you want to videotape a UFO, eh? Best to learn something about your camera first. I just bought a new one and have been exploring its capabilities. You might want to try to of the same experiments I did to learn about your camera. I bought a Sony TRV318 Hi-8 mm type that cost under \$300. I have had videocameras before, but this one cost less and is more of a "genius" than the previous cameras. My only complaint is that it doesn't have a variable shutter time.

### ZOOM MAGNIFICATION

The camera has a rated zoom of 20X optical and then either a total of 40X or 560X electronic. What that really means is that the electronic magnification multiplies the optical, first by a factor of 2 to get 40X, and then by any factor up to 28 to get  $20 \times 28 = 560X$ . I found that there is considerable electronic noise associated with huge zoom factors: the zoomed-in picture, besides being very fuzzy, has a continual sort of jiggling or "swimming" motion. Apparently the electronic magnification effect also magnifies the electronic noise in the brightness and position of each pixel of the image. Images appear as if one is viewing a scene through a plume of heated air (optical distortion like a mirage). Magnifications of several hundred are almost worthless when a hand held camera is used because of hand vibration (need a tripod). But these experiments show that electronic magnification factors greater than 15, making a total magnification of about 300X, provide no new information to the observers eye because of the electronic noise.

### FIELD OF VIEW AT MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM ZOOM

A simple experiment to calibrate the camera for field of view (FOV) is to take a yardstick and place it at various distances from the camera until it just fits within the horizontal field of view. This should be done with the camera unzoomed. I found that a yardstick at 4 ft filled the unzoomed FOV. This corresponds to a FOV of  $2 \arctan[(3'/2)/4'] = 41$  degrees. I then placed the yardstick at 32 ft. It made an image that that is 1/8 of the length of the image at 4 ft. At 32 ft the angle made by a yardstick is essentially  $2 \arctan[(3'/2)/32] = 5.37$  deg. Had the yardstick been 8 times longer, i.e., an "8 yard" stick, it would have filled the field of view of about 43 degrees.

I zoomed in and found that 14.75 inches filled the screen from left to right. The angle made by 14.75 inches at 32 ft is  $2 \arctan[(14.75/2)/(32 \times 12)] = 2.2$  deg. Note that  $43 \text{ deg}/2.2 \text{ deg}$  is the zoom ratio, 19.5, which is very close to the rated 20X. Increasing the zoom SHRINKS the angle of view. At 40X the field of view was half that at 20X, i.e. it was about 1.1 deg. At 560X zoom the FOV is about 1/28th of that at 20X, i.e., about 0.078 deg. You can figure out the FOV of your camera for various zoom levels the same way did.

### SENSITIVITY

I shined a 1 mW He-Ne laser generating 632.8 nm (nanometer,

1/1,000,000,000 of a meter) red radiation at the camera. The image of the beam was greatly bloomed out and overexposed. The camera has a variable input shutter with a range of about 2000 to 1 (as determined by using neutral density filters). At maximum sensitivity I found that the camera could detect the laser beam through neutral density filters that reduced the intensity by a factor of about 300,000,000. 1mW reduced by this about corresponds to 3 picowatts!! The camera is rated at 1 lux. It is probably even more sensitive than this.

#### NIGHT SHOT

This camera has "NIGHT SHOT" capability. Every video camera that uses a CCD is sensitive to "near infra-red" (IR) light (700 - 900 nm) which is just "too red" to be visible. (At night one can barely detect 700 nm light.) With the NS operating one can videotape in complete darkness because the camera emits an IR beam that reflects from objects in front of the camera. The beam is strong enough to illuminate objects to 10 -15 ft. The picture one sees has a greenish tint. This is not characteristic of the IR light. The camera manufacturer gave the display a greenish tint to make it appear like the night vision devices one sees in movies. Night vision cameras do not need emitted light beams as long as there is some light, even just starlight, and they create greenish colored images.

#### DIFFRACTION GRATING

The camera can be used to record a moderately accurate spectrum by simply placing a diffraction grating in front of the lens. I used a simple grating obtained from Edmunds Scientific, a "star" grating that produces primary and secondary and higher order images in the horizontal and vertical diffraction directions (and higher order images at 45 degrees to the main images). Using a 1 mW He-Ne laser I found that the spacing between the central undiffracted image and the diffraction images increased with the zoom. In my camera if the zoom exceeds about 2.78X, the space between the central image and the horizontal diffraction image is too great to fit onto the screen. Therefore, when filming a UFO... or whatever... with a diffraction grating one should start unzoomed. Then zoom in slowly to get the maximum spacing between the central image and one of the diffraction images. (This provides the most accurate record of the diffraction pattern.)

When the diffraction grating is in front of the lens the images are distorted somewhat. The fact that one can obtain a useful diffraction pattern simply by placing a grating in front of the lens means that one can videotape alternately without and with the grating.

The diffraction capability can be calibrated by videotaping a mercury vapor or sodium vapor streetlight. An incandescent light (white) can also be used for a crude calibration.

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## Filer's Files #24 -- 2003

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Filer's Files #24 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.  
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### SIGHTINGS CONTINUE OF DISCS AND CYLINDERS

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. USA TODAY asks: Is there another earth out there? Whitley Strieber asks, will this be the year of the alien? Is SARS disease from space? New York - glowing object hovering over Shea Stadium, Virginia - two flying cylinders travel parallel, Florida - two discs spotted, Wisconsin - bright light in sky, Illinois - yellow glowing lights, Iowa - three multi-colors spheres, Missouri - boomerang, Arkansas - flying cone, Arizona - formation close to ground, California - metallic object flips along, Canada - five witnesses see flying boomerang, Argentina - underground signals, England - UFO observes police helicopter for ten minutes, German - split light, Saudi Arabia unidentified object crashes, and Australia - big disk with flashing colors. Abductees have electrolyte imbalances such as low potassium levels.

### USA TODAY ASKS: IS THERE ANOTHER EARTH OUT THERE?

Scientists say new space probes might find another Earthlike planet -- one that could support life -- in the next decade. Forget the next Star Wars movie. The real space sequel guaranteed to capture public attention, astronomers say, is the discovery of another planet like Earth in our own starry neighborhood -- and it is likely to happen within a decade. That discovery might hold the key to the mystery that long ago captured the minds and imaginations of scientists, philosophers, filmmakers and novelists: Is there life on other planets? On the heels of discoveries beginning in 1995 of more than 100 planets orbiting nearby stars, a planet, or even planets, twin to our own in size and composition, likely will soon be found, thanks to new telescope designs, say astronomers such as Wesley Traub of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. Within 10 years, an Earth-size planet -- the size that scientists consider the most likely to contain oceans and therefore life -- is expected to turn up in searches by two scheduled NASA probes. Astronomers hope to be able to detect life, or rule it out, in such places within 20 years. Snip <http://www.scifitoday.com/section/>

### WILL 2003, BE THE YEAR OF THE ALIEN?

Last October, Whitley Strieber asked the question: "Will this be the year of the alien?" It has been known for some time that Mars oppositions bring increases in UFO activity, and Mars is going to make its closest approach in 70,000 years this August. As the opposition of the two planets draws closer, we can expect UFO activity to continue to rise. A fleet of satellites are headed to Mars.

### FAR-OUT THEORY TIES SARS ORIGINS TO COMET

National Geographic News' Stefan Lovgren reports, "The source of SARS has mystified medical experts. Some say it must have jumped from an animal, maybe a chicken or an exotic bird. But one group of British scientists suggests a more far-out origin: space." In a letter to the British medical journal The Lancet, Chandra Wickramasinghe, from Cardiff University in Wales, and other scientists, propose that SARS may have originated in outer space then fallen down to Earth and landed in China, where the outbreak began. June 3, 2003

#### NEW YORK - GLOWING OBJECT HOVERING OVER SHEA STADIUM

BAYSIDE -- I was driving across the Throgs Neck Bridge at 10:30 PM. with my wife and two sons on June 1, 2003, my wife noted that there seemed to be a lot of planes in the air in the vicinity of LaGuardia Airport. There was a Mets game on at Shea Stadium, and at first I noticed what appeared to be a group of small white lights moving in formation. On my second look, these lights seemed to be helicopters and were actually stationary. Then I noticed a large oblong object near the other lights. This object had a red/orange glow emanating from the bottom. The object did not move across the sky, but it seemed to dip up and down periodically.

We continued driving over the bridge, and I noticed the object just above the tree line. I pulled off the highway and got out of the car. I happened to have my digital camera in the car, and I took several pictures using the extreme telephoto setting. I got back in the car and headed to Shea Stadium. I thought the object might be a blimp but when I got to Shea about ten minutes later, there was nothing there. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### VIRGINIA - TWO CIGAR SHAPED LIGHTS TRAVEL PARALLEL

ARLINGTON -- I was driving on interstate 495 heading south towards Fairfax on June 1, 2003, when I saw the UFO on the left side of the road in the sky at 10:34 PM. Two objects that were a faint cigar shaped lights were seen traveling parallel to each other. They seemed to be stable at first and then the object on top seemed to shoot up into the sky very rapidly, while the object below traveled in a straight line until they both disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### FLORIDA - TWO DISCS SPOTTED

MIAMI - An exceptionally credible witness reports, "Too much coffee kept him tossing all night, so he was looking through full length doors at the Big Dipper when a few minutes after 4 AM, I saw two disk shaped objects moving north parallel to each other." I knelt up in bed and saw the second one pass the other. Then the first one passed the other and slowed down. This happened three times then they both turned east. The speed was amazing. There was a commercial jet in the background, when both objects disappeared. There were no blinking lights and they had the color of etched glass and the light source came from within. They were about 3000 feet away. I called the regional airport control tower but they said no one is in the tower until 7 AM. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### WISCONSIN - BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT

WISCONSIN DELLS -- UFO WISCONSIN report by Steve H. reveals that on May 28, 2003, he saw an object about the size of his thumbnail. I was sitting outside 9:45 PM, looking at the Big Dipper. It was a bright white light that appeared to come out of total darkness. I watched it slowly fade out or dim out as it moved to the south. About a half hour later I saw another object out east of the Dipper which acted in the same manner. It was a clear night at the time of this sighting. Thanks to Wisconsin UFO for sightings & information: UFO Wisconsin.com/

#### ILLINOIS - YELLOW GLOWING LIGHTS

WILLOW BROOK -- On June 4, 2003, the witness reports, "My girlfriend and I witnessed a yellowish glowing light in the southern sky at about 4 AM at which time I found my binoculars and trained them on this object." I saw two lights equal distant to each other beside this main glowing object. I videotaped this event. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

IOWA - THREE MULTI-COLORS SPHERES CIRCLE

DES MOINES - The observer saw three objects in the sky at 11:33 PM on May 31, 2003. He states, "They were spheres flying in a v formation and changing to different colors. After flying together for about three minutes they stopped. Then the outside two began slowly circling each other in a very tight circle pattern. While circling, the lights on the outside spheres changed to red and the middle light changed to all green. After another two minutes all three spheres shot straight up and out of site. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

MISSOURI - BOOMERANG WITH GLOWING CIRCULAR BOTTOM

JOPLIN - The eyewitness was taking the trash out on May 27, 2003, when he noticed boomerang shaped white lights in a triangular formation coming from over a tree in his neighbors back yard. He reports, "I saw a circular reddish glowing bottom with boomerang shaped white lights that moved quickly from north to south at 1:20 AM." I looked up at the stars when I saw the lights with a dull reddish glow in between making a circle with the white lights making a meeting point. I couldn't see the sides or top of the object so I'm not sure of its exact shape or have anything to judge its height or size by. It was totally silent and moving quickly from north to south. The incident lasted 5 to 10 seconds. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

ARKANSAS - FLYING CONE

HARRISON -- K. S. George writes, "This morning about 3:30 AM, June 5, 2003, my mother says she saw a very bright object which looked like an ice cream cone in the sky." She described it as such as it looked like it had something coming out of the bottom. About 5 AM. I did not see what she described, but I saw an object that was rather reddish gold in color. I feel that I have seen this object before around my house. I also think I may have been taken last night as I felt like something was pushed up my nose. Thanks to K. S. George,  
[http://www.geocities.com/norstar\\_k9/NCASAR.html](http://www.geocities.com/norstar_k9/NCASAR.html)

ARIZONA - FORMATION CLOSE TO GROUND

PICACHO PEAK - The witnesses were driving south on I-10 on May 31, 2003, when they noticed an object flying at a high speed in irregular patterns at 1 AM. They state, "We noticed an object flying close to the ground on the other side of the freeway going in the same direction with a row of three lights. We could not make out a shape due to the color and brightness of the lights that changed several times as it maneuvered in irregular patterns next to the rail road tracks. It then flew over the interstate for a few seconds and then returned. At that time we were traveling away from the object and lost sight of it. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

IDAHO - SILVER DISC

BOISE -- Ike Bishop, MUFON Idaho State Director, writes, "I was observing with binoculars, a small two engine aircraft circling over at approximately 3000 feet, when I noticed a silver disc much higher up." The disc was unmistakable, silver, and flying in a south/southwest direction. I was able to keep the disc in sight for six seconds. There was no contrail and the disc appeared to be at an altitude of 20 to 25 thousand feet. Time of the sighting was 11:05 am on Monday, June 9th, 2003. The sky was clear, blue, and unobstructed, making the sighting very obvious. Thanks to Ike Bishop MUFON Idaho State Director

CALIFORNIA - METALLIC OBJECT FLIPS ALONG

LOS ANGELES -- Two couples were driving home on the 101 Freeway on May 18, 2003, from the Oxnard Strawberry Festival on a very clear day at 4:30 PM. They noticed a kite like object reflecting the sun. The witness says, "I noticed this object was not normal but very strangely metallic and it was flipping from it's top to it's bottom and the "craft" had the appearance of a giant fan but it did not seem to move." The craft would flip around very sporadically, but not moving from its place off to the left a little in a field. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

CANADA - FIVE WITNESSES SEE BOOMERANG SHAPED CRAFT

TORONTO -- Michel M. reports. "On Thursday, May 22, I was outside saying good night to one of my friends who had come over for a coffee and was heading off to the cinema. The time was 10:38 p.m. From the corner of my eye, I saw a single light source moving overhead, traveling from south to north (roughly). It was a steady white light, about the brilliance of the planet Venus. It was too bright to be a satellite and its altitude seemed to be much lower than 35,000 feet. Speed seemed to be the same as a satellite. This was too high to have been a flight coming in from somewhere else. I know it wasn't a plane, a satellite nor a bolide, meteor, fireball or a shooting star. Thanks to Michel M's e-mail report.

HOUSTON, BC resident phoned and reported that he and a friend watched a steady bright white light fly rather quickly over the edge of the town at 11 PM, on May 31, 2003, at six thousand feet heading east. One of the witnesses is a pilot. There was no tail seen trailing the object. The light was twice as bright as the planet Venus.

HOUSTON, BC - Brian Vike writes, "On June 5, 2003, at 1:30 a.m., I just missed by seconds an important phone call." A witness was calling to inform me that west of town was a UFO they were all watching. The witness telephoned later and said, "A few minutes drive west of Houston, five witnesses watched a huge object move silently and low over the tree line. Just before 1:30 a.m., the witness awakened and saw a very bright light moving very slowly that was of an enormous size. She screamed for her husband to get out of bed, and the their three children, also, got up to see what was going on. One of the youngsters said, "What is that big flashlight doing in the sky?" The object was boomerang in shape with a massive white/yellow glow around it and large bright white lights in the center. There was no sound and the dogs took no notice of it. It disappeared southwest after three minutes. Thanks to Brian Vike HBCC UFO Research

#### ARGENTINA - UFOLOGISTS PICK UP UNDERGROUND SIGNALS

Two scientists affiliated to the Fundaci-n Instituto Biof'sico de Investigaciones (FICI) directed by Pedro Romaniuk claim they have 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. "The oscillations clearly indicate that many kilometers beneath the surface there are 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 last year. All of them show strange swiftly moving lights, which appear to "plunge" into the ground at the same point. "We will have to return with equipment of higher sensitivity," observed Millstein. This is one of the hottest areas of the planet regarding extraterrestrial activity. It's a band that stretches from La Poma to Cayafate." The two researchers estimate 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. Thanks to Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology (IHU). Translation (C) Gloria Coluchi  
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#### ENGLAND - BRIGHT LIGHT OBSERVING POLICE HELICOPTER FOR 10 MINUTES

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL - A witness who holds a position of responsibility, and possesses considerable technical background observed a light approach at high speed at 11:25 PM on May 30, 2003. It stopped about 300 meters away from the circling overhead police helicopter and continued to "observe" it for ten minutes in the dark, clear sky. It not only stopped and observed the helicopter; it made circular sweeps and right angled sweeps. When the helicopter vacated the area, the light flew at vast speed in a southeast direction and disappeared. It was impossible for it to be an airplane as the object was stationary



when it was observing. It couldn't have been a helicopter as the right angled movements it made would not have been possible for this type of aircraft. This is the first time I have ever seen something like this, and to be honest it was a weird experience and fascinating to watch it perform. When it vacated the air space, I can only describe it as "bloody fast" and silent as the light faded. It was a really wonderful experience. I reported the incident to my local police. Thanks to NUFORC

BIRMINGHAM -- The Evening Mail by Steve Swingler, states, "UFO experts are investigating reports of strange lights seen in the sky over the city center. The respected investigators, Contact International UFO Research (CIUFOR), are looking into the sightings over Broad Street on May 31, 2003. A man in his 30s phoned the organization after he was left 'disconcerted' by what he saw at around 11:20 PM." CIUFOR spokesman Michael Soper said: "The eye witness told us he saw two triangular shapes of white, bluish light moving west. They were moving silently, when a third object joined them and together moved in a set square shape before one of the objects shot off vertically. The remaining lights then disappeared after a couple of minutes." Mr. Soper said the organization was now investigating the sighting and checking with air traffic control. UFO hotspots include the Malvern Hills and Clee Hills. CIUFOR was founded in 1967 by the eighth Lord Clancarty, Brinsley le Poer Trench, author of several UFO books. Fifty overseas branches were set up in the 1970s with a membership of 11,000. CIUFOR is now limited to collecting and disseminating data.  
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#### GERMANY - SPLITTING LIGHTS

ELBINGEN - The observer was in his garden and noticed a moving white light at 11:45 PM on May 29, 2003. The light increased intensity and became exceptionally bright like aircraft landing lights, but it was curious because it was moving way too fast and way too high to be a commercial airliner. After observing this light, it then split into three separate lights and disappeared. The witness states, "I believe I saw a small dull reddish light in the same path and directly behind a dull red light moving behind the first light." The red light was moving at an exceptionally high rate of speed and appeared to fade in and out. None of these lights had any type of strobe effect. There was also an increase in very fast moving aircraft in the same area.

#### SAUDI ARABIA - UFO FELL TO EARTH

JEDDAH - Arab News reports on 9 June 2003 - "An unidentified flying object fell to earth in the southern Jizan region and experts believe that it could be part of a spy plane that invaded Saudi airspace." Witnesses told Al-Watan daily that the object looked like a flying saucer and radiated light. A number of people in Arraith town, about 220 km northeast of Jizan, watched the strange object fall at about 9 a.m. on Monday. The fall of the object sent shockwaves through the area and frightened cattle. People ran away from the object and observed it from a distance. Abdul Rahman Al-Osaimi, governor of Arraith, told the Arabic daily that he visited the area where the object had fallen, adding that it had frightened the residents. "The object is not big, but it scares people," the governor said. Informed sources told Al-Watan that security officers visited the site to inspect the object and interview witnesses. If the UFO turned out to be a spy plane, it could bring back memories of stories of flying saucers frequently found during the Cold War period. The United States recorded some 850 flying objects crashed on its territory in those days.

On June 10, 2003, Jizan Governor Prince Muhammad ibn Nasser denied that the unidentified object that fell to earth in the region was part of a spy plane. In an interview with Okaz newspaper, the prince said the object had merely been a balloon.  
<http://www.arabnews.com/?page=1&section=0&article=27174&d=9&m=6&y03&pix=kingdom.jpg&category=KingdomMahmoud%20Ahmad%20E2%80%A2%20Arab%20News%20Staff>, Thanks to Skywatch International

#### AUSTRALIA -ORANGE OVAL SHAPED SPACE CRAFT

WOLLONGONG, NEW SOUTH WALES -- An oval or egg shaped craft was

in the sky at 8 :04 PM, on May 31, 2003. The witness says, "When I finished shopping, three other customers were staring up in the sky, and I saw an orange colored object that got smaller, then turned bright red and got smaller again. It then really got bright and disappeared." This happened at Fairy Meadow outside a local supermarket called Woolworths at 8 PM. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### ELECTROLYTE IMBALANCES IN THE ABDUCTEE

Patricia Gray, R.N. writes that the collective stats from Saber Enterprises results in a high number of reports from abductees concerning low potassium (K) levels (some of which seem to be at a "critical level" and need emergent treatment. There is, also, the interesting report of "salt cravings" among abductees and as far as I have heard, none of these abductees reporting salt craving are ever put on salt restrictions by their physicians related to conditions that are exacerbated by the heavy (or even normal) use of salt. In other words, perhaps their bodies need more salt, and then of course the question would be, "Why?" I am including salt cravings in this overview because salt is sodium chloride (NaCl) which are two electrolytes, as potassium is and craving can sometimes mean, "lack".

I do find it interesting that abductees report low K values and do not report low Na or Cl values as they are all laboratory tests that are normally ordered at the same time in an "electrolyte panel". A potassium check will sometimes be done individually as a recheck of a high or low value under treatment. Whether this is a lack of reporting on the part of the abductees, or lack of reporting on the part of the physician to the patient (because it is common and an easy "fix", I suppose) or whether it is just not occurring would be valuable to know. Alterations in electrolytes are not uncommon and cause their own symptoms (which can be mild to lethal) if not treated in a timely manner. In my hospital experience (43 years in variable medical services) these altered lab values are most often secondary to an underlying medical condition. That may be not be the case in the abductee and is part of this investigation.

This research cannot be conducted totally independently from the reported alterations found in neurohormones among abductees. These observations to date are the child of mature discussions from our abductee records at Saber Enterprises, of medical stats, and from a broader set of conversations about levels of the neurohormones, dopamine, serotonin and melatonin that appear to be altered due to reported contact with an alien presence. This brief overview will not discuss these alterations in detail; it is just noted here that there may be a connection. In the soon to be released book by Derrel Sims, "Fluorescence: Bringing the Evidence to Light," the reader will begin to note the real interconnectiveness of one set of evidences to another. This is just one place where his research makes that evident.

Some of the underlying questions that lead the research in this noteworthy chemical alteration are:

1. Are there any common denominators between the specific abductees reporting this alteration or between specific events in an individual and their electrolyte levels? In other words, does a specific type of event precipitate this medical condition?
2. Are their underlying medical conditions that would contribute to this alteration?
3. Are the underlying medical conditions forming a pattern that might direct the research further?
4. Are the alterations of a chronic or acute nature?
5. Do those reporting salt cravings and altered electrolyte levels also report altered levels of neurohormones, either by test result or symptoms?
6. Was a Na and Cl level done at the same time as the K level? If so, what are those lab results?
7. Is there a relationship between salt craving and the timing



of an event?

8. Do other members of the family have alterations of electrolytes or neurohormones? (Could this abductee characteristic be of a genetic nature?)

Questions of a more speculative nature.

1. Which came first, the alterations or the abductions? In other words, could this alteration of body chemistry cause the alien's original "interest" in the abductee?

2. Do these alterations make a person more susceptible to suggestions?

3. Do individuals with these alterations just "remember" more of their events, therefore identifying them as abductees more often?

4. With salt causing retention of fluid, perhaps "other things" (introduced into the blood during an event through direct injection or intradermally through the application of alien embedded fluorescence) will not be eliminated as quickly increasing their effectiveness?

5. Is this a possible reaction to physical, emotional, and psychic stress?

6. Is it a side effect of procedure or related to other alterations such as neurohormones?

Brief overview of the role of potassium, sodium, and chloride in the body

Most often, lowered results of these electrolytes in an otherwise healthy individual are related to prolonged vomiting and diarrhea, as these are "washed" out of the system. Excessive fluid intake can also result in lowered values as it dilutes the electrolytes in the system. Any large change in blood volume (such as occurs when someone bleeds excessively) may alter the electrolyte level. Diuretics (water pills) are a common cause of lowered values, especially potassium. Severe dehydration may elevate the levels because of the increased concentration of the blood serum.

Chloride

Chloride interacts with sodium to maintain the osmotic pressure of blood, helping to regulate blood volume and arterial pressure. It is absorbed from the intestines and is excreted primarily by the kidneys.

Abnormal results and their symptoms:

Low levels (hypochloremia): Are usually associated with low sodium and potassium levels. Symptoms are depressed respirations, Hypertonicity of muscles, elevated levels (hyperchloremia): May be the result of renal shutdown or head injury. Symptoms are developing stupor, rapid deep breathing, weakness that may lead to coma.

Potassium

Maintains cellular electrical neutrality. The sodium-potassium active transport pump maintains the ratio of intracellular potassium to extracellular potassium that determines the resting membrane potential necessary for nerve impulse transmission. Disturbances in this ration can alter cardiac rhythms, transmission and conduction of nerve impulses, and muscle contraction. Aldosterone and acid-base balance regulate potassium concentration.

Abnormal results and their symptoms:

Muscle weakness, neuromuscular irritability, tingling of lips and fingers, restlessness, intestinal cramping, diarrhea, paralysis and EKG changes. Low levels (hypokalemia) can result in decreased reflexes, mental confusion, low blood pressure, loss of appetite, muscle weakness, numbness, cramping of muscles and rapid, weak, irregular pulse. Elevated levels (hyperkalemia) may result in serious heart arrhythmias.

## Sodium

Affects body water distribution, helps promote neuromuscular function, influences chloride and potassium levels. Excreted through the kidneys and a small amount through the skin. Aldosterone inhibits sodium excretion and promotes its resorption (with water) to maintain balance. Low sodium levels stimulate aldosterone secretion; elevated sodium levels depress aldosterone secretion.

### Abnormal results and their symptoms:

Low levels (hyponatremia) usually occur with inadequate sodium intake or excessive loss of sodium through sweating, diuretics, diarrhea, vomiting, and severe burns. The individual may present with symptoms of apprehension, lassitude, headache, decreased skin turgor, abdominal cramps and tremors that may progress to seizures. Elevated levels (hypernatremia) will cause symptoms of thirst, restlessness, dry and sticky mucous membranes, flushed skin, decreased and frequent urination, diminished reflexes. Diagnostics: An A-to-Z Guide to Laboratory Tests and Diagnostic Procedures. Springhouse, Pennsylvania: Springhouse Corporation, 2001. Florescence: Looking at Evidence in a new light. Soon to be published by Derrel Sims, R.H.A., with Patricia Gray, R.N. "Interview with an Alienhunter". Thanks to Saber Enterprises cc 2003

Editor's Note: Anyone suspected of being an abductee should have blood screening accomplished and a physical check up by his or her physician. There is some evidence that blood and other body fluids are diminished during an abduction. There are certainly other possibilities that must be researched. High levels of electrical energy may disrupt the functions of the brain causing the abductee to believe that an abduction has taken place.

### FIGHT BACK AND START ENJOYING LIFE

Most people lack the proper vitamins, minerals and anti oxidants in their diet. We should all eat the proper foods, but who has the time and money to buy the special foods needed. I got tired of feeling sick, tired and old. So I spoke to a friend who is an MD. Dr. Jones sat in my living room and recommended taking OPC-3. He treats 62 ailments, with better results than with drugs. I take double the amount of vitamins and minerals recommended by the government plus OPC-3 and I felt much younger and healthier. I can spend the afternoon in physical activity that I couldn't do twenty years ago. Isotonix OPC-3 aA patented break thru in winning the war against aging and disease. Made from a unique combination of grape seed, pine bark and red wine extracts (in addition to bilberry and citrus extracts), these OPC's are super-effective free radical neutralizers. Not limited to just being strong antioxidants, OPCs are also crucial in their role in supporting the circulatory system and strengthening the immune system. The large size should last for 3 months and is a much better buy. Click on the link that could change your life! OPC-3

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Roswell Declassified

Formerly secret files finally reveal the truth about the world's most famous UFO incident.'

By Jim Wilson  
Photos by Louis Jawitz [Many pictures at site]

Knowing that old military records often contain startling revelations, we were eager to see what surprises awaited us in the latest disclosure from the Roswell files. For decades, UFO researchers had clamored for the National Archives to come clean about a "flying disc" that supposedly crashed during the Fourth of July weekend in 1947. The Army started the story when it used the term in a press release about a crash that had occurred north of Roswell, N.M. At the time, the sleepy town had the distinction of being home to the only atomic bomber unit (at Roswell Army Airfield) in the world. By the end of that holiday weekend, the Army had retracted its original story, claiming it had been a mistake. The debris that ranch manager Mac Brazel had found on the J.B. Foster Ranch was simply the remains of a weather balloon. The press reported the revised version of events, and the story promptly died.

Government paperwork, however, is immortal. Once a Roswell file was created it became a collection bin for all sorts of UFO-related material. Eventually, the collection moved to a climate-controlled archive in College Park, Md., about a half-hour drive east of Washington, D.C. And there the files would have remained undisturbed were it not for a law that forces the government to periodically review a document's security classification.

During the 1990s, the time limits on keeping Cold War-era records began to expire. Journalists had come to appreciate that these automatically declassified files often contained spectacular information. Declassified records showed how the Atomic Energy Commission intentionally released radiation from its reactors in Hanford, Wash., on unsuspecting civilians in that area. Other disclosures described how doctors working for the federal government were permitted to conduct ghoulish medical experiments on women, children and prisoners. Buoyed by these earlier disclosures, UFO researchers had good reason to hope the 11 boxes of newly opened Roswell files might contain a similar smoking gun.

Paper Chase

POPULAR MECHANICS was interested too. In 100 years of covering military affairs, our editors had come to realize that everything the government touches creates a paper trail. If something extraordinary had happened at the Roswell Army Airfield in July 1947, evidence would turn up in the paperwork compiled by sergeants and officers. And it was that possibility that lured us to Maryland. If aliens had landed, the soldiers

who chased them would have left a paper trail, too.

As we had hoped, we found the original government records. But first we had to do some digging. Most of the boxes were filled with newspaper and magazine clippings about flying saucers, old books, and government UFO reports that were made public decades ago. There were Betamax videotapes about UFOs. We even found the remains of the infamous balloon reflector, which UFO buffs claim the government planted at the crash site in place of the pieces of the flying disc. These pieces, they say, were taken to an undisclosed military base.

Then, amid the clutter, in Box 1, we found what we were after. It was a seemingly unimportant document titled "Morning Reports, July 1947." This was essentially a log of the day-to-day activity at the base. In much the same way that a police blotter would provide evidence of a bank robbery, the Morning Reports would provide unambiguous evidence of unusual military activity.

As we worked through the Morning Reports line by line, we came to a simple realization: Absolutely nothing extraordinary had happened at Roswell that Fourth of July weekend. There was no indication of an emergency, no mention of a deployment of rescue and firefighting crews, as was the case with other crashes. That was one mystery solved.

For years, UFO researchers had claimed that enlisted men and officers involved in the disc recovery operation were transferred to other bases to ensure their silence. Sure enough, the transfers took place. The paperwork explained why. Several months earlier, in a sweeping postwar military reorganization, Army fliers were systematically transferred to the newly created U.S. Air Force. The men had not been transferred. They had merely changed uniforms. Another mystery solved.

We left the National Archives and Records Administration complex in College Park more confused than enlightened. Surely there was more to the story. As the old saying goes: "Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence." So with this thought in mind we decided to call Frank Kaufmann, the man at the center of the Roswell episode.

#### Forged Records

Kaufmann was less than the picture of health when we interviewed him for our July 1997 cover story about the 50th anniversary of Roswell. A respected member of the Roswell business community, Kaufmann's name had been tied to the story from the very beginning. We were saddened to learn he had died in February 2001.

Kaufmann's credibility arose from his willingness to show journalists and book authors a copy of his Separation Qualification Record, which supported his claim that he was an intelligence officer stationed at Roswell in July 1947. After Kaufmann's death, his widow gave UFO researchers access to her husband's papers. One of those researchers was Mark Rodeghier, scientific director of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies. In fall 2002, Rodeghier published his findings in the center's journal: "To put it quite plainly, Frank Kaufmann created an altered version of an official document to present a false version of his military career consistent with his claims about his involvement with the events at Roswell. His supposed work in intelligence was used to explain how he came to be so knowledgeable about what crashed at Roswell and the subsequent military cover-up."

#### Dying Confession

Stanton Friedman, a physicist and author of several books on Roswell, tells POPULAR MECHANICS he was not surprised that Kaufmann had altered his service record. "He got out of the service in 1945. He was a civilian employee doing the same job, as a clerk."

Friedman says his suspicions were raised during a 1999 meeting with Kaufmann and several other researchers. He says he asked Kaufmann pointed questions about his working relationship with Maj. Jesse Marcel, who was an intelligence officer at the Roswell base in '47, and Col. William Blanchard, the base

commanding officer at that time.

"Kaufmann knew he was dying," Friedman says, explaining why he trusted the answers he received. "I asked Kaufmann, 'Did you take Marcel to the [crash] site?' He said 'no.' I asked him, 'Did you take Blanchard to the site?' He said 'no.'"

Despite the disappointing document disclosure by the National Archives and the discovery that Kaufmann had altered his military records, Friedman says it is premature to close the books on Roswell. He believes convincing evidence of an alien landing exists but that it has yet to be disclosed. And he says he knows exactly where to find it--in vaults at the National Reconnaissance Office and the Central Intelligence Agency.

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## How To Foil An Alien Abduction

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How To Foil An Alien Abduction  
Illustration by Steve Karp

You're driving along a dark, deserted road when suddenly a UFO appears overhead in front of you. You pull over just as a beam of light radiates from the craft, and you can see five gray-colored aliens descending in the beam. You get out of your car for a closer look. Uh-oh! The aliens are rapidly moving toward you, and you think that you're going to be abducted. What should you do?

Do not panic.  
The extraterrestrial biological entity (EBE) may sense your fear and act rashly.

Control your thoughts.  
Do not think of anything violent or upsetting--the EBE may have the ability to read your mind. Try to avoid mental images of abduction (boarding the saucer, body probes, etc.). Such images may encourage the alien to take you.

Resist verbally.  
Firmly tell the EBE to leave you alone. If you're desperate, try and sell it a life insurance policy--that usually repels humans, and it may also work on EBEs.

Resist mentally.  
Picture yourself enveloped in a protective shield of white light or in a safe place. Picture the EBE handcuffed and behind bars or being audited by the IRS. Telepathic EBEs may get the message.

Resist physically.  
Physical resistance should be used only as a last resort. Go for the EBE's eyes (if it has any). You will not know what its other, more sensitive areas are.

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## Disclosure Dialogue Vol I Edition 3 - Building

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DISCLOSURE DIALOGUE

VOL I EDITION 3

11 June 2003

BUILDING A CONSTITUENCY OF CONSENSUS, CONCERN AND ACTION:

AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL DISCLOSURE ACTION COALITION

To enable the message of government ETI Disclosure to become part of the public's lexicon and to gain public support of the issues, elected officials and media must sense the issue of ETI presence is of vital importance to a growing proportion of the public.

Mention on the List was made that personal letter writing could be effective but only in volumes sufficient to gain the attention of elected officials (and the media Ed. Note).

Some potential components of this basic but useful idea might include:

1. A more coordinated and focussed use of the outstanding communication network we enjoy as UFO research community; energized to disseminate functional disclosure methods, target groups and databases.
2. The identification of major International, National and Local target groups such as media, elected officials and pilot associations to form a comprehensive database from which the public can draw to express demands for open discussion.
3. A Correspondence campaign to these target groups as an articulated objective of UFO research groups, organizations, publications, individuals and web sites on an international scale.
4. Public demands that elected representatives take a position on Disclosure issues such as acknowledged black budgets, airline safety or basic secrecy matters as a formidable technique in politicizing the issues.

An examination of some potential components of this idea reveals some interesting possibilities, especially considering that little if any funding is required & simply the free energy of people.

ENERGIZING THE NETWORK

"This instrument can teach, it can illuminate, yes, it can even inspire. But it can do so only to the extent that humans are determined to use it to those ends. Otherwise, it's nothing but wires and lights in a box"

-Edward R. Murrow,  
talking about TV... and why not the Internet?

Since there is no practical value in anticipating or even expecting a large wave of UFO sightings to enliven the debate, a practical and ambitious grassroots public relations campaign could be the next best thing to raise public awareness.

There are many outstanding international UFO organizations with web sites and publications. It may be feasible to initiate a globally networked and articulated campaign among these UFO groups to begin a media and political awareness venture in the public domain directed toward large corporate media and government; an Extraterrestrial Disclosure Action Coalition.

Politicians and media outlets rarely react unless the issue at hand is a pervasive one. One that is reflective of public attention and one that originates from a large and growing constituency. Green Peace does it by chaining themselves to fences around nuclear installations; the UFO community can do it responsibly by filling the mailbags and e-mail inboxes of large corporate media, newspapers, radio and major investigative and current affairs TV programs.

By using the links on the web sites of many high quality international UFO organizations and publications, it may be possible to circulate a common message to encourage membership to sustain a world-wide e-mail and letter writing campaign targeting international groups such as:

-Major global communication corporations and newspaper ownership and their agent publications,

-Television and radio stations, major television investigative programs,

-Share holders of media corporations to place this issue on shareholder meeting agendas,

-International aviation agencies and pilot associations,

-Elected officials,

-News wire distributors and government ombudsmen.

A concerted and sustained effort world-wide has the potential of planting seeds of interest in unexpected places, like those planted on the desk of Woodward and Bernstein. These seeds lead to the unearthing of a staggering cover-up, yet one that pales in comparison.

#### CORRESPONDENCE WITH A CONSENSUS

The text of correspondence could encapsulate issues such as those outlined in the UN Petition on the Virtually Strange Network UN Petition site or the Paradigm Research Group at:

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

and,

[www.paradigmclock.com/top.html](http://www.paradigmclock.com/top.html)

The letters should include a clear indication that the United Nations will be receiving a petition signed by thousands world-wide. Reminder: Go to the VSNetwork site and sign the UN petition right after you read this.

Letters individually scripted, generally have more impact. Form letters just don't cut it.

Statistics and well-documented scientific research would be essential as well as an indication of our ability to provide high-ranking military witness testimony. What that well-documented research is comprised of and who the witnesses are, could be the substance of some excellent discussion.

#### POLITICIZE

Creating an internationally propelled vortex of concern among a large constituency at local, national and international levels potentially means that the issue can be politicized. How so? By

asking elected officials to take a position on a sustained concern expressed by a large constituency and then challenging the media to exploit those positions as news, constructs a polemic of discourse. Achieving this objective would be a major accomplishment.

Asking an elected official or a new candidate the following questions during an election campaign, could motivate a few Congressional Reps to buttonhole their press secretaries for answers:

- a) What is his or her position on the effects of UAP on airline passenger safety? Are they familiar with the NARCAP report? The millions of people who fly each year may be interested. The data is there to indicate the gravity of this potential threat,
- b) What police and military protocols exist to protect populations in large urban centres from a potential crash of recently sighted low flying, unidentifiable and massive black triangles? Police records, civilian film and audio dispatch recordings are available indicating the potential threat,
- c) How many brigadier generals have been present at Pentagon viewings of material debris from purported UFO crash sites?
- d) What Presidents thus far have requested hearings or directed enquiries to national security agencies about government involvement in and record keeping about UFOs? What responses did these former Presidents receive?
- e) Would you, as a representative be willing to call these former Presidents as witnesses to a public inquiry about this issue?
- f) What National Security matters are at risk from the release and open discussion of information in the possession of federal agencies such as the FAA about unidentified anomalous phenomenon relating to airline safety?

These questions and others similar ones could help to politicize the issue of Disclosure.

#### TARGET GROUPS: JUST IMAGINE

Let's use UFO Updates as an example of how quickly and pervasively ideas move and are exchanged.

Just imagine if each contributor generated an e-mail message and a personal letter to one newspaper editor, one TV station, one major investigative TV news program like 60 Minutes, one local, regional or national elected official. Thousands of individualized and informed concerns would be conveyed in a similar manner to the List, appearing on the computer screens or in the mail bags of media and government officials daily, one by one. Building an emerging consensus occurs one correspondence at a time.

From where do the builders of this consensus obtain addresses of important target organizations and individuals? This is a very important but illusive question. The general public remains frustrated by the pursuit of amorphous conglomerates in the print and electronic media to respond to this issue. As well, they are frustrated and perhaps disenfranchised by elected officials and government agencies reluctance to answer important questions about the issue of ETI.

Perhaps a communal database of international target groups could be archived from which contributors could select any number and type of media or governmental official. We can become that sophisticated. Perhaps we are but just don't realize it yet.

Every UFO organization should devote a portion of its web site to a national database of names and addresses for the use of members enabling them to target specific global and national markets and elected representatives. Why not e-mail your favourite UFO web sites or a UFO magazine and ask the web master or publisher to insert a list of local, national or international media (newspapers, television, legislative members e-mails)?

For UFO publications, interested individuals and web masters a good start in archiving print and electronic media could begin at these sites and associated links:

<http://www.journalismnet.com/>

<http://www.journalismnet.com/papers/us.htm>

<http://www.journalismnet.com/tv/us.htm>

<http://www.journalismnet.com/papers/uk.htm>

What is needed next is a comprehensive contact list of the major international media conglomerate ownership and shareholders lists. Where one begins here is an intriguing point for discussion. Question to shareholders:

"Are you as a shareholder in Time-Warner (e.g.) aware that this corporation, its executives and news outlets are complicit in assisting some government agencies in limiting, subverting, ridiculing or otherwise suppressing the open and realistic discussion of unidentified flying objects and the possible influence of Extraterrestrials on the planet and that the changes to media ownership laws currently under discussion could further contribute to this complicity?" Might shareholders want to know about this? Is the question worth posing?

On the receiving end, imagine a member of a legislature, a news editor, Time-Warner, an ombudsman receiving 500 correspondences about ETI Disclosure concerns. Imagine UFO groups developing an internal mandate or mission statement that profiles Disclosure and government secrecy issues and asks its members to sign the International UN Petition.

Imagine the nearly 45,000 e-mail postings to the List since its inception being sent over an extended period to major television news investigation programs like 60 Minutes in the USA or Australia or the 5th Estate and W5 in Canada. As a matter of fact Canada's CBC network has a program called Disclosure & ironic?

Imagine just one corporate media executive realizing the financial and political capital embedded in the issues surrounding disclosure and the related weight of opinion from a growing and influential segment of this market share. This may not be motive enough but it's a start.

Imagine thousands of letters this week to Canadian Members of Parliament; the Senate and House of Commons, strongly urging them to watch, digest and seek clarification from specified experts on such issues of government secrecy after they view the Spielberg series TAKEN to be aired during the middle of this month on the government's own network, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Imagine a planned, timed and properly co-ordinated onslaught of letters and e-mails sent by hundreds of citizens to the offices of the Presidents of the USA, France, The Prime Ministers of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, England and the Secretary General of the UN. There need not even be an identification by the senders that they are necessarily affiliated with any UFO organization & simply a concerned citizen writing to express a view and a call for action to end the secrecy around the ETI question.

Imagine each international UFO conference planned for the next 12 months was to focus on how to radicalize and animate public awareness about all of the issues surrounding ETI presence.

Imagine hundreds of open letters to pilot associations indicating that it's okay to come forward to talk publicly about UFO sightings and incidents, which threaten public airline passenger safety. Their vocal support alone would coalesce media interest in a minute.

Imagine asking for a FOIA inquiry to reveal instances where unknown phenomenon was sited as a possible factor in an airline crash, instrumentation failure or an emergency flight path alteration. The data is there. Can every airline crash site investigator, team and agency state definitively and without equivocation that every crash or malfunction report of an

airliner carrying hundreds of passengers was the result of pilot error, mechanical failure or weather related and not UAP related? Has this been attempted?

Actually this is not such a formidable task because we as a UFO community know the truth yes, there is an Extraterrestrial presence. Yes, we are able to utilise the Internet to mobilize consensus, for this, the most important issue in our history. Yes, we can politicize the issue.

In fact this is a relatively straightforward task when you really think about it. Just a guess& but I figure there are more letters written world-wide to Santa Claus each year than there are letters written to Congress about UFOs.

And Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus.

Respectfully Submitted  
Victor Viggiani.

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## Aliens In Clay County Arkansas?

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June 10, 2003

KNOBEL, Ark. -- They are the talk of Clay County, crop circles in a local field of wheat. But don't go calling Agents Mulder and Scully on the phone and turn this one into an X-file just yet.

The first-ever crop circle formation was recorded in London, England, in 1647. The most recent, Knobel, Arkansas.

"We just flew over it and spotted it and it kind of surprised us," said Bruce Catt, who was flying over Clay County farmland over the weekend. "We circled it a few times and thought we need to get some pictures of it."

Those who engage in the study of crop circles are known as cerealogists, unlike Catt.

"By no means, I'm a farmer by occupation," Catt said. "I also do some flying, just to look at the farm."

There are some that maintain that there are aliens that are trying to communicate with us by the use of ancient Sumerian symbols.

"There's ten circles, the first one being the biggest," Catt said. "It's around thirty eight (feet), the next one's twenty eight, and around eighteen and eight, and they just kind of taper off."

There's a segment of the population that believe that the circles are messages from the alien spacecraft.

"I don't know what sign it would be or anything," Catt said. "But there's really no hidden meaning to me."

Since this weekend, people are coming in droves to Todd Young's wheat field in Clay County, just to see the phenomenon.

"Yesterday at one time there was four different planes circling the field," Young said. "Continuous airplanes all day, and people on foot as well."

Scientists, and researchers have their own theories on how crop circles around the world: How, why and by whom. However, Catt has a much simpler reason for why it occurred in Clay County.

"I think somebody with too much time on their hands went out and walked the wheat down."

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## Request For Rescission of FMCC Rejection Pentagongram

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FROM: Larry W. Bryant  
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DATE: June 11 , 2003

Word has come to me that your public affairs office objects to, and has chosen to reject for publication, my announcement ad "Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia' Resolution," which I sent via e-mail to the Pentagongram newspaper's printer (Comprint Military Publications of Gaithersburg, Md.) on June 7, 2003 (see the below-quoted content thereof).

Accordingly, I ask that you explain to me your command's reason for objecting to, and rejecting, this perfectly legitimate, First Amendment-protected "issues ad" prepared and submitted by a member of the Pentagongram's readership.

Assuming you have no First Amendment-supportable reason for your staff's adverse action in this matter, I hereby ask that you (1) immediately rescind the rejection and (2) direct your staff to refrain from any further interference with the ad's prompt publication.

LARRY W. BRYANT

P. S.: Please note that, by Certified Mail No. 7002 0460 0001 7272 9353, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

Copy furnished to: Mark S. Zaid, Esq. (Washington, D. C.)

BLOW THE WHISTLE ON BUSH'S "GULF OF PERSIA" RESOLUTION !

History shows that presidential lying constitutes an impeachable offense. If Bush has lied to the world about his No. 1 reason for waging war against Iraq, then he should be impeached. If enough whistleblowers on this issue decide to come forward, their evidence may be enough to guarantee that impeachment. And if you happen to be (or know someone who is) one of those Deep Throats, please make yourself known to Larry W. Bryant at: 3518 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302; phone: 703- 931-3341; e-mail: [overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net) . Armed with your evidence ("leaked" or otherwise), we can begin establishing a whistleblower reward fund toward achieving Pres. Bush's full accountability as to what he knew (and when he knew it) about the veracity of his statements and acts. (And: since our defense officials affirm the efficacy of polygraph testing for their employees, let's demand that Bush undergo a lie-detector



test on this issue!)

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Taken, Spielberg-produced mini-series, begins summer airing on CBC-TV Monday

John McKay  
Canadian Press

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

TORONTO (CP) - Four years ago, screenwriter Leslie Bohem's phone rang.

The person on the other end of the line introduced himself as Steven Spielberg. "I thought it was a prank," Bohem says. "I said 'No it isn't.' Since then I've been told people hang up a lot, like they don't believe it." But indeed it was the master filmmaker himself. It seems when he likes something, he grabs the phone and makes a direct call. And he liked Bohem's scripts for the action films Daylight and Dante's Peak.

At their first meeting, the man who created Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind and E.T. pitched the idea of a 20-hour TV mini-series about UFOs and alien abductions.

What did Bohem know? At that point, only what he had seen in Spielberg's own movies. But then began a series of meetings that produced draft outlines and character development and finally a TV mini-series called Taken.

The mini-series proved to be epic in the Spielberg tradition and late last year helped the Sci-Fi Channel in the U.S. dominate the cable ratings for the first time ever. Over 10 weeks beginning next Monday night, CBC-TV will air all 10 episodes as part of a summertime break from its usual all-Canadian prime-time schedule.

The plan was to acquire a strong product to build an audience leading into the fall season, but CTV may have already scuttled that idea by programming its new hit, Canadian Idol, at the same time.

But Taken does have Canadian content. The \$40-million US project was filmed entirely in B.C. and features several prominent Canadian actors in the cast.

Alonso Oyarzun, a West Coast character actor with a recurring role in several of the episodes, says it was a monumental production that required plenty of acting in front of green screens (where alien beings and spacecraft F/X would be inserted later).

"You could definitely feel it was something big."

But Oyarzun said Spielberg himself never actually came to the set, despite rumours and sightings. In fact, he says, fellow Canadian cast-member Matt Frewer even took a camcorder around to

interview local townsfolk.

"And they went on with, yeah, that they saw Steven Spielberg, that he was great and blah-blah-blah. So I'm pretty sure that when it comes out on DVD that it'll be in there."

Bohem says Spielberg was very hands on but made three films himself during the Taken shoot, and he's glad the boss didn't make an on-location visit.

"I think if any of us had seen Steven on the set we would have known we were doing something REALLY wrong!"

Taken follows three generations of three American families whose members over the years are abducted and experimented on by the alien occupants of visiting spacecraft. It spans six decades from the 1940s to the present and incorporates all of the familiar UFO history and mythology, from the Foo Fighters (UFOs spotted during Second World War aerial dogfights over Europe) to Roswell (the alleged crash and capture of a saucer near the New Mexico town in 1947) to crop circles to the alien greys (the little grey creatures with big heads and eyes, a common look that has been handed down from eyewitness accounts to Close Encounters to The X-Files.)

There's also the cover-up, a recurring plot turn that reveals the American military to be more inscrutable and duplicitous than the alien visitors.

"The intent right from the start was that this was a modern mythology," Bohem says from Los Angeles. "We didn't feel that we had licence to make any of it up on that level."

He says key events in the 20th-century UFO mythology feed into pop culture which in turn feeds back into the myth.

"It wouldn't be fair to go 'Well OUR aliens are seven feet tall and have tentacles.' Because that's not what people say they saw. They say little grey men."

Is Bohem, a mythology major in college, a believer now? He says if aliens exist, that would be incredible, but that if there is no other intelligent life in all the universe but us, it would be even more incredible.

"The more that you research something like this, and the more that you see that really credible people who aren't trying to do anything but tell you something they truly believed happened to them, are telling you this, you kind of go 'There's something going on here.' "

But like Spielberg's own milestone films, it wouldn't be enough just to dramatize a history of alien abduction allegations. Taken also had to have strong characters, and Bohem, who wrote all 10 episodes, made sure of that.

"I can't speak for Steven, but I've certainly seen all his movies and I know that that's what compels them - you know, they have great characters.

"Really, I'm hard-pressed to think of anything that lasts that didn't. I mean character is the basis of any good story."

With such a huge cast spanning three generations, the crossover plot lines at times threaten to send the narrative careening out of control, so viewers will have to pay close attention.

Bohem says he is now in consultations with Spielberg to do something else on an equally large canvas but, although Taken's ending leaves the possibility open, he insists it won't be a sequel.

At least not yet.

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## Visitors Flocking To Von Daniken's Theme Park

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 07:28:37 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 07:28:37 -0400  
Subject: Visitors Flocking To Von Daniken's Theme Park

Source: Scotland On Sunday

<http://www.scotlandonsunday.com/international.cfm?id=3D635922003>

Sun 8 Jun 2003

Mystery theme park in Swiss Alps marks return for Von Daniken

Fiona Fleck In Interlaken

ERICH von Daniken, who shot to fame in 1966 with his best-selling book Chariots of the Gods, has made a comeback. This time, in his homeland of Switzerland, where he has created a Disneyland-like theme park for fans of UFOs and alien abductions.

Built on a modest budget of =A340m, Von Daniken's Mystery Park doesn't have expensive special effects or sophisticated interactive computer programmes.

Nevertheless, visitors have been flocking to the new theme park set in a disused airfield outside Interlaken in the Swiss Alps ever since it opened last month.

"The great mysteries of the world exist on all five continents, but only a few people have the time and the money to travel to them," said Von Daniken, explaining that the idea was to group models of these wonders under one roof for convenience.

Mystery Park looks like a spaceship stranded in the Alps. It is divided into seven themed "pavilions" each presenting one of seven "great mysteries of the world."

Von Daniken says the aim is "to ask questions, not to provide answers" and that he wants to evoke "wonder and astonishment" in visitors.

One pavilion, called "MegaStones" describes Stonehenge in Wiltshire as "a time machine for high priests" .

Professor Rudolf von Steiger of the International Space Science Institute in the Swiss capital of Berne, who visited Mystery Park before it opened on May 24, said: "It's a theme park, so it's fun. But no one is going to learn anything there."

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## Re: Possible TechTV Interview - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 23:17:27 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 07:31:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: Possible TechTV Interview - Hatch

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 07:40:00 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Possible TechTV Interview

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
>>To: Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
>>Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 17:27:18 -0700  
>>Subject: Fwd: Possible TechTV Interview

>>I just got the message below from one Adam Dreyfus of the TechTV  
>>studio in San Francisco.

>>Does anybody know much about TechTV, most especially the  
>>"Unscrewed with Martin Sargent" program? I take it this  
>>something very new on late nite TV, I never heard of it before.

<snip>

>>The impression I have is that they get the screwiest people in  
>>cyberspace on and have some fun with them. If that's the case, I  
>>think I would be a poor fit with my rather conservative  
>>opinions, UFO maps, statistics etc.

>>Anybody know about this? Has anyone seen the shows yet? The  
>>original message follows..

>Hello, all, Larry.

>Don't do it - these guys are going to try to make you look like  
>a drooling "Believer". I never trust the media types. When I  
>was fighting fire for a living, you wouldn't believe some of the  
>inane stupidity that would come from the mouth of media types. I  
>spent an hour for a 'photo op' that the USFS wanted us to do - I  
>was tempted to do it with a paper bag over my head.

Hello GT:

I had a nice chat with the staff scientist where I work. It  
turns out he is a big TechTV fan! He watches all their programs,  
including "Unscrewed with Martin Sargent"

He likes the channel, even 'Unscrewed', and implored me to not  
be interviewed on that particular program.

Unscrewed is a laugh-in for crackpots and screwballs. I would be  
the goat.

I already politely declined the appearance. Instead, I suggested  
the authors of these two websites:

<http://www.abovegod.com/>  
<http://mito.cool.ne.jp/chinari21/2.index.html>

I asked Adam Dreyfus of TechTV how they came across my website.  
He responded that he couldn't recall, he cuts and pastes leads  
until its impossible to say. Dreyfus is their Booking

Manager/Guest Producer.

He did add that he "understands completely". He liked the links provided above. He said these would fit nicely into his "You Scare Me" segments!

I'm not about to show up onscreen with flowing robes, free energy devices, nor a bag over my head.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 00:22:46 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 07:34:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Tonnies

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 10:45:14 -0700  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

<snip>

>Yes, as I told you privately, I could have the material  
>analyzed, but my "AA zeal" would still cause doubters to doubt.  
>But if you do the testing, then the results, if they are  
>unusual, are more apt to be trusted. It's a simple matter of  
>expediency and folks keeping their commitments.

Speaking as one who has an interest in the alleged autopsy  
footage (if little or no faith in the "cameraman's" story), I  
think Ed should be given some points here. He's willing to be  
proven wrong. Cameraman "believer" he may be, but I admire his  
guts.

That said, I think Ray has every right to express grave  
reservations about the crash site story. While I tend to think  
the AA footage may indeed have an esoteric origin, the Socorro  
crash-retrieval has always struck me as dubious at best. But a  
microprobe could end the enduring saucer-residue controversy (if  
not the crash retrieval story itself).

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

Mac

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 05:25:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 07:37:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Kaeser

>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 09:58:04 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

<snip>

>When I stopped reading cattle mutilation reports with awe and  
>amazement and started reading them from a more scientific point  
>of view, I began to ask a lot of questions that have yet to be  
>addressed. I now wonder just how much of the information  
>gathered by LMH about crop circles, cattle mutilations, UFOs,  
>abductions, etc. has been filtered to represent only one side of  
>the story - the side that reflects the beliefs of the reporter.

>If there were evidence of human elements involved as opposed to  
>only the bizarre and anomalous, would Linda have included this  
>information in her reports? If Linda came across more mundane  
>explanations in her studies of UFOs, crop circles, cattle  
>mutes, etc. and shared this at UFO conferences, in her TV  
>programs, videos, books, articles, would she be as popular as  
>she is today?

>I think Linda has given the general public exactly what they  
>wanted (and whatever it takes to promote the sales of her books,  
>videos, etc.). Doesn't mean it's valid, doesn't mean it's the  
>truth. First and foremost, Linda is a reporter - she reports  
>whatever it is that gets her books sold, her face on TV, draws  
>people to subscribe to her web site and anything that keeps her  
>in the public eye.

Hi Amy,

This discussion is, unfortunately, devolving to a discussion of personalities, rather than facts and evidence. But I'll make a couple of comments that I think pertain.

If you've found some more "scientific" explanations for the phenomena of cattle mutilations, please elaborate. Since much of the strangeness relies on anecdotal testimony, often from those who are not profiting from these events, it really comes down to a question of who you believe. I would add that the concept of a sinister human involvement has been one of the theories expressed by many, but that doesn't explain the methodology. I believe there's still a mystery here that hasn't been resolved, which is one reason that Robert Bigalow invested a great amount of effort and funding through NIDS to investigate it.

That being said, I think you've made a valid point in that Linda is a "reporter" telling a story. I believe she was (or is) listed as a scientific advisor to Dreamland, but that means she is a liaison to the scientific community and interviews others who in turn make scientific claims. Investigative reporting is almost never an open ended search for answers, but a coordinated effort to prove a belief or theory. Certainly Woodward and Bernstein (sp?) knew what they were trying to prove as they gathered information, although they didn't know exactly where the story would lead.

Linda is one of a very few people who rely on their involvement in this genre for their day to day income. I cannot fault her for self-promotion any more than I can the average politician, and they both play to an audience that can either accept or reject them. I believe that all of her books were published by very small publishing houses that had very limited distribution. I would suspect that the actual number of copies sold was not in the tens of thousands, but told the story she was trying to tell and reached those who had the money to purchase them. With the exception of her first book on cattle mutilations, I don't believe her work has been widely distributed in public libraries. That first book, however, was obtained by many library systems and I believe continues to be popular among those seeking information on the subject.

This latest controversy will play itself out and we'll all move on to other things. Linda will continue to work in this field as she believes she should, and we'll have the option of following that work or not. MUFON, which suffers a serious attendance problem at many of their events, is to a limited degree caught in the middle of this and there's no way to satisfy all sides. Unfortunately, most of us are only aware of the issues and evidence that has been presented on the Internet, and IMO that's something like referring to Playboy magazine to support scientific or legal claims. It's as valid as you believe it to be.

Steve

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## Re: Question About Linda Moulton Howe - Gevaerd

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 07:00:23 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 07:40:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Linda Moulton Howe - Gevaerd

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 11:56:02 -0400  
>Subject: Question About Linda Moulton Howe

>Hi -

>I've heard about Linda Moulton Howe for the past three years.  
>My impression, from personal appearances on talk radio, and  
>others referring to her work, was that she was regarded as one  
>of the best conservative seekers of the truth.

>Was that true?

>If yes, does anyone have an idea why someone who has carefully  
>built such a reputation might suddenly abandon all regard for  
>the truth?

Dear Eleanor and friends:

If you find the answer to your question, please make it available to everyone on the List. I am one of its members who wonders about the same thing.

A. J.

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## Re: The Brazil Case - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 07:18:25 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 07:45:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Brazil Case - Gevaerd

>From: Royce J. Myers III - UFO Watchdog <[ufowatchdog@msn.com](mailto:ufowatchdog@msn.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>SDate: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 09:36:57 -0700  
>Subject: The Brazil Case

>Here's what I have so far...

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

Dear Royce and Friends,

I am speechless. I just visited the Brazilian segment of your website. As usual, you've done great work. This time, however, you went much further than exposing another hoax. You just helped Brazilian UFO reseachers to be heard internationally; you helped the Brazilian UFO community have its voice spread in North America. Thank you very much indeed for that!

Along with Charlette LeFevre and Seattle UFO & Paranormal Group's website and Jeff Rense's website, The UFO Watchdog has been fundamental in showing to anyone what is really going on in Brazil about this subject. Plus, the info and photos published give a good idea of the size of this hoax.

I particularly loved the section "UFO Watchdog Editor Abducted by Aliens"

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

Congratulations. That was very, very funny and entertaining. But above all, your joke shows everyone how easy it is to fake a story like this. Thanks again for doing it.

Best

A. J. Gevaerd

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INTELLIGENCE BUDGETS DISCLOSED -- ABROAD

Intelligence services in other Western democracies are doing what the U.S. intelligence community says cannot and should not be done: They are routinely disclosing intelligence budget information to their citizens.

Last week the Canadian Security Intelligence Service published its 2002 annual report. Following a review of the global threat environment and the CSIS response, the report presents a bar chart that displays the agency's budget totals over the past decade, and projects spending five years into the future. The totals are further broken down into operating costs, salaries and construction costs. See:

[http://www.csis-scrs.gc.ca/eng/publicrp/pub2002\\_e.html](http://www.csis-scrs.gc.ca/eng/publicrp/pub2002_e.html)

This week the United Kingdom's Intelligence and Security Committee presented its 2002-2003 parliamentary report on the UK's intelligence services. The report included publication of the "single intelligence account" which is the aggregate of expenditures for the GCHQ, the Security Service (MI5) and the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) for 2001-2006. See the new report (flagged by cryptome.org) reposted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/uk/isc0203.pdf>

In contrast, Director of Central Intelligence George J. Tenet recently declared under penalty of perjury that not even a single two year old aggregate figure for U.S. intelligence spending could be declassified. Disclosure of this number, he said, would result in damage to U.S. national security and the compromise of intelligence sources and methods. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/foia/2002/tenet.html>

INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT TESTED BY IRAQI WMD DEBATE

The mounting controversy over the accuracy and integrity of U.S. intelligence leading up to the war in Iraq has fractured the congressional intelligence committees along partisan lines.

The Republican leadership is refusing to undertake anything resembling an investigation. The very word "investigation" is

"pejorative," said Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Senator Pat Roberts at a press briefing on June 11, and implies "that there's something dreadfully wrong." Instead, the Committee will review the matter "as part of [its] ongoing oversight responsibility." See:

<http://intelligence.senate.gov/030611.htm>

"But closed hearings and review of documents presented by the administration are not sufficient," replied Committee Vice Chairman Senator John D. Rockefeller IV. "A full fact-finding investigation is the usual mechanism for congressional oversight committees like the Senate Intelligence Committee in a circumstance like this one." See:

<http://rockefeller.senate.gov/2003/pr061103.html>

But the issue has already spilled over well beyond the control of the intelligence committees. "Bush Administration Deceptions About Iraq Threaten Constitutional Democracy" warned Rep. John Conyers, ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee, in a June 11 floor statement that probably represents the kind of thing Senator Roberts hoped to forestall. See:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/h061103.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/h061103.html)

In a series of letters, Rep. Henry Waxman of the House Government Reform Committee has pressed the Administration to account for the false information on Iraqi acquisition of uranium that President Bush presented in the State of the Union address. See:

[http://www.house.gov/reform/min/inves\\_admin/admin\\_nuclear\\_evidence.htm](http://www.house.gov/reform/min/inves_admin/admin_nuclear_evidence.htm)

Meanwhile, new information is entering the public domain not through the oversight process but through media accounts, such as "CIA Did Not Share Doubt on Iraq on Iraq Data" by Walter Pincus, Washington Post, June 12:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A46957-2003Jun11.html>

#### ENHANCED WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION SOUGHT

New legislation to protect whistleblowers -- individuals who "blow the whistle" and expose fraudulent or wasteful activity -- was introduced this week by Senators Akaka, Leahy, Levin, Durbin and Dayton.

"Whistleblowers have proven to be important catalysts for much needed government change over the years," said Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT). "From corporate fraud to governmental misconduct to media integrity, the importance of whistleblowers in galvanizing positive change cannot be questioned."

"Whistleblowing is never more important than when our national security is at stake," said Senator Carl Levin (D-MI), citing the case of FBI whistleblower Colleen Rowley and others.

Yet the existing protections against retaliation that were codified in the Whistleblower Protection Act in 1994 have been steadily eroded over the years. In 1999, for example, a court took it upon itself to rule that whistleblowers were not entitled to the law's protection unless they had "irrefragable proof" of their claims. This ruling sent government employees and attorneys alike rushing to their dictionaries, where they discovered that "irrefragable" means "impossible to refute."

This extreme interpretation was never Congress' intent, legislators said. "To address this unreasonable burden placed on whistleblowers, our bill would replace the 'irrefragable proof' standard with 'substantial evidence'," said Senator Daniel Akaka.

See the "Federal Employee Protection of Disclosures Act" (S.1229), with introductory statements by Senators Akaka, Levin and Leahy here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2003/s1229.html>

Whistleblower protection has "a bi-partisan constituency that spans the ideological spectrum," observed Tom Devine of the Government Accountability Project and Kris Kolesnik of the National Whistleblower Center, supporters of the new legislation.

#### PURSUING THE WEN HO LEE REPORT

In an editorial entitled "Unchecked Power Is An Invitation to Abuse," the Albuquerque Journal this week called on Congress to compel the release of a new report on the Wen Ho Lee case that has been withheld by the Justice Department.

"Anyone who harbors no misgivings about the Justice Department cure being worse than the ailment of terrorism ought to study the case of Wen Ho Lee. But that's not possible, because the Justice Department won't allow it." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2003/06/aj061103.html>

#### AGROTERRORISM AND SECRECY

The Department of Homeland Security has classified "many" studies of agroterrorism -- the potential terrorist threat to food supplies -- according to Dr. Robert E. Brackett of the Food and Drug Administration, as reported in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

The studies were classified, he indicated, in order to conceal vulnerabilities that could be exploited by terrorists or other malicious persons.

But in an increasingly familiar conundrum, this approach to security through concealment has had unintended negative consequences.

In particular, "As a result of the secrecy, FDA officials are finding it 'very difficult' to work with the food industry to close the security gaps, Brackett said."

See "'Agroterrorism' poses devastating threat" by Michael Woods, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, May 23:

<http://www.post-gazette.com/nation/20030523agroterrornat1.asp>

#### ABUSE OF FOIA "OPERATIONAL FILES" EXEMPTION

Intelligence agencies are improperly invoking an exemption from the Freedom of Information Act that was narrowly intended to protect "operational" files and using the exemption to deny public access to historical records, administrative files and other documents that are far outside the intended exemption.

Some recent abuses of the operational files exemption by the National Reconnaissance Office and the Central Intelligence Agency are documented in a new release from the National Security Archive here:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20030611/>

This record of abuse implicitly calls into question the propriety of a new operational files exemption for the National Security Agency that is pending in the 2004 defense authorization and intelligence bills.

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>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

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>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

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I had said:

>>I hope you will exercise the courtesy of not  
>>further taking up my time by trying to bring me into your 'alien  
>>autopsy crash site' foolishness, either on this list or  
>>privately.

And Ed Gehrman responded:

>I'm not "taking up" your time; you volunteered your time and I  
>sent the samples to you to be examined to the best of your  
>ability, not half-assed where you stop before all the facts can  
>be obtained.

Not taking up my time, huh?! That's certainly what I consider  
this nonsense of yours to be.

And, there is nothing "half-assed" about the analysis I did, but  
your insistence that further tests be done deserves an even  
stronger description, like "100% asinine!" The facts have  
already been analytically determined and reported to this list.

>You said you'd do a microprobe on the material and that's what I  
>expect.

It shows your tendency to self-delusion to harbor such  
expectations, because my results have been completely diagnostic  
of chalcedony and I've, resultantly, changed my mind and not  
going to appear foolish before any esteemed scientist friends by  
asking them to perform tests when results have already been  
conclusively determined by mineralogical analysis - no matter  
how much you might insist.

>Don't get involved next time if you aren't planning to see the  
>project through to the end.

Ha! Don't worry. If it's with you, I wouldn't touch it with a  
ten foot pole!

My only project was to analyze the samples you sent until I  
learned of what the sample consists. That already has been done  
so thoroughly (with you proven wrong at every turn) that I

decided not to entertain your attempt to try and prove yourself the discoverer of a (albeit fictional) UFO crash site.

It should have dawned on you by now that had all that chalcedony been something that was formed in a UFO crash in which the government became involved (as the AA film alleges), then they would have had every bit of it scraped up with heavy equipment, put into trucks and buried out of everyone's sight, including yours.

I'm tired of your 'stalking' me on this matter and your on-list insults of my integrity (e.g., "half-assed"). I have much better things to do than respond to your attacks on me to this list, and I'm sure many on this list have better things to do than read them. You are absolutely obsessed with your fantasized discovery, and I am asking you to immediately cease and desist pursuing my involvement in this obsession of yours.

If you think you have any evidence that will withstand any truly scientific review, then go for it and try to prove my analysis wrong, if you're that foolish.

Having done my job of analysis and having seen your continued self-delusion, I want no further part in it.

Persons on this list whose opinions I value have advised of their past experiences with other obsessions of yours and said I should quit wasting my time.

So, this is it. Have a nice summer, Ed.

Sincerely,

Ray Stanford

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

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### LARGE CIGAR-SHAPED UFO SIGHTED IN SOUTH AFRICA

"Is it a star or is it an unidentified flying object?"

"People living in the Boland area," located about 150 kilometers (90 miles) east of Cape Town, South Africa, "were asking this question on Tuesday," May 27, 2003, "after observing an unusual light phenomenon in the Worcester area. Many people phoned regional radio stations with the news that they had seen a UFO."

"Nic Marais, breakfast show DJ (disk jockey) on KFM 94.5, told Die Burger that a Cape Town salesman phoned him at about 6:45 a.m. to report the incident, followed by similar calls confirming the sighting."

"A man named Deon was travelling on the (highway) N1 towards Worcester and phoned to say he saw a cigar-shaped UFO right below the moon."

"It was apparently gliding above the clouds with a smaller but very bright light alongside. He said he had been looking at the lights for quite a while and said it was definitely not an aircraft."

"According to Marais, other listeners had also seen the unusual light but thought it was a star. One said the huge light was the morning star (Venus--J.T.) and the other light what remained of the previous evening's stars."

"Cris Louw, 28, founder of the UFO aid organisation SAUFOR, says no one had informed them of the unusual light above Worcester."

"Officials of Cape Town's air and navigational services say nothing unusual was reported on Tuesday morning."

"Spokesperson for the Worcester police, Susan Beneke, says they hadn't been informed of the incident, either." (See the South African newspaper Die Burger for May 28, 2003, "Cape Town residents spot cigar-shaped UFO." Many thanks to Jim Hickman for forwarding this newspaper article.)

(Editor's Comment: Welcome to Africa Screams Week at UFO Roundup. South Africa isn't the only spot on the continent having a Fortean event. You won't believe what's going on in Nigeria these days. Read on...)

### CENTAUR CAUSES PANIC IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

"Women in Maru," a large town near the Zamfara River in northern Nigeria, "have been found to remain inside in the evening for fear of a strange creature which chases them."

"The News Agency of Nigeria has learned that a mysterious creature, said to be half-man and half-horse, usually appears in the early hours of the morning or the evening."

The creature fits the description of a centaur of Greek mythology, the most famous ones being Centaurus, Chiron and Sagittarius. However, the Nigerian version is distinctly African. It was described as having close-cropped hair, a goatee, horse-like ears, with a man's torso sprouting from a horse's body where the horse's neck usually is. The creature had two human arms and four equine legs, and, from the human neck down, it had the black-and-white striped coloration of an African zebra.

"The appearance of the strange creature has crippled the socio-economic activities in the town, especially at night as people prefer to stay home from 4 p.m." until sunrise the next morning.

"The creature is believed to have appeared in different locations" in Maru "and is causing much anxiety and fear among residents, particularly women."

"When contacted about the issue, one of the sons of the Emir of Maru, Alhaji Isa Maru, said the rumour was strong and 'we are still trying to get to the root of it.'"

Maru is located about 600 kilometers (360 miles) north of Lagos, the capital of Nigeria. (See the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) report of May 18, 2003, "Strange creature forces Maru women indoors." Merci beaucoup a Robert Fischer pour cette article de journal.) (Editor's Comment: Africa has certainly had its share of "creature sightings" this year. First it was vampires in Malawi. Then it was Larry the Were-Hyena, also in Malawi. Next came the Invisible Man of Zambia. And now a centaur in Nigeria! Will the Dark Continent play host to any more visitations in 2003? Stay tuned.)

#### TWO MORE CALVES ARE MUTILATED IN ARGENTINA

"Field researchers specializing in the subject of animal mutilations--Raul Chavez and Esther Urban--pointed out that 'so far this year (2003) we have accounted for more than 60 mutilations in La Pampa and Buenos Aires" provinces in Argentina.

"They noted that 'thanks to the fact that they already know us, and know 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.'"

Chavez and Urban "referred to the two most recent cases, on (Friday) May 16 and (Saturday) May 17 (2003), respectively--between 45 and 30 kilometers away from Santa Rosa," the capital of La Pampa province.

"The first of these took place on El Martin ranch 45 kilometers (27 miles) northwest of the Pampan capital and involved a year-old calf weighing 200 kilograms."

"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 centimeters 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."

"An entire animal was found on (Saturday) May 17 (2003) on a rural property located 30 kilometers (18 miles) north of Santa Rosa. It was a two-year-old calf weighing 250 kilograms and missing half its tongue with a cauterized incision and missing the left ocular orb."

Chavez and Urban "stated that in both cases samples were secured for subsequent study and analysis by professionals." (See the Argentinian newspaper El Diario de la Pampa for May 24, 2003, "Two more calves found mutilated." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Gloria Coluchi para eso articulo de diario.)

CHUPACABRA KILLS FORTY  
CHICKENS IN CHILE

"Farmers in a Chilean village are reportedly blaming vampires or aliens for the deaths of 40 chickens," an event similar to Chupacabra attacks elsewhere in the South American nation.

"According to the newspaper El Diario Austral, the chickens were found dead with their insides scattered all over the owner's backyard in Perquenco," a town in the department of La Araucania about 400 kilometers (240 miles) south of Santiago de Chile, the national capital.

"Juana Raasch, owner of the farm, said, 'It was a horrible scene. But the strangest thing was that there was no trace of any other animal that could have done it.'"

"'I have raised them (chickens) for seven years, and I have never seen anything like that. I would know if it were the work of a pig, dog, wolf or cat. What happened here was out of this world.'"

"Police sent to the farm were puzzled by the fact that there was no evidence of an intruder, either animal or human."

"A spokesman said, 'It seems silly to talk about vampires and aliens, but you never know around here.'"

"'This farm is well-protected with all sorts of wires and fences, and I don't see how an animal could have come in here.'"

"'This is not the first time something bizarre like this has happened around here, and we have never come up with a normal explanation.'" (See the Chilean newspaper El Diario Austral for May 18, 2003, "'Vampires or aliens' blamed for Chilean chicken slaughter." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales para eso articulo de diario.)

UFO HOVERS OVER BELFAST

On Friday, May 2, 2003, at 11 p.m., Trevor Thomas was in Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK when "facing east" he saw "what at first I thought was an aircraft light shining in my direction, from approximately 1,000 feet (300 meters) in the air over Belfast. It shone continually without flickering, and there was no sign of any pilot lights. It shone for approximately 10 minutes without moving at all."

"There was no sound of motors or any engine (noise) to accompany it. Then, without a trace of engine or aircraft sound, the light just disappeared. May I point out that the light was at least three times the brightness of the North Star (Polaris). It was a white light, round, spherical shaped." (Email Form Report)

COUPLE SPIES A UFO IN  
DUNOON, SCOTLAND

On Sunday, May 25, 2003, a couple "was walking down a hill next to the street we live on" in the West Bay section of Dunoon, Argyllshire, Scotland, UK "when I turned to my right and saw a bright green-yellow oblong shape moving really quietly horizontally across the top of the Bishop's Glen (hills)," the female witness reported, "I said, 'Did you see that?' He said he saw the same thing and noted that there was no noise."

"It was travelling faster than the speed of the (RAF) fighter jets that fly over here on training regularly. The object made no noise, moved quickly, was 'luminous' green/yellow, and I noticed slight pinkish tinges around the edges. Then it just disappeared."

"It was going from north to south, very big and very fast. Didn't know who to report it to. Found your Web site." (Email Form Report)

UFO SPOTTED OVER THE  
WISCONSIN DELLS

On Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at 9:45 p.m., Steve H. was at the Wisconsin Dells, a geologic feature 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Madison, the state

capital, when he spotted an unusual object approaching.

"The object was about the size of my thumbnail," Steve reported, "I was sitting outside, looking at the Big Dipper (constellation Ursa Major). It was a bright white light that appeared to come out of total darkness. I watched it slowly fade out or dim as it moved towards the south."

"About a half hour later (10:15 p.m.) I saw another object east of the Dipper which acted in the same manner. It was a clear night at the time of this sighting."  
(Email Form Report)

#### MAGENTA-COLORED UFO SEEN OVER GEORGIA

On Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at 12 midnight, eyewitness Juliet S. was outdoors at her home in Athens, Georgia (population 100,266), a city located 67 miles (112 kilometers) east of Atlanta when a UFO appeared from the northeast.

"It was a big bright light that lit up the whole area," Juliet reported, "I saw it in the sky floating, and it flew along about 20 feet (6 meters) in the air over my head. Bright purplish in color, sort of a magenta, and it looked like a big raindrop. And I heard a noise that sounded like electricity mixed with a type of gerbil noise. It went about 70 miles per hour."

"I was freaked. I thought my family was in danger. It was not seen by anyone else in the part" of Athens, Ga. "where I live." (Email Form Report)

#### TWO GREEN-FIREBALL UFOs SEEN IN OMAK, WASHINGTON

On Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at 10:30 p.m., the male eyewitness was outdoors at his home in Omak, Washington state (population 4,721), a small town on Highway 155 approximately 125 miles (200 kilometers) northwest of Spokane, when he spotted "a UFO heading north towards Alaska or the Yukon."

"The second one headed the same way at 11:10 p.m. The first one came from the southeast, and the second one came straight from the south over Omak. They were both heading north towards the Mackenzie Mountains."

"They both glowed green, and they looked like glowing green balls. They both seemed to be traveling fast when I saw them, till they disappeared about four seconds later."

"Sometimes I got the impression that they were trying to imitate a planet. They were in outer space with the stars." (Email Form Report)

#### THREE TRIANGULAR UFOs FLY OVER NORTHERN UTAH

On Friday, May 23, 2003, at 11:30 p.m., Ralee Gomez was outdoors at her home in Clearfield, Utah (population 25,974), a city on the eastern shore of the Great Salt Lake approximately 5 miles (8 kilometers) south of Ogden, when "a UFO suddenly appeared from the south."

"We were sitting on the porch, facing the southeast, looking at the sky," Ralee reported, "Then, appearing from the south, we seen a close-knit formation of three glowing UFOs zooming in, hovering for a split-second, then changing direction towards the west, then (to the) north very fast. Not a jet. Totally clear skies, no clouds at all, no shadows following the glow."

Ralee described the UFOs as "bright, glowing, whitish-yellow--three solid objects, triangular in shape, a perfect formation. Speed faster than any F-16 (fighter) or B-2 (bomber) we see everyday." (Email Form Report)  
(Editor's Note: Hill Air Force Base is located two miles (3 kilometers) east of Clearfield, Utah.)

#### CROP CIRCLES APPEAR IN RURAL NEW JERSEY

A number of crop circles were discovered two weeks

ago in Lake Mount Bethel Township, near Larison's Corner, New Jersey, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of Trenton, N.J.

"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 readily 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 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 (May 25, 2003) when they noticed the 2-foot-tall (0.6-meter-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 a beach towel to about 100 feet (30 meters) 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 just a few dozen miles from the Bucks County (Pennsylvania) setting of the Mel Gibson 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 signs and patterns began appearing in farm fields in the early 1970s."

"Some believe the patterns were 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 Andrewses 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 three years ago (the year 2000--J.T.)."

"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 or Sunday."

"The highest wind recorded overnight at Lehigh Valley International Airport" in Pennsylvania "was five miles per hour (8 kilometers per hour), Kraus said. And only light rain fell overnight, according to weather service records."

"'It doesn't sound like it was really atmospheric or weather-related,' he said, 'Sounds like it was more likely caused by people or animals.'"

"Or maybe it really was little green men." (See the New Jersey newspaper Express-Times for May 26, 2003. Merci beaucoup a Robert Fischer pour cette article de journal.)



CROP CIRCLE APPEARS IN  
LONE STAR, TEXAS

A solitary crop circle appeared three weeks ago in Lone Star, Texas (population 1,631), a small town on Highway 259 about 70 miles (112 kilometers) east-northeast of Dallas.

"It's not exactly a crop circle, but some East Texans in Lone Star are baffled by some strange markings on the ground."

"Residents of Lone Star feel they've had an encounter. Lone Star resident Gayle Tigert said that someone or something made a strange circle pattern on her front lawn that she discovered on Monday," May 19, 2003.

"Odd dusty burned grass in regular intervals have many thinking of outer space. We often hear tales of circles in crop fields, but had a UFO actually landed in an apartment section" in Lone Star, Texas?

"City authorities are explaining it as a fungus but don't really have an answer. Whether a prank or a natural phenomenon, it remains a mystery." (See the KLTV broadcast for May 23, 2003, "Strange circle in Lone Star." Many thanks to Robert Fischer and Bob Hallmark for this report.)

From the UFO Files...

1937: SOLITARY UFO SEEN  
OVER THE ATLANTIC

Sightings of "daylight discs" during the pre-Roswell era...i.e. before July 1947...were rare. But they did occasionally occur. Such as the one below, which took place on July 22, 1937.

That evening, "at 9:04 p.m. EDT (the USA's Eastern Daylight Time, or New York City time--J.T.)," operators at the Radiomarine Corporation in Chatham, Massachusetts picked up radio messages from two ships at sea.

Located on the outer reaches of Cape Cod, the station "said it had picked up a message from the American freighter Scanmail which said it had picked up a message signed GSVP, the radio call letters of the British freighter Ranees."

Earlier, the crew of the Ranees had seen a strange object in the sky, a silvery cigar-shaped object which they called "a plane." However, when the crewmen sighted the object, their vessel was approximately "500 miles (800 kilometers) off (east of) Cape Race, Newfoundland (Canada)" at latitude 47 degrees, 10 minutes north and longitude 44 degrees, 10 minutes west.

Both the USA's Civil Aviation Administration and the British Air Ministry were notified. "A check by 'aviation authorities' of the United States and Canada could not identify the plane or the flier and did not reveal any planes missing."

Transatlantic flights were still a novelty in 1937. Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic had taken place only ten years earlier. Less than a hundred people had crossed the ocean by air. Few planes existed that could venture so far from shore. Four-engined propellor aircraft like the American B-17 bomber and the German Focke-Wulf Condor were still on the drawing boards.

Observing the mystery object after dark, the Ranees' crew's "message said that 'navigation lights' were visible but that identification numbers were not."

In UK, the (Air) Secretary "appointed a member to investigate." But the mystery of the Ranees sighting was never solved. (See Doubt--The Fortean Society Magazine for September 1937, "Something in the Sky," page 4.)

Letter from the Editor

After UFO Roundup missed a week of publication in April, your editor hoped to get through the rest of 2003 without interruptions. Alas, it was not to be. On May 20, 2003, your editor packed up the office supplies and moved to a new location here in Duluth, Minnesota. The move was necessitated by the landlord's desire to sell the

building where we previously resided. Upon arrival at our new locale, your editor put together the computer only to find that it wouldn't power up. So, for the first time in eight years, the UFO Roundup computer went to the repair shop. The first visit solved the power problem, but the repair work had paralyzed the mouse, so a second visit became necessary. As a result, the newsletter was offline for two weeks.

So much for striving to fit 52 issues into the year 2003.

Your editor will be almighty grateful if there are no further interruptions in the publication schedule. Meanwhile, your editor would like to sincerely thank our correspondents...particularly Scott Corrales, Gloria Coluchi, Steve Wilson Sr., Robert Fischer, Anton Anfalov, Ayesha al-Khatabi, Jim Hickman and Mary Lou Jones-Drown... who continued to collect paranormal news stories while UFO Roundup was offline. Thanks also to the Duluth, Minnesota Public Library, who offered the use of the Computer Lab to your editor to gather the submissions.

That's it for this week. Join us next time as we present UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from all over the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home-UFO Roundup." See you next week!

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>Roswell Declassified

>Formerly secret files finally reveal the truth about the  
>world's most famous UFO incident.'

>By Jim Wilson  
>Photos by Louis Jawitz [Many pictures at site]

>>Paper Chase

<snip>

>Then, amid the clutter, in Box 1, we found what we were after.  
>It was a seemingly unimportant document titled "Morning Reports,  
>July 1947." This was essentially a log of the day-to-day  
>activity at the base. In much the same way that a police blotter  
>would provide evidence of a bank robbery, the Morning Reports  
>would provide unambiguous evidence of unusual military activity.

>As we worked through the Morning Reports line by line, we came  
>to a simple realization: Absolutely nothing extraordinary had  
>happened at Roswell that Fourth of July weekend. There was no  
>indication of an emergency, no mention of a deployment of rescue  
>and firefighting crews, as was the case with other crashes. That  
>was one mystery solved.

To all,

This argument seems very weak to me.

If a crashed saucer had been found in great secrecy, of course  
it would not have been mentioned there.

On the other hand, I would like to know if there is any mention  
of the retrieval of a balloon train.

If I understand well, there is no mention of such a retrieval.  
In no military archive, any time. Not even this: "Balloon train  
found and mistaken for a flying disc, given back to White  
Sands".

If I am wrong, I would like very much to know.

And please remember that Sheridan Cavitt denied having found  
such, in his interview with Colonel Weaver.

One big mystery not solved.

Gildas Bourdais

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>>Well I listened to as much of the show as I could stand and I  
>>see that LMH has had no change of heart. Perhaps it's C2C that  
>>should be chastised for helping to perpetrate this hoax. sigh

>Hi Terry,

>Before I respond to the Linda Moulton-Howe material, I just  
>>wanted to commend you on a truly unique and useful website  
>contribution. Everything any amateur UFO investigator would need  
>to begin conducting their own research. Nice job! Much needed  
>information all in one place. One stop shopping, I love it!

>I highly recommend a visit to Terry's website to all List  
>readers and any persons interested in UFOs and UFO  
>investigation.

<snip>

Thank you John. I do appreciate the plug.

If anyone would like to visit the site, the URL is:

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

I am looking for any information that would help investigators  
in truly scientific analysis of the UFO phenomena.

I'm particularly looking for interactive tools. I also need  
listings for laboratories that will perform unbiased and  
thorough analysis of physical evidence. All contributions are  
welcome.

When visiting please don't forget to sign my guestbook. Also  
please don't hesitate to point out any errors or broken links.

Thanks

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## Speaking Of Amy

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 19:00:20 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 22:15:10 -0400  
Subject: Speaking Of Amy

While browsing the National UFO Reporting Center web site ([www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com)) under recent sightings, I found a daylight disc sighting Aug. 24, 2002, in north Texas, of a "controlled" object by a certain party who maintains an IFO website, has an M.Ed. degree, etc., along with some commentary. Apparently a "UFO".

- Dick

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 15:19:07 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 22:17:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 10:45:14 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

><snip>

>Speaking as one who has an interest in the alleged autopsy  
>footage (if little or no faith in the "cameraman's" story), I  
>think Ed should be given some points here. He's willing to be  
>proven wrong. Cameraman "believer" he may be, but I admire his  
>guts.

Mac,

As much as I respect your thoughts and very bright mind, I think you are being too generous in that.

In the first place, the 'alien autopsy' film comes across as a Z-grade movie.

True believers, pray tell us, why would the government be so willing to slice open the abdomen of aliens killed in a crash as though it were a medical autopsy probing the cause of a human death? (!! Cutting into the abdominal organs of a real alien that way could potentially expose those present and, ultimately the whole world, to incredibly more pathogens (for which our systems are totally unprepared) than might x-ray studies and other less invasive approaches.

And why would government scientists be so anxious to slice off that eyelid? So very anxious to pull out an eyeball and freak out the audience! It's completely ridiculous - more like some little boys might do to a poor little animal they had killed, just for fun or to freak out the little girl next door. I think the film maker wanted a gory, freak-them-out factor included.

>That said, I think Ray has every right to express grave > reservations about the crash site story. While I tend to think > the AA footage may indeed have an esoteric origin...

You have every right to that opinion, Mac, but I regard what was in that film as being about as esoteric as a third-rate producer and low-budget film stage could provide - and that's not saying much.

And let me add, here, in case my opinion of the 'alien autopsy' film might be thought to have prejudiced my analysis of the samples, that when I did my analysis that found Ed's evidence is nothing but chalcedony, I had no idea from what 'event' the samples were supposed to have been derived. In fact, it was only when I spoke to Ed by phone, following the analysis and my report to this list, that I asked him from what 'event' the samples had come. I deliberately had kept myself ignorant of the alleged source, in order not to prejudice myself, pro or con -- even though the tests I did are so straight-forward that I doubt any degree of prejudice could have influenced the result.

Furthermore, I am confident that anyone's films of an alien



autopsy (and, in fact, all film in a cameraman's possession) would have been immediately confiscated and permanently secured. I do not at all 'buy' the story alleged to be behind the AA film's availability. It's just as unlikely as the film, itself.

O.K. I'm off my pulpit, realizing that I'm mainly 'preaching to the choir'.

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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## Daytime 'Fireball' Over New Zealand

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 15:19:25 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 22:13:14 -0400  
Subject: Daytime 'Fireball' Over New Zealand

Source: Today In New Zealand News

<http://xtramsn.co.nz/news/0,,3762-2443346,00.html>

12/06/2003

Astronomers have labelled the object that streaked across our skies this morning a "day-time fireball."

Residents from Auckland to Christchurch witnessed the phenomenon.

One said it was luminous green, surrounded by red sparks, with a white tail, and about as big as a moon.

Auckland Observatory spokeswoman Jenny McCormick says it was space debris entering the atmosphere.

She says the bright colours suggest different elements burning up, so it may have been human space junk.

Jenny McCormick asks people who saw the fireball to give the observatory a call.

She says the pieces that fall to earth are not radioactive, and can be worth a lot of money.

A North Canterbury woman claims she saw a piece of it land behind a bush.

But Carter Observatory astronomer Richard Hall says even though the lights looked like they were landing just over the hill they were probably hundreds of kilometres away.

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## Re: Disclosure Dialogue Vol I Edition 3 - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 16:36:01 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 22:20:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disclosure Dialogue Vol I Edition 3 - White

>From: Victor Viggiani <[zland@sympatico.ca](mailto:zland@sympatico.ca)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2003 12:14:15 -0400  
>Subject: Disclosure Dialogue Vol I Edition 3 Building Consensus

>DISCLOSURE DIALOGUE

>VOL I EDITION 3

>1 June 2003

>BUILDING A CONSTITUENCY OF CONSENSUS, CONCERN AND ACTION:

>AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL DISCLOSURE ACTION COALITION

<snip>

>2. The identification of major International, National and  
Local >target groups such as media, elected officials and pilot  
>associations to form a comprehensive database from which the  
>public can draw to express demands for open discussion.

The phrase "public can draw" caught my attention.

There has been talk about a project to set up a structured  
database for the several hundred (at least) abduction cases.  
"Structured" meaning, "like a printed form with blanks to fill  
in."

Victor's phrase points to an idea that is simpler: Get  
volunteers to type up or scan as many UFO cases of all types as  
simple text files. Text files will display in browsers. You  
give up fancy fonts, and the display looks exactly as you type  
it in. The typist would need to hit <ENTER> at line breaks, and  
white space and indentation remain as in the original. Any word  
processor can be used as long as the file type is saved as text,  
the simplest of all file types.

These text files can be made one easy step more sophisticated by  
saving them as HTML with the entire document in "preformatted"  
format. The white space and indentation stays as the original  
was typed, but now, you can place images, links, and email links  
in the document.

When you think about it, when using today's search engines, you  
get a fair number of the same advantages as a structured  
database, plus, the public has instant access. Key word  
searches would bring up all cases with the key word(s). It is  
possible to set up a search engine to limit the search to just  
one huge UFO web site.

If the paper originals are in reasonably good shape and are in a  
uniform typeface, they can be scanned then converted to text.  
(Scanned images are huge and not searchable for key words as  
text is.) The resulting text would need to be checked for errors  
before posting, as text conversion from scan isn't 100% perfect.

A big bonus is that all the priceless, aging hard copy reports  
would be backed up. I would also recommend that extreme security

be placed around the stack (better yet at least two stacks) of CDs holding the original data. In my work in the mind control arena, we find that some of our better material posted on the web is occasionally and covertly modified to destroy the meaning, or is over written with older text containing mistakes. Ufology is a very high stakes "game", and such sabotage must be anticipated.

So it would seem Victor's recommendation #2 awaits only enough volunteer typing/scanning time to become a reality, even without the more sophisticated database work.

Eleanor White

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**Linda M. Howe**

From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 15:42:06 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 22:32:16 -0400  
Subject: Linda M. Howe

I have known and worked closely with Linda Howe for over twenty years.

I have never known her to "shade" the facts regarding anything.

If (and there are reasons I believe we must emphasize the word 'if') A. J. Gevaerd is correct in his assumption that the burn marks in question are the result of a hoax, I cannot believe that Linda would hesitate to make that known, if and when the facts supporting that conclusion are produced.

One needs to remember that Linda is an investigative reporter. For all of the self-proclaimed "professional ufologists" on this list who keep slamming Linda, that means "someone whose job it is to report about claimed events, and submit claims and physical evidence uncovered during investigation to professional scientists, technicians, and scholars of various stripes who are trained to comment on said materials and accounts."

It strikes me as strange that since that is what Linda has done, it has started this flood of polemic and vitriol directed toward her.

My time to respond is limited, so let me preempt the most obvious responses now. Linda's recounting of Phyllis Budinger's report which everyone (including Phyllis herself) seems so anxious to champion as proof positive of Linda's evil, incompetence, vanity, etc, etc., ad nauseum, makes the very point that her results can neither prove nor disprove the abduction account.

Linda takes exception with Phyllis' conclusion that the "hot iron experiment" produced the same result.

Linda has produced a great body of excellent work regarding animal mutilations (something which I've investigated "hands-on" since 1974), the crop circle phenomenon, UFOs, health and environmental issues.

As much as I hate to disappoint all of the naysayers, and "I-hate-Linda-come-latelys, she does this not to draw attention to herself, or to amass a fortune, but because she is looking for the truth behind events that are so far inexplicable.

Ray Boeche

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 16:28:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 22:35:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 08:46:48 -0500  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

<snip>

I have located the 77-page section from the MCC 'INCO Console Handbook' that discusses the TVs, and here are the passages related to the time signal:

Shuttle Ops  
INCO/COMM/JSC-18611  
Authors: Castle/Moolchan  
9/15/87: BASIC, REV D  
CCTV, SCP 16

Section 16  
Closed Circuit Television

16.1.1.1 RCU (remote control unit) overview  
16.1.1.2 Interfaces  
16.1.1.3 VSU [Video Switching Unit]

The VSU performs the following functions:  
B. Adds timetags to the video signal received from the cameras.  
The time information is received from the master timing unit.

16.3.9 Telemetry  
The MCC also has a unit which decodes the data from the video. This is called the vertical interval data deinterleaver (VIDD). The data detected by the VIDD is displayed on the INCO/Comm Supt TV monitor. The display is illustrated in figure 16-15.

[The display format shows GMT in four fields: DDD HH MM SS]

Page 16-45 lists data on the ground display, and GMT is last, labeled "Time decoded from video", with the note: "Since all data on the video monitor display is decoded from the video, in the case of a VTR playback, the data (GMT, etc.) will be the data of the recorded source."

JimO comments: This documents the information I recalled from my MCC duty and confirmed in recent confirmations from my colleagues. One of them pointed out that the encoded telemetry and timing data was frequently readable for some time - several seconds - after the synchronization of the video frame itself was unreadable, during loss-of-signal periods, so he considered it not unusual that an extracted GMT would be displayed and continue clocking even when the carrier video image was gone. He further pointed out that when signal is reacquired it can take several seconds for the VIDD to find and decode the telemetry/timing data, and during that time it simply displays the last values received. I believe this known characteristic of the hardware fully accounts for the behavior observed by Mr. Fleming, but if he wishes to dispute it further I do urge him to obtain such technical documentation himself (FOIA the named document, above) and track down and talk to people who have actually used the equipment before going off on further speculative imaginations.

Based on this documentation and on the testimony of certified experts, I assert that the time tag on the STS-48 should be regarded as authentic and accurate, and should be considered as evidence that the time of the light flashes coincides to within measurable accuracy with the time of the thruster firing.

If Mr. Fleming wishes to posit that the time tag on the video in question has been deliberately falsified, so as to make the flicker-flash moment diverge from the thruster-firing moment, I would have to ask, simply, why would anyone go to such an effort to do that?

- Jim Oberg

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## Re: Nick Redfern On 'Strange Secrets' - Claxton

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Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 23:37:01 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 22:50:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Nick Redfern On 'Strange Secrets' - Claxton

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 May 2003 13:53:04 -0300  
>Subject: Nick Redfern On 'Strange Secrets'

Gosh I have to reply on his one! see comments in relevant sections.  
Extraneous detail deleted.

>Source: Steamshovel Press

>May 23 2003

><http://www.steamshovelpress.com/latestword14.html>

>Nick Redfern emigrated to the USA to live in 2001. Nick's new  
>book, Strange Secrets: Real Government Files on the Unknown (co-  
>written with British author Andy Roberts), is just about to be  
>published by Simon & Schuster. We speak with him about the book  
>and its revelations linking the world of British, American and  
>Russian Intelligence with that of the unexplained.

>Q: What, broadly, is Strange Secrets about?

>A: Essentially, the book is an examination of official files  
>created from the 19th Century to the present day and shows the  
>way in which various Intelligence agencies, such as the CIA,  
>MI5, the US Defence Intelligence Agency and former KGB - among  
>numerous others - have investigated unexplained phenomena and  
>unsolved mysteries and have collated what might be termed real-  
>life X-Files.

>Q: Can you give the readers a few examples of the information  
>that appears in the book?

>A: Sure. The first thing I would want to stress to anyone  
>reading this interview and who is contemplating buying the book,  
>is that it does not rely on questionable or anonymous sources or  
>unverifiable data. Even though some of the subject matter might  
>be considered bizarre, the book is based solely on an  
>examination of official documents that have surfaced via the US  
>Government's Freedom of Information Act or the British  
>Government's Thirty Year Ruling. I guess that perhaps one of the  
>strangest revelations is the fact that both British and US  
>Intelligence have investigated the so-called Crop Circle

Has Mr Redfern not heard of the British artist Rod Dickinson? He  
claims quite openly at art and academic events to have made most  
of the documented circles that appeared in the UK from around  
1992 onwards. (This was the point when the circles suddenly  
ecame more mathematically complex. He has also helpfully drawn  
UFOs for so called witnesses and provided many of the classic  
illustrations of 'grays' which pepper certain parts of the  
literature.

He has since gone on to re-enact the Jonestown mass suicide and  
various nasty psychological experiments. so now we know he's  
also a Nazi - thanks Nick!

>mystery. Practically everyone who reads UFO Magazine, I am sure,

>has heard of Crop Circles and has seen photographs of the  
>various formations - or pictograms - that appear throughout  
>England and the world each year. But less well known is what has  
>been learned about the subject at an official level. For more  
>than a decade rumours have circulated to the effect that the  
>British Government has undertaken covert investigations of Crop  
>Circles. To an extent, at least, that is true. At the Public  
>Record Office at Kew there exists an intriguing file prepared at  
>the height of the Second World War by none other than MI5 and  
>that was declassified in 2001. The file deals with the way in  
>which MI5 suspected that Nazi sympathisers and Fifth Columnists  
>in the UK were sending messages to - and communicating with -  
>the enemy. Interestingly, MI5 learned that in Poland, Holland,  
>France and Belgium, this included 'the cutting of cornfields  
>into guiding marks for aircraft'. To illustrate how closely this  
>parallels today's Crop Circles, the official file refers to  
>enemy sympathisers 'beating out signs twenty metres in diameter  
>on harrowed fields or mowing such signs on meadows or  
>cornfields'. Crop circles in other words! Interestingly, MI5  
>investigated a number of such formations that appeared in  
>various British fields from 1940-1943 to determine if any of  
>those same formations were some form of coded message intended  
>for German pilots flying overhead.

>Q: Have British authorities been involved in investigating  
>other, similar mysteries, too?

Has Nick managed to listen to last year's UK Radio 4 programme  
entitled Britain's X files based on work carried out by the  
University of Sheffield and linking Lord Mountbatten and the  
Duke of Edinburgh with interest in British UFO reports from  
armed forces personnel?

<snip>

>Q: Briefly and finally, does the book focus on any other areas?

>A: Yes. We have chapters on the Royal Air Force's files on  
>sightings of the Loch Ness Monster; FBI records on so-called  
>Spontaneous Human Combustion; official records on encounters  
>with real-life Men in Black; US Government files on rare weather  
>phenomena such as Ball-Lightning; British Government records on  
>sightings of large, predatory cats seen roaming the countryside  
>- such as pumas and panthers and much more.

Mmm, well I actually used to work with the person who compiled  
these particular documents. (Look me up on the web if you're  
uncertain of my credentials) I don't think we ever set much  
store by the dodgy photos of people's moggies.

If this is all Nick has come up with, I'd urge you not to waste  
your money, unless you simply want a good chuckle

Yours

Julian Claxton

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## Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack - Bannon

From: **Pat Bannon - Psychic Research Foundation**  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 23:37:06 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 22:53:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack - Bannon

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 29 May 2003 10:18:17 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack

<snip>

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>>Date: Thu, 29 May 2003 00:48:29 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack

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>>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 May 2003 21:10:19 -0300  
>>>Subject: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack

>Thank you. Recently there have been a flurry of posts that hard  
>sell a purely psychological explanation for all abductions.  
>Between those posts and some of the credulous material that has  
>been submitted by alleged experiencers (like 'alien photos' for  
>instance) has only served to reinforce the belief many have that  
>'abductees' are gullible, misinterpreting, or simply making it  
>all up.

>Cases involving wide awake witnesses who were caught in the  
>middle of their daily busy-ness by UFOs and their occupants keep  
>getting pushed into the background in favor of cases that could  
>be explained by something like sleep paralysis.

>There are a few 'psych' cases out there claiming abduction.  
>There are a few liars out there making up stories for whatever  
>their reasons might be. There are even some gullible individuals  
>who see 'spooks' in every corner who have stuck a label of  
>'abduction' on whatever it is that may or may not be happening  
>to them.

>But... there is a core of cases involving sane, credible  
>individuals who have had close encounters with UFOs and  
>their occupants. Cases with multiple witnesses, landing trace  
>evidence, physical marks, bruises and scars that were  
>sustained during the encounters, cases which cannot and  
>should not be ignored only because there are a few explainable  
>ones floating around out there.

>Abduction, maybe more than UFO cases, suffers from the sloppy  
>and lazy thinking habit some have whereby; if some cases can  
>be explained by prosaic means, all cases can be explained by  
>ordinary means. It's just not true. It never has been for UFO  
>cases and it is not so for many abduction cases.

>In spite of the high percentage of 'explained' UFO cases, there  
>remains a high number of unexplained/unexplainable ones -  
>explainable by ordinary means or as ordinary objects.

>The same goes for abduction reports.

>What has been sorely needed is a way to separate the wheat from  
>the chaff. A way to 'define' what it is that constitutes an

>abduction case worthy of investigation. Until that happens,  
>every report, no matter how solid or how flakey, will all be  
>lumped together into one big indistinguishable morass. It will  
>only serve to make it easier for some to dismiss it all as  
>nonsense or some as yet undiagnosed psychological disorder.

>We need a serious multi-disciplinary investigation into some of  
>our reports and we needed it yesterday. Again Bruce, thank you  
>for reminding everyone that not all abduction reports are the  
>result of someone's flights of fancy. People need to stay in  
>touch with the fact that it would only take for one abduction  
>report to be true to create a situation that everyone would  
>need to be concerned about.

Is there still any interest in Persinger's work (which may help  
to explain daylight experiences)

We are carrying out a study in Bristol, UK looking  
systematically at levels of incidence of all paranormal  
experiences and then relating them to electromagnetic radiation,  
particularly from mobile phone base stations .

Have a look at our website at:

[www.psychic-research.org.uk](http://www.psychic-research.org.uk)

Thanks

Pat Bannon

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## Re: The Brazil Case - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@msn.com](mailto:ufowatchdog@msn.com)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 15:44:03 -0700  
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>>Subject: The Brazil Case

>>Here's what I have so far...

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

>Dear Royce and Friends,

>I am speechless. I just visited the Brazilian segment of your  
>website. As usual, you've done great work. This time, however,  
>you went much further than exposing another hoax. You just  
>helped Brazilian UFO reseachers to be heard internationally; you  
>helped the Brazilian UFO community have its voice spread in  
>North America. Thank you very much indeed for that!

>Along with Charlette LeFevre and Seattle UFO & Paranormal  
>Group's website and Jeff Rense's website, The UFO Watchdog has  
>been fundamental in showing to anyone what is really going on in  
>Brazil about this subject. Plus, the info and photos published  
>give a good idea of the size of this hoax.

>I particularly loved the section "UFO Watchdog Editor Abducted  
>by Aliens"

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

>Congratulations. That was very, very funny and entertaining. But  
>above all, your joke shows everyone how easy it is to fake a  
>story like this. Thanks again for doing it.

A.J.,

My pleasure. I just wish some people out there weren't so  
selective in the frauds they choose to either expose or support.  
A fraud is a fraud is a fraud.

My experiment with the bedsheet was quite easy to do. I did it  
in my garage and it took about 15 minutes to do in one try. I  
used a Coleman propane tank and a small blow-torch attachment. I  
could visibly see the bedsheet shrink in areas that I used the  
torch on. The body outline isn't that great, but it indeed  
illustrates that you can do this with no problem and without  
completely burning the bedsheet.

I also find it quite entertaining that Howe's 'textile expert'  
burnt the hell out of a sample of the bedsheet and that Howe was  
trying to sell everyone on how it would be impossible to not  
char the bedsheet. Well, if you visit this page:  
<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/replication.html> you will see a photo  
of two pieces of a bedsheet. I exposed one to the propane torch

and again could see it shrink from the heat. The other piece was not exposed. My point is that you can't tell the difference between the two...except under the microscope.

The two scientists that compiled the report on the samples clearly demonstrated the effect could indeed be reproduced. Let's not forget that any time soon or let anyone else try to distort that simple, yet significant fact.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM

"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind...or your silly bedsheets..."

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## Animal Mutilations: What We Don't Know

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<http://www.nidsci.org/articles/animal2.html>

October 09, 2000

Animal Mutilations: What We Don't Know

George E. Onet, D.V.M., Ph. D.

For over thirty years, ranchers, veterinarians and official investigators have been searching for explanations for animal mutilation cases. Local authorities, FBI, Bureaus of Special Investigators, and ad-hoc committees have conducted intense investigations to gain more understanding about these phenomena. Unfortunately, the results of these investigations did not provide the public with solid answers to their questions. Ranchers continued to feel helpless, confused, and frustrated, while their resulting economic losses caused serious concerns. In 1975, Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm called animal mutilations "one of the greatest outrage in the history of western cattle industry." (1)

Scientists involved with researching animal mutilations have attempted to provide logical explanations, and in some cases, these explanations were contradicted by the evidence gathered by police investigators. Generally, scientists attributed mutilations to commonly accepted factors such as natural causes, predators, and scavengers. These explanations have caused dissatisfaction among ranchers and some investigators.

Although some official investigators had been around livestock all their lives, they stated that they have never seen the characteristics that are now attributed to animal mutilation. They concluded that at least a part of the animal mutilations were "definitely not made by predators." (1) Sometimes, investigators were puzzled by their findings. Even today, some animal mutilation cases are simply classified as unexplainable. (2)

The investigation of animal mutilations and the peculiar circumstances in which they occur require gathering of physical evidence immediately after the event, but this is not always possible. Published data on animal mutilations have been used to establish patterns. (3,4,5,6,7,8)

Those who decide to study the subject are still faced with several crucial unanswered questions. Some of the most significant are:

What causes the death of animals that are found mutilated? Some evidence suggests that the mutilation takes place after the animal has died. Otherwise, the body and the surrounding areas would be stained with a great deal of blood because if the animal were alive, the heart would continue to pump blood through the open vessels. Reports reveal that compared to the severity of the wounds, blood traces are scarce.

Natural causes of death in animals include: infectious diseases, severe accidents, poisoning, bloat, birth-related accidents, predators, electrocution, etc. which can be diagnosed through macroscopic examination and laboratory analyses. In most mutilation cases, it has been reported that animals died suddenly. This is based on the testimony that they were seen by the owner in good health and body condition shortly before being found dead.

If predators caused the death, teeth marks would be found around the hocks and the nose because those areas are usually attacked first. Tissues would be torn, arteries and veins would be open and bleeding would take place which would be easy to see. Especially during the winter season, blood traces are easily detected on snow covered terrain. In other seasons, the soil and vegetation in the vicinity of the carcass would show tracks, hoof prints, and/or signs of ante-mortem struggles which are difficult to miss.

During an investigation, authorities will conduct a thorough examination of the mutilated body and the surrounding areas using more or less standard procedures. Their findings are documented in legal reports. If no signs of predator attack or ante-mortem struggle are revealed, then the question is: how did the animal(s) die? One answer is natural causes, but if natural causes were not evident, the animals may have been euthanized somehow and mutilated later. What could have silently killed them without leaving any traces on the body and in the inflicted tissues?

Regardless of the cause of death, normally there is an agony phase during which the animals display contractions in different parts of the body, especially in the legs and in the neck muscles. Pedaling, for instance, will cause tracks on the soil which would be noticeable. If tracks are not present, then the animal(s) probably died instantly without going through the agony phase. Possible causes of an instant death are lightning, gun-shots or paralyzing factors. Weather conditions, characteristic lesions on the body, and signs in the surrounding area can confirm or exclude the possibility of lightning. Gun-shots can be easily detected through a thorough necropsy. Paralyzing factors are more difficult to identify. However, a laboratory examination would have a good chance to clarify such a suspicion. If none of these possibilities exist, what else could be responsible for the death?

Special attention should be paid to situations when more than one animal is found dead under similar circumstances. When three or four animals are found in the same position, as if they were walking in the same direction, or when the position of their legs suggests that they were running, then the question remains what caused the sudden death?

Some reports have mentioned that mutilated animals were found laying in the middle of perfectly round areas where the vegetation looked as if it had been burned. What could have caused this strange occurrence? Other reports mention that large allegedly mutilated animals (cows, steers) had all four legs fractured with no plausible explanation. If one or two legs had been broken, it could be easier to understand.

According to a recent report (private communication, Dec. 1996), issued by the Criminal Investigations Division in Fort Pierce, Florida, tissue and blood samples from a mutilated animal were submitted to a state diagnostic laboratory. By using gas chromatography, they found three unusual compounds in the liver and the aortic blood: Furaltadone (an antibacterial compound), Oxipronolol acetate (a beta blocker), and Amfetaminil (a psychotropic drug).<sup>(9)</sup> How did these chemicals get into the blood stream when the necropsy report did not mention signs of intravenous injection? Their presence suggests, however, human intervention.

What is the logical explanation for the missing body parts and the way in which they were removed? The most plausible interpretation which has been reflected in veterinary reports is that animal mutilations are the work of scavengers. The kind of tissues removed suggests a preference for soft easily accessible body parts (teats, udder, tongue, external genitalia, ears, etc.). In such situations, it is likely that the animals died of



natural causes and were scavenged afterwards. However, scavengers do not kill animals.

A strange feature in animal mutilation reports is the apparent precision by which the tissues were cut. Examination of the remaining tissues gave investigators the strong impression that they were cut with surgical precision. However, how this was performed could not be established with certainty. In some instances, the edges of the remaining skin looked so regularly serrated that it could not be caused by a predators bite or tearing.(8) For example, portions of 20-25 cm skin edges were straight and regularly serrated, which suggests the use of an instrument. What kind of surgical instruments could have been used to leave this kind of cut?

In some cases, it was suspected that laser beams were used.(7,8) However, with currently available laser technology, cutting a 3-5 mm thick cow hide would require equipment weighing several thousand pounds. How could that equipment have been deployed and used in usually remote areas without being seen or leaving tracks in the surrounding environment?

Is the blood in the mutilated animals indeed missing? Some reports have stated that blood was missing from the body or was only present in small amounts. In 1971, an Idaho veterinarian necropsied a purportedly mutilated horse and found that all internal organs, including the heart and the lungs, had been completely desiccated.(8) At necropsy, by compressing parenchymal tissues such as liver, lung, and kidney, one would expect that a certain amount of blood is expressed even if post-mortem coagulation or hemolysis had occurred. This is true under normal conditions when animals die without being exsanguinated. If massive ante-mortem bleeding had taken place, these organs would appear pale and the amount of blood obtained by compression is significantly reduced. But if there is no indication of extensive internal or external hemorrhage which is capable of draining blood from the circulatory system, then the lack of blood looks peculiar.

The main task would be to establish whether the blood was removed by artificial means. A thorough examination of the central and peripheral circulatory system, including the heavily vascularized tissues, should establish the correlation between the macroscopic aspect of the tissues and the microscopic images, which give more detailed information on the status of the capillary vessels and their blood load.

What are the morphological changes in the tissues from mutilated animals? In some cases, tissue samples were examined in well-established diagnostic laboratories. Histology performed on over thirty skin samples from the excision lines by Dr. Altshuller, a Colorado pathologist, revealed lesions suggesting overheating. Although there were no data on the degree of autolysis of the samples, collagen and hemoglobin were significantly changed in the proximity of the excision. (7,8)

In a 1991 report, the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory of Corvallis (Oregon State University) determined that skin sections from a suspected mutilated steer showed lesions consistent with electro-surgical excision.(10)

Another element that could bring a better understanding of these kinds of processes is the bacterial load of tissues. Post-mortem decomposition usually involves a variety of aerobic and anaerobic bacteria which cause tissues to decay. Compared to the surface of the affected skin, where numerous bacteria can be identified in the areas of coagulation necrosis, there is no such bacterial population. What could have caused such morphological skin changes? Only further systematic histological and molecular biology examinations, to study intimate cellular and chemical changes, could give valid clues on how these lesions were inflicted.

What causes the domestic and wild animals in the vicinity of mutilated animals to behave strangely? Anecdotal reports from ranchers indicate that after an animal has been mutilated the rest of the herd behaves strangely and will keep their distance from the carcass for days. They look afraid and are in visible distress. A Utah rancher reported that the horse he was riding became very nervous when it saw a mutilated cow. The horse started to snort and would not go near the cow.

Wild animals, including predators, scavengers, and birds seem to display a similar reaction to mutilated carcasses. According to ranchers, mutilated animals will remain untouched even in areas where wild animals are commonly seen. On a Utah ranch, a carcass of an allegedly mutilated cow was in the same position with intact hide, except for the initial missing body parts, for over 9 months. The animal was laying in a wooded area which was populated with coyotes and other predators.

Animals that die of natural causes do not seem to trigger the same type of reaction from other animals. On a recent trip to a Nevada ranch (Dec. 1996), a dead cow was found on a pasture close to the highway. The cause of death appeared to be distocia. Part of an oversized calf was engaged in the pelvic tract, but the birth could not be finalized. The exhausting efforts of the cow resulted in her death. The carcass was not removed for over ten days. Animals grazing in the immediate area were not bothered by the carcass.

What causes the disappearance of animals? The disappearance of animals can be attributed to a variety of causes such as rustling, running away, predator attacks, etc.

When animals are stolen, a legal investigation is usually initiated. In some cases, tracks or other clues lead to a firm conclusion that the animals were stolen even if perpetrators are not identified.

When animals run away, there are indicative signs such as broken fences and tracks. Later recovery of the animals is a chance to verify such situations.

When predators are the cause of animal disappearance, different tracks are left behind such as blood, hair, skin portions, body parts, foot prints, etc. In most cases, it is not difficult to come to a conclusive answer from these findings.

Reports of unusual animal disappearances have been filed with sheriffs departments and other investigators.(1) Certain cases were finally clarified, but there were situations in which no traces could be found and the cases remained unsolved. In the last couple of years, there have been some reports of disappearance of large numbers of animals under circumstances in which theft was ruled out by authorities.

Could individuals or cult organizations be involved with animal mutilations? Over the years, investigators have focused on the possibility of certain individuals or groups being involved with animal mutilations. Officials have even obtained confessions. However, the confessions came from imprisoned persons who were seeking lenient treatment. If satanic cults were involved, this would not explain the widespread and high incidence of mutilation cases throughout the years. In spite of all police, FBI, and other investigators efforts to gather solid evidence, no one has ever been arrested or convicted for such a crime.(1)

In order to answer these questions, thorough clinical, morpho-pathological and laboratory examinations need to be conducted. Only by carefully analyzing the results of such scientific research can pertinent conclusions be drawn. By looking for intimate changes in tissues from mutilated animals, down to cell and molecular levels, can valuable findings be correlated to help us define what in fact had happened to these animals. The first requirement to accomplish such a goal is to have necropsies performed as soon as possible after the animals death, and to have proper tissue samples collected for complex laboratory analyses. The second requirement is to perform an expanded array of tests when the animal tissue samples are in pristine condition. No matter what the outcome of an in-depth research on animal mutilations would be, economic losses and ranchers worries make searching for the answers to these questions perfectly justified.

An important conclusion from a recent National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) survey indicates that necropsies were never performed and samples were not collected for laboratory analysis on any of the reported animal mutilation cases. This suggests an urgent need for veterinarians involvement in investigating animal mutilations.

We hope that we will acquire more information on this matter with future endeavors. By expanding our inquiry, and with the help of bovine veterinary practitioners, we hope to have a broader picture of the facts as far as incidence, patterns and ways of investigating such cases are concerned. Unfortunately, there still lingers among veterinary practitioners the practice of choosing the most conventional explanations, even if no concrete evidence supports them. This tends to obscure the real circumstances and causes of animal mutilations. By preferring to follow commonly accepted diagnostics, veterinarians are inclined to simplify the process of justifying the cause of death and avoid being exposed to additional, sometimes unpleasant questioning.

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## The Truth Was Out There

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Thursday, June 12, 2003

Tales of Vegas Past: The Truth Was Out There

By Gregory Crosby

The room was dark but for a single light bulb overhead. He sat behind a small metal table, waiting. Eventually, the agent came in, appearing out of the sound of a locked door opening, then shutting with a sinister soft click. He must have registered surprise when the agent stepped into the pool of light, for the agent chuckled, loosening his dark red tie and taking off his light gray jacket. "You were expecting a man in black?"

Before he could respond, the agent smiled, shaking his head as he sat down. "It's to be expected. There's so much you know, so much you don't know; so much you have wondered, so much you have feared to wonder at; so much you believe and so much you disbelieve." The agent took out a cigarette and lighted it, staring at the man across the table with a mocking look in his eye. "You heard so much, so many stories, half-truths, obscure facts, theories, conspiracies, wishes, lies, dreams. All about a dry lake bed in the middle of nowhere, just 90 miles north of the lights of Las Vegas.

"It's all right. I'm here to tell you it's all right. After all, why shouldn't you be filled with information about Groom Lake a.k.a. Area 51 a.k.a. Dreamland? It's the most famous secret government base in the world." The agent chuckled again at the obvious oxymoron. "It's almost like a riddle: When is a secret not a secret? When it's Area 51.

"You know the stories. You know that in the 1950s the Air Force took over the area around the Groom Lake dry lake bed and turned it into an ultra-secure testing ground for experimental aircraft. Strange aircraft, aircraft that looked like nothing else in the skies. The Stealth fighter and bomber were tested there, and the SR-71 Blackbird and U-2 spy planes, along with all the also-rans and misfires, the mysterious Aurora, the whale-like Tacit Blue, the TR-3 Black Manta. The "black aircraft" buffs, enthusiasts who traded in model airplane hobbies for nights spent scanning the desert sky for glimpses of these top-secret aircraft, knew about all of these from whispers, brief sightings, odd appropriations in budget documents."

The agent took a drag on his cigarette, the tiny red ember glowing hard in the bare light. "For that alone, the fun of trying to spot the next wave of military aviation innovation, Groom Lake would have been tantalizing. But there was more. There were whispers about just where the technology for these amazing craft came from. There were sightings over Groom Lake of things that behaved so unlike our concept of jet planes that they could only be described as unidentified flying objects.

UFOs. And after the mid-century, after the supposed crash of one of these objects near Roswell, New Mexico, after the sincere stories of abduction and contact, everyone knew what UFO meant. Aliens from another world. Extraterrestrials."

The agent chuckled once more, his eyes twinkling. "It could have been the black aircraft. That Vought V-173, nicknamed the 'Flying Pancake' thanks to its flattened, oval shape, could have been mistaken for an unearthly saucer. So could many of the other craft. But the all-purpose curtain of 'national security' was particularly dense around Groom Lake. Certainly, the government was serious about keeping its secrets: Anyone who wandered into the security perimeter of the base, whether they saw the signs about the authorization of deadly force against trespassers or not, was set upon by camouflaged soldiers in full gear, who would detain them at gunpoint for hours before turning them over to Lincoln County sheriff's deputies. The government maintained for decades that Groom Lake didn't even exist. No map showed an air base there, and even after a satellite photo of the site was mistakenly released, the Air Force maintained the fiction that it was all a fiction.

"And the stories continued, got weirder. In the late 1980s, a man named Bob Lazar claimed to have worked there, 'back engineering' nine alien craft the government had captured in order to see what made them tick. George Knapp of KLAS Channel 8 was on the cusp of the scoop of the century, so credible was Lazar's highly detailed story--until Lazar's credibility crumbled. Schools he was supposed to have attended had no record of him, while others in the scientific community had no memory of ever meeting him, let alone working with him. All a government conspiracy to silence him? Well, of course..." The agent laughed, stubbing out his cigarette.

"By the late '90s, in the overheated atmosphere of 50 years of UFO lore and 'The X-Files,' Area 51 had become almost a joke. The tiny town of nearby Rachel became a magnet for UFO buffs while the state even proclaimed State Route 375 the 'Extraterrestrial Highway.' The secret base was a tourist trap!" The agent shook his head. "So it remains. It's a part of the culture now, a historical landmark none may visit. The government keeps it 'secret,' but you can be assured that all truly sensitive projects were removed from Groom Lake years ago, dispersed to other bases, perhaps in New Mexico. Were there alien spacecraft there? Or just a generation of experimental technology? Does it matter, once a place has entered so fully into myth?"

The agent stood up, smiling. "Either way, you no longer need to obsess about it, friend. The truth is in here," said the agent, tapping his head. "You are now free to go."

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## Re: Nick Redfern On 'Strange Secrets' - Redfern

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>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 23:37:01 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Nick Redfern On 'Strange Secrets'

>Gosh I have to reply on his one! See comments in relevant sections.

>>Source: Steamshovel Press

>>May 23 2003

>><http://www.steamshovelpress.com/latestword14.html>

<snip>

Julian,

To answer your points: of course I've heard of Rod and all the other circle makers. One of the more infamous, Matt Williams, is a good mate of mine, as are several other circlemakers.

Do I think that the pictograms are made by people? Well, of course I do as any sane person should! But the whole point of the book was not to discuss my findings or thoughts but to relate to the reader what the agencies themselves concluded.

Re. the University of Sheffield, Mountbatten and the real X-Files - you're talking here about the book Out of the Shadows by Andy Roberts and Dr. Dave Clarke. Er... Andy is my co-author on Strange Secrets and Dave helped supply some of the files in the book, so I'm hardly in conflict with them!

Nick R.

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## Re: Linda M. Howe - LeFevre

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>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 15:42:06 -0500  
>Subject: Linda M. Howe

>I have known and worked closely with Linda Howe for over twenty  
>years.

>I have never known her to "shade" the facts regarding anything.

>If (and there are reasons I believe we must emphasize the word  
>'if') A. J. Gevaerd is correct in his assumption that the burn  
>marks in question are the result of a hoax, I cannot believe  
>that Linda would hesitate to make that known, if and when the  
>facts supporting that conclusion are produced.

>One needs to remember that Linda is an investigative reporter.  
>For all of the self-proclaimed "professional ufologists" on this  
>list who keep slamming Linda, that means "someone whose job it  
>is to report about claimed events, and submit claims and  
>physical evidence uncovered during investigation to professional  
>scientists, technicians, and scholars of various stripes who are  
>trained to comment on said materials and accounts."

>It strikes me as strange that since that is what Linda has done,  
>it has started this flood of polemic and vitriol directed toward  
>her.

>My time to respond is limited, so let me preempt the most  
>obvious responses now. Linda's recounting of Phyllis Budinger's  
>report which everyone (including Phyllis herself) seems so  
>anxious to champion as proof positive of Linda's evil,  
>incompetence, vanity, etc, etc., ad nauseum, makes the very  
>point that her results can neither prove nor disprove the  
>abduction account.

>Linda takes exception with Phyllis' conclusion that the "hot  
>iron experiment" produced the same result.

>Linda has produced a great body of excellent work regarding  
>animal mutilations (something which I've investigated "hands-on"  
>since 1974), the crop circle phenomenon, UFOs, health and  
>environmental issues.

>As much as I hate to disappoint all of the naysayers, and "I-  
>hate-Linda-come-latelys, she does this not to draw attention to  
>herself, or to amass a fortune, but because she is looking for  
>the truth behind events that are so far inexplicable.

Ray,

I will respectfully disagree with you on every point you made. If  
Linda was really looking for the truth she wouldn't disregard  
the facts - no matter who they came from. Ethical Journalists  
just don't do that.

A.J. Gevaerd pointed out the obvious - that two bedsheets were  
used. We went back and sure enough there are two differently

marked bedsheets and we have posted the photos.

Want science? Its right there before your eyes.

If that isn't proof that this is a hoax - I don't know what is.  
Linda has yet to report the obvious or a single line on this UFO  
cult.

Let's also not forget one of those "self-proclaimed" ufologists  
happens to be A. J. Gevaerd appointed by Dr. J. Allen Hynek to  
be the rep. for (CUFOS) in Brazil. Not to mention a fellow  
Journalist and Editor of one the world's oldest UFO Magazines  
handling hundreds of cases himself.

Charlette LeFevre

Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group

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## Re: Speaking Of Amy - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 00:32:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 09:00:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Speaking Of Amy - Hebert

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 19:00:20 +0000  
>Subject: Speaking Of Amy

>While browsing the National UFO Reporting Center web site  
>([www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com)) under recent sightings, I found a daylight  
>disc sighting Aug. 24, 2002, in north Texas, of a "controlled"  
>object by a certain party who maintains an IFO website, has an  
>M.Ed. degree, etc., along with some commentary. Apparently a  
>"UFO".

Thank you, Dick, for bringing my sighting to the attention of this List. I didn't realize it was so important to you or I would have sent a copy to your mailbox. I didn't give my name on this report because my minor daughter was involved. Guess there's no point trying to protect her identity now.

Since you have misquoted me, let me post the original report here for everyone to read - from the horse's mouth (whinny).

"Occurred : 8/24/2002 16:00 (Entered as : 08/24/02 16:00)  
Reported: 8/24/2002 9:55:25 PM 21:55  
Posted: 2/25/2003  
Location: The Colony, TX  
Shape: Disk  
Duration:1-2 minutes  
My daughter and I observed a bright disk shaped object flying over north Texas today.

I was talking to my 16 year-old daughter in the dining room when she pointed to something in the sky (she was facing the sliding glass door to our patio behind me). She said, "Mommy, there is something in the sky, look." We went to the glass door and watched what appeared to be a very bright, white disk-shaped object traversing the sky about 500-700 feet up going precisely south to north at a fairly fast pace. I have watched many, many planes fly over my house and this did not appear to be a plane. It had a definite disk shape to it. We grabbed the binoculars and ran outside to the back yard following it across the sky. I kept saying it must be a balloon but it didn't seem to behave like a balloon. (I video tape and photograph known flying objects in the sky for my IFO web site - this did not fit anything I have in my IFO database.) I watched it fly to the south through the binoculars then noticed it seemed to rotate or something happened because it began to change from a disk shape to some other shape (this is when I knew it was not a plane for sure). It was descending to the ground behind some houses at about a 25-30 degree angle. This is when I had serious doubts that it was a balloon. My daughter also said she saw it maneuver in the sky while I was getting the binoculars and she said balloons cannot do what it did. No sound was detected.

I have a B.A. and M.Ed. in counseling psychology and research UFOs, phenomena and military technology. I hesitated filing this report because I believe most UFO sightings tend to be misidentifications of conventional aircraft and/or other common objects seen in the sky. I have to admit it was clearly disk shaped and seemed to be flying under some type of control and it

went down to the ground as if landing. It could have been a balloon or it could have been a UAV. I don't know. I've seen other unusual objects in this area now and then. (It was partly cloudy but mostly sunny today, winds out of the south at 5-10 mph.)"

Note that I did not say the object I saw was "controlled". I said it, "seemed to be flying under some type of control".

Claiming the object was "controlled" is different from saying it "seemed" to be flying under some type of control. I indicated that it \*seemed\* to be under some type of control because of the way it went almost straight down after reaching a certain area to the north (where there is a small, civilian airport, that was suppose to be closed at the time). It could have landed, crashed, bounced, or whatever, for all I know, once it went down out of my sight.

It may have been a UFO, or it could have been an IFO that I and my daughter just didn't recognize. It could have been something camouflaged to look like a UFO and therefore, not a UFO at all.

For all I know, it could have been Elvis touring the country to see how things have changed. I leave all possibilities open until further evidence is forthcoming.

\* Note to others who may see things they wish to report to the National UFO Reporting Center - It is important to keep updated databases for correlation and research purposes. If you see something you cannot readily explain, please file a report at the NUFORC at:

<http://www.ufocenter.com>

Just out of curiosity, have you ever seen a UFO, Dick? If so, did you file a report with the National UFO Reporting Center or similar agency?

A. Hebert

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## Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 02:13:50 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 09:02:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira - Hebert

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 05:25:53 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

>>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 09:58:04 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe To Discuss Oliveira

><snip>

>>When I stopped reading cattle mutilation reports with awe and  
>>amazement and started reading them from a more scientific point  
>>of view, I began to ask a lot of questions that have yet to be  
>>addressed.

<snip>

>This discussion is, unfortunately, devolving to a discussion of  
>personalities, rather than facts and evidence. But I'll make a  
>couple of comments that I think pertain.

Hi, Steven:

I do not see any indication that Linda's personality is being  
discussed. Linda's work is under scrutiny because of her recent  
support of a questionable case and witnesses who have come  
forward claiming bias in her report.

>If you've found some more "scientific" explanations for the  
>phenomena of cattle mutilations, please elaborate.

If you will note above, I said I now read mutilation reports  
from a more "scientific point of view" not that I have more  
scientific explanations. If and when I have what I consider more  
scientific explanations, I will elaborate.

>Since much of  
>the strangeness relies on anecdotal testimony, often from those  
>who are not profiting from these events, it really comes down to  
>a question of who you believe. I would add that the concept of a  
>sinister human involvement has been one of the theories  
>expressed by many, but that doesn't explain the methodology.

I think we have a little more than just "anecdotal testimony" in  
reference to cattle mutilations.

Chemicals traces found in some mutilated cows and other elements  
have been established by laboratory analysis. If humans are  
involved, the methodology exists. I see it as not so much a  
question of are humans are involved but rather, how it might be  
done and why. All possible scenarios need to be considered from  
the ETH to the human factor. And although possible human  
involvement has been expressed by many, cattle mutilations (like  
crop circles) are still generally considered a mystery rather  
than a challenge to science.

A. Hebert

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## Re: Linda M. Howe - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 08:50:01 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 09:10:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Gevaerd

>From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 15:42:06 -0500  
>Subject: Linda M. Howe

>I have known and worked closely with Linda Howe for over twenty  
>years.

>I have never known her to "shade" the facts regarding anything.

>If (and there are reasons I believe we must emphasize the word  
>'if') A. J. Gevaerd is correct in his assumption that the burn  
>marks in question are the result of a hoax, I cannot believe  
>that Linda would hesitate to make that known, if and when the  
>facts supporting that conclusion are produced.

>One needs to remember that Linda is an investigative reporter.  
>For all of the self-proclaimed "professional ufologists" on this  
>list who keep slamming Linda, that means "someone whose job it  
>is to report about claimed events, and submit claims and  
>physical evidence uncovered during investigation to professional  
>scientists, technicians, and scholars of various stripes who are  
>trained to comment on said materials and accounts."

>It strikes me as strange that since that is what Linda has done,  
>it has started this flood of polemic and vitriol directed toward  
>her.

>My time to respond is limited, so let me preempt the most  
>obvious responses now. Linda's recounting of Phyllis Budinger's  
>report which everyone (including Phyllis herself) seems so  
>anxious to champion as proof positive of Linda's evil,  
>incompetence, vanity, etc, etc., ad nauseum, makes the very  
>point that her results can neither prove nor disprove the  
>abduction account.

>Linda takes exception with Phyllis' conclusion that the "hot  
>iron experiment" produced the same result.

>Linda has produced a great body of excellent work regarding  
>animal mutilations (something which I've investigated "hands-on"  
>since 1974), the crop circle phenomenon, UFOs, health and  
>environmental issues.

>As much as I hate to disappoint all of the naysayers, and "I-  
>hate-Linda-come-latelys, she does this not to draw attention to  
>herself, or to amass a fortune, but because she is looking for  
>the truth behind events that are so far inexplicable.

>Ray Boeche

Ray,

I respectfully disagree with you. And I disagree entirely.

If LMH was really carefull and responsible about this  
investigation, she would (a) never accept a ticket from the  
person whose story she was supposed to investigate and who is

more than happy to have her supporting that case; (b) run a complete investigation about that person's background, in a case of such magnitude, hearing friends, family members, old partners etc; (c) listen to people who have investigated the same case or other cases from the same person; (d) search both local (Corguinho) and national (Brazil) records or testimonies about the claimant's history; (e) talk to press members both locally and nationally.

Ray, she did everything wrong from the very beginning. And she is doing everything she can, now, to keep the case legitimate. And by doing that her credibility is gradually fading. Is Urandir worth the risk? I wonder who is paying for so many lab analysis? Just wonder. If they are free of charge, okay. If they are being paid by LMH herself, okay. But what if they are being paid by the very interested party?

But above all, the problem with LMH's behavior toward this case is that she pretends that the entire Brazilian UFO community - at least 300 UFO investigators, of which 100 are very active - lives on Andromeda and is completely out of reach. She seems to be completely deaf to the protests of an entire UFO community, which knows the case so very well and much, much better than she will ever do. So what kind of journalism is that? What kind of investigative reporter is LMH, when she keeps ignoring the voices that she should hear?

I am sorry. I have to agree with Charlette: no Emmys for Linda.

A. J. Gevaerd

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## Unidentified Object Seen Floating Near ISS

From: **Karl Rotstan** <[krotstan@bfdmail.com](mailto:krotstan@bfdmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 12:05:48 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 13:09:53 -0400  
Subject: Unidentified Object Seen Floating Near ISS

Source: WKMG TV Orlando, Florida

<http://www.local6.com/news/2267894/detail.html>

June 13, 2003

Unidentified Object Seen Floating Outside ISS

Object Possibly From Space Station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- NASA is trying to identify a small object spotted floating outside the International Space Station Thursday, according to a report.

Astronaut Ed Lu spotted the object outside the window of the U.S. laboratory and took pictures of it, Local 6 News partner Florida Today reported.

Ground controllers are analyzing Lu's photos but don't yet have enough information about the object's direction of travel to determine where it came from.

The object, which has moved out of sight, is likely from the station itself, according to the report.

NASA is reportedly asking U.S. Strategic Command to use its resources to gather more information about the object. Strategic Command was able to track a small object seen floating near Columbia shortly after the shuttle entered orbit on its last mission.

Ground controllers plan to transmit pictures of labels to Lu in hopes he can compare them with the object he saw and possibly identify it. Labels can be roughly the dimensions Lu described.

No unusual events have occurred at the station that might explain the object, according to the report.

Lu and cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko are in the middle of a six-month stay aboard the station.

They are expected to be relieved in October by another two-man crew, who will fly on a Russian Soyuz to the station.

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 08:57:55 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 13:12:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Tonnies

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto  
><[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 15:19:07 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

Hi Ray,

You ask:

>True believers, pray tell us, why would the government be so  
>willing to slice open the abdomen of aliens killed in a crash as  
>though it were a medical autopsy probing the cause of a human  
>death? (!!)) Cutting into the abdominal organs of a real alien  
>that way could potentially expose those present and, ultimately  
>the whole world, to incredibly more pathogens (for which our  
>systems are totally unprepared) than might x-ray studies and  
>other less invasive approaches.

Perfectly good questions. So far as I know, the origin of the AA  
footage is unknown. I think the "cameraman" story is pure  
commercial fiction; I honestly doubt that Ray Santilli knows (or  
possibly even cares) where the film came from.

The AA might not represent "aliens" at all. As I remark in my  
analysis (see URL below), the pathologists who cut into the  
"alien" seen in the footage do so as if they're used to the  
procedure. Perhaps they have good reason not to expect  
pathogens.

I'm an AA agnostic. I think labeling the apparent body  
"extraterrestrial" is a mistake, as we simply don't know what it  
is.

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

--Mac

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## Unique UFO Archive Hidden In Warehouse

From: Louise A. Lowry <[SHnsASSY1@aol.com](mailto:SHnsASSY1@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 12:00:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 13:20:15 -0400  
Subject: Unique UFO Archive Hidden In Warehouse

Source: UFO-Sweden

<http://www.ufo.se/english/articles/apro.html>

Unique UFO Archive Hidden In Warehouse

One of the biggest UFO archives in the world is tucked away in Scottsdale, Arizona, USA. There were approximately 15,000 UFO cases contained in the archive for the once influential UFO organization APRO. But no one is allowed to have a peek. Here is the story of how this historical material went adrift.

Written by Clas Svahn

One of the best American UFO archives, besides the archive held by the UFO organisation Centre for UFO Studies (CUFOS), is the archive that was managed by APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation). It was founded in 1952 by the husband and wife team of Jim and Coral Lorenzen. The pair also published several books on the subject and maintained connections around the globe, especially in South America. The Swedish ufologist and author, G=F6sta Rehn, was one of many who supplied APRO with material.

For years, the archive was getting larger and larger, containing witness reports and photographs, as well as original correspondence from ufologists around the world. The archives were located in Tucson, Arizona, where the Lorenzens lived for many years.

When astronomer and ufologist Allen Hynek moved to Scottsdale, Arizona in 1984, he did so partly on the promises of two enthusiasts, Brian Myers and Tina Choate. They helped Hynek get in touch with a millionaire interested in the UFO phenomenon. With a modest amount of funding, Hynek, Myers and Choate opened a small office. Shortly afterwards, however, Hynek decided his partners couldn't be trusted and severed all connection with them. About that same time, Hynek fell ill and, suffering the effects of a brain tumour, died in 1986.

After Hynek's death, Myers and Choate continued the management of the office, now renamed the International Center for UFO Research (ICUFOR). Then Coral Lorenzen, too, died in 1988. The APRO board lacked management skills and found themselves with a very extensive UFO archive that they had no interest in maintaining.

- The board wasn't accustomed to acting autonomously, but instead doing what the Lorenzens told them to, Mark Rodeghier explains, president of the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago. But because there were no instructions left in Coral's will (and APRO was an independent organization, in any case), the decision on what to do with the archive remained with the board.

- They could not hand the archive over to MUFON, since Coral had hated MUFON because its president, Walt Andrus, a former member of APRO, had broken away to start up his own organisation. But

there was also CUFOS. And we were interested. We started a collection with the aim of purchasing the archive (as we did with the NICAP archive), when something unexpected happened. Someone spoke to Larry Lorenzen, Coral and Jim's son, and convinced him that the files should not go to CUFOS, either.

- Hence Larry contacted the board of APRO and advised them not to hand the material over to us. He also expressed the opinion that the archive should stay in Arizona. The tragedy is that Coral surely would have said yes and allowed CUFOS to purchase the archive if had she been alive. Whoever spoke to Larry Lorenzen did so for malicious reasons.

That's when Brian Myers and Tina Choate reappeared. They not only lived at the time in Scottsdale, outside Phoenix, Arizona; they had also collaborated with Allen Hynek. The board of APRO had no knowledge of Hynek's breakup with the pair.

When Myers and Choate received news that the board didn't know what to do with the archive, they contacted and explained to the board that they were willing to take it off their hands. The board happily accepted and gave it all away for free. All that Myers and Choate had to do was to drive down there and get it, Rodeghier tells us.

Other sources, however, state that Myers and Choate payed \$6,000 for the files that consists of at least 18 filing cabinets of which at least twelve are case files. According to Mark Rodeghier it must have contained at least 15,000 sighting reports, many duplicated nowhere else.

Although ICUFOR had a small office, most of the archive was kept for many years in Myers and Choates' garage. I personally visited them in 1991, but was not even allowed to see the material. No one, to my knowledge, has been allowed to see it since it ended up with the pair. All I've been able to extract are a few copies of cases, such as the Trindade case. Fortunately, several thousand early cases have been documented on microfilm, but the majority of the cases are not available to ufologists.

Nowadays Brian Myers and Tina Choate live in Scottsdale. They have on several occasions been offered money for the APRO archive, but have refused every offer made. One of the few people who have been able to visit the archive is the famous abductee Travis Walton.

It's a tragedy, Mark Rodeghier says. Ufologists interested in research and history all around the world could benefit from having access to the archive. In its present state, it is of no use. It's all very sad.

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Para-Discuss List <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/para-discuss>  
UFO Casebook - Forum <http://ufocasebook.conforums.com>  
World Of The Strange <http://www.worldofthestrang.com>

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## The Father Of Optical SETI

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 13:27:02 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 19:30:55 -0400  
Subject: The Father Of Optical SETI

Hi Everyone!

After many decades of listening for evidence of ET civilizatoins using very large radio telescopes, a new generation of scientists are now expanding the search using better and more promising approaches and technologies. One of these is known as optical SETI and involves looking for highly directional laser light signals which, unlike radio waves, do not rapidly become weaker with increasing distances and thus limit us to searching only the few hundred nearby stars in our immediate neighbourhood of our Milky Way - a galaxy which many UFO skeptics and astronomers believe is teeming with ET civilizations among its hundreds of billion stars. Also, with higher frequency electromagnetic waves such as light, a message as large as the Encyclopedia Britannica can be sent out in a burst of much shorter duration of time than can be done with radio waves.

[http://www.space.com/searchforlife/charles\\_townes\\_030613.html](http://www.space.com/searchforlife/charles_townes_030613.html)

In my opinion, optical (or rather gamma-ray) SETI may have already detected evidence of ET civilizations. Back in the 1970s when I was a physics student at university I did a project on very short duration gamma ray bursts from space that were detected by the Vela satellites. Since these bursts closely matched similar gamma ray bursts that originated on Earth from nuclear explosions (including the detection of at least one of three joint Israeli-South African nuclear tests in the Indian Ocean and many other unannounced tests which we have subsequently confirmed from seismic signals), a reasonable conclusion to make was that the gamma bursts from space seemed to confirm that one of my favourite TV shows at the time, 'Star Trek', was closer to being a real docu-drama rather than fiction.

Nick Balaskas

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## FOIA Request To Fort Myer

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 14:58:26 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 21:11:48 -0400  
Subject: FOIA Request To Fort Myer

TO: Public Affairs Officer  
HQ, Fort Myer Military Community  
Fort Myer, VA 22211-1199

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

DATE: June 13, 2003

Under terms of the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request that you send me a copy of the current commercial contract governing the publication/printing/distribution of the FMCM weekly newspaper, the PENTAGRAM, as executed by your office with the paper's printer (Comprint Military Publications of Gaithersburg, Md.)

LARRY W. BRYANT

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 13:59:51 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 21:13:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 08:57:55 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto  
>><[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 15:19:07 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>Hi Ray,

>You ask:

>>True believers, pray tell us, why would the government be so  
>>willing to slice open the abdomen of aliens killed in a crash as  
>>though it were a medical autopsy probing the cause of a human  
>>death? (!! ) Cutting into the abdominal organs of a real alien  
>>that way could potentially expose those present and, ultimately  
>>the whole world, to incredibly more pathogens (for which our  
>>systems are totally unprepared) than might x-ray studies and  
>>other less invasive approaches.

<snip>

>...As I remark in my analysis (see URL below),  
>the pathologists who cut into the "alien"  
>seen in the footage do so as if they're used to the  
>procedure.

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

Hi Mac,

Excellent point, which my wife and I both noticed immediately as we first viewed the film. We suspect it was because they had practiced the scene beforehand and knew exactly for what the script called.

>Perhaps they have good reason not to expect pathogens.

Indeed, if they were working on a prepared 'prop' (a dummy). :)

I realize, Mac, that you could have a broader interpretation of your observations, however, and do not wish to 'put words into your mouth'.

I don't recall ever having seen that coil-type wire on a telephone (such as one sees on the wall phone in the AA film) until appreciably later than mid-1947, either.

Ray Stanford

"They say the Sock Monster has never been seen,  
but I know that he lives, in my washing machine." :)

-- Someone (Charles Osgood?) heard on the radio.

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## Re: Speaking Of Amy - Sparks

From: **Brad Sparks**  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 15:48:26 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 22:07:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: Speaking Of Amy - Sparks

>From: Amy Hebert <[yellowrose129@attbi.com](mailto:yellowrose129@attbi.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 00:32:32 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Speaking Of Amy

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 19:00:20 +0000  
>>Subject: Speaking Of Amy

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Hi Amy,

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I cannot understand, from your account, what angle above the horizon the object first appeared at and in what direction, and the same for when it was last seen (what was its elevation angle and compass direction). Saying it traveled S to N is wholly inadequate: Was it seen low over the horizon, say, to the West, or was it to the East, or was it first seen high overhead, or was it seen low over the S horizon and followed as it passed overhead and disappearing low in the N?

What kind of "disk" shape? Some people think a flat coin is a "disk." Others think of a dinner plate, or maybe a pie pan, or maybe a domed disk. Or was it too small to see any detail? (That is the impression I get from your account because you do not say what shape it turned into, as if it was too small in angular size to tell.)

What did your daughter see? Her account is missing.

How accurate is the 4 PM time and what was the time zone, CDT? Was it exactly 4:00 PM? (That would be too amazing a coincidence to be exactly 4:00 and not say 3:48 or 4:02 or whatever.) How accurate is the 1-2-minute time duration and how was it determined? Did you re-enact the sighting and time your re-enactment? This is very important for establishing angular velocity and possibly actual linear speed. This is scientific data and necessary for any proper evaluation of your sighting.

These are just some of the questions your provocative sighting raises.

Sincerely,

Brad Sparks



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## Worcester County In Grip Of UFO Flap

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 17:24:02 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 22:14:18 -0400  
Subject: Worcester County In Grip Of UFO Flap

Source: The Worcester Evening News - UK

[http://www.thisisworcester.co.uk/worcestershire/worcester/news/WEN\\_NEWS\\_LATEST12.html](http://www.thisisworcester.co.uk/worcestershire/worcester/news/WEN_NEWS_LATEST12.html)

Friday 13 June 2003

Is There Anybody There... County In Grip Of UFO Flap

A Triangular object with a shining trail behind it has been sighted across the Worcester skies.

A man in St John's claims he saw the strange triangular-shape with six lights on its left-hand side and six lights on its right-hand side, on Tuesday, June 3 at around lam.

It was moving towards the Malvern area with a shining trail behind it.

The witness rang Contact International UFO Research, in Oxfordshire, to tell them of his sighting.

On Saturday, May 31, a man and wife, also from St John's, say they spotted a white light above Worcester Cathedral.

"The light suddenly shot off silently towards the Birmingham direction," said Michael Soper, spokesman for Contact International.

And in Kidderminster, on Wednesday night, two people say they saw a pearl-shaped object flying over Coventry Street as they were driving home.

"It was hovering in the sky then it darted out of sight," said Mr Soper.

"We can't speculate what any of these objects are."

Mr Soper said he received the phone calls after the Evening News reported how a man walking his dog near Lichfield Street, Stourport-on-Severn, saw six strange lights flying silently across the sky in a south-west direction over Stourport-on-Severn on Saturday, May 31.

Triangular

The Evening News told people in the Malvern area to look out for unexplained objects after three triangular objects with bright lights were seen moving south-west over Birmingham on the same night.

Anyone who spots strange objects in the Worcestershire skies should contact Mr Soper on 01865 726908.

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## Re: Nick Redfern On 'Strange Secrets' - Pope

From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 21:19:17 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 22:16:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: Nick Redfern On 'Strange Secrets' - Pope

>From: Julian Claxton <[2julies@claxton60.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:2julies@claxton60.fsnet.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 23:37:01 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Nick Redfern On 'Strange Secrets'

>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 30 May 2003 13:53:04 -0300  
>>Subject: Nick Redfern On 'Strange Secrets'

<snip>

>>A: Sure. The first thing I would want to stress to anyone  
>>reading this interview and who is contemplating buying the book,  
>>is that it does not rely on questionable or anonymous sources or  
>>unverifiable data. Even though some of the subject matter might  
>>be considered bizarre, the book is based solely on an  
>>examination of official documents that have surfaced via the US  
>>Government's Freedom of Information Act or the British  
>>Government's Thirty Year Ruling. I guess that perhaps one of the  
>>strangest revelations is the fact that both British and US  
>>Intelligence have investigated the so-called Crop Circle

>Has Mr Redfern not heard of the British artist Rod Dickinson? He  
>claims quite openly at art and academic events to have made most  
>of the documented circles that appeared in the UK from around  
>1992 onwards. (This was the point when the circles suddenly  
>ecame more mathematically complex. He has also helpfully drawn  
>UFOs for so called witnesses and provided many of the classic  
>illustrations of 'grays' which pepper certain parts of the  
>literature.

<snip>

Eustaquio, Julian and List,

An article on the British Ministry of Defence's involvement with  
the crop circle phenomenon can be found at:

[http://www.nickpope.net/crop\\_circles.htm](http://www.nickpope.net/crop_circles.htm)

>>Q: Have British authorities been involved in investigating  
>>other, similar mysteries, too?

>Has Nick managed to listen to last year's UK Radio 4 programme  
>entitled Britain's X files based on work carried out by the  
>University of Sheffield and linking Lord Mountbatten and the  
>Duke of Edinburgh with interest in British UFO reports from  
>armed forces personnel?

Two articles and some related government documents on the  
British Government's policy on the UFO phenomenon (including the  
involvement of Earl Mountbatten and the Duke of Edinburgh) can  
be found at:

[http://www.nickpope.net/official\\_history.htm](http://www.nickpope.net/official_history.htm)

[http://www.nickpope.net/official\\_history\\_pt\\_2.htm](http://www.nickpope.net/official_history_pt_2.htm)

[http://www.nickpope.net/selected\\_documents.htm](http://www.nickpope.net/selected_documents.htm)

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## The Hoax Continues

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 17:41:56 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 22:21:47 -0400  
Subject: The Hoax Continues

Dear friends

After all the evidence of the hoax presented by Brazilian and international ufologists, Ms. Howe continues with this fake. In the update at earthfiles:

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=543&category=Science>

she is still listening only to one side of the story, and now we have only one pillowcase. And stones falling of the sky. Good theme for Steven Spielberg or David Copperfield. All these facts are the greatest shame of modern ufology.

Regards

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## Linda M. Howe - Question

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson@alienjigsaw.com](mailto:K.Wilson@alienjigsaw.com)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 17:55:11 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 22:23:46 -0400  
Subject: Linda M. Howe - Question

Dear List:

Sorry, but I seemed to have missed an important post.....

Can anyone provide me with the post or URL where the cult members/hoaxers have come forward, in writing, to explain how they hoaxed these particular events and why they did it?

I can't seem to find the original post.

Many thanks

- Katharina

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## The Last Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 19:04:36 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 22:39:35 -0400  
Subject: The Last Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe

To the International UFO Community:  
To: Linda Moulton Howe <[earthfiles@earthfiles.com](mailto:earthfiles@earthfiles.com)>

I have just visited Linda Moulton Howe's website:

[www.earthfiles.com](http://www.earthfiles.com)

and I noticed that she really has no limits to her absurd campaign of promoting the biggest Brazilian UFO fraud ever, the fabricated abduction of Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira. It is a sad thing.

I reached to that conclusion by observing her conduct towards this case today, as did many members of the international UFO community, who sent me e-mail messages. In face of that, up to this point, when nearly everything was tried to show her how poor her investigation is over that case and how deceiving are her reports, I just give up helping her to see what she refuses to see and tell her what she refuses to hear.

It seems just useless and a waste of my time to show to this "investigative reporter" the very single points that she entirely missed when she started this campaign, that she calls an investigation. I don't know what motivates Linda Moulton Howe to keep this up and the risk to her credibility and reputation is all hers.

However, in Linda Moulton Howe's report, today, there is a serious accusation coming from her toward me, that needs to be corrected, as it is a lie. While interviewing Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira's business associate, Felipe Castelo Branco, she published:

"Felipe Branco, Owner, Fazenda Castelo, Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil:

"One of the allegations is that Urandir Oliveira had two or three bed sheets and Gevaerd is showing the photographs on a website saying, 'Look at the difference in color.' Charlette Le Freve and Gevaerd are also saying that Urandir Oliveira beat up his first wife. They are saying that he is a crook, that he is guilty of land fraud, that he was put in jail, there is the photograph of Urandir behind bars, that it's been a cult, like a Jim Jones cult...."

After reading this statement, to my great surprise, I observed that Linda Moulton Howe implies that I have published, via the Internet, that Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira used to beat his ex-wife. I don't know where she got such information from, so I ran a lot of searches on several websites and found nothing on that matter.

I have never published that and even having in my possession a lot of revolting information about Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira's background and personal activities since he was a teenager, I have never published either in the Brazilian UFO Magazine, or the on the internet, any details of what he did to his ex-wife or does to his present wife. It was Linda Moulton Howe, herself, who confirmed over the phone to Charlette LeFreve



that Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira beat his ex-wife.

I simply don't care about Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira personal life. My function in this situation, as a responsible UFO researcher, is to expose his activities in the UFO field as a total fraud. I have plenty of information from all his activities and there is not a single question about it. And I have always stated, as I will do it as many times as necessary, that when it comes to Ufology, he is a complete phony.

I regret that in her blind and deaf campaign to make this fabricated abduction stand as a genuine one, against each and every piece of evidence that shows the contrary, Linda Moulton Howe has come this far. I sincerely hope that she wakes up some day and realizes that, by supporting a hoax such as this, she is hurting not only her reputation and credibility, but also the UFO field as a whole.

A. J. Gevaerd, editor

Brazilian UFO Magazine

PS.: I obviously won't comment about other absurdities published by Linda Moulton Howe in her report today, either coming from her or from her interviewee, Felipe Castelo Branco. Her word means very little to me to this point and his word, as Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira's partner in the outrageous scam, never meant anything at all.

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## Re: The Father Of Optical SETI - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 20:22:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 08:13:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Father Of Optical SETI - Groff

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 13:27:02 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
>Subject: The Father Of Optical SETI

>Hi Everyone!

>After many decades of listening for evidence of ET civilizatoons  
>using very large radio telescopes, a new generation of  
>scientists are now expanding the search using better and more  
>promising approaches and technologies. One of these is known as  
>optical SETI and involves looking for highly directional laser  
>light signals which, unlike radio waves, do not rapidly become  
>weaker with increasing distances and thus limit us to searching  
>only the few hundred nearby stars in our immediate neighbourhood  
>of our Milky Way - a galaxy which many UFO skeptics and  
>astronomers believe is teaming with ET civilizations among its  
>hundreds of billion stars.

Having been a participant in the Seti@home (SAH) project for 4 years and being a current BETA tester for BOINC (Berkeley Open Infrastructure for Network Computing) and Astropulse (Evaporating Black Hole detection), I feel that all SETI projects are valuable in and of themselves..... While the current SAH project hasn't officially found anything, but out of a few billion signals detected there are more than 1000 candidate signals of which about 160 of the best were recently revisited and re-recorded for replication and verification. These packets are now being resent to participants for "crunching". I know I have one waiting for me in my work-unit queue server right now.

The current phase of SAH is winding down but it is by no means ending, Instead will be expanding to the Southern Search and new data will start being recorded at the Parkes Observatory in Australia. This new version (SETI II) will be able to scan a larger area of the sky and in greater frequencies.

Both the Southern Search and Astropulse will be run within the BOINC client

<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/setifuture.html>

Some people have the misconception that SAH is looking for some kind of "message" but it actually looks for certain characteristics that would indicate an artificial signal (Signal Strength, Slew Rate, Chirp rate etc). it filters out terrestrial RFI and if a signal has too much RFI it dumps it all together. (we call them fast WU because they often only process for a minute or less before the software decides that it's all terrestrial and rejects it)

Two OSETI Projects are:

Columbus Optical SETI Observatory

<http://www.coseti.org/>

and Optical SETI at Harvard

<http://seti.harvard.edu/oseti/>

COSETI appears to have broken links to its images but all text is still there. Harvard's Charter is to detect an intentional optical signal aimed directly at us.

There is also BOSETI - The Bournemouth Optical SETI Observatory -

<http://www.boseti.org/>

which is an affiliate of COSETI.

I admittedly know very little about OSETI but it seems to me that in order to detect a coherent optical signal, a detector would have to be looking in exactly the right spot at exactly the right time. But, hey, I've been wrong before :-)

Terry

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

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## UFO Size Estimator [was Re: Speaking Of Amy]

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Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 22:19:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 09:32:15 -0400  
Subject: UFO Size Estimator [was Re: Speaking Of Amy]

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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 00:32:32 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Speaking Of Amy

>>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 19:00:20 +0000  
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>most people vastly overestimating the size, Jacques Vallee used  
>to say that people are surprised to learn a tiny little aspirin  
>tablet at arm's length covers the entire Full Moon).

<snip>

This would be a good opportunity to try out my UFO Size  
Estimator. It's a javascript calculator that uses the UFO-moon  
comparison for calculation.

<http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/size/index.html>

The problem with using the UFO-Moon method during an actual  
observation is that the Moon may not be visible at the time.  
Using an aspirin tablet (approx 9mm) at arms length in lieu of  
the Moon will at least give you a ballpark figure. Any coin  
will do as well but you would have to alter the diameter-  
distance constant of the coin (coin diameter divided by arm  
length, both in same units). Using either method would still  
require the observer to ascertain or estimate the distance to  
the UFO.

The approximate UFO size would = Constant x Distance x Angular  
size

Even the Moon's angular size changes slightly depending on  
whether it is at apogee or perigee. My estimator uses the Moon's  
mean distance from the Earth (238856 miles) and it's diameter  
(2160 miles) to arrive at a mean ratio of 2160/238856 = 0.00904

An UFO at a distance of 1000 feet that appeared to be twice the  
angular size of the Moon would be approximately 0.00904 x 1000

ft. x 2 =18.09 ft.

Terry

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

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## Re: Linda M. Howe - Landahl

From: Erik Landahl <[landahl1@attbi.com](mailto:landahl1@attbi.com)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 23:39:53 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 09:38:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Landahl

>From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 15:42:06 -0500  
>Subject: Linda M. Howe

>I have known and worked closely with Linda Howe for over twenty  
>years.

>I have never known her to "shade" the facts regarding anything.

>If (and there are reasons I believe we must emphasize the word  
>'if') A. J. Gevaerd is correct in his assumption that the burn  
>marks in question are the result of a hoax, I cannot believe  
>that Linda would hesitate to make that known, if and when the  
>facts supporting that conclusion are produced.

>One needs to remember that Linda is an investigative reporter.  
>For all of the self-proclaimed "professional ufologists" on this  
>list who keep slamming Linda, that means "someone whose job it  
>is to report about claimed events, and submit claims and  
>physical evidence uncovered during investigation to professional  
>scientists, technicians, and scholars of various stripes who are  
>trained to comment on said materials and accounts."

>It strikes me as strange that since that is what Linda has done,  
>it has started this flood of polemic and vitriol directed toward  
>her.

>My time to respond is limited, so let me preempt the most  
>obvious responses now. Linda's recounting of Phyllis Budinger's  
>report which everyone (including Phyllis herself) seems so  
>anxious to champion as proof positive of Linda's evil,  
>incompetence, vanity, etc, etc., ad nauseum, makes the very  
>point that her results can neither prove nor disprove the  
>abduction account.

>Linda takes exception with Phyllis' conclusion that the "hot  
>iron experiment" produced the same result.

>Linda has produced a great body of excellent work regarding  
>animal mutilations (something which I've investigated "hands-on"  
>since 1974), the crop circle phenomenon, UFOs, health and  
>environmental issues.

>As much as I hate to disappoint all of the naysayers, and "I-  
>hate-Linda-come-latelys, she does this not to draw attention to  
>herself, or to amass a fortune, but because she is looking for  
>the truth behind events that are so far inexplicable.

Mr. Boeche and Mr. Gevaerd,

I cannot dispute Mr. Boeche's personal testimony as to the  
character and investigative practices of Linda M. Howe. But as  
an outside observer with no professional or personal interest in  
this case, I want to give you my opinion.

The testimony as it has been presented on the List - from the  
witnesses to Mr. Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira's statements and

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In my opinion, were this a civil case being adjudicated in a United States court of law it is quite possible Mr. Fernandes de Oliveira would be found liable for fraud - based on the testimony and evidence as so far presented on this List.

I am not familiar with the Brazilian legal system, perhaps it would avail Mr. Fernandes de Oliveira with a path to victory that the U.S. system does not provide. It would be very interesting to watch this hypothetical trial unfold in a Corguinho courtroom, but I doubt it would ever find its way to the Supremo Tribunal Federal.

Best regards,

Erik Landahl

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## Grampians Gateway To UFOs

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 04:07:17 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 09:43:27 -0400  
Subject: Grampians Gateway To UFOs

Source: Warrnambool Standard, Australia

<http://the.standard.net.au/articles/2003/06/14/1055220806125.html>

June 14, 2003

RECENT photos revealing mysterious lights visible around the Grampians mountain ranges, extending 100 to 160km north of Warrnambool, have been released to The Standard.

Known as a 'hot spot' for UFO activity over the past two years, the area is attracting 'paranormal' enthusiasts from around the country.

Victorian woman Jacqueline Purtell spent two days in January observing activity over the Grampians ranges and reported seeing multiple moving and stationary objects of varying colours.

She estimated the closest of the spherical shapes to be 1.5km away.

Victorian UFO Research Society public relations officer Paul Norman has been investigating UFOs since 1954.

He said UFOs had been spotted almost nightly since two flew over the car of a man travelling from Horsham to Halls Gap in June 2001.

"There's a big one called 'the commander' and it operates in concert with smaller ones," Mr Norman said.

Two archeologists and researchers from the University of Melbourne have been investigating the phenomenon.

Mr Norman said the lights were invariably in a straight-line format and often flashed on and off simultaneously before disappearing from sight.

He said lakes high in the Grampians could have had some influence on the UFO attraction.

Ms Purtell used a camera attached to a telescope to photograph the images and said the lights were being manoeuvred in an unnatural manner.

"Car head-lights cannot, to my knowledge, fly over the top of mountain ranges. If they do, please let me know. We might be onto something," she mused on her Victorian UFO Research Society sighting report form.

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## Re: The Hoax Continues - LeFevre

From: Charlette LeFevre <[clefevre@oz.net](mailto:clefevre@oz.net)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 01:34:25 -0700 (MST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 09:46:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Hoax Continues - LeFevre

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 17:41:56 -0300  
>Subject: The Hoax Continues

>After all the evidence of the hoax presented by Brazilian and  
>international ufologists, Ms. Howe continues with this fake. In  
>the update at earthfiles:

><http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=543&category=Science>

>she is still listening only to one side of the story, and now we  
>have only one pillowcase. And stones falling of the sky. Good  
>theme for Steven Spielberg or David Copperfield. All these facts  
>are the greatest shame of modern ufology.

Photos show two entirely different pillows with different marks  
were used.

Definitive hoax.

Case closed.

<http://www.seattlechatclub.org/urandir.html>

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## Re: Unidentified Object Seen Floating Near ISS -

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 00:03:19 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 09:41:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Unidentified Object Seen Floating Near ISS -

>From: Karl Rotstan <[krotstan@bfdmail.com](mailto:krotstan@bfdmail.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 12:05:48 -0400  
>Subject: Unidentified Object Seen Floating Near ISS

>Source: WKMG TV Orlando, Florida

><http://www.local6.com/news/2267894/detail.html>

>June 13, 2003

>Unidentified Object Seen Floating Outside ISS

> Object Possibly From Space Station

>CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- NASA is trying to identify a small  
>object spotted floating outside the International Space Station  
>Thursday, according to a report.

<snip>

Hello Karl:

I suppose its too much to ask what the object looked like.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: The Last Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe -

From: Charlette LeFevre <[clefevre@oz.net](mailto:clefevre@oz.net)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 01:42:15 -0700 (MST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 10:09:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Last Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe -

For the record again:

Urandir Oliveira himself confirmed his additional arrest with the Zero Hora Newspaper:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/feb/m27-011.shtml>

".....ZH: Did you ever had trouble with the police?"

Oliveira: No. Once I was arrested because of a domestic fight with my ex-wife with another woman, but there was nothing.".....

- Zero Hora Newspaper, March 27, 2000

<http://www.terra.com.br/brasil/2000/03/27/011.htm>

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## Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 06:33:25 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 10:26:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack - Velez

>From: Pat Bannon - Psychic Research Foundation  
>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 23:37:06 +0100  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 22:53:42 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack - Bannon

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 29 May 2003 10:18:17 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 29 May 2003 00:48:29 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack

<snip>

Hello Pat,

You inquired:

>Is there still any interest in Persinger's work (which may help  
>to explain daylight experiences)

None that I am aware of. The major flaw in Persinger's theory lies in the implication that electromagnetic radiation is 'somehow' causing thousands of individuals from all over the world to have the same hallucination. And that the hallucination happens in the same sequence for all. ie; capture/paralysis, examination and release/return. As 'far fetched' as some consider abduction reports to be, so is Persinger's 'theory.'

The theory doesn't make any sense. I don't know of anyone who takes it seriously or considers it a 'contender' in terms of explaining the abduction phenom. (No offense or insult intended.)

>We are carrying out a study in Bristol, UK looking  
>systematically at levels of incidence of all paranormal  
>experiences and then relating them to electromagnetic radiation,  
>particularly from mobile phone base stations .

Ok, so what was the cause of 'paranormal' experiences prior to the existence of mobile phone base stations?

Maybe the rubbing together of tethered work mules created enough tectonic/electromagnetic force to account for all the paranormal experiences that was reported prior to the industrial age. <Hee-Haw>

Sorry, bad joke. But then... so is Persinger's 'theory'. :)

Regards,

John Velez

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## Preparing for Contact: Lessons From The Past

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 08:40:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 10:43:34 -0400  
Subject: Preparing for Contact: Lessons From The Past

Source: Space.com

[http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti\\_vakoch\\_history\\_030612.html](http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti_vakoch_history_030612.html)

Posted: 07:00 am ET  
11 June 2003

Preparing for Contact: Lessons from the Past

By Douglas Vakoch  
Special to Space.com

Among scientists involved in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI), it's quite common to be focused on the future, ever mindful that it could take years, or even decades, to find a signal from otherworldly intelligence. But if historian Steve Dick has his way, astronomers will also turn their attention toward the past as they search for life beyond Earth.

"I am a firm believer that history should inform our present actions, that we should learn from our past to help us make good decisions for the future," says Dick, author of *Life on Other Worlds: The 20th Century Extraterrestrial Life Debate*. "You've heard the saying that those ignorant of history are condemned to repeat it; =E2=C7=A6 without prior preparation based in part on history, we could make big mistakes with big consequences."

### Getting Physical

Some have suggested that we can anticipate people's reactions to detecting extraterrestrials by recalling the response to the 1938 radio adaptation of H. G. Wells' novel *War of the Worlds*. Among the listeners who tuned in after the beginning of this radio drama about an invasion of Earth by Martians, some panicked when they believed the play to be a news program about a real event.

Dick cautions against using examples like this to predict reactions to a real SETI detection. Most egregiously, Dick argues, such comparisons use hypothetical face-to-face encounters to predict responses to a SETI detection involving signals sent across interstellar distances. "The Orson Welles *War of the Worlds* broadcast is the ultimate example of what radio listeners thought was physical culture contact," which Dick argues "is very different from the impact if the extraterrestrials are light years away."

As an alternative, Dick proposes a fundamental principle that should guide "the broader idea that history can and should inform SETI impact studies." According to Dick, we should focus on "analogues based on the transmission of ideas between cultures, rather than on physical culture contact."

"The analogue most often cited is contact between cultures on Earth, which usually led to disaster: Cortez and the Aztecs, Pizarro and the Incas, the Europeans and the American Indians, and many others." For predicting responses to a SETI detection, however, Dick maintains, "these are not good analogues because

they involve physical culture contact."

Instead, he proposes analogues based on the dispersion of ideas between cultures. "If a SETI signal is deciphered," Dick suggests, "a tantalizing terrestrial analogue is the transmission of Greek science via the Arabs to the Latin West in the 12th and 13th centuries." In this analogy, "the Greeks are the extraterrestrials," the Islamic scholars serve as the bearers of the message from one culture to another, and "the medieval translators and commentators in Spain and elsewhere are those who bring the new knowledge to the masses."

According to Protocol

Following standard research practices, the first steps that astronomers will take after detecting a signal reflect the normal process of science. After confirming the validity of their discovery, they will share their findings with the world. Even if the research team detecting a signal attempted to keep the discovery quiet, in the process of confirming with astronomers at other observatories, it seems unlikely they would be able to conceal the news for long. In Dick's view, "human nature will not allow that to be kept a secret."

Though there may be frustratingly little to report in the days following signal detection, Dick emphasizes the importance of being as complete as possible from the beginning: "In general people are eager and willing to believe in ETs on the slightest evidence. So, we'd better get the announcement right the first time, as well as any further details. In the absence of information, rumor will fill the void."

There should be no great uncertainty in determining that we have detected intelligence beyond Earth, in Dick's view, because the signals themselves would be unlike anything found in nature: "We are looking for very narrow band signals of the kind that nature does not generate, so the fact that a signal is artificial should be obvious." Instead, Dick expects the ambiguity would come later: "It will be much harder to decipher any message, a problem that I think SETI scientists underestimate. We know from cosmic evolution that civilizations could be billions of years old. Whether we could communicate with such entities is doubtful."

An Apt Comparison

Given the potential value of analogies in SETI, how can we be sure we are making appropriate comparisons? "In order to have a good analogy to contact," says Dick, "one needs very much to specify the scenario." As we have already seen, it is vital to distinguish between scenarios where evidence is transmitted across interstellar distances and scenarios where contact is up close and personal. But even within SETI scenarios involving contact at a distance, we need to consider several other factors.

"Is there just a 'dial tone' signal that indicates general intelligence, or is there a flow of information? Fast flow after immediate translation, or slow flow after perhaps generations of decipherment?" As Dick emphasizes, "These are all very different cases of contact."

In spite of his enthusiasm for using historical analogues, Dick urges vigilance: "I have always been careful to emphasize that historical analogues cannot be used to make predictions. They can only serve as guides to our thinking, as tools that tell us that not all things are possible, nor is just one thing possible." Though analogies can play an important role in preparing for the detection of life beyond Earth, as Dick reminds us, "they are guidelines that must be used with caution."

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## Best Brazilian UFO Cases?

From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 16:32:59 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 18:01:43 -0400  
Subject: Best Brazilian UFO Cases?

Hi All,

This is one for all the Brazilian Readers on UpDtes.

I am looking to read up on the most interesting Brazilian UFO cases ( apart from Varginha, this full account is already on my site, written by my Brazilian Colleague Newton Augusto, who went and stayed with the Girls in Varginha, to get their full story:

<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/VarginhaDairy.html>

ones that perhaps show the most interesting signs of contact, and that also had baffled most researchers still today?

Any help would be appreciated.

Best,

Roy.

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 13:39:18 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 18:07:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Tonnies

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 13:59:51 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

<snip>

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>telephone (such as one sees on the wall phone in the AA film)  
>until appreciably later than mid-1947, either.

That was a hot issue briefly. However, such coils were made as early as the 1930s.

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>Mac Tonnies ([macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com))

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (daily blog)

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 18:24:57 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 10:40:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Stanford

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Thanks, Mac. I'd appreciate a reference for that if possible.

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: Linda M. Howe - Boeche

From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 23:08:20 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 10:49:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Boeche

>From: Erik Landahl <[landahl1@attbi.com](mailto:landahl1@attbi.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
>Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 23:39:53 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe

>>From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 15:42:06 -0500  
>>Subject: Linda M. Howe

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>court of law it is quite possible Mr. Fernandes de Oliveira would be found  
>liable for fraud - based on the testimony and evidence as so far presented  
>on this list.

Erik:

Thanks for your thoughtful comments.

I would suggest that what has been presented on this List are  
not so much the facts of the case, but rather vague insinuations  
and ad hominem attacks on linda.

Please visit [Earthfiles.com](http://Earthfiles.com) and read the entire twelve part  
account of the case as it has been presented by Linda herself.

As to A. J. Gevaerd's insinuations and accusations: I wish he  
would address the facts of the case, such as the testimony of  
all the various scientists who have commented. I believe he  
doesn't address these statements because he can't begin to  
refute them. Statements such as that made by Dr. Art Johnson,  
Ph.D., Professor of Geology, Univ. of Pennsylvania regarding the  
stones: "You have presented us with objects that are well  
outside the things we have encountered before, outside our  
experience." Or perhaps those made by Prof. Herbert J. Barndt,  
Director, Grundy Testing Laboratory, School of Textiles and  
Materials Technology, Philadelphia University, a man whose  
credentials are quantum leaps beyond Phyllis Budinger's in  
regard to textiles.

And where is the proof of this vast "cult" of which Gevaerd and  
LeFevre claim Oliveira is the leader? What about the "hundreds"

of defections? Where are these people?

And with this in mind, why - as impeccable Brazilian sources have told me personally - did Gevaerd attempt to sign an exclusive contract with Oliviera when his experiences began which would have made Gevaerd's magazine the exclusive distributor of Oliviera's story? Could this endless ranting and raving have anything to do with the fact that Oliviera refused Gevaerd's offer?

And what about Phyllis Budinger's juvenile "nyaah-nyaah" email gleefully rejoicing that someone bought her story that Linda, in her opinion, misused and misrepresented her report? Nothing Linda disseminated from that report was in the least misrepresented. Could it be that Ms. Budinger is simply upset that Linda and W. C. Levengood didn't accept her report as the ultimate conclusion?

And how many of the self-proclaimed experts ranting about Linda's poor research, have credentials which can match W. C. Levengood's? How many critics of his work on this list have published anything in any peer-reviewed scientific journals? How many have had multiple articles published in Nature, as Levengood has?

Certainly not Charlette LeFevre and her Seattle coffee klatsch. Now that's hard science at it's best. For someone to fawn obsequiously over Linda in order to get her to agree to come and speak, and then launch a polemic against her based on the "word" of a half-baked Brazilian egomaniac who makes his living publishing an even less-baked UFO magazine? That's critical thinking at it's finest.

I can't let that go unchallenged. To quote a Seattle intellectual, "Not on my shift." Oh, the poetry of it all.

And for Ray Stanford to criticize anyone's methodology is astounding. The Project Starlight farce was certainly applauded by scientists the world over, wasn't it? Gosh Ray, sounds like megalomania for someone who doesn't want to be associated with MUFON to try and dictate policy to them. And by the way, how many articles have you published in Nature?

I am continually amazed at the sophomoric, politically based posturing and grandstanding that goes on among UFO "wanna-bes." That's one of the reasons I choose now to simply watch from a distance most of the time. But when people begin to attack a friend and colleague with unfounded accusations and obviously cloudy reasoning, I do feel obliged to wade back into the kiddie-pool of ufology in which these people swim.

Accomplish anything close to what Linda Moulton Howe has done, and maybe someone besides another frustrated "wanna-be" will pay attention.

Ray Boeche

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## Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 04:42:36 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 10:44:46 -0400  
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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 06:33:25 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack

>>From: Pat Bannon - Psychic Research Foundation  
>>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 23:37:06 +0100  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 22:53:42 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack - Bannon

<snip>

>Hello Pat,

>You inquired:

>>Is there still any interest in Persinger's work (which may help  
>>to explain daylight experiences)

>None that I am aware of. The major flaw in Persinger's theory  
>lies in the implication that electromagnetic radiation is  
>'somehow' causing thousands of individuals from all over the  
>world to have the same hallucination. And that the  
>hallucination happens in the same sequence for all. ie;  
>capture/paralysis, examination and release/return. As 'far  
>fetched' as some consider abduction reports to be, so is  
>Persinger's 'theory.'

>The theory doesn't make any sense. I don't know of anyone who  
>takes it seriously or considers it a 'contender' in terms of  
>explaining the abduction phenom. (No offense or insult  
>intended.)

>>We are carrying out a study in Bristol, UK looking  
>>systematically at levels of incidence of all paranormal  
>>experiences and then relating them to electromagnetic radiation,  
>>particularly from mobile phone base stations .

>Ok, so what was the cause of 'paranormal' experiences prior to  
>the existence of mobile phone base stations?

>Maybe the rubbing together of tethered work mules created enough  
>tectonic/electromagnetic force to account for all the paranormal  
>experiences that was reported prior to the industrial age. <Hee-  
>Haw>

>Sorry, bad joke. But then... so is Persinger's 'theory'. :)

Hi John,

I've always felt about the same as you regarding that theory.  
But you know me, always up for something new that is  
interdimensional and risk free. That is why I always wanted to  
check out the electro-magnetic helmets if I made it up to  
Canada.

I would try to stay neutral as the observer who is fully into  
the experience. It could be very interesting to explore those

synaptic receptors, especially if you can explore turning them up stronger and experiment with various locations beyond the research protocols. (hee haw!).

For an example of an interdimensional and perhaps extraterrestrial experience here is some music from a genius composer with whom I was privileged to make a number of albums with over many years as recording engineer, coproduce and mixer of the sound. I also was his manager for many years. I have and still am working with some other gifted artists but this fills a lot of interdimensional space. My request is that you first check out the samples from the album Messenger of the Son. We made that back in the early 80s and it is a legend in its genre.

Have a good and deep journey,

Josh,

<http://www.clearlight888music.com/>

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>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 16:32:59 +0100  
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><http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/VarginhaDairy.html>

>ones that perhaps show the most interesting signs of contact,  
>and that also had baffled most researchers still today?

>Any help would be appreciated.

Dear Roy,

I am afraid that 90% of the best Brazilian UFO cases are not yet  
in English. Can you read Portuguese? In which case, I would be  
glad to send you some magazines with lots of stuff.

A. J.

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## Re: Linda M. Howe - Gevaerd

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Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 11:00:24 -0400  
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>Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 23:39:53 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe

<snip>

>I cannot dispute Mr. Boeche's personal testimony as to the  
>character and investigative practices of Linda M. Howe. But as  
>an outside observer with no professional or personal interest in  
>this case, I want to give you my opinion.

>The testimony as it has been presented on the List - from the  
>witnesses to Mr. Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira's statements and  
>actions pertaining to this case; from the witnesses to the  
>alleged abduction; and from the witnesses to the character and  
>motives of both Mr. Fernandes de Oliveira and Mr. Gevaerd - is  
>so far strongly in favor of those who claim the case is a hoax.  
>The physical and circumstantial evidence pertaining to the  
>alleged abduction, as it has been presented on the List, is also  
>so far strongly in favor of those who claim the case is a hoax.

>In my opinion, were this a civil case being adjudicated in a  
>United States court of law it is quite possible Mr. Fernandes de  
>Oliveira would be found liable for fraud - based on the  
>testimony and evidence as so far presented on this List.

>I am not familiar with the Brazilian legal system, perhaps it  
>would avail Mr. Fernandes de Oliveira with a path to victory  
>that the U.S. system does not provide. It would be very  
>interesting to watch this hypothetical trial unfold in a  
>Corquinho courtroom, but I doubt it would ever find its way to  
>the Supremo Tribunal Federal.

Dear Erik:

The Brazilian legal system would work very similar to the USA legal system in this case. Mr. Urandir has 9 lawsuits against me because I have repeatedly said and published that his claims are all lies. He lost some of them, gave up from 2 or 3 and others are yet in the process.

My line of defense is simple: if someone claims he can speak in several alien languages and I say he is a liar, he must prove in court that he is not. It means, he will have to speak in the alien languages. The same goes for the claims that he is able to contact ETs any time he wants and make them land with their UFOs. I published several times that it is a lie, as it is, and he takes great advantage of the fact that he cannot prove it isn't.

Always when asked to prove, he says some stupid thing such as "the energy isn't good right now", or "the aliens are saying to me that they will not take part in this debates", or even "it is not the proper time. Time will arrive for anyone to see". Very convenient. I wonder if Ms. Howe believes in his claims...

Best, A. J.

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Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 11:03:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Question - Gevaerd

>From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson@alienjigsaw.com](mailto:K.Wilson@alienjigsaw.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 17:55:11 -0400  
>Subject: Linda M. Howe - Question

>Dear List:

>Sorry, but I seemed to have missed an important post.....

>Can anyone provide me with the post or URL where the cult  
>members/hoaxers have come forward, in writing, to explain how

>I can't seem to find the original post.

Dear Katharina:

You can find all info you need at:

[www.earthfiles.com](http://www.earthfiles.com)  
[www.seattlechatclub.org/Urandir.html](http://www.seattlechatclub.org/Urandir.html)  
[www.ufowatchdog.com/brazil.html](http://www.ufowatchdog.com/brazil.html)

A. J.

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>ones that perhaps show the most interesting signs of contact,  
>and that also had baffled most researchers still today?

>Any help would be appreciated.

Hello Roy,

During the week I asked about 'best' Brazilian abduction cases.  
I'm still waiting for a response. After hearing so much for so  
long about this hoax case, it would be refreshing to learn about  
one or several 'good' Brazilian abduction cases.

I'm interested in hearing about UFO cases as well. I'll be  
watching the List for a response to either one of our requests.  
At the moment, all concerned are preoccupied. A 'response' may  
not be forthcoming until the dust settles out from this most  
recent storm.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Latest From Pine Bush

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Subject: Latest From Pine Bush

From the Times-Herald Record, the daily newspaper in the Hudson Valley region of New York State:

Believers keep eye on Pine Bush sky

By Beth Quinn  
Times Herald-Record  
[bquinn@th-record.com](mailto:bquinn@th-record.com)

During the cleanup at Ground Zero two years ago, a National Guard reservist took some photographs of the site.

When he got them developed, he noticed dozens of round, blue, semi-opaque spots in the pictures. He showed the photos to his pal, Jim Smith.

"My friend figured there was something wrong with the film," said Smith, a 49-year-old sergeant at Woodbourne Correctional Facility. "But I knew what they were right away."

Smith told his friend that the camera had captured images of orbs -- also called Tesla globes. He explained that the orbs are associated with UFO and alien activity on Earth. They can't be seen with the naked eye. They show up only on film.

And he told his friend that he'd never seen so many orbs in one place before.

"You mean to tell me you've seen these things before?" his friend asked.

"Of course," Smith said. "All the time. After all, I'm from Pine Bush."

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For more than two decades, Pine Bush has been considered the UFO capital of the Northeast.

Since the 1980s, local residents and visiting ufologists have reported hundreds of phenomena in the town and surrounding area: photographs of Tesla globes (some of them containing aliens called "grays" sitting in lotus position); sightings of lighted boomerang-shaped spacecraft, called "triangles"; interdimensional gateways; and alien abductions.

In 1994, the now-deceased ufologist Ellen Crystall chronicled her own 11-year investigation into alien activity in Pine Bush in her book, "Silent Invasion." Magazine articles, talk shows and TV documentaries followed.

It's been a while, though. The media attention has died down. Some newcomers might not even know they've moved to an area famous for its alien activity.

So what exactly is going on in Pine Bush? Have the aliens pulled up stakes and gone back to their planet? Or is Pine Bush still a UFO hot spot?

"It's just part of our lives," said Sue Wiand, who lives in nearby Walker Valley. "I hear stories of sightings all the time standing in line at the grocery store."

At the moment, she said, nine out of 10 sightings occur in the portion of Pine Bush that lies in the Town of Shawangunk near Oregon Trail, Indian Springs Road and Galeville Road.

In fact, there's a bridge on Galeville Road that just won't stay painted.

"They have to paint it over and over," Wiand said. "That area is known as a UFO landing area, so maybe the heat from the craft peels the paint off."

Whether you're a believer or not, there is no question that something is still going on in Pine Bush.

Just listen to those who've been there when it's happened. They're regular folks with regular lives who happen to be well acquainted with the others who inhabit Pine Bush. These are their stories, in their own words.

\* \* \*

I'm out on the road sky-watching a lot. One night I was out on a little country road near the Jewish cemetery (Congregation Beth Hillel Cemetery on Route 52).

It was a little damp with ground fog coming and going. Then the fog enveloped the truck. I started seeing silhouettes of people. At one point, a guy on a bike came right at the truck. He should have hit the windshield, but he didn't. He just disappeared.

I sat there for half an hour watching. It was like the truck was parked in an alley between two tall buildings -- maybe 6 feet in and facing outward toward a busy street. All kinds of pedestrian traffic was walking past the alley opening through the fog. They were normal human size, but silhouettes. I couldn't see any faces.

But it was a busy, busy street in some other dimension, right there on a back country road in Pine Bush.

Tony "Smoothie" Stevens, 56,  
Pine Bush,  
Retired Lieutenant,  
Department of Correctional Services

\* \* \*

My husband, John, doesn't like to talk about his encounters. They've been happening since he was 3 years old, and they make him very angry, very scared. He's retired from the Rockland County Sheriff's Department, and he doesn't scare easily. But this scares him.

His most recent encounter happened when he was driving home from work. He got out at midnight, so it was late. His whole car was suddenly enveloped in angel hair -- stuff that's like white Christmas tree icicles. It's associated with lots of people's encounters.

He knew what was coming, and it made him angry. He grabbed his steering wheel hard, very tight. "Why are you doing this to me again?"

Why?" he said.

The next thing he recalls was lying on a table with two beings nearby. They were speaking in their own language, but John could understand them.

One said, "He'll be able to do it." The other one said, "No, he's too angry."

And then John was in his car again. The angel hair had dissipated. He could drive again.

Susan Mann, 47, Town of Newburgh

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A lot of people in Pine Bush talk about abduction. That's real common around here.

I was taken when I was 11, but I had been seeing them most of my life.

When I was taken, there were bright lights, a table. They'd get close and I couldn't move away from them. One held up a needle and I could see it glistening. He jabbed it into my head behind my ear. I blacked out. When they returned me, they put me back in bed wrong. My feet were on the pillow. I guess they didn't know the difference.

I've looked for explanations. I don't know what it was, but I know what it wasn't. It wasn't sleep paralysis. It wasn't epilepsy.

There are different kinds, different sizes of beings. The most common are the "grays" -- they're small, 3- to 4-feet tall. There are also the "Nordics" -- beings with large blue eyes and fine blond hair. It's not OK for them to be doing this. No one, no matter who, has the right to do this to us.

John DiTuro, 40, Pine Bush,  
computer engineer

\* \* \*

I've seen so many of the beings, I know exactly how they move. They're different sizes, different shapes, but when you see them so much, you know they're not of this earth.

Not long ago, I saw this figure -- about 6 foot 6 and dressed all in black -- standing beneath the traffic light in Pine Bush.

I said to Hilda (my fianc=E9e), "What's that woman doing?"

Hilda said, "Oh my God, I thought I was the only one who saw the thing."

When she moved, it wasn't like walking. It wasn't in frames, either, like most of them move. In frames, they're someplace and then they're suddenly in another place, like time-lapse photography.

But this one moved horizontally.

In Pine Bush, you see things you don't expect. I've seen a cat with no head walking across the floor. It just had a piece of cardboard where the head should be. A lot of people in Pine Bush tell me they've seen that cat.

But not everyone can see the cat or the beings. You have to be open to things like that.

Jim Smith, 49, Pine Bush,  
Sergeant, Woodbourne Correctional Facility

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## More Pine Bush

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Subject: More Pine Bush

Also from today's Times-Herald record (an opinion column from the same reporter who wrote the UFO story):

Explanation of sliming still remains hazy

By Beth Quinn  
Times Herald-Record  
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In retrospect, we all referred to it as "the night we got slimed by the aliens" whenever we talked about it.

It happened in Pine Bush, of course, back in the fall of 1994. A spectacular meteor shower was expected to appear in the sky that night, and we figured, where better to watch a meteor shower than in Pine Bush?

"We" were a group of four -- my husband, Bob, and I, along with our friends, Lance and Emily. We decided to make an evening of it, beginning with a dinner at the Oriental House, the new Asian restaurant in town.

We didn't drink. The events that followed dinner were no Saki-induced hallucination.

Lance was driving. They'd bought a '95 Chevy Tahoe a week earlier and were in the fussy stage of new-car ownership. Emily had it stocked with Windex, paper towels and other cleaning supplies to keep it pristine.

None of us can recall exactly which back road we were on when the windshield misted over.

Lance was just driving around looking for a field. We figured that was fine. Field owners in Pine Bush are kind of used to strangers showing up to look at the sky.

But the windshield misted over before we found a field to stand in. Lance put on the wipers, figuring it was foggy dew. Nothing happened, though. The windshield stayed misted. He tried squirting the wiper fluid, but that didn't do the trick, either.

Since he could no longer see where he was going, he pulled to the side of the road. Then he leaned out the window and tried wiping the windshield with his hand.

It felt smooth to the touch and kind of rubbery. But his hand left the "mist" undisturbed.

Emily handed him the Windex and paper towels. Both Bob and Lance got out and started spraying and rubbing, spraying and rubbing. The stuff wouldn't budge.

They both just kept saying, "What the hell?"

Emily and I got out, too. As I closed the door behind me, I realized that the handle felt wrong. I looked closely at it, then stood back to examine the whole side of the car.

We all did. And our jaws dropped as we realized that the entire truck, top to bottom, wheels and all, was covered with a thin layer of this semi-opaque slime.

Alien slime. At least it was alien to us. We'd never seen such a thing. The most striking thing about it was how evenly the truck was covered with it -- like we'd gone through a car wash where they used slime instead of car wax.

We gave up on looking for a field. Lance drove us home with his head out the window so he could see. Everyone was pretty much speechless for the ride.

We sat on our deck when we got home that night and watched the sky for long hours. We kept our eyes open for slime-squirting spacecraft but saw nothing more unusual than a couple of shooting stars.

I confess, we did have a drink or two out there on the deck.

Lance told us the next day he had to wash the truck several times with a grease-cutting detergent to remove the rubbery slime. It took him five hours.

Listen, I don't know what it was. I'm told that slimings like that are rare in Pine Bush. They happen more often in Oregon. But quite frankly, the alien theory is the only one that makes any sense.

If anyone has a more earthbound explanation, I'd be happy to know about it.

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## A Very Ambitious Project

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Subject: A Very Ambitious Project

I want to introduce the List to an extremely ambitious project called "RR0-IS". I first heard about it from Jerome Beau, one of the project managers, via my site's feedback form.

With Jerome's permission I am reprinting his feedback (unedited). He asks that you please forgive his English but I think you will get the gist.

"First, I would like to congratulate you for the great initiative of UFO tools. I feel that such initiative is very useful. Another reason why I like your UFO Tools is because it is a good example of the services our RR0 IS project aims to provide. The RR0 IS project is an Open Source project that intend to build a uniformized information system (IS) for the worldwide ufological community. It has started since the beginning of the year and, as any Open Source projects, lives from contributions of various people interested in help ufology to gain credibility and be better organized. RR0 IS will allow any people connected to the Internet to report a sighting, but also goes beyond a database system. It intend to help people to identity such sightings (if possible), to identity UFO behavior patterns, compute credibility ratio for cases, allow distributed computation (to build statistics typically), and so on. Moreover, by defining a standard way to describe ufological data and exchange it between multiple RR0 IS servers, it will allow researchers to exchange data. I would be delighted if you would accept to join this project. This way you might share with us your skills, knowlege, and ideas to build a better RR0 IS. Of course we'll be interested in integrated your software modules in the (free and open-source) RR0 IS product, if you want to. Feel free to visit the RR0 IS project homepage at <http://rr0.sourceforge.net> You'll be able to discuss with us by joining some of our mailing lists (rr0-domain, rr0-developers, and so on).

Best regards, Jerome Beau."

RR0 stands for Rencontre Rapproch=E9e 0. A French acronym for Close Encounter of the "zero" kind (CE0), which means that nothing was sighted at all. It's the historical name of a static ufological website that launched the RR0-IS project. (<http://rr0.org>). Jerome has told me that they are willing to change the name :-)

A project of this magnitude would ultimately require the cooperation ufologists and researchers from all over the world.

Please read more at:

<http://rr0.sourceforge.net>

and also read their "vision" statement at:

[https://sourceforge.net/docman/display\\_doc.php?docid=3D17408&group\\_id=3D7006=0](https://sourceforge.net/docman/display_doc.php?docid=3D17408&group_id=3D7006=0)

RR0 is looking for contributors and I can't think of a better

pool than the members of this list. If we are to do a truly scientific study of UFO and UAP related events, we should encourage and contribute to all available avenues of investigation.

Thank you  
Terry Groff  
<http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>

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## Alien Autopsy Blues

From: **Ed Gehrman** <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 11:55:07 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 11:54:37 -0400  
Subject: Alien Autopsy Blues

EBK, Listers,

My daughter wrote the following song.

Ed

Alien Autopsy Blues

Woke up this morning, what did I see?  
A big dead alien on my TV  
He's got big eyes and a little flat nose  
12 fingers and 12 little toes!

I just don't know what I'm going to do  
I got the alien autopsy blues

Newscaster's saying they've been here for ages  
President's got them in underground cages  
they've been here since 1947  
And all this time I've been praying to heaven

While America's in league with outer space  
selling the future of the human race

Went to my fridge, cracked me a bud,  
got to stop thinking about alien blood  
legs like a chicken, big bloated belly  
I think I'll just turn off that telly

I'm saying I don't know what we're going to do  
I've got the alien autopsy blues

I want to know what the world's coming to  
when you've got aliens on the eight o'clock news  
was a time you could trust your TV  
gave you ginzu knives and free recipes

now the world's so scary and new  
I've got the alien autopsy blues

I'm telling you, it's freaking my shit out  
just don't know what it's all about  
Everybody looks alien, ma,  
martha stewart and tom brokaw

Please tell me what can we do?  
I've got the alien autopsy blues

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## The Non-Disclosure Project

From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 15:7:15 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 11:59:10 -0400  
Subject: The Non-Disclosure Project

The Further Adventures in Disinformation of the Non-Disclosure Project and an Open Letter to the Savior of Mankind II

THE NON-DISCLOSURE PROJECT

"The clear made obscure!"

Well, the so-called Disclosure project continues to move along. Now we are to have a mock-hearing. Hmm, interesting indeed. Are we to have more entertainment here? Sounds sort of like a cross between a revival meeting and hootenanny. Free energy and ice cream for all. Come and hear about the 57 varieties of aliens sponsored by Heinz Ketchup. Can someone explain to me about Alien specie number #19 again? Thanks.

I particularly enjoy that ace-lobbyist Steve Bassett is on the case here. Hopefully, he can help do for Disclosure what he helped do for CAUS, make its reputation mud and destroy it. We wish him great success in his continued quest to turn gold into BS. This alchemy is as important as free-energy.

And while we are on the subject let's hear it for old Doc Greer. Why his new company is off the launch pad

<http://www.seaspower.com/>

None need apply for jobs or investments. All investments in the company are now closed but stay tuned, marks, er, I mean, investors, you will be needed soon.

I understand that Greer will soon be nominated and since there is no competition with Enron out of the running, for the Otis T. Carr Memorial Award, the pot and potato peeler used by Otis during his stay in prison in Oklahoma will soon be soon be in Greer's possession.

Now we are informed that an inventor who has a free-energy project and who promised it to SEAS has not yet delivered it yet as promised. Not to worry there are other inventors waiting in the wings. Yet I remember Otis had the same problems with his device, but it would have flown if the authorities just gave him more time and he had just a little more money.

That brings us to the open letter to the Savior of Mankind II (Corso, of course, who was responsible for the giant space-based weapons system currently keeping ET at bay and a star witness on the Disclosure Project's list is, of course, Savior of Mankind I. Perhaps it would be better to refer to him in a less cumbersome manner, say Corso II as there is a junior already involved here.)

Dear Savior of Mankind II, Corso II,

Please carefully consider the contents of this open letter as a plea not to deliver you magical free energy device to Dr. Greer's company. By not doing so you will free up this man's vital time for further disclosure work, like vetting witnesses,

before taking them before the press and public, and he will have time to investigate some of the more outlandish claims which he said he didn't have before this.

I understand Greer's Enron, er, end run around the radiational energy looks impressive, but he is just spreading himself too thin. When this happens, why he just gets a little careless and makes mistakes about what is his and what belongs to someone else. Take for example "The Best Evidence" why his appropriation of this item was just a little mistake, he remembered that it wasn't his when the lawyers for the real owners brought it to his attention. He just didn't have the time to answer the real owners before the lawyers got involved. Much too busy.

So I think you should take your invention to another entity like REKCUS, Inc., a company incorporated in the State of Chaos with a special eyes only majestic charter, they know how to handle it and will give you a good deal.

Best regards,

Jan Aldrich

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## Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 12:01:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples - Gehrman

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>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 13:39:18 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 13:59:51 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Rock Samples

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>>I don't recall ever having seen that coil-type wire on a  
>>telephone (such as one sees on the wall phone in the AA film)  
>>until appreciably later than mid-1947, either.

>That was a hot issue briefly. However, such coils were made as  
>early as the 1930s.

Mac, Listers, EBK,

There have been many misconceptions regarding the AA footage. Only a few critics have seen the uncut CD version; most refuse to take a look because the AA is considered preposterous, and there's no sense in wasting time on a subject best served by idiots and zealots. But there have been serious researchers and thinkers look closely at the AA footage and some of them are not so sure the AA should be written off just yet.

Dave Vetterick is one of those folks who decided to approach the AA with an open mind. He and I do not totally agree on the origin of the AA and he is very cynical about Ray Santilli's motives, but his observations dispell the myth that the AA footage was some form of Grade-B movie or cheap undertaking:

for entire review go to:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/aafilm/vetterick.html>

By Ray Vetterick

No one, including the world's greatest de bunkers, has been able to establish or point out a single flaw or error in anything you can see in the film that proves it's a fake beyond any reasonable doubt.

Yes, there are some very valid points about military protocol, autopsy procedures, FX capabilities, etc., that say the film is a fake. However, these are all subjective opinions of individuals with some degree of expertise in their fields. The problem is for every one of these "ANTI" opinions, there are just as many, or even more experts with "PRO" opinions. How do you give one more weight than the other? Obviously, you can't. Therefore, it's illogical to arrive at a definitive conclusion one way or the other based primarily on these opposing opinions.

In just about any Hollywood or TV Network production you can find something that is wrong; a prop that's moved or different from one scene to the next, clothing that had a stain that

disappeared later, an item that's not consistent for the time period being portrayed in the film, etc., etc.

What amazes me about the film is that no such detail has been missed. At least none have come to light. Here are some examples of small details that are unique or could have easily been overlooked :

1. The electrical outlet on the wall behind the creature's head, and where the guy is standing behind the glass is a two pronged outlet without the ground. This was standard for the late 1940's time frame.
2. We've seen a lot of discussion on the phone, phone cord, mike, clock, protective suits, medical instruments, etc., and all have been proven to be authentic for the period.
3. There is a fluid drain pan on the floor under the autopsy table that is only seen in the first 10 - 15 frames of the first reel.
4. David Rudiak pointed out for the first time I'm aware of, the blood trails continue to flow well after the knife has passed. If this is an FX effect it's a very complex and expensive one to accomplish.
5. A piece of shrapnel is removed from the leg wound, but it's clearly stuck and dug into the tissue making it a bit difficult to remove.
6. A small plastic like device is removed from the chest, which also is clearly affixed to the surrounding tissue. It could be an artificial pump or valve of some sort, but it's definitely not tissue or bone.
7. As the surgeons tug and cut to remove organs you can see tissue moving in the background, just as you'd expect tissue to be connected and behave in a real body. William Sawers pointed out in reel 5 towards the end, some sort of white "goop" spills out of an organ being removed. But it happens so quickly you wouldn't notice it without viewing it frame by frame.
8. The black eye coverings, no naval, and 6 fingers and toes have all been discussed to death, but are interesting details.

If the AA film is a fake, to be so technically precise in so many different areas a small army of consultants, who don't work cheap, would have been needed. Creating the creature with imbedded shrapnel and plastic valve/pump, connected tissue, oozing goop, and blood flow well after the scalpel cut is made are all difficult, high priced effects to accomplish. Yet many of these costly effects are passed over so quickly you can't even see them unless viewed frame by frame.

It's not logical to spend the money on these effects if they're passed over so quickly no one viewing the film at normal speed would even notice them. The same applies to the consultants to get props correct like the floor pan, and electrical outlet when they too are passed over so quickly they go unnoticed.

The majority of people agree, if this IS a hoax, it was a very expensive production. My logic says why would anyone invest and risk that kind of money without having some sort of indication they'd be able to sell it. With all the hoopla that's been raised in the last 6 years about the film, SOMEONE would have come forward by now saying they had some discussion about it in advance of it being made. This hasn't happened, and the film had already been made by the time the people who did finally come up with the money, Kiviat & Fox, first became aware of it.

Government Produced?

If individuals wouldn't risk the money to produce this, some agency of the government might, which has been suggested by Philip Mantle and others.

This theory is interesting, but I must ask what would they have expected to accomplish? What reaction would they have anticipated? I don't see how this would have anyone quaking in their boots in fear of what the United States might have learned.

For this theory to be correct you have to assume they changed their minds and never actually used the film. If it had been, it would have surfaced somewhere else by now.

My logic also says if the government produced this, why come up with all the BS stories about Roswell (dummies et al) and just say it was something they thought about but never followed through on. THIS ALONE could just about have killed the entire Roswell story. Why go through the GAO report and all the grief everyone gives the government looking for documents on Roswell and UFO's in general. Look at all the abduction claims and issues they could kill by admitting the AA film was a cold war propaganda thing that never got used.

It's not logical that if the government DID produce this in the late 50's or early 60's why not just admit it?

see more at:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/aafilm/vetterick.html>

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## ISS 'UFO' A 2.5 Inch Metallic I.D. Tag

From: Karl Rotstan <[karl.rotstan@verizon.net](mailto:karl.rotstan@verizon.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 12:06:26 -0400  
Subject: ISS 'UFO' A 2.5 Inch Metallic I.D. Tag

Following on the reported unknown object sighted near the space station, I found the following at:

<http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mpl/nation/1953023>

Drifting object in space is likely tag  
By Mark Carreau  
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A 2 1/2-inch-long flat metal object that drifted away from the international space station earlier this week most likely was an identification tag from an external power or data cable, NASA officials said Friday.

Astronaut Ed Lu, one of the station's two current tenants, noticed the small object drift past the window of the station's U.S. Destiny science laboratory module early Thursday.

After reporting the observation to NASA's Mission Control, ground-based experts e-mailed images of several potential candidates for the object to the space station astronaut for identification.

Lu selected the image resembling one of the many numbered tags used to identify individual power and data cables in large wire bundles outside the space station, said agency spokesman Kyle Herring.

The tags are secured to the cables with a woven fiberglass lacing cord, and engineers are not certain how the high-tech string came apart or worked itself free.

Though NASA's sensitivity to breakaway objects has been raised by the fatal Feb. 1 breakup of shuttle Columbia, the loss of the tag is not considered a safety hazard or an operational problem, Herring said.

Investigators believe Columbia's breakup was triggered by a hole in the left wing. A piece of foam insulation that peeled away from the shuttle's fuel tank during the Jan. 16 liftoff is the leading suspect for the object that struck and damaged the wing.

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## Questions About The Brazilian 'Abduction'

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Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 11:29:09 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 12:40:44 -0400  
Subject: Questions About The Brazilian 'Abduction'

Dear colleagues:

I know that you, who live outside Brazil, have many doubts about this big fraud called Gateway Project and its leader Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira.

However, as far as I can see, the most important proof that it is a hoax, upon which we have none interference whatsoever, are the photos of the alleged abduction presented at [earthfiles.com](http://earthfiles.com)

One of them was taken by the hoaxer's personel on site, just after the fabrication, September 2002, and the other was taken by Ms. Linda Howe several months later, last February 2003, when she was in Brazil.

It is absolutely clear that the rooms in those photos are different, was well as the bedsheets and the pillowcases. It is there for anyone to see.

Besides, I really doubt that the room where the abduction allegedly took place would be sealed for 5 entire months, as claimed, just waiting for Ms. Howe to come to Brazil to check out the supposedly untouched evidence.

Why didn't Urandir contact her sooner?

Why didn't Ms. Linda come to Brazil earlier?

Why didn't he contact any other researchers (probably living closer to his town) sooner?

Why is he so eager to have his case legitimized and is spending lots of money on that?

As we say in Brazil, there is no perfect "crime" and all lies have very short legs.

Regards

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## 'Taken' The Series

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Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 12:44:05 -0400  
Subject: 'Taken' The Series

Source: The London Free Press - Ontario

<http://www.canoe.com/NewsStand/LondonFreePress/Today/2003/06/16/112194.html>

TORONTO -- Four years ago, screenwriter Leslie Bohem's phone rang. The person on the other end of the line introduced himself as Steven Spielberg.

"I thought it was a prank," Bohem says. "I said 'No it isn't.' Since then I've been told people hang up a lot, like they don't believe it."

But indeed it was the master filmmaker himself. It seems when he likes something, he grabs the phone and makes a direct call. And he liked Bohem's scripts for the action films Daylight and Dante's Peak.

At their first meeting, the man who created Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind and E.T. pitched the idea of a 20-hour TV mini-series about UFOs and alien abductions.

What did Bohem know? At that point, only what he had seen in Spielberg's own movies. But then began a series of meetings that produced draft outlines and character development and finally a television mini-series called Taken.

The mini-series proved to be epic in the Spielberg tradition and late last year helped the Sci-Fi Channel in the U.S. dominate the cable ratings for the first time ever. Over the next 10 weeks, beginning tonight at 8 p.m., CBC-TV will broadcast all 10 episodes as part of a summertime break from its usual all-Canadian prime-time schedule.

The plan was to acquire a strong product to build an audience leading into the fall season, but CTV may have already scuttled that idea by programming its new hit, Canadian Idol, at the same time.

But Taken does have Canadian content. The \$40-million US project was filmed entirely in B.C. and features several prominent Canadian actors in the cast.

Alonso Oyarzun, a West Coast character actor with a recurring role in several of the episodes, says it was a monumental production that required plenty of acting in front of green screens (where alien beings and spacecraft special effects would be inserted later).

"You could definitely feel it was something big."

But Oyarzun said Spielberg himself never actually came to the set, despite rumours and sightings. In fact, he says, fellow Canadian cast member Matt Frewer even took a camcorder around to interview local townsfolk.

"And they went on with, yeah, that they saw Steven Spielberg, that he was great and blah-blah-blah. So I'm pretty sure that when it comes out on DVD that it'll be in there."

Bohem says Spielberg was very hands-on but made three other films himself while Taken was being shot.

Actually, he's glad the boss didn't make an on-location visit.

"I think if any of us had seen Steven on the set, we would have known we were doing something really wrong."

Taken follows three generations of three American families whose members over the years are abducted and experimented on by the alien occupants of visiting spacecraft. It spans six decades, from the 1940s to today, and incorporates all of the familiar UFO history and mythology, from the Foo Fighters (UFOs spotted during Second World War aerial dogfights over Europe) to Roswell (the alleged crash and capture of a saucer near the New Mexico town in 1947) to crop circles to the alien greys (the little grey creatures with big heads and eyes, a common look that has been handed down from eyewitness accounts to Close Encounters to The X-Files.)

There's also the coverup, a recurring plot turn that reveals the American military to be more inscrutable and duplicitous than the alien visitors.

"The intent right from the start was that this was a modern mythology," Bohem says from Los Angeles. "We didn't feel that we had licence to make any of it up on that level."

He says key events in the 20th-century UFO mythology feed into pop culture, which in turn feeds back into the myth.

"It wouldn't be fair to go 'Well our aliens are seven feet tall and have tentacles.' Because that's not what people say they saw. They say little grey men."

Is Bohem, a mythology major in college, a believer now? He says if aliens exist, that would be incredible, but that if there is no other intelligent life in all the universe but us, it would be even more incredible.

"The more that you research something like this, and the more that you see that really credible people who aren't trying to do anything but tell you something they truly believed happened to them, are telling you this, you kind of go 'There's something going on here.' "

But like Spielberg's own milestone films, it wouldn't be enough just to dramatize a history of alien abduction allegations. Taken also had to have strong characters, and Bohem, who wrote all 10 episodes, made sure of that.

"I can't speak for Steven, but I've certainly seen all his movies and I know that that's what impels them -- you know, they have great characters.

"Really, I'm hard-pressed to think of anything that lasts that didn't. I mean character is the basis of any good story."

Bohem says the mini-series was a career landmark for him.

"I'm proud to be part of the heritage. How great to be part of a legacy with the guy that in many ways created the genre."

He says he is now in consultations with Spielberg about doing something else on an equally large canvas. But, although Taken's ending leaves the possibility open, he insists it won't be a sequel.

At least not yet.

Who's Who

Some of the characters in Taken:

- Dakota Fanning (Allie): Narrator and eventual star at the finale is nine-year-old Fanning, memorable as Sean Penn's daughter in I Am Sam. She emerges as a messianic product of human-alien crossbreeding.

- Eric Close (John): One of the first alien visitors in human



guise. Coincidentally, Close starred in the short-lived NBC series Dark Skies in 1997, which also tracked the history of UFO sightings and alleged encounters from the 1940s to today. To complete the link, the first episodes of both Taken and Dark Skies were directed by Tobe Hooper.

- Joel Gretsch (Owen Crawford): Gretsch plays a psycho U.S. military officer who'll stop at nothing, including murder, to hush up the alien spacecraft crash at Roswell, N.M., and try to catch the children of alien-human matings.

- Catherine Dent (Sally Clarke): Dent plays a neglected country wife who finds an injured alien in her barn. She nurses the being -- in human form -- back to health, falls in love and bears son who develops alien powers and becomes a key figure in the drama.

- Matt Frewer (Dr. Chet Wakeman): Frewer plays the cynical and eccentric Dr. Wakeman, who knows all the alien secrets and may be even more inhuman than the aliens he tracks and studies.

- Heather Donahue (Mary Crawford): Donahue plays a ruthless woman who, like her lover Dr. Wakeman, will stop at nothing to be in on the whole conspiracy.

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## Re: More Pine Bush - Long

From: **Bill Long** <[segfahl@longboys.net](mailto:segfahl@longboys.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 12:45:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: More Pine Bush - Long

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 13:07:11 -0400  
>Subject: More Pine Bush

<snip>

>Lance told us the next day he had to wash the truck several  
>times with a grease-cutting detergent to remove the rubbery  
>slime. It took him five hours.

<snip>

Why on earth (no pun intended) didn't you scrape some of the  
stuff off and have it analyzed? Here you had a perfectly good  
way to obtain physical evidence, yet it didn't happen.

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## Re: Latest From Pine Bush - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 12:02:57 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 12:47:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Latest From Pine Bush - Maccabee

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 13:04:57 -0400  
>Subject: Latest From Pine Bush

> From the Times-Herald Record, the daily newspaper in the Hudson  
>Valley region of New York State:

>Believers keep eye on Pine Bush sky

>By Beth Quinn  
>Times Herald-Record  
>[bquinn@th-record.com](mailto:bquinn@th-record.com)

>During the cleanup at Ground Zero two years ago, a National  
>Guard reservist took some photographs of the site.

>When he got them developed, he noticed dozens of round, blue,  
>semi-opaque spots in the pictures. He showed the photos to his  
>pal, Jim Smith.

>"My friend figured there was something wrong with the film,"  
>said Smith, a 49-year-old sergeant at Woodbourne Correctional  
>Facility. "But I knew what they were right away.">

>Smith told his friend that the camera had captured images of  
>orbs -- also called Tesla globes. He explained that the orbs are  
>associated with UFO and alien activity on Earth. They can't be  
>seen with the naked eye. They show up only on film.

This is semi-amusing because a likely error resulted in some  
interesting information in the newspaper article.

It is very likely that the images which appeared in the film are  
what I have called "flash orbs" which are images made by light  
(usually from a camera flash) that is reflected by tiny  
particles of dust. There was a lot of dust in the air around  
"Ground Zero" two years ago. The story does not say that the  
photos were taken with a flash, but it does say that the orbs  
were not visible to the naked eye and were only seen on the  
film. This is a prime characteristic of "flash orbs"

To check on "flash orbs" one can go to:

[http://brumac.8k.com/orb\\_1.html](http://brumac.8k.com/orb_1.html).

Orbs which are seen with the naked eye (flash not needed) are  
not dust particles.

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## Re: Linda M. Howe - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 13:15:40 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 13:56:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Stanford

>From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
>To: UFO Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 23:08:20 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe

>>From: Erik Landahl <[landahl1@attbi.com](mailto:landahl1@attbi.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
>>Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2003 23:39:53 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe

>>>From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 15:42:06 -0500  
>>>Subject: Linda M. Howe

>>Mr. Boeche and Mr. Gevaerd,

>>I cannot dispute Mr. Boeche's personal testimony as to the  
>>character and investigative practices of Linda M. Howe. But as  
>>an outside observer with no professional or personal interest  
>>in this case, I want to give you my opinion.

>>The testimony as it has been presented on the list - from the  
>>witnesses to Mr. Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira's statements  
>>and actions pertaining to this case; from the witnesses to the  
>>alleged abduction; and from the witnesses to the character and  
>>motives of both Mr. Fernandes de Oliveira and Mr. Gevaerd - is  
>>so far strongly in favor of those who claim the case is a  
>>hoax. The physical and circumstantial evidence pertaining to  
>>the alleged abduction, as it has been presented on the list,  
>>is also so far strongly in favor of those who claim the case  
>>is a hoax.

>>In my opinion, were this a civil case being adjudicated in a  
>>United States court of law it is quite possible Mr. Fernandes  
>>de Oliveira would be found liable for fraud - based on the  
>>testimony and evidence as so far presented on this list.

>Erik:

>Thanks for your thoughtful comments.

>I would suggest that what has been presented on this List are  
>not so much the facts of the case, but rather vague insinuations  
>and ad hominem attacks on linda.

>snip

Ray Boeche, shame on you for touting:

>Statements such as that made by Dr. Art Johnson,  
>Ph.D., Professor of Geology, Univ. of Pennsylvania regarding the  
>stones: "You have presented us with objects that are well  
>outside the things we have encountered before, outside our  
>experience."

Yes, of course it is outside his experience! How many professors  
(of geology or otherwise) are asked to analyze alleged UFO  
abduction-related burns on bed clothes?! If anyone dare be so

intellectually dishonest as to use an innocent statement like that to suggest that the professor believes the story behind the 'evidence', then it is ridiculous! The fact that he says it is outside his experience, in fact, brings serious question upon his qualification to do any analysis. In the first place, analyzing bed sheet material is hardly the province of geology! LMAO!

Flawed methodology! Try a qualified forensic laboratory, for God's sake!

<snip>

>And for Ray Stanford to criticize anyone's methodology is  
>astounding. The Project Starlight farce was certainly applauded  
>by scientists the world over, wasn't it?

We certainly have never been 'put down' by any scientists, so I wonder if you are confusing Stephen Greer's "Project Starlight" that usurped the first two words of my Project Starlight International's name and made all kinds of, IMO, kooky claims.

My project's work is with instruments ranging from recording magnetometers, a recording gravimeter, spectrographic camera, radar, high resolution motion picture and still cameras.

In fact, you should ask yourself why, when Dr. J. Allen Hynek and CUFOS put on their 1976 closed-to-media conference of scientific UFO studies, I was the only head of a U.S. UFO group that was invited to speak on the group's work.

Could you guess why?

I heard that Walter Andrus of MUFON was 'livid with anger' at not having been invited and, IMO, it was with good reason that he and a lot of others were uninvited.

Could you guess why?

If you're going to publicly allege that my project's methodology is flawed, you had better know of what our methodology consists and able to demonstrate that you are right.

By the way, just what is your contribution to scientific ufology? I suspect you have no methodology other than wide-eyed belief and writing nasty letters like yours to which I respond now.

>Gosh Ray, sounds like megalomania for someone who doesn't want  
>to be associated with MUFON to try and dictate policy to them.

See what I mean about being nasty?!

I would not be a member of any organization that promoted the Gulf Breeze photographic hoaxes of ex-convict Ed Walters and promoted him in their publication as a 'pillar of his community'. :-o

And I wasn't trying to dictate policy, but was suggesting MUFON exercise discretion for the sake of all UFology at large.

So, where's the megalomania to which you refer? Prove I am megalomaniacal or cease the nastiness.

>And by the way, how many articles have you published in Nature?

None, but more than 90% of all scientists would answer likewise! So what?! But your methodology is flawed! One must not judge Levensgood's comments on so-called crop circle evidence or on the Brazilian hoaxed evidence as valid just because he had things on unrelated topics published in Nature or anywhere else! How's your logic?!

That's poor methodology if I've ever heard it. Each scientific claim must be evaluated on its own and not believed simply because the author has published in Nature. That is especially true when the genre such as crop circles and claims like the Brazilian case under discussion are so abundant with hoaxes.

The things published in Nature are scrupulously peer-reviewed.

By contrast, Levensgood's 'findings' on materials from crop circles and the Brazilian material have never been published in

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Nature. Furthermore, I'm very sure Levengood has never even submitted them to Nature. And that's no wonder, considering the, IMO, overdrawn conclusions he is well known for making on such subjects in recent years.

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: Linda M. Howe - Hutchinson

From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch@grassyhill.com](mailto:bhutch@grassyhill.com)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 13:14:57 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 14:01:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Hutchinson

On 15 Jun 2003 at 10:49, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
>To: UFO Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 23:08:20 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe

Ray, List and Readers,

>I would suggest that what has been presented on this List are  
>not so much the facts of the case, but rather vague insinuations  
>and ad hominem attacks on linda.

I would urge you, Ray, and all Listers to consider the long history of Gevard, and others that he has cited, in the field of UFOs. I would also urge you to consider that Gevard has spent far more time than Linda on researching the Oliveria case. He has presented here in several posts compelling evidence that the whole fabric of Oliveria's activities are designed to gull the unsuspecting into enriching his bank accounts. These accounts by Gevard, BTW, are anything but vague - they are quite pointed.

>Please visit [Earthfiles.com](http://Earthfiles.com) and read the entire twelve part  
>account of the case as it has been presented by Linda herself.

As near as I can tell, the case presented by LMH is absolutely devoid of any semblance of good investigative journalism. There is no indication that she attempted to interview anyone other than those presented to her by Oliveria. Okay - she didn't have to interview Gevard, but there is no attempt mentioned by her to seek out others who might have a different POV.

I am not classically trained in journalism, but I am certain that the rulebooks demand that the investigator should be an independant, neutral reporter and make every effort to seek out interview all people who might have legitimate views on the story, even if it is in opposition to the story told by the principle witness(es). Linda apparently did not even attempt to seek out these story angles, even though she was well aware that they existed.

Instead, she "reported" only the story and opinions that were carefully fed her by Oliveriea. What is interesting is that her reports richly detailed the fact that her entire stay was intricately stage-managed by Oliveriea - yet she apparently was/is oblivious to the manipulation.

>As to A. J. Gevaerd's insinuations and accusations: I wish he  
>would address the facts of the case, such as the testimony of  
>all the various scientists who have commented.

Gevard has repeatedly stated that research by Brazilian scientists and researchers does exist, and in fact has been published both in print journals and on the web. Unfortunately they are in Portuguese, and have not yet been translated - a problem he is working on. But - the fact that LMH was, or should have been, aware of this research and did nothing to look into them is interesting... to say the least.



So your comment can be legitimately reversed - Why did LMH \_not\_ ask for, look into and address the testimony of Brazilian researchers who have already commented? Is her lack of action somehow more acceptable than your snipes at Gervard?

<snip>

What it comes down to is your loyalty to a friend vs.the claims of people that have had long time to investigate this subject. Your statements that he has offered no proof does not square with the many posts Gevard has made to this List, and the apparent lack of journalistic impartiality demonstrated by LMH does nothing to bolster her claims that the event was or could be supernatural.

This debate can, and will, go on with no clear winners, just as many other UFO reports already have. It is apparent that LMH is using her established 'name' to promote her version of the case, and she might even be aiming at a book deal. But given her actions to date, I predict that any book that she produces will eventually end up on the same shelf as Corso's.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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## Re: More Pine Bush - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 13:19:02 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 14:02:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: More Pine Bush - Sandow

>From: Bill Long <[segfahlt@longboys.net](mailto:segfahlt@longboys.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: 16 Jun 2003 08:58:33 -0700  
>Subject: Re: More Pine Bush

>>Lance told us the next day he had to wash the truck several  
>>times with a grease-cutting detergent to remove the rubbery  
>>slime. It took him five hours.

><snip>

>Why on earth (no pun intended) didn't you scrape some of the  
>stuff off and have it analyzed? Here you had a perfectly good  
>way to obtain physical evidence, yet it didn't happen.

Yes, I thought the same thing. But I didn't write this article,  
and don't know the people involved.

I hope it's clear I'm not endorsing this stuff (though I've been  
to Pine Bush, and talked to people who said they've seen more  
conventional UFO-related things). I just thought not many people  
on Updates might read the Times-Herald Record, so I'd pass these  
articles along

Greg Sandow

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## Mystery 'Signs' In Italian Field

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 14:24:40 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 14:17:00 -0400  
Subject: Mystery 'Signs' In Italian Field

Source: Agenzia Giornalistica Italia, Italy

[http://www.agi.it/english/news.pl?doc0306161826-0192-RT1-CRO-0-NF11&page=0&id=agionline-eng\\_oggitalia](http://www.agi.it/english/news.pl?doc0306161826-0192-RT1-CRO-0-NF11&page=0&id=agionline-eng_oggitalia)

UFO: Mystery In Sabaudia, "Signs" Found In Wheat Field

(AGI) - Latina, Italy, June 16 - They are called crop circles and they have become famous because Ufologists - interpret them as signs sent to earth by other life forms present in the universe.

A few days ago they appeared in the farmlands between the lake and the sea in Sabaudia: a huge design in nature formed from concentric circles and lines created from wheat flattened to the ground. The wheat fields are all around them.

The owner of the property, Giovanni Cenci, noticed the strange phenomenon a few days ago.

"I thought it was a joke," he said, "but then I saw the perfection of the lines and I was amazed. No-one could have reached the centre of the wheat field without leaving footprints. But there were none in my field.

Now the news has got around and many people have come to see it". The farmer's son has also taken pictures of the marks with the help of a friend. They had to climb up on a light pole.

"I don't what to think of it," said Cenci, "but it won't last very long. In a few days it will go back to normal".

In Sabaudia many have started believing in UFO theories and imaginations are going wild. Phenomena of this sort have been discovered in the past in England, the US, India and no-one has ever managed to explain their origin.

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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 13:37:25 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 14:34:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Gevaerd

>From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
>To: UFO Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 23:08:20 -0500  
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>stones: "You have presented us with objects that are well  
>outside the things we have encountered before, outside our  
>experience." Or perhaps those made by Prof. Herbert J. Barndt,  
>Director, Grundy Testing Laboratory, School of Textiles and  
>Materials Technology, Philadelphia University, a man whose  
>credentials are quantum leaps beyond Phyllis Budinger's in  
>regard to textiles.

>And where is the proof of this vast "cult" of which Gevaerd and  
>LeFevre claim Oliveira is the leader? What about the "hundreds"  
>of defections? Where are these people?

>And with this in mind, why - as impeccable Brazilian sources  
>have told me personally - did Gevaerd attempt to sign an  
>exclusive contract with Oliviera when his experiences began  
>which would have made Gevaerd's magazine the exclusive  
>distributor of Oliviera's story? Could this endless ranting and  
>raving have anything to do with the fact that Oliviera refused  
>Gevaerd's offer?

<snip>

>I am continually amazed at the sophomoric, politically based  
>posturing and grandstanding that goes on among UFO "wanna-bes."  
>That's one of the reasons I choose now to simply watch from a  
>distance most of the time. But when people begin to attack a  
>friend and colleague with unfounded accusations and obviously  
>cloudy reasoning, I do feel obliged to wade back into the  
>kiddie-pool of ufology in which these people swim.

>Accomplish anything close to what Linda Moulton Howe has done,  
>and maybe someone besides another frustrated "wanna-be" will pay  
>attention.

Ray,

I have to tell you that you don't know anything on the issue you  
are talking about. You have heard stories and read reports.  
That's it. You've known a case from what someone has published.

Nothing else. It would work in most cases we have in modern Ufology, but definitely is doesn't work in this case. You should know better before making comments about something you completely ignore.

I live only 40 miles from where the UFO cult is. Its a 2-hour drive to the "humble farm" property, where thousands of people flock and pay very high prices to hear stories and believe in intraterrestrial bases; dimensional gates to take you to other universes; "akashic record plates" that are supposed to have the secrets of anybody's life; healing cancer and aids with alien power etc. You should know what you are writing about, and you don't. Please do some homework - immediately.

Unlike you and LMH, I have been observing the cult and its guru moves for 7 years, sometimes investigating personally the claims that he, his partners and followers make and engaging myself in proving that it is all a bizarre set of hoaxes and deception beyond belief. Not only me, Ray, but several TV networks (ask them), several nation-wide magazines and newspapers (ask them), several other UFO researchers (ask them). You don't have a clue of what is going on there and yet you speak as if you did. It is very sad.

Also, Ray, because I am one of the lone voices in this debate, even after having my life threatened, when people from the cult get disappointed and feel they have been cheated, they come to me and describe it. I have several boxes of signed, evidence and videotapes records from about 120 people who, in 7 years, came to me. Including some of the hoaxer's own former partners, people who over some time took part in the scam and then were fired for no reason. Yes, these people came to me and described how easily the hoaxer fabricated things like rocks falling from the sky and marked bedsheets.

Please don't make the same mistake that LMH is doing. Come down here with your own ticket, don't ask payment for your expenses, engage yourself in an impartial investigation, talk to the press (I can provide dozens of addresses), talk to the researchers (ditto), talk the authorities (you have to listen to them), talk to the police (ditto), talk to the neighbours. Listen to those you should listen and make up your own mind about it. This should have been LMH's work, which she did not do.

And, please, while you are in Brazil spend some time talking to people who know me, ask anyone about what your "impeccable Brazilian sources" have told you. Ask any reader of the Brazilian UFO Magazine (including 4,000 subscribers) or anyone from the Brazilian UFO community if I am the kind of person who does deals with scammers. Actually, you don't have to come this far. Ask anyone in the US who knows me and my work and find the answer. What your "impeccable Brazilian sources" said to you is what they told LMH and what they've told everybody since 1997. I used to be angry at this, but a long time ago I gave up. Now it just amuses me that someone could believe in that. Please run a check of this story and find out for yourself.

Meanwhile, visit [www.seattlechatclub.org](http://www.seattlechatclub.org) and [www.ufowatchdog.com/brazil.html](http://www.ufowatchdog.com/brazil.html) and find out yourself about the discrepancies that LMH refuses to see and to publish. Maybe your ideas on this case my change. If you need any assistance in understanding this, you can ask me anything, any time.

A. J. Gevaerd

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## Re: Alien Autopsy Blues - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 10:42:30 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 14:36:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Blues - Tonnies

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 11:55:07 -0700  
>Subject: Alien Autopsy Blues

>EBK, Listers,

>My daughter wrote the following song.

>Ed

>Alien Autopsy Blues

>Woke up this morning, what did I see?  
>A big dead alien on my TV

I've always thought that "Alien Autopsy" would make a great name  
for a punk band.....

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>Mac Tonnies ([macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com))

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (daily blog)

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Secrecy News -- 06/16/03

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood@fas.org](mailto:saftergood@fas.org)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 13:52:51 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 14:41:05 -0400  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 06/16/03

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2003, Issue No. 50  
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HOUSE MOVES TOWARDS ONE PARTY RULE

The nearly fifty percent of Americans who are represented by Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives are increasingly left without effective representation there, as the House moves towards something approximating one party rule.

"Today, Democrats say they are languishing under the most despotic majority the modern House has seen," writes Michael Crowley in an illuminating cover story in the June 23 issue of The New Republic (subscribers only):

<https://ssl.tnr.com/p/docsub.mhtml?i030623&s=crowley062303>

During their own long tenure as the majority party, which ended in 1994, Democrats often showed little consideration for the interests of the minority Republicans. But Congress watchers say past abuses pale compared to what is happening today.

"[Democrats] find themselves a completely subjugated, powerless minority -- routinely barred from offering bills and amendments, shut out of committee deliberations, even denied such basic dignities as private meeting space," Crowley reports.

As a result, the democratic process in the House of Representatives has been effectively short-circuited as the American political system mutates farther and farther away from the textbook ideal.

In this case, the House Rules Committee provides the mechanism for curtailing legislative activity by the minority party.

Under stringent House procedures (the Senate is far more liberal), the Rules Committee majority can largely exclude the minority from meaningful participation in the process.

The practice is described without discernable outrage in "Using the Rules Committee to Block Democrats" by Jim VandeHei, Washington Post, June 16:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A62469-2003Jun15.html>

BINGAMAN ASKS RELEASE OF WEN HO LEE REPORT

Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) wrote to Attorney General John Ashcroft last week, urging him to release the suppressed report of the Justice Department Office of Professional Responsibility

on the Wen Ho Lee case.

"While I understand that the report is undergoing a classification review to determine the national security issues that may be involved in its release, I am certain that there are significant portions of the report that could, and should, be made public," Senator Bingaman wrote.

See this June 11 release, which was previously reported by Adam Rankin in the Albuquerque Journal (North):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2003/06/bing061103.html>

#### SECRECY OF PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF DEPLORED

The categorical refusal of the Central Intelligence Agency to declassify old copies of the President's Daily Brief (PDB) -- the intelligence digest prepared for the President -- is producing a distortion of the historical record, the State Department's Historical Advisory Committee warned in its latest annual report.

"The Committee must continue to deplore the CIA's blanket denial of declassification of the PDBs especially those that are thirty or more years old. The PDBs for the Nixon period should be included in [the Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) series], because they provide historians with an invaluable and irreplaceable source for documenting high-level policymaking. The Advisory Committee has never received a satisfactory formal explanation for the CIA's exemption of the PDBs from declassification."

The Committee report also took aim at the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB).

"PFIAB not only refuses to review documents for declassification but it does not allow [State Department] historians access to its records, even though the PFIAB provides direct advice to the President on matters that relate integrally to foreign policy formulation. As the Committee noted last year, access to PFIAB records is essential to maintain the integrity of the FRUS series," wrote Robert D. Schulzinger, chair of the Committee.

See the 2002 report to Secretary of State Powell, publicly released last week:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/advisory/state/hac02.html>

The minutes of the February 2002 Historical Advisory Committee meeting, approved for release two weeks ago, are posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/advisory/state/hac0203.html>

#### COLUMBIA ACCIDENT BOARD OPENS UP A BIT

The Columbia Accident Investigation Board took it upon itself to impose unprecedented secrecy on its proceedings and to promise defiantly (and probably illegally) that some of its records "are never going to see the light of day."

But now the Board has relented a bit, and has agreed to grant a few members of Congress and staff limited access to transcripts of confidential interviews that it conducted over the past five months concerning the February 1 loss of the space shuttle Columbia.

See "NASA lets Congress see secret interviews" by Kevin Spear, Gwyneth K. Shaw and Jim Leusner, Orlando Sentinel, June 14, linked from here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2003/06/index.html>

In accepting the extraordinarily restrictive agreement, the House Science Committee asserted somewhat weakly that it did not signify a new precedent.

"There should be no confusion over the Committee's right to all information in the CAIB's possession. Neither the history of military investigations, various Freedom of Information Act exemptions, nor case law holdings regarding civil privilege

provide any grounds for denying Congress information it requests, since none of the aforementioned categories operate against the Congress. The only judicially recognized method to declare documents or testimony beyond the reach of Congress in a matter such as this is the successful assertion of Executive privilege, and case law on Executive privilege strongly suggests that the narrow grounds upon which that privilege may be asserted are absent in this matter."

See a June 13 release with the exchange of correspondence here:

<http://www.house.gov/science/>

#### GOVERNMENT SECRECY IN THE AGE OF INFORMATION

The Federation of American Scientists Project on Government Secrecy is featured in an interview in the latest edition of Biodefense Quarterly, published by the Johns Hopkins Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies.

See "Government Secrecy in the Age of Information" by Joe Fitzgerald and Antonia Badway, Biodefense Quarterly, Summer 2003:

[http://www.hopkins-biodefense.org/pages/news/pdf/quarter5\\_1.pdf](http://www.hopkins-biodefense.org/pages/news/pdf/quarter5_1.pdf)

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## Re: Best Brazilian UFO Cases? - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 13:34:50 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 14:20:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Best Brazilian UFO Cases? - Gevaerd

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 12:04:42 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Best Brazilian UFO Cases?

>>From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 16:32:59 +0100  
>>Subject: Best Brazilian UFO Cases?

>>This is one for all the Brazilian Readers on UpDtes.

>>I am looking to read up on the most interesting Brazilian UFO  
>>cases ( apart from Varginha, this full account is already on my  
>>site, written by my Brazilian Colleague Newton Augusto, who went  
>>and stayed with the Girls in Varginha, to get their full story:

>><http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/VarginhaDairy.html>

>>ones that perhaps show the most interesting signs of contact,  
>>and that also had baffled most researchers still today?

>During the week I asked about 'best' Brazilian abduction cases.  
>I'm still waiting for a response. After hearing so much for so  
>long about this hoax case, it would be refreshing to learn about  
>one or several 'good' Brazilian abduction cases.

>I'm interested in hearing about UFO cases as well. I'll be  
>watching the List for a response to either one of our requests.  
>At the moment, all concerned are preoccupied. A 'response' may  
>not be forthcoming until the dust settles out from this most  
>recent storm.

Dear Roy and John:

As I have told to Roy in a previous message, I am afraid that  
90% of the best Brazilian UFO cases are not yet in English. I  
wonder if you guys can read Portuguese? In which case, I would  
be glad to send you some magazines with lots of stuff.

In case you cannot read the material, I have some material being  
translated at the moment and will be posted here as well as  
published in the MUFON UFO Journal.

Thanks...

A. J.

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## Re: The Non-Disclosure Project - Bassett

From: Stephen Bassett <[SGBList2@aol.com](mailto:SGBList2@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 17:38:49 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 08:07:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Non-Disclosure Project - Bassett

>From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 15:7:15 -0400  
>Subject: The Non-Disclosure Project

>The Further Adventures in Disinformation of the Non-Disclosure  
>Project and an Open Letter to the Savior of Mankind II

>THE NON-DISCLOSURE PROJECT  
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>Well, the so-called Disclosure project continues to move along.  
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>between a revival meeting and hootenanny. Free energy and ice  
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>case here. Hopefully, he can help do for Disclosure what he  
>helped do for CAUS, make its reputation mud and destroy it. We  
>wish him great success in his continued quest to turn gold into  
>BS. This alchemy is as important as free-energy.

<snip>

>Best regards,  
>Jan Aldrich

For the Record:

I have no desire to begin an argument here and won't. UFO  
UpDates is a public forum and is archived. So, for the record  
permit me to note the following:

- 1) I did not destroy CAUS.
- 2) I did not make CAUS' reputation mud.
- 3) I have great respect for the contributions of the researchers who laid down the evidentiary base which made possible the activist disclosure process. Their work has been without recognition, remuneration, and, until disclosure, vindication. Such researchers would certainly include Jan Aldrich and Barry Greenwood.
- 4) I have great respect for the contributions of the activists who have looked at this evidence and concluded it is in the vital interest of the nation, and the world, for the public to know the truth. Such activists would certainly include Peter Gersten, Elaine Douglas, Larry Bryant and Steven Greer.
- 5) I am not aware of anyone in either the research or activist arena who has not made mistakes, large and small. With the research the mistakes tend to be more internal and less public. The mistakes of the activists are quite public by definition. They tend to be greater as are the personal risks.

Everyone in this field, be they pilot, astronaut, Harvard scientist, MUFON investigator, professor, experiencer, writer, etc., are placed against their will in an intellectual ghetto with walls of ridicule. This ghetto was created by government propaganda and subversion in the interest of an emerging national security state.

In order to breach these walls it will be necessary to stand upon each other's shoulders (the Naval Academy has an annual event based upon this simple idea).

If there are any true villains in this historical process, they reside in the inner sanctums of the government security structure. These individuals continue to do as they please without personal consequence. When the public understands this sufficiently, the cover-up will end.

Regards,

Stephen Bassett

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## Re: Alien Autopsy Blues - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 21:42:00 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 08:09:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Blues - Hall

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 11:55:07 -0700  
>Subject: Alien Autopsy Blues

>EBK, Listers,

>My daughter wrote the following song.

>Ed

>Alien Autopsy Blues

>Woke up this morning, what did I see?  
>A big dead alien on my TV  
>He's got big eyes and a little flat nose  
>12 fingers and 12 little toes!

>I just don't know what I'm going to do  
>I got the alien autopsy blues

>Newscaster's saying they've been here for ages  
>President's got them in underground cages  
>they've been here since 1947  
>And all this time I've been praying to heaven

>While America's in league with outer space  
>selling the future of the human race

>Went to my fridge, cracked me a bud,  
>got to stop thinking about alien blood  
>legs like a chicken, big bloated belly  
>I think I'll just turn off that telly

>I'm saying I don't know what we're going to do  
>I've got the alien autopsy blues

>I want to know what the world's coming to  
>when you've got aliens on the eight o'clock news  
>was a time you could trust your TV  
>gave you ginzu knives and free recipes

>now the world's so scary and new  
>I've got the alien autopsy blues

>I'm telling you, it's freaking my shit out  
>just don't know what it's all about  
>Everybody looks alien, ma,  
>martha stewart and tom brokaw

>Please tell me what can we do?  
>I've got the alien autopsy blues

Ed,

Your daughter has real lyrical talent. I just hope that she is not really freaked out by what amounts to wild and woolly unsubstantiated speculation.



- Dick

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## Re: The Non-Disclosure Project - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 21:48:18 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 08:11:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Non-Disclosure Project - Hall

>From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 15:7:15 -0400  
>Subject: The Non-Disclosure Project

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>wish him great success in his continued quest to turn gold into  
>BS. This alchemy is as important as free-energy.

>And while we are on the subject let's hear it for old Doc Greer.  
>Why his new company is off the launch pad

><http://www.seaspower.com/>

>None need apply for jobs or investments. All investments in the  
>company are now closed but stay tuned, marks, er, I mean,  
>investors, you will be needed soon.

>I understand that Greer will soon be nominated and since there  
>is no competition with Enron out of the running, for the Otis T.  
>Carr Memorial Award, the pot and potato peeler used by Otis  
>during his stay in prison in Oklahoma will soon be soon be in  
>Greer's possession.

>Now we are informed that an inventor who has a free-energy  
>project and who promised it to SEAS has not yet delivered it yet  
>as promised. Not to worry there are other inventors waiting in  
>the wings. Yet I remember Otis had the same problems with his  
>device, but it would have flown if the authorities just gave him  
>more time and he had just a little more money.

>That brings us to the open letter to the Savior of Mankind II  
>(Corso, of course, who was responsible for the giant space-based  
>weapons system currently keeping ET at bay and a star witness on  
>the Disclosure Project's list is, of course, Savior of Mankind  
>I. Perhaps it would be better to refer to him in a less  
>cumbersome manner, say Corso II as there is a junior already  
>involved here.)

>Dear Savior of Mankind II, Corso II,

>Please carefully consider the contents of this open letter as a

>plea not to deliver you magical free energy device to Dr.  
>Greer's company. By not doing so you will free up this man's  
>vital time for further disclosure work, like vetting witnesses,  
>before taking them before the press and public, and he will have  
>time to investigate some of the more outlandish claims which he  
>said he didn't have before this.

>I understand Greer's Enron, er, end run around the radiational  
>energy looks impressive, but he is just spreading himself too  
>thin. When this happens, why he just gets a little careless and  
>makes mistakes about what is his and what belongs to someone  
>else. Take for example "The Best Evidence" why his appropriation  
>of this item was just a little mistake, he remembered that it  
>wasn't his when the lawyers for the real owners brought it to  
>his attention. He just didn't have the time to answer the real  
>owners before the lawyers got involved. Much too busy.

>So I think you should take your invention to another entity like  
>REKCUS, Inc., a company incorporated in the State of Chaos with  
>a special eyes only majestic charter, they know how to handle it  
>and will give you a good deal.

Amen and hallelujah, brother! Clear thinking that is so sorely  
lacking in this (amateurish, non-professional] field.

- Dick

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## Re: A Very Ambitious Project - Beau

From: Jerome Beau <[jbeau@noos.fr](mailto:jbeau@noos.fr)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 00:57:51 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 08:52:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: A Very Ambitious Project - Beau

>From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 13:49:34 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 11:36:58 -0400  
>Subject: A Very Ambitious Project

>I want to introduce the List to an extremely ambitious project  
>called "RR0-IS".

Hi Everybody,

I would like to give you a clearer view of this project, by  
answering a few points:

- The project is not proprietary. It does not - and will not - belong to any particular people or organization. This is because we aim to build standards and tools for the UFO community as a whole.
  - The project is Open Source - the source code of the software will be available to anyone. This means that anyone is allowed to use it, modify it or even sell it - but that's not my problem. It also means that you'll be able to check/read what the source code really does (i.e. it's not spyware, a virus, etc.)
  - The project is free. It is not funded, and working efforts are not reimbursed. However, the results will always freely available to the public - including UFO people or UFO organizations - for whatever way others can use it. An implementation reference will be made available to the public.
  - The project has started. We're building a basis for a few project documents, and will design only basic pieces of software. So now is a good time to get involved.
- >RR0 is looking for contributors and I can't think of a better >pool than the members of this list. If we are to do a truly >scientific study of UFO and UAP related events, we should >encourage and contribute to all available avenues of >investigation.
- The project is yours. The more you get involved, the more it will fit your needs, and the more it will avoid what you want to avoid for such a project. The project cannot be successful if it doesn't fit its user's needs. Feel free to register to an rr0-is mailing list - rr0- domain for the ufology aspect of the project, rr0- developers for the technical aspect, etc. - to discuss the project.
  - The project will be finished, whatever the 'ups & downs'. Aside from the dominant interest (an important step for ufology) is the technical interest for a bunch of software engineers. So RR0 IS is a double challenge.

>It's the historical name of a static  
>ufological website that launched the RR0-IS project.  
>(http://rr0.org). Jerome has told me that they are willing to  
>change the name :-)

Proposals for a name are welcome. Let's vote!

>A project of this magnitude would ultimately require the  
>cooperation ufologists and researchers from all over the world.

Yes. The project awaits your requirements, ideas, questions and contributions at:

<http://rr0.sourceforge.net>

Best regards,

Jerome

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## Re: Linda M. Howe - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III - UFO Watchdog <[ufowatchdog@msn.com](mailto:ufowatchdog@msn.com)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 16:42:48 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 09:10:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Myers

>From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
>To: UFO Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 23:08:20 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe

<snip>

>As to A. J. Gevaerd's insinuations and accusations: I wish he  
>would address the facts of the case, such as the testimony of  
>all the various scientists who have commented. I believe he  
>doesn't address these statements because he can't begin to  
>refute them. Statements such as that made by Dr. Art Johnson,  
>Ph.D., Professor of Geology, Univ. of Pennsylvania regarding the  
>stones: "You have presented us with objects that are well  
>outside the things we have encountered before, outside our  
>experience."

I decided to contact Dr. Johnson and ask him about his statement.  
This is what he had to say:

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What I meant was that we (my Penn colleagues and I) had never  
encountered objects like this before. We have explored the  
samples given to us a good deal more over the past 2 weeks and  
they are unusual though seemingly analogous materials have been  
found in Utah. We do not believe that the button-like stones  
from Brazil are extraterrestrial, in fact they are made up of  
the local rock/soil material. We will talk with Ms Howe again  
and let her know more details.

Regards,

Art Johnson

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So much for the stones being extraordinary, or for that matter  
extraterrestrial. This is what I believe to be a clear example  
of selective reporting being done and a spin being put in place  
by taking the statement completely out of context. Budinger and  
Reiter speculated the exact same thing in their report that  
Dr. Johnson stated above. Wow, how about that? By the way Boeche,  
have you yourself read the report from Phyllis Budinger?

Simply, there are two core claims being made here in support of  
this case:

CLAIM: The stones are anomalous.

FACT: No, they aren't. The stones are made up of local rock/soil  
material. Again, this was the reasoning and conclusion cited by  
Budinger and Reiter, which is now supported by Dr. Johnson.

CLAIM: The cotton from the bedsheets should have burned far  
before the polyester material and the polyester melting could  
not be replicated by any heat source.

FACT: Wrong. The effects were clearly replicated using a clothes iron and a soldering gun. I myself have taken a bedsheet and used a torch on it. Since I have not been blessed with any alien technology being available to me, I'm at a loss for how I was able to see the bedsheet physically shrink when I applied the torch to it without leaving a single scorch mark.

Mmmmm... I'll have to assume that this is the polyester shrinking.

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

Perhaps this is because I didn't take the torch and apply it point blank to the bedsheets like Professor Barndt. By the way, I attempted to contact Professor Barndt, but he did not return my e-mail inquiry.

Since this case rests solely on the two above claims, it is clear there is no case here at all.

You have a person with a history of UFO hoaxing, physical evidence with no extraordinary properties or findings, evidence that has been replicated when it was claimed such replication wasn't possible... in other words, you have nothing.

>And with this in mind, why - as impeccable Brazilian sources >have told me personally - did Gevaerd attempt to sign an >exclusive contract with Oliviera when his experiences began >which would have made Gevaerd's magazine the exclusive >distributor of Oliviera's story? Could this endless ranting and >raving have anything to do with the fact that Oliviera refused >Gevaerd's offer?

Could this be because Gevaerd figured out Oliveira was a hoaxer and Gevaerd perhaps wasn't as gullible as some people appear to be? Gevaerd happens to live in Brazil and he is not the only UFO investigator down there giving Oliveira the stamp of disapproval. There were stories written about Brazil's apparent UFO hoax-meister long before this entire absurd abduction story crawled out from under its rock.

>And what about Phyllis Budinger's juvenile "nyaah-nyaah" email >gleefully rejoicing that someone bought her story that Linda, >in her opinion, misused and misrepresented her report? Nothing >Linda disseminated from that report was in the least >misrepresented. Could it be that Ms. Budinger is simply upset >that Linda and W. C. Levengood didn't accept her report as the >ultimate conclusion?

Bought her 'story'? Budinger didn't produce a 'story' or anything similar. Her \_report\_ was the result of her scientific analysis and replication experiments. By referring to it or her professional conclusions as a 'story', you're attempting to not only discredit Budinger, but also insulting her as a professional by trying to make her out to be unqualified - which you know is completely false.

Nicholas Reiter was also involved in analysis and replication experiments. Let's remember that Dr. Johnson's statements now support the report concerning the stones. You might want to read Budinger's response here to what was presented by Howe. It isn't a \_story\_, it's her \_scientific\_ opinion on the matter:

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

Odd, Howe has had no problem accepting the work of Budinger as being conclusive in the past - until it contradicted what she apparently believed was the truth, and when Budinger thought others should know about it so she could be sure the results were fully reported.

I know Howe has accepted Budinger's work as conclusive in the past because one of my cases was examined by Budinger and Levengood. Howe never disputed those conclusions. Has Howe ever had a case re-examined before? Has she ever done that to Levengood? I would guess she hasn't, especially if the results were favorable.

This tactic is often utilized by criminal defense attorneys. If one expert says something that makes your case look bad, you go

get your own expert, put them on the stand, and ask a series of questions that you know will formulate the response you want the jury to hear. The only problem here is that not all juries are easily swayed and usually know when someone is trying to pull a fast one.

>And how many of the self-proclaimed experts ranting about  
>Linda's poor research, have credentials which can match W. C.  
>Levengood's? How many critics of his work on this list have  
>published anything in any peer-reviewed scientific journals? How  
>many have had multiple articles published in Nature, as  
>Levengood has?

Let me use a common tactic often employed in debates, I'll throw your silly argument right back in your face. Boeche, since you're criticizing Budinger, how many articles have you had published in Nature? There. See how silly this really is. You can stop trying to confuse the elements of the issue by not tossing around your fallacious arguments.

It appears that your friendship with Linda is seriously getting in the way of any critical thinking on your behalf. I have good friends myself (believe it or not), but when they're wrong I call them on it and they in turn pay me the same courtesy.

>Certainly not Charlette LeFevre and her Seattle coffee klatsch.  
>Now that's hard science at it's best. For someone to fawn  
>obsequiously over Linda in order to get her to agree to come and  
>speak, and then launch a polemic against her based on the "word"  
>of a half-baked Brazilian egomaniac who makes his living  
>publishing an even less-baked UFO magazine? That's critical  
>thinking at it's finest.

Weren't you just saying something earlier about throwing around insults and making attacks? Again, it is quite obvious your deep fondness for Linda Howe is leading you around by the neck. I won't defend LeFevre or her group. In fact, as some may know, I don't support her or her group for various reasons. However, coming out swinging at anything that is critical of Howe is simply absurd. I'm not saying that all the arguments presented against Oliveira are sound, but it is clear not all of the facts are making it to the public.

Speaking of hard science, did you write this?:

<http://celebration.truepath.com/guides/web.htm>

I'm not knocking your paper - if it is yours - nor am I challenging your religious beliefs, but it really is a far cry from the hard science and expertise you want to toss around here on this List - if it was written by you.

>And for Ray Stanford to criticize anyone's methodology is  
>astounding. The Project Starlight farce was certainly applauded  
>by scientists the world over, wasn't it? Gosh Ray, sounds like  
>megalomania for someone who doesn't want to be associated with  
>MUFON to try and dictate policy to them. And by the way, how  
>many articles have you published in Nature?

Here we go again: Boeche, how many articles have you had published in Nature? See how annoying that faulty reasoning can become... well, maybe you can't.

>I am continually amazed at the sophomoric, politically based  
>posturing and grandstanding that goes on among UFO "wanna-bes."  
>That's one of the reasons I choose now to simply watch from a  
>distance most of the time. But when people begin to attack a  
>friend and colleague with unfounded accusations and obviously  
>cloudy reasoning, I do feel obliged to wade back into the  
>kiddie-pool of ufology in which these people swim.

Wow, you're simply amazing. Since I'm such a UFO wannabe, please, let me take a step back and bow from the ankles in awe of your Ufological Greatness. I'm so grateful you decided to descend from the heavens upon this miserable community of UFO dolts so you could graciously share your profound wisdom with us. Guess I feel obliged to point out that you're jumping into a pool of water you obviously don't know how to swim in, but you certainly know how to muddy the waters.

>Accomplish anything close to what Linda Moulton Howe has done,



>and maybe someone besides another frustrated "wanna-be" will pay  
>attention.

Okay, we'll keep that in mind while you return to the Linda Howe temple of worship. Don't forget to bring a cow to sacrifice.

Frankly, I don't care about past accomplishments, they do not grant immunity and they count for zero here in this debate. "Do you know who you're talking about?!" "That person is a legend in this field!" So what? This is absolutely meaningless in the end and shouldn't be used as a free pass to validate a case that obviously has no merit because an investigator has chosen to not provide the public with all the facts.

One other thing, let me share with you more of what Dr. Johnson had to say to a few follow-up questions I had for him after receiving his first e-mail:

1) Were you ever provided a copy of a report from an analytical chemist named Phyllis Budinger? This report detailed EDS analysis conducted on the same stone sampling provided to you by Ms.Howe.

DR. JOHNSON: I saw the report and looked at it briefly, but was not given a copy.

2) In your professional opinion, is there anything about the samples you were provided with that would lead you to believe they were an anomaly outside of your expertise? Did your analysis reveal anything extraordinary about the stones?

DR. JOHNSON: We do find objects in soils and some types of sedimentary rocks that look, on the outside, similar to Ms. Howe's button-like stones. The inside is quite different from the objects I have seen, hence they were "outside my experience". This is a simple statement reflecting a simple fact. I am well aware that journalists sometimes seek to bolster their point of view with quotes taken out of context. Now you know the context. Determining the composition of these objects using the methods and tools available to mineralogists and petrologists is the first step in trying to determine how they were formed. We will explore these stones with the tools available to us, and offer what we can in the way of explanations. Any descriptions/interpretations we offer will conform to the standards expected of peer-reviewed science.

3) Are the stones something you simply have not seen before due to the geographic location from which the stones originated?

DR. JOHNSON: I personally had not seen stones like this before. A search on the Web provided descriptions of stones that seem to me to be analagous. This is a useful starting point for trying to understand their origin.

4) Have you read the report on Earthfiles.com and was it an accurate representation of your findings?

DR. JOHNSON: I have not read the text carefully, but the data (figures) are those that we gave to Ms. Howe.

5) Were you ever told about the events surrounding the stones?

DR. JOHNSON: A brief account was given to me. That information has had no influence on our study of these rocks. The objects are worthy of rigorous investigation by scientists with the appropriate expertise as they may eventually yield information of interest to other earth scientists. We are not interested in supporting or refuting claims about extraterrestrial phenomena, but we are interested in the stones if they yield new information of use to the geology community.

Dr. Johnson added, "Over the past 20 years, my remarks have been taken out of context many times by reporters. Obviously I don't like it, but the alternative of turning every journalist away because of being afraid of what they might say doesn't make too much sense either. We will stay with this for a while and see where it leads. "

[END]

With this in mind, why would Howe share the results and promote them as something other worldly, not only at her website but on the radio, without waiting for a full and in-depth analysis to be performed? How many other stories may have received similar treatment from Howe? I can recall at least three and will be glad to share them here.

As far as I'm concerned, this silly case is closed and has tainted serious Ufology for long enough. Let's move on to something more meaningful and productive. I don't know about you, but I've had enough of people milking sacred UFO cows and offering us all a spoiled glass of snotty milk...

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM

"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind... or the spin you've laid down in an attempt to trip everyone else up..."

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## Re: The Non-Disclosure Project - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 23:03:54 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 09:14:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Non-Disclosure Project - Gates

>From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 15:7:15 -0400  
>Subject: The Non-Disclosure Project

>The Further Adventures in Disinformation of the Non-Disclosure  
>Project and an Open Letter to the Savior of Mankind II

Oh boy, just can't wait to read on!

>THE NON-DISCLOSURE PROJECT

>"The clear made obscure!"

You know if a secretive disclosure witness made claim that the clear was made obscure then whatever the witness says should be instantly regarded as the truth, never to be doubted.

>Well, the so-called Disclosure project continues to move along.  
>Now we are to have a mock-hearing. Hmm, interesting indeed. Are

Hmm, so they are going to squander the resources and cash and have mock hearings! Gee, one assumes that the flock will throw wads of cash at that one, because its a "feel good" kind of a hearing in which many of the participants will walk away extolling how wonderful it all was, why we should have 10 more of these things, and further how the mock hearings have advanced the case for UFOS by light years. Watch and see.

Isn't having mock hearings like having a mock hamburger, or having a mock dog....well the mock dog may not be all bad especially if the dog is invisible..... :)

>we to have more entertainment here? Sounds sort of like a cross  
>between a revival meeting and hootenanny. Free energy and ice  
>cream for all. Come and hear about the 57 varieties of aliens  
>sponsored by Heinz Ketchup. Can someone explain to me about  
>Alien specie number #19 again? Thanks.

You know in Bill Moore's UFO coverup live broadcast we were treated (pun intended) to the fact that ET liked Strawberry ice cream. We have further been treated to the fact that ET's also like draino. So can you imagine what the punch bowl will be loaded with?

>I particularly enjoy that ace-lobbyist Steve Bassett is on the  
>case here. Hopefully, he can help do for Disclosure what he  
>helped do for CAUS, make its reputation mud and destroy it. We  
>wish him great success in his continued quest to turn gold into  
>BS. This alchemy is as important as free-energy.

>And while we are on the subject let's hear it for old Doc Greer.  
>Why his new company is off the launch pad

><http://www.seaspower.com/>

Shouldn't it read "Why his new company is afloat..." :)

>None need apply for jobs or investments. All investments in the  
>company are now closed but stay tuned, marks, er, I mean,  
>investors, you will be needed soon.

Well you could conveniently schedule the coming out party to be  
around/near one of the mock hearings.....

>I understand that Greer will soon be nominated and since there  
>is no competition with Enron out of the running, for the Otis T.  
>Carr Memorial Award, the pot and potato peeler used by Otis  
>during his stay in prison in Oklahoma will soon be soon be in  
>Greer's possession.

>Now we are informed that an inventor who has a free-energy  
>project and who promised it to SEAS has not yet delivered it yet  
>as promised. Not to worry there are other inventors waiting in  
>the wings. Yet I remember Otis had the same problems with his  
>device, but it would have flown if the authorities just gave him  
>more time and he had just a little more money.

Looks like the inventor hasn't quite delivered, which is why the  
company is still private. Wonder if the inventor is working on a  
followup invention that detects energy called a Doodlebug? Nah,  
thats already been invented and tried.

>That brings us to the open letter to the Savior of Mankind II  
>(Corso, of course, who was responsible for the giant space-based  
>weapons system currently keeping ET at bay and a star witness on  
>the Disclosure Project's list is, of course, Savior of Mankind  
>I. Perhaps it would be better to refer to him in a less  
>cumbersome manner, say Corso II as there is a junior already  
>involved here.)

Last I heard junior is out of the picture... after losing  
Corsofiles.com We were going to hear about all the revelations  
of the century, including all the information about two  
instances of time machines etc etc.

You may recall I suggested titles for the sound track off the  
movie made from the book.

Those were:

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

>Dear Savior of Mankind II, Corso II,

>Please carefully consider the contents of this open letter as a  
>plea not to deliver you magical free energy device to Dr.  
>Greer's company. By not doing so you will free up this man's

One wonders how a Corso free energy device came forth. When  
ever I hear the word "free energy" I find it rather funny  
because I suspect a whole bunch of people are going to attempt  
to make money off of it.

Let me propose the following of how the free energy device came  
forth:

Steve and his companion were walking through a graveyard late  
one night. As they walked slowly, listening to the hoot of owls  
and hearing other sinister noises they noticed Grey (not black)  
figures lurking about swilling bottles of draino in hand (let  
that read claw or whatever you like) and strawberry ice cream in  
the other.

As Steve and his companion passed over a grave, a hand shaped  
like a claw came up from the dirt and grabbed his leg. As Steve  
started to panic, the other hand came up from the dirt. In that  
hand was a sliver platter with a mysterious device on the top.  
As he reached for the device in total amazement, the voice came  
to his head telling him that this was the device that was going  
to save all of man kind...in one swoop. The voice further told  
him that "although the energy and device were free" access is  
should only be available through a company that charges for it.  
Since the names MCI and Enron were already taken, another name  
was suggested.

Astonished Steve took the device and headed back to his car...

Meanwhile the Greys rejoiced, knowing that all evil in the world was going to disappear, including wars, violence, and blood shed, to be replaced by a world free of all of that.....

>vital time for further disclosure work, like vetting witnesses,  
>before taking them before the press and public, and he will have  
>time to investigate some of the more outlandish claims which he  
>said he didn't have before this.

Why squander time vetting witnesses? After all we can have mock hearings, pronounce victory, and sell video tapes of the event for money for the next set of mock hearings or otherwise.

On a serious note, if folks have money thats burning a whole in their pocket, why not support organizations and groups such as project47, CUFOS, MUFON, Wendy Connors faded disk archive and other note worthy groups that do good things with you money?

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Best Brazilian UFO Cases? - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 05:17:30 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 09:29:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Best Brazilian UFO Cases? - Goldstein

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 08:24:46 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Best Brazilian UFO Cases?

>>From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 16:32:59 +0100  
>>Subject: Best Brazilian UFO Cases?

>>This is one for all the Brazilian Readers on UpDtes.

>>I am looking to read up on the most interesting Brazilian UFO  
>>cases ( apart from Varginha, this full account is already on my  
>>site, written by my Brazilian Colleague Newton Augusto, who went  
>>and stayed with the Girls in Varginha, to get their full story:

>><http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/VarginhaDairy.html>

>>ones that perhaps show the most interesting signs of contact,  
>>and that also had baffled most researchers still today?

>>Any help would be appreciated.

>Dear Roy,

>I am afraid that 90% of the best Brazilian UFO cases are not yet  
>in English. Can you read Portuguese? In which case, I would be  
>glad to send you some magazines with lots of stuff.

Hello A.J.,

For a long time I have appreciated what you have reported and written in English. Unfortunately, since I relocated to Germany, three years ago, I found it really difficult to learn a new language beyond a very limited level. I guess I'm an old dog ...tough to learn new tricks. Maybe I need to try a better grade of dog food. Sadly I'm not ready to tackle Portuguese.

It's my loss as I am asking the same thing as Roy. For years I have read many reports from South America. Some frequently get posted on here by Scott Corrales and others. Some sound quite fantastic and of course when I read the reports I try to ascertain the usual questions regarding evidence and investigation. I would like to know more behind the story to get a sense of its legitimacy but I have not gone to much trouble to contact various investigators.

That is my laziness, I suppose, because I see reports from different countries and don't know the credibility of the person reporting the story, nor in given countries who are better or worse investigators. Since I am not able to read Spanish or Portuguese it would be tough for me to read initial reports or followup investigations.

A.J., I just thought of an idea. I wonder if there is a need for people in the Northern Hemisphere and beyond to be able to read a weekly report (in English) compiled of reports and followup

investigations by the investigators with the highest regard in each country. These would be people who are honest and thorough with a good track record and who agree to investigate with professional standards. Do you think each country has such a person?

They could send them into a central location where the report of the continent could be compiled and translated into English. It could then be posted on a website and also sent to lots of places such as UFO UpDates. Is there any merit to this idea?

As I said before, it's my loss I can't read much of your and others' work in Portugese or Spanish. I had never heard of Urandir until the first posting here on Updates. I need a translating scanner. For example, until Roy posted his link on the Varghina case I don't remember hearing much information about that for quite a while. I will email Newton Augusto as I would like to know what kind of written and signed statements there are from witnesses, i.e documentation, etc.

Roy, does Sr. Augusto speak English?

A.J., I would like to know your current perspective on the Varghina case.

How soon until Urandir is playing with his imagination in a jail cell? Can Brazil hit him with federal fraud charges where a court order can be obtained for his indictment on those charges and shutting down his criminal operation? I don't know Brazilian law, but, if there are a number of witnesses (former partners and employees) who have made statements, then I would think it would be possible for the District Attorney to quickly shut him down and get him into a court room. But I am no lawyer, only wishing that would happen soon, with charges and convictions much larger than fraudulent property sales.

Best wishes,

Josh

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## Re: Nondisclosure Project - Viggiani

From: Victor Viggiani <[zland@sympatico.ca](mailto:zland@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 07:59:08 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 09:49:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Nondisclosure Project - Viggiani

>From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 15:7:15 -0400  
>Subject: The Non-Disclosure Project

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>sponsored by Heinz Ketchup. Can someone explain to me about  
>Alien specie number #19 again? Thanks.

<snip>

To all on list and beyond:

Isn't wonderful to sit back and throw darts at those who try to advance the cause of revelatory learning. Much like the silliness at a lecture from the back-bencher drop-in who hasn't a clue about the substance of talk. Truly a shameful example from an accredited personage in the UFO community.

Evaluate it: Has it anything at all contributory to awakening the planet to what is happening or is it bent on obfuscating?

I have always wanted to stay away from the fray of negativism this type of rhetoric imbues but it is time that old thinking be put in its place. So very sad... that movement towards global awareness must endure this type of empty rhetoric. Does the UFO community have the fortitude to empower itself or is it in a deadly and incestuous spiral of internal invective?

The challenge remains; say.. do... act... create something relevant or get out of the ball game. Watch Disclosure Dialogue and throw darts there if you wish. Dare y'ah.

V. Viggiani

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## More Mail Server Problems

From: Moderator <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 16:28:59 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 16:28:59 -0400  
Subject: More Mail Server Problems

If I were a 'conspiracist' - in the light of on-going ISP problems, here in Toronto - my inclination would be to consider that, perhaps, 'they' are trying to silence UFO UpDates.....

However, Sympatico, who supply the DSL connection here, have clamped down even harder in their efforts to eliminate spam. Closing Port 25 on their system is preventing UFO UpDates from being distributed via a West Coast relay-mail-server, generously provided by Chris Ball.

A solution is, apparently, being worked on by Sympatico and, I've been told, will be resolved in the next couple of days.

In the meantime, List-Mail will be posted here, at The Archive, and once the problem at Sympatico is resolved, copies of posts here will go out to subscribers.

My apologies to List-subscribers. The blame really lies with spammers who've abused Sympatico's e-mail servers in the past.

Errol Bruce-Knapp  
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## Re: Linda M. Howe - Boeche

From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 09:27:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 17:13:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Boeche

>From: Royce J. Myers III - UFO Watchdog <[ufowatchdog@msn.com](mailto:ufowatchdog@msn.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 16:42:48 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe

>>As to A. J. Gevaerd's insinuations and accusations: I wish he  
>>would address the facts of the case, such as the testimony of  
>>all the various scientists who have commented. I believe he  
>>doesn't address these statements because he can't begin to  
>>refute them. Statements such as that made by Dr. Art Johnson,  
>>Ph.D., Professor of Geology, Univ. of Pennsylvania regarding the  
>>stones: "You have presented us with objects that are well  
>>outside the things we have encountered before, outside our  
>>experience."

>I decided to contact Dr.Johnson and ask him about his statement.  
>This is what he had to say:

>\*\*\*

>What I meant was that we (my Penn colleagues and I) had never  
>encountered objects like this before. We have explored the  
>samples given to us a good deal more over the past 2 weeks and  
>they are unusual though seemingly analogous materials have been  
>found in Utah. We do not believe that the button-like stones  
>from Brazil are extraterrestrial, in fact they are made up of  
>the local rock/soil material. We will talk with Ms Howe again  
>and let her know more details.

>Regards,

>Art Johnson

>\*\*\*

>So much for the stones being extraordinary, or for that matter  
>extraterrestrial. This is what I believe to be a clear example  
>of selective reporting being done and a spin being put in place  
>by taking the statement completely out of context.

How can this be selective reporting when Johnson himself says  
his current conclusion has developed AFTER his meeting with  
Linda? His statement that he will "let her know more details"  
means, by inference, that she is not aware of this information.  
I don't believe Linda claimed that the stones were  
extraterrestrial, only that she was told that they fell,  
inexplicably, at the time of the alleged abduction event.

>FACT: Wrong. The effects were clearly replicated using a clothes  
>iron and a soldering gun. I myself have taken a bedsheet and  
>used a torch on it. Since I have not been blessed with any alien  
>technology being available to me, I'm at a loss for how I was  
>able to see the bedsheet physically shrink when I applied the  
>torch to it without leaving a single scorch mark.

The effects were not "clearly replicated using a clothes iron  
and a soldering gun"

The effects cannot be duplicated by anything which applies

pressure to the fabric.

\_If\_ you can produce the same results (verified photomicrographically) using a blowtorch, then you'll have demonstrated something worthwhile. Scorching a rough outline of a body into a bed sheet is hardly indicative of anything. And by the way, I bet those tiger-striped sheets are real babe magnets.

>Could this be because Gevaerd figured out Oliveira was a hoaxer  
>and Gevaerd perhaps wasn't as gullible as some people appear to  
>be?

If he had figured out that Oliviera was a hoaxer, why would he make the offer in the first place?

>you're attempting to not  
>only discredit Budinger, but also insulting her as a  
>professional by trying to make her out to be unqualified - which  
>you know is completely false.

Not at all. I'm merely stating that there are other reasons Budinger seems so incensed by Linda and Levensgood's disagreement over her conclusions. Budinger is well-qualified at what she does: analytical chemistry. \_But\_ she is not an expert on textiles.

>Odd, Howe has had no problem accepting the work of Budinger as  
>being conclusive in the past - until it contradicted what she  
>apparently believed was the truth, and when Budinger thought  
>others should know about it so she could be sure the results  
>were fully reported.

Odd? The only reason Howe objected was because someone with more expertise in the field of textiles refuted Budinger's conclusions.

>Boeche, since  
>you're criticizing Budinger, how many articles have you had  
>published in Nature?

None. I'm not a scientist. My Bachelor's degree is in art, my Th.M. (a terminal degree in theology, consisting of 102 hours of postgraduate course work) is concentrated in philosophy and systematic theology.

>It appears that your friendship with Linda is seriously getting  
>in the way of any critical thinking on your behalf.

My critical skills are very much intact. Let's not forget, that neither myself, nor Linda, has made any claims as to the veracity of Oliviera's account.

This whole argument is about the appallingly senseless criticism of Linda's attempts to simply examine the physical evidence present to determine if it points to the conclusion that something unusual has occurred. I'll say it one more time: IF you can produce the same results with a bedsheet (verified photomicrographically) using a blowtorch, then you'll have demonstrated something worthwhile.

>Speaking of hard science, did you write this?:

><http://celebration.truepath.com/guides/web.htm>

>I'm not knocking your paper - if it is yours - nor am I  
>challenging your religious beliefs, but it really is a far cry  
>from the hard science and experise you want to toss around here  
>on this List - if it was written by you.

I certainly did write that. I hope you took the time to read it. And when did I ever compare that to hard science? It's philosophy and theology.

>>And for Ray Stanford to criticize anyone's methodology is  
>>astounding. The Project Starlight farce was certainly applauded  
>>by scientists the world over, wasn't it? Gosh Ray, sounds like  
>>megalomania for someone who doesn't want to be associated with  
>>MUFON to try and dictate policy to them. And by the way, how  
>>many articles have you published in Nature?

>Here we go again: Boeche, how many articles have you had

>published in Nature? See how annoying that faulty reasoning can  
>become... well, maybe you can't.

Not faulty reasoning at all. If you knew anything about him or his past, Ray Stanford likes to portray himself as a hard-headed scientist. However, his antics in the past regarding channeling space brothers, and attempting to telepathically call them into his Project Starlight site for a landing, tends to cast something of a pall over his claims.

Maybe you should dig a little deeper and include an entry on Stanford on your site.

>>I am continually amazed at the sophomoric, politically based  
>>posturing and grandstanding that goes on among UFO "wanna-bes."  
>>That's one of the reasons I choose now to simply watch from a  
>>distance most of the time. But when people begin to attack a  
>>friend and colleague with unfounded accusations and obviously  
>>cloudy reasoning, I do feel obliged to wade back into the  
>>kiddie-pool of ufology in which these people swim.

>Wow, you're simply amazing. Since I'm such a UFO wannabe,  
>please, let me take a step back and bow from the ankles in awe  
>of your Ufological Greatness. I'm so grateful you decided to  
>descend from the heavens upon this miserable community of UFO  
>dolts so you could graciously share your profound wisdom with  
>us. Guess I feel obliged to point out that you're jumping into a  
>pool of water you obviously don't know how to swim in, but you  
>certainly know how to muddy the waters.

Once again, I'm a theologian and philosopher. I don't hold myself up as anything other than one who demands clear, critical, logical, rational thought. I don't suffer fools gladly.

I've swum in this pool of water very successfully for almost 40 years. It's the ones in the shallow end who are kicking up all the mud.

>This is absolutely meaningless in the end  
>and shouldn't be used as a free pass to validate a case that  
>obviously has no merit because an investigator has chosen to not  
>provide the public with all the facts.

What facts has Linda not made public? Linda's work stands on its own merits. If information develops that invalidates this case, then Linda will, I'm sure, make them known. If she doesn't, then criticism is justly due. In the meantime, the investigation continues.

>With this in mind, why would Howe share the results and promote  
>them as something other worldly, not only at her website but on  
>the radio, without waiting for a full and in-depth analysis to  
>be performed?

I've not seen nor heard Linda promote these as otherworldly events. She has offered Oliviera's claims that they are other-worldly.

Let me repeat for those who are hard-of-thinking: She has attempted only to have the physical\_evidence examined in order to determine if it is indicative of an unusual event.

With much patience, though wearing thin,

Ray Boeche

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"MOTHMAN CURSE" MAY BE  
HAUNTING HOLLYWOOD

"Richard Gere may want to watch his back for a while because he may soon fall victim to the 'Curse of The Mothman Prophecies.'"

"That's the word from Mothman researcher Loren Coleman, who says a recent plane crash in Los Angeles is only the latest event caused by 'the Mothman Curse.'"

"One of the crash's victims, Jessica Kaplan, worked on the 2002 film," which starred Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Debra Messing, Will Patton, Lucinda Jenney and Alan Bates, "and Coleman claims that there have been other bizarre accidents as well."

"If the curse is real, then Gere could suffer a terrible accident--and so could Coleman, who consulted on the film."

"But Coleman isn't worried and freely discusses the curse in his new book, Mothman and Other Curious Encounters (Paraview Press, 2003)."

"The plane crash which killed Jessica Kaplan happened as the DVD:SE (Special Edition) of The Mothman Prophecies was being released in the USA and Canada."

Coleman said, "People have pondered dates, disasters and deaths linked to Mothman from 1966 to the present. It has become fashionable in recent years to create lists of those who have died by association to the JFK hit, Bill Clinton and even The Poltergeist movie. Therefore, here is 'The Mothman Death List.'"

The visitations of the weird entity called Mothman began in November 1966 and continued for a few months. Dozens of people in Point Pleasant, West Virginia saw the winged creature at several locations in or near the Ohio River community. Then, approximately 13 months after Mothman's first appearance, on December 15, 1967, at 5:04 p.m., the Silver Bridge collapsed during rush hour.

"Forty-six lives were lost, and 44 bodies were recovered."

The two who weren't recovered were Kathy Byus and Maxine Turner, both of Point Pleasant, W.V.

"The first sighting of Mothman (acknowledged by the media--L.C.) occurred on November 15, 1966, when the Scarberrys and Mallettes saw" the creature.

Exactly 13 months later, the Silver Bridge collapsed,

an event predicted in February 1967 by an unearthly entity calling itself "Indrid Cold."

"Twenty-six months later (2 X 13 equals 26--L.C.) reporter Mary Hyre died on February 15, 1970 at the age of 54."

"In one of the strange twists of fate that seem to follow those who investigate Mothman, author Jim Keith at 50, died mysteriously, on September 7, 1999, during routine knee surgery after falling off the stage at the Burning Man pagan arts festival in Nevada. Jim Keith was responsible for first speculating on a CIA/Men In Black (MIB) connection to the initial Mothman events in Point Pleasant, W.V."

(Editor's Comment: Jim was the author of many "conspiracy classics," including Black Helicopters: Strike Force for the New World Order, Black Helicopters 2: The Endgame Scenario, Casebook on the Men In Black, OKBomb, Saucers of the Illuminati and Biowarfare in America. In his last email to your editor in late July 1999, he mentioned that he was outlining a new book, Black Helicopters 3: The Bush Dynasty. But I have since heard that he was hard at work on a book about the strange death of Princess Diana at the time of his death.)

"In a further bizarre link, the publisher of most of Jim Keith's books and of John A. Keel's 1991 reprint of The Mothman Prophecies, Ron Bonds of IllumiNet Press, died at the age of 48 on April 8, 2001, under strange circumstances, while being transported to the hospital for food poisoning" at El Azteca, a Mexican restaurant in Atlanta, Georgia.

"In June 2002, the body of Jim Keith's former wife was found on an interstate highway in Reno, Nevada; though the cause of death has not been determined, the (Nevada) police suspect murder."

(Editor's Note: When Jim's ex-wife and teenaged daughter arrived at the hospital on September 8, 1999, they were told that he had "died on the operating table." I really did a double-take when I heard that one. Since when do they operate on a sprained tendon?)

"As The Mothman Prophecies movie opened across America on January 25, 2002, the original witnesses, the Mallettes, were attending a funeral. Steve, who was one of the first five witnesses, had lost his brother Charles, 43, to a brain tumor."

(Editor's Note: In a macabre coincidence, this was how actress Debra Messing, who played Mary Klein, "died" in the movie.)

"During the last week of January 2002, during the same initial movie-release time period, there were five fatalities near Point Pleasant, in two crashes involving four automobiles, and three other fatal wrecks in the next five days. For rural Mason County, the eight road deaths in (only) six days was the worst (surge of fatal auto crashes) in 40 years."

"On February 15, 2002, soon after the town was coming alive with all the Mothman promotions and attention, one of Point Pleasant's 1966 Mothman eyewitnesses, Tom Ury, lost his 52-year-old brother, Gary, suddenly."

"Ted Tannebaum, executive producer of The Mothman Prophecies, as well as other films like The Gift and Autumn in New York, died suddenly in Chicago on March 7, 2002."

"Julia Harrison, 29, an associate and very good friend of the members of the Portland, Oregon-based band, King Black Acid, died suddenly of complications of an operation that was not supposed to be life-threatening on November 17, 2002. King Black Acid did most of the songs for Disc 1 of the soundtrack CD for The Mothman Prophecies."

"Jessica Kaplan, a crewmember on The Mothman Prophecies, died in the well-publicized nose-dive plane crash into the Fairfax neighborhood of Los Angeles on (Friday) June 6, 2003. The pilot was identified by the Los Angeles Times as Jeffrey T. Siegel, the owner of a Santa Monica (California) construction firm. Siegel's family said that Siegel and his niece, Jessica Kaplan, 24, were flying to the family's second home in Sun Valley, Idaho. Kaplan's family described her as a screenwriter who had written for New Line Cinema. Jessica Kaplan is officially credited as one of the production crew for The Mothman Prophecies."



"Kaplan is also known as the genius teen who sold a script to Hollywood for \$150,000 when she was 17." (See Wireless Flash for June 12, 2003. Also Fortean Times No. 172 for August 2003, "Caught in the tentacles of the Octopus," page 57. Many thanks to Loren Coleman for this news story.)

(Editor's Note: For more on Point Pleasant, W.V., don't miss the feature story in this issue of UFO Roundup.)

#### TEN CROP CIRCLES APPEAR IN NORTHEAST ARKANSAS

"They are the talk of Clay County (Arkansas), crop circles in a local field of wheat. But don't go calling up Agents Mulder and Scully on the phone and turn this into an X-file just yet."

"The first-ever crop circle formation was recorded in London, England in 1647. The most recent--Knobel, Arkansas."

"We just flew over it and spotted it and it kind of surprised us," said Bruce Catt, who was flying over Clay County farmland over the weekend. "We circled it a few times and thought we need to get some photos of it."

"Those who engage in the study of crop circles are known as cerealogists, unlike Catt."

"By no means, I'm a farmer by occupation," Catt said, "I also do some flying, just to look at the farm."

"There are some think there are aliens that are trying to communicate with us by use of ancient Sumerian symbols."

"There's 10 circles, the first being the biggest," Catt said, "It's around 38 (feet, or 11.6 meters), the next one's 28 (feet, or 8.6 meters), and around 18 and 8 (feet, or respectively 5.6 and 2.6 meters), and they just kind of taper off."

"There's a segment of the population that believes that the circles are messages from the alien spacecraft."

"I don't know what sign it could be or anything," Catt said, "But there's really no hidden meaning to me."

"Since the weekend, people are coming in droves to Todd Young's wheat field in Clay County, just to see the phenomenon."

"Yesterday, at one time there were four different planes circling the field," Young said, "Continuous airplanes all day, and people on foot, as well."

"Scientists and researchers have their own theories around the world: how, why and by whom."

"However, Catt has a much simpler reason why it occurred in Clay County."

"I think somebody with too much time on their hands went out and walked the wheat down," Catt said.

Knobel, Ark. is on Highway 34 approximately 45 miles (72 kilometers) north of Jonesboro and about 75 miles (125 kilometers) northwest of Memphis, Tennessee.

(See the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette for June 5, 2003. Many thanks to Robert Fischer for this news story.)

#### MULTICOLORED UFO SEEN NEAR MILDURA, AUSTRALIA

A multicolored object seen in the night skies over northern Victoria state in Australia has both astronomers and ufologists interested.

"Timber cutter Ross Hadenfeldt said he was working on a property in Euston, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) southeast of Mildura, Vic., on (Wednesday) June 4 (2003) when he saw what he thought was a meteorite at 7:25 p.m."

"It was green, red, orange and yellow, and its edges were bright white flashes," Mr. Hadenfeldt said.

"He said it was about 200 meters (660 feet) long, with the tail fishtailing and corkscrewing."

"The object would have landed between Mildura and Mount Dispersion."

"Mr. Hadenfeldt said he had seen four similar bright-light sightings in the past two years, but none as significant as this."

"Sunraysia Stargazers secretary Kerry Needs said a meteorite could draw people to the area hoping to find fragments and pinpoint exactly where it hit."

"Astronomical Society of Victoria president Perry Vlahos said it was unlikely it was a meteorite."

"Corkscrewing is not something meteorites usually do," Mr. Vlahos said, "If this was corkscrewing, it is more likely it was something terminated or a satellite burning up on reentry." (See the Melbourne Herald-Sun for June 15, 2003, "Space object crashes." Many thanks for Gerry Lovell of Far Shores for forwarding this newspaper article.)

#### GERMAN WOMAN AIRS AUDIO TAPES OF UFO ALIENS

Paul von Strohe, UFO Roundup correspondent in Germany, writes, "On Tuesday, June 10, 2003, I was watching German TV in the afternoon, when they showed a documentary about Frau Ilse Schmitz, a UFO contactee who lives in Bottrup here in Germany."

"Frau Schmitz had heard that people could converse with dead relatives by using a radio transmitter, so she built one in order to contact her dead husband. But instead she made contact with a UFO crew."

"The crew told her they would be flying past her house" in Bottrup, just west of Essen, "and she actually saw the thing fly past. Since then, she has been in regular contact with these crews and has seen the UFO a couple of times."

"Frau Schmitz has audiotaped these conversations and now has over 150 full tapes. She will soon be writing a book about her experiences."

"The television documentary played some of the taped conversations, and the alien crew spoke accent-free Hochdeutsch (perfect German--J.T.)" (Danke schoen a Paul von Strohe im Hamburg.)

#### AMATEUR ASTRONOMER SPIES A UFO FLOTILLA NEAR THE MOON

On Thursday, May 15, 2003, at 9 p.m., amateur astronomer Dennis B. was about to observe the lunar eclipse from his home in Baraboo, Wisconsin (population 10,711) when something unusual happened.

"I went out to watch the lunar eclipse May 15, 2003 in my backyard. With me was a pair of 16 X 50 binoculars, my 35mm camera and a video camera with a zoom lens. A polarized filter was placed over the videocam (lens) because of the glare of the moon."

"I placed the videocam on a tripod and aimed it at the moon. The Earth's shadow was just beginning to cover the bottom of the moon. Leaving the video camera, I watched the eclipse with my binoculars and took some photos with my camera. I saw a number of bright lights moving about the moon, which I tried to photograph. (The camera did pick up some of these lights--D.B.) The time was 9:15 p.m."

"At the same time, my video camera was filming a number of bright reddish-white points of light moving from right to left and left to right across the top of the moon. There were also points of light moving at the bottom of the moon, some seemed to be chasing each other, passing over other ones."

"During the same time, between 9:15 and 10 p.m., a number of the lights, which looked like very bright stars, moved toward the moon, slowed down, changed direction and went down below the moon, changing direction again. Meanwhile, other bright objects went from the left side of the moon, across the glare of the moon's surface, and came out on the right side. Some went from the right to the left."

"All of these objects--some were bright and some were dim--seemed suddenly to appear from the blackness of space, were bright near the moon, then faded away into the darkness again. The sky at the time was very clear. I counted about 35 objects, although some of them may have turned around to pass the moon again. This all happened between 9:15 and 10 p.m."

"Then I didn't see any more and concentrated on filming the lunar eclipse until it was total. I did not

realize my video camera recorded these objects until I viewed the tape on my TV screen later that night. My wife was with me at the time. What these objects were, I don't know. I have been interested in astronomy for years, have a telescope, yet I never saw anything like this before."

Baraboo, Wis. is on Highway 136 approximately 45 miles (72 kilometers) north of Madison, the state capital. (Many thanks to John and Jenny Hoppe of UFO Wisconsin for this report.)

#### NEW ROVER BLASTS OFF FOR MARS

On Tuesday, June 10, 2003, NASA "launched the first of two rovers that will ramble across the rocky red soil of Mars and drill for evidence that the planet once had enough water to support life."

"The seven-month journey of the rover, named Spirit, was delayed two days in a row by thunderstorms" in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

"Officials also had to contend with a last-minute communication glitch with the ground tracking stations."

"NASA launch director Omar Baez said the two-day postponement cut into preparations for the June 25 launch of the second rover, named Opportunity, and could delay the liftoff."

"Previous missions have shown Mars had water in the past, but scientists want to find out how long the water was there and whether there were sufficient quantities to support life."

"The rovers are to reach Mars in January (2004) and land on opposite sides of the planet."

The proposed landing sites "were chosen for their likelihood of holding evidence of water. Studying the minerals in the rocks can tell scientists how the rocks were formed, whether they were ever submerged in water, and whether hot water even ran over them."

"Moving about on six wheels, the rovers will act as robotic geologists. Each is equipped with a panoramic camera, a camera for close-up views of rocks, and a drill to cut into rocks."

"The rovers, which cost a combined \$800 million, are expected to travel up to 132 feet (39 meters) each Martian day, which is 24 hours and 39.5 minutes long."

"The exploration of Mars by the rovers should last three months but could run longer. The two vehicles eventually will shut down as dust builds up on their solar panels and they will be left on the planet."

"Only 12 of 30 previous attempts by the United States, the Soviet Union and other countries have reached Mars."

"Three of nine attempts have succeeded in landing on the planet." (See the Chicago Tribune for June 11, 2003, "Mars rover heads on water quest," page 5, and USA Today for June 11, 2003, "NASA launches first of 2 rovers to probe red planet's watery past," page 3A.)

From the UFO Files...

#### 1931: BEFORE MOTHMAN

Point Pleasant, West Virginia (population 4,637) is best known to Forteanas as the home of the strange dark-colored winged entity called Mothman. But the town was the site of unusual happenings long before Mothman made his appearance in November 1966.

The town is located on a peninsula formed by the confluence of the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers. Long before the first white man, Captain Pierre-Joseph Celeron, Chevalier de Bienville, a French explorer, beached his canoe there in 1749, the sand beaches were a sacred place to the Ontouagannha indigenous people (also known as the Shawnee Indians--J.T.)

In 1774, Virginia's royal governor--John Murray, Lord Dunmore--raised a militia army under Brigadier Andrew Lewis and sent it up the Kanawha to quell the Native American uprising along the Ohio. A "group of drunken whites (had) murdered the family of Chief Tahgahjute, friend of the white man, better known by his English name

of Logan." The indigenous people had retaliated by attacking isolated cabins and settlements throughout what is now West Virginia.

After traveling down the Ohio from Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania), Lewis landed at the mouth of the Kanawha and built Fort Blair (no relation to the current prime minister of UK--J.T.). Instead of ameliorating the situation, the fort's presence made things worse.

To the Ontouagannha, this was Tu-Endie-Wei (their word for peninsula --J.T.), a sacred powwow site, believed to figure prominently in the myths of the goddess Awenhai. Day after day, Chief Cornstalk received visitors, distraught powaws (once called medicine men, now called spiritual advisors--J.T.) and tribal elders, all with the same lament. Their dreams were haunted by Awenhai and other deities in the Ontouagannha pantheon, or by the ghosts of their beloved ancestors, urging them to end the desecration by driving away the Yenghie-ono.

Finally, just before dawn on October 10, 1774, "Cornstalk and his painted warriors crossed the Ohio and approached Lewis's sleeping army; two men hunting deer saw them, and one escaped to arouse the camp. In the fierce battle that followed, Lewis's army decisively defeated Cornstalk's forces..."

At this late date, it is not known if Mothman ever appeared to or was conjured up by the Ontouagannha powaws.

Tu-Endie-Wei received its English name of "Point Pleasant" from none other than George Washington, who camped there in 1770 and was enchanted by the "low hills in the background and wide smooth waters in front." Although the settlement was known by other names during those early years--Fort Blair, Fort Randolph and Goldsmith's Village--"Point Pleasant" was the name chosen when the town formally incorporated in 1833.

In 1851, the first of Point Pleasant's oddball celebrity residents was born in nearby Buffalo, W.V., 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of town. He was William Hope Harvey, the leader of the Free Silverites, a currency reform group of the late Nineteenth Century..

Harvey wrote several books on the subject, including Coin's Financial School (1894), A Tale of Two Nations (1895), Coin on Money, Trusts and Imperialism (1899) and The Clot on the Brain of the Body Politic. "Convinced that civilization was doomed, he began construction of a 130-foot (39-meter) 'pyramid of America,' a towering monument of steel and concrete, in the vaults of which were to be sealed Harvey's reasons for its downfall for the enlightenment of future historians. The depression of the early 1930s halted work on the pyramid...At his death in 1936, only the 10-foot (3-meter) thick granite and limestone base of his pyramid had been completed."

Curiously, Harvey died in 1936, the same year the Silver Bridge, which linked Point Pleasant, W.V. and Gallipolis, Ohio, was built.

(Editor's Comment: And here's one for you, Loren. Notice how the number 13 fit into the dimensions of Harvey's planned pyramid. Whether you use English or Metric, the number 13 is still there. In feet, 130 can be rendered as 10 times 13.

In meters, 39 can be rendered as 3 times 13.)

Five miles (8 kilometers) north of the pyramid site, going towards Point Pleasant, is Lawndale, a private estate that was the home of Dr. T.C. Atkeson. Born in 1852, Dr. Atkeson was a prominent landowner, educator and the father of West Virginia novelist and lecturer Mary Meek Atkeson. Dr. Atkeson also owned an extensive collection of books on the occultist Jacob Boehm.

Like "Coin" Harvey, Dr. Atkeson also died in 1936, the same year the Silver Bridge was built.

Finally, in 1931, while Harvey was still working on his pyramid, Point Pleasant was the site of a UFO encounter. Here are the reports as they appeared in the New York Times for October 11 and 12, 1931:

"Point Pleasant, W.VA.--A searching party organized by Point Pleasant police tonight started towards hills back of Gallipolis Ferry, W.Va., behind which a blimp was reported to have fallen in flames."

"Robert P. Henke, his wife, and Dr. and Mrs. Claude Carter of Gallipolis (Ohio), said they saw the blimp cross the Ohio River and that it fell while Henke was watching it through field glasses."

"Henke says the blimp was between 100 and 150 feet (30 to 45 meters) long and flying at an altitude of about 300 feet (90 meters) when it burst. A moment before it fell, he saw something white which may have been a parachute floating downward."

"Dr. Charles E. Holzer of Gallipolis, Ohio, who owns the airport there, at dawn will send airplanes to search for the dirigible."

"Point Pleasant, W. Virginia--Search for a blimp reported to have crashed and burned in the hills south of this city was abandoned tonight after a fruitless all-day search afoot and in the air."

"Some persons who said they witnessed the accident described the blimp as plunging to the ground in flames, men leaping in parachutes from it as it fell."

"No reports on a missing blimp were received from any source, however."

Thirty-five years after this incident, in November 1966, along came Mothman. (See the New York Times for October 11, 1931, page 26, and for October 12, 1931, "Blimp Wreck Search Vain," page 25. Also The Fortean Society Magazine for January 1942, "David G. Markham Reports," pages 10 and 11. See also the book West Virginia: A Guide to the Mountain State, Oxford University Press, New York, N.Y., 1941, pages 420 to 425.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us next time for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home-UFO Roundup." See you in seven days.

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Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 17:55:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Non-Disclosure Project - Kaeser

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 07:59:08 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Non-Disclosure Project

>>From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
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I'm not sure how "the cause of revelatory learning" has been advanced by the Disclosure Project dog and pony show. From what I've seen, those who have organized and promoted the Disclosure Project haven't got a clue as to the vetting of witnesses and tend to accept all information that supports their pre-conceived beliefs. I have to assume that the advancement of a scientific understanding isn't one of the goals here.

From where I sit, here in the political turmoil of Washington DC, I've not seen that the Disclosure Project has had any impact or even created a ripple of interest among Members of Congress or their Staff. This is also true for Dr. Greer and CSETI's earlier attempt at reaching out to Congress several year's before the Disclosure Project was formed, despite his claims of great success.

I suppose one could pretend that the effort has been successful after a series of "mock" hearings, but what's the point.

Steve

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## Re: The Non-Disclosure Project - Aldrich

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Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 11:26:22 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 17:57:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Non-Disclosure Project - Aldrich

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V:

These are not darts I am throwing. I am accusing Greer and his  
associates of mismanagement of our cause, making us look silly  
in a public forum. And muddying the waters to say the least!

The inability, unwillingness or both to screen disclosure



witnesses and then, to continue to pretending that nothing can be done in this area verges on incompetency beyond telling.

However, I swallowed hard and offered to set up a board to vet witnesses, especially military one. The silence is overwhelming.

During one of my trips, I was approached by a man claiming to be a researcher for Dr. Greer. He was interested in the microfilms I have accumulated in my research. I asked him one simple question in our conversation, how did he feel about plagiarism? He evaded all over the place and never answered and terminated the conversation. Why can't someone answer a simple question? Hmmm.

If you can't see the parallel with Otis T. Carr, perhaps you should take off the blinders and rose-colored glasses you are wearing. Otis always had some excuse why his flying saucer was not quite ready yet, right down to the end. Look at the web site the inventor of the free-energy machine hasn't delivered his devise, yet. There will be a further delay. Hello, wake up and smell the coffee, you are being taking for a ride.

Come back and talk to me a year from now when you have wised-up.

Oh, by the way, have you seen Greer whistle down Aliens in the hills at night with powerful flash lights. If you are so interested in Disclosure get him to do it again with some scientific instruments and recorders. Then you wouldn't need all this political foolishness, you would have absolute proof.

You shouldn't be angry with me, but with your mentor and leader who could provide such proof, but won't! So who is really suppressing the truth, who could provide the proof, but won't?!

Jan Aldrich

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## Re: Best Brazilian UFO Cases? - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 13:34:18 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 17:58:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Best Brazilian UFO Cases? - Velez

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 13:34:50 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Best Brazilian UFO Cases?

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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 12:04:42 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Best Brazilian UFO Cases?

>>>From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 16:32:59 +0100  
>>>Subject: Best Brazilian UFO Cases?

>>>This is one for all the Brazilian Readers on UpDtes.

>>>I am looking to read up on the most interesting Brazilian UFO  
>>>cases ( apart from Varginha, this full account is already on my  
>>>site, written by my Brazilian Colleague Newton Augusto, who went  
>>>and stayed with the Girls in Varginha, to get their full story:

>>><http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/VarginhaDairy.html>

>>>ones that perhaps show the most interesting signs of contact,  
>>>and that also had baffled most researchers still today?

>>During the week I asked about 'best' Brazilian abduction cases.  
>>I'm still waiting for a response. After hearing so much for so  
>>long about this hoax case, it would be refreshing to learn about  
>>one or several 'good' Brazilian abduction cases.

>>I'm interested in hearing about UFO cases as well. I'll be  
>>watching the List for a response to either one of our requests.  
>>At the moment, all concerned are preoccupied. A 'response' may  
>>not be forthcoming until the dust settles out from this most  
>>recent storm.

Hello A J,

You wrote:

>Dear Roy and John:

>As I have told to Roy in a previous message, I am afraid that  
>90% of the best Brazilian UFO cases are not yet in English. I  
>wonder if you guys can read Portuguese? In which case, I would  
>be glad to send you some magazines with lots of stuff.

I can read and write in Spanish but not Portuguese. Sorry. I'll  
have to wait for the translations like everybody else. Thank you  
for the generous offer though.

>In case you cannot read the material, I have some material being  
>translated at the moment and will be posted here as well as  
>published in the MUFON UFO Journal.

I look forward to seeing it.

Thank you,  
John Velez

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## Re: The Non-Disclosure Project - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 19:19:40 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 18:03:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Non-Disclosure Project - Velez

>From: Stephen Bassett <[SGBList2@aol.com](mailto:SGBList2@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 17:38:49 EDT  
>Subject: Re: The Non-Disclosure Project

>>From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947@earthlink.net](mailto:project1947@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
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>>I particularly enjoy that ace-lobbyist Steve Bassett is on the  
>>case here. Hopefully, he can help do for Disclosure what he  
>>helped do for CAUS, make its reputation mud and destroy it. We  
>>wish him great success in his continued quest to turn gold into  
>>BS. This alchemy is as important as free-energy.

<snip>

Hello Jan, Stephen, Victor, All,

\*Warning... looooong one ahead!

Please allow me to respond to all three posts at once, rather  
than piecemeal in three separate submissions.

First, Jan, well said and well done!

If we don't 'police' ourselves the current state of affairs in  
ufology will never change or improve. I've been doing battle  
with fakers and posers like Greer and Gersten for years now,  
both on this List and 'on the air' whenever I have had an  
opportunity.

More recently I've been on Stephen Bassett's case over his  
proposal to waste valuable resources on 'mock hearings.' Ever  
since he first proposed the misbegotten idea and told us of the  
quarter million dollar budget it would devour in the process, I  
have tried to appeal to his better judgement. I thought I was  
alone in opposing such a proposed waste of time, energy and  
\_rare\_ resources. I'm glad to see you posting about it as well.

Voices on the 'side of sanity' need to be heard. Otherwise, the  
'inmates will continue to run the asylum.'

Here, here, Jan. Kudos on a public service well performed.

Stephen Bassett wrote:

>For the Record:

>I have no desire to begin an argument here and won't. UFO  
>UpDates is a public forum and is archived. So, for the record  
>permit me to note the following:

>1) I did not destroy CAUS.

Maybe not you personally, but Peter Gersten sure did. The man you defend in your response post (Gersten) walked away from CAUS initially. As soon as he saw that CAUS had turned into a popular and viable grass roots organization, he swooped in like the opportunistic buzzard that he is, displaced Barry, and in a matter of a few short weeks, he turned the CAUS newsletter into a venue for the broadcasting of worst kind of popular New-Age tripe/belief systems anywhere on or off of the Internet.

The newsletter became so bad, so full of confused New-Age nonsense, that I, along with a large number of others, had to unsubscribe.

>2) I did not make CAUS' reputation mud.

If you support Gersten in his wanton destruction of a valuable public instrument, such as CAUS once was under the leadership of Barry Greenwood, then you have helped to make CAUS's reputation mud.

>3) I have great respect for the contributions of the researchers  
>who laid down the evidentiary base which made possible the  
>activist disclosure process. Their work has been without  
>recognition, remuneration, and, until disclosure, vindication.  
>Such researchers would certainly include Jan Aldrich and Barry  
>Greenwood.

That's right! It is people like Jan Aldrich and Barry Greenwood whose work has brought us to a place where opportunistic clowns like Greer and Gersten can ride the crest of the wave that their hard labor created.

Fact: Peter Gersten ruined a valuable grass-roots organization. He has turned CAUS into an impotent, powerless group, and used it as a platform for actualizing his own agenda.

What Gersten has done is a genuine sin - in the Biblical sense of having perpetrated a crime against humanity.

Also...

Its funny how in your support of Greer, you neglect to acknowledge the fact (Jan mentioned) that Greer plagiarised the work of people like Dick Hall, Jan Aldrich and Barry Greenwood in order to boost the value of his own (valueless) stock.

Greer is an egomaniacal opportunist that guaranteed the failure of the disclosure project by; not checking out his own witnesses before going public with them and by saddling the issue of UFO information disclosure with the unnecessary weight of a hot button issue like space defence weapons, and a 'non-issue' like free energy.

Some questions if I may.

How can you publicly support Greer or Gersten?

How do you justify it?

Greer labors under the delusion that nobody has noticed his intentional sabotage of the disclosure project.

>4) I have great respect for the contributions of the activists  
>who have looked at this evidence and concluded it is in the  
>vital interest of the nation, and the world, for the public to  
>know the truth. Such activists would certainly include Peter  
>Gersten, Elaine Douglas, Larry Bryant and Steven Greer.

With the exception of Larry Bryant, you give public support to

two of the people who have done the most damage to ufology and to the cause of public disclosure of UFO info in that last ten years!

Gersten destroyed CAUS as a grass roots organization.

Greer single-handedly destroyed any chances of securing public hearings on the UFO question.

So, what's to like?

>In order to breach these walls it will be necessary to stand  
>upon each other's shoulders (the Naval Academy has an annual  
>event based upon this simple idea).

Standing on someone's shoulders is one thing, Stephen. Knocking the guy out of the way, stealing his work, and taking credit for it (as Greer has done) is something else altogether.

>If there are any true villains in this historical process, they  
>reside in the inner sanctums of the government security  
>structure. These individuals continue to do as they please  
>without personal consequence. When the public understands this  
>sufficiently, the cover-up will end.

Let us not forget that that same government has 'agents' in place among us... among the ranks. Maybe even in 'leadership' positions in order to maintain the 'control' it covets so.

Sometimes you don't have to go very far to locate and identify just 'who' these agents are. ;)

Victor Viggiani wrote:

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I beg to differ, Victor. I see what Jan is doing as a 'public service.' We all need to know who the opportunists, con men and charlatans are. Lest we be taken in by them if we are caught unaware.

Jan is making people aware of such people. That, to me, is a public service of the highest order. You choose to paint it as 'shameful' which is your prerogative. I choose to see it as heroic public service.

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>the planet to what is happening or is it bent on obfuscating?

It contributes to awakening the population to of the planet to those who obfuscate and work against disclosure!

Jan performs a service Victor! Just like Royce Myers III and more recently the South American ufologists who have made us all aware of a major hoax, Jan pulls the covers off of some of the worst dis-information agents in ufology today.

What in the world is 'wrong' with that?

Fore-warned is fore-armed. If it wasn't for people like Jan and Royce and others, we would get caught with our pants down around our ankles more often than I'd like to think.

They are to be commended for their courage and their convictions to the values of truth, honesty and fair dealing. I'm sick and tired of hearing it all painted as ufologists eating their own young. Or, to hear it being depicted as 'in-fighting' in ufology.

It is no such thing.

This is self-policing at its best! The members of the community themselves weeding out the phonies, opportunists and con men. We don't need no stinking badges or no stinking police force as long as the members of the community are willing to stand

together and not give any quarter to those who are only out to promote their own self interests by fooling others.

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Victor, I don't know if you can see it but, if we don't identify and weed out those who would retard or destroy the movement toward disclosure, then it is certain to fail.

Jan isn't a 'splitter.' He is a healing physician pointing out the source of infection. Healing can only take place once infection and disease has been eliminated.

Ask Dr. Greer!

>The challenge remains; say.. do... act... create something  
>relevant or get out of the ball game. Watch Disclosure Dialogue  
>and throw darts there if you wish. Dare y'ah.

We all want disclosure to succeed, Victor. No one more than the people who the phenomenon affects the most. We need to lose some 'dead weight' before we can run with the ball amigo. That is the process you see happening here. Not nasty negativism.

Regards,

John Velez  
Working everyday towards real disclosure.

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## Cattle Mutilations And TSE

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Subject: Cattle Mutilations And TSE

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We present evidence that a correlation exists between reports of animal mutilation and the emergence of a Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) epidemic in North America.

- We show that sharp instruments are used in animal mutilations. Our data contradict the conclusions of the 1980 Rommel Report that claimed predators and scavengers could explain reports of cattle mutilations.
- Using data obtained from a NIDS nationwide survey of bovine veterinarian practitioners, we show that certain organs are preferentially removed during animal mutilations.
- We focus attention on the temporal and geographical overlaps between the animal mutilation and TSE epidemics in NE Colorado. The most highly publicized TSE epidemic in North America, chronic wasting disease (CWD), emerged in NE Colorado in the late 1960s.
- We show evidence that patterns of animal mutilations conform to covert but classical wild life sampling methodologies for infectious diseases.
- The organs that are preferentially removed during animal mutilations, the eye, tongue, large intestine (anus) and reproductive tissues, harbor high levels of prions in several species.
- We show evidence in support of an epidemic of prion disease that is both sub-clinical in cattle and clinical in deer/elk in North America.
- We describe evidence from two laboratories that a number of prion diseases in humans are misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's disease and therefore currently escape detection.
- The historical record shows that high levels of infectious TSEs were imported from New Guinea into research facilities at Fort Detrick and Bethesda, Maryland after 1958 and were used for intensive cross-species infectivity experiments.
- We hypothesize that animal mutilations represent both a TSE-disease sampling operation on domestic animals AND a graphic warning that the beef and venison food chain is compromised.

Overall, the evidence suggests that animal mutilations are a long-term, covert, prion disease sampling operation by unknown perpetrators who are aware of a substantial contamination of the beef and venison food supply. Although this paper presents evidence in favor of a motive for animal mutilations, there is still insufficient evidence to identify the perpetrators.

The hypotheses described in this paper yield a number of testable predictions. Examining these predictions in the coming months and years is increasingly urgent because they have considerable public health implications. Secondly the recent (May 2003) announcement of a case of mad-cow disease in Alberta,



Canada has brought the issue of the contamination of the human food chain into sharper focus.

With respect to the TSE hypothesis, NIDS, because of a lack of evidence cannot identify the perpetrators of animal mutilations. We hypothesize a motive for animal mutilations. As of June 2003, we have no position regarding the identity of the perpetrators.

The full report can be found on the "Whats New" section of the NIDS web site: <http://www.nidsci.org>

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## Re: The Non-Disclosure Project - Goldstein

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>And while we are on the subject let's hear it for old Doc Greer.  
>Why his new company is off the launch pad

><http://www.seaspower.com/>

<snip>

Hello Jan,

I really like what you wrote above. I took a look at that SEASpower site and saw a strange irony. Greer and his cohorts in SEAS and the Disclosure Project are so full of hot air that they should be looking at how to extract its free energy. But it is not permanent energy because all balloons eventually deflate. Unfortunately a number of people usually fall into ruin as a result of naively investing in dust. Poof! Gone with the wind.

As they say on the street, this blows.

Josh

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## Speaking Of Non-Disclosure

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Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 08:51:48 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 19:49:57 -0400  
Subject: Speaking Of Non-Disclosure

Speaking of "non-disclosure", when does the public get to view  
\_all\_ of the 16 recovered implants in possession of National  
Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS), and what partial  
analyses may be available for \_all\_ of their implants?

Eleanor White

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DETAINEE SECRECY UPHELD

In a victory for the Bush Administration and a serious blow to the Freedom of Information Act, a federal appeals court panel ruled that no information concerning hundreds of persons detained in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks need be disclosed under the FOIA.

"America faces an enemy just as real as its former Cold War foes, with capabilities beyond the capacity of the judiciary to explore," wrote Judge David B. Sentelle, explaining the court's refusal to "second guess" the executive branch's refusal to disclose such information.

The public interest plaintiffs, led by the Center for National Security Studies, said that the court failed to properly consider the competing interests in disclosure or the kinds of abuses facilitated by secrecy and recently documented by the Justice Department Inspector General.

While some of the requested information may be properly exempt from disclosure, wrote Judge David S. Tatel in a fierce dissent, it does not automatically follow that all of it is exempt.

"While the government's reasons for withholding some of the information may well be legitimate, the court's uncritical deference to the government's vague, poorly explained arguments for withholding broad categories of information about the detainees... eviscerates both FOIA itself and the principles of openness in government that FOIA embodies," he wrote.

This is not merely a rhetorical expression of frustration. The new court ruling actually damages the FOIA by expanding the scope of judicial deference, and thereby curtailing judicial review of executive branch actions.

By mandating judicial review of contested FOIA decisions, Congress anticipated that some government decisions to withhold information would be erroneous. Judicial review was to serve as an error-correcting mechanism. The doctrine of judicial deference, however, embodies a refusal by the judicial branch to undertake the crucial task of error correction.

In specific matters of extraordinary sensitivity or complexity such deference may be unavoidable. Even then it comes at the

risk of ratifying and encouraging executive branch excesses. In this case, Judge Tatel argued, the majority extended judicial deference far beyond what the facts warranted.

A copy of the June 17 appeals court panel decision in Center for National Security Studies, et al, v. Department of Justice is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/cnss061703.pdf>

#### DISPUTE OVER STATE SECRECY RULING UNFOLDS

The possibility of error correction is at the heart of a dramatic challenge to United States v. Reynolds, an influential 1953 Supreme Court ruling that underlies the "state secrets" privilege.

Based on recently declassified documents, it can now be shown that the 50 year old ruling was based on fraudulent testimony from Air Force officials, according to surviving participants in the original proceeding.

They petitioned the Court earlier this year for a "writ of error" (Secrecy News, March 4). See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/reynoldspet.pdf>

Last month, the government responded to the petition arguing that there was no fraud and that, in any event, the Court lacked jurisdiction to address the matter. See the Solicitor General's May 30 response here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/reynoldsresp.pdf>

The petitioners replied vigorously on June 12:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/reynoldsrep061203.pdf>

#### LEVIN CHALLENGES CIA CLASSIFICATION

Citing a discrepancy between the CIA's public statements and its classified briefings, Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) called on the Agency to declassify information about what it told United Nations weapons inspectors regarding the number of suspected Iraqi weapons locations.

DCI George Tenet had resisted such declassification citing "secrecy agreements" with the UN. Taking this claim at face value, Senator Levin wrote to chief UN weapons inspector Hans Blix to inquire whether Blix had any objection to release of the requested information. In a June 11 letter released by Levin this week, Blix said "we would have no objection if it were made public."

DCI Tenet "doesn't have any excuse now, it seems to me," said Senator Levin at a June 16 press briefing. "He no longer can hide behind Blix as saying, 'Well, we have this secret relationship with Blix which would be in some way undermined if I released that information.' He can't use that anymore because Dr. Blix says, 'Go ahead, release it'."

See this June 16 press release with attached correspondence:

<http://levin.senate.gov/releases/061603pr1.htm>

"It undermines the credibility of the director of intelligence to be making public statements relative to intelligence which are not factually accurate," Senator Levin said.

#### HOUSE COMPENDIUM OF INTELLIGENCE LAWS

The House Intelligence Committee has updated its periodic "Compilation of Intelligence Laws and Related Laws and Executive Orders of Interest to the National Intelligence Community."

It is a very handy compendium of major and minor intelligence-related statutes, current as of March 25, 2003 and published for the first time in electronic form. A copy is posted here (2.6 MB

PDF file):

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_rpt/laws2003.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_rpt/laws2003.pdf)

#### IRAQI WMD INTEL DOCS AVAILABLE TO CONGRESS

House Intelligence Committee chairman Rep. Porter Goss invited members of the House of Representatives who have signed non-disclosure oaths to review certain classified intelligence documents concerning Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program and Iraqi ties to terrorist groups. See this June 17 floor statement:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/h061703.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/h061703.html)

One such document was uncovered by U.S. News and World Report last week. It is a November 2002 Defense Intelligence Agency assessment reporting that there was "no reliable information" that Iraq was producing or stockpiling chemical weapons. The assessment echoes an earlier DIA report partially declassified this month.

See "Second intelligence report: 'No Reliable Information' Iraqis Stockpiling Chemical Weapons," by David E. Kaplan and Mark Mazzetti, U.S. News, June 13:

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/usinfo/press/intell.htm>

See also "Word That U.S. Doubted Iraq Would Use Gas," by James Risen, New York Times, June 18:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/18/international/worldspecial/18INTE.html>

#### LEARY NAMED ISCAP CHAIR

President Bush named National Security Council staff member William H. Leary to be the new chair of the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP).

ISCAP is the executive branch body that reviews appeals from the public of mandatory declassification review requests that have been denied.

See this June 17 White House press statement:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/06/20030617-10.html>

ISCAP has an astonishing track record of overturning agency refusals to declassify and releasing requested documents in whole or in part in about 80% of the cases it has considered.

This activity both confirms that overclassification is a continuing problem, and helps to remedy that problem. For more on ISCAP see:

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

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## Filer's Files #25 -- 2003

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### RARE GREEN METEORS AND CYLINDERS LIGHT UP THE SKY

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. Asteroids with water explode, Unidentified object seen floating outside ISS, NASA worried over sun's activity, New York - alleged UFO landing, Georgia teardrop and green tear UFO, Florida - two discs spotted, Alabama - oval UFO sighting, Tennessee - rectangle UFO, Ohio - photos of discs and cylinders, Indiana - circling UFOs, Arkansas - Crop circles, Missouri - six daytime spheres, Kansas - six daytime spheres one hour later, Oklahoma - three lights in triangle, Arizona - formation close to ground Investigation, Washington - two green fireballs, Canada - three witnesses see disc, Scotland - green cylinder, German - split light, Turkey - UFO sightings continue, India - moving star in daylight, and New Zealand - rare green meteor lights up the morning sky.

### ASTEROIDS WITH WATER EXPLODE

We often receive reports of asteroids, meteorites or UFOs entering the atmosphere. Many of these appear to explode and disintegrate, while others change course and fly off in a new direction. My records show numerous sightings of rare green fireballs dating back to the early 1930s. These do not act like other meteorites. Scientists Kazushige Tomeoka and colleagues have been conducting experiments in order to learn why most of the space dust that falls to Earth is wet, while larger space rocks found on the planet are usually dry as a bone. More than 97 percent of all meteorites collected on Earth's surface lack water, while 30,000 tons of interplanetary dust reaches the Earth's surface every year. Almost all of this dust contains water, resembling the paltry 2.8 percent of known, hydrated meteorites. Scientists have been left to assume that wet space rocks simply don't survive the trip through Earth's atmosphere. Not buying that explanation, Tomeoka's team decided to figure out what happens in space when asteroids collide. With a specially designed gun -- they shot meteorites with projectiles moving at up to 4,026 mph. The result was that the watery meteorite was reduced to minute particles and produces explosive expansion upon release of the pressure." "In contrast, the dry meteorite does not show significant changes." The researchers conclude that what's collected on Earth is a result of what happens in space. When watery asteroids are hit -- dust explodes into space. When a dry asteroid is hit by another rock, not much happens, dust wise.

"As a result of these differences in shock response, watery material would become the predominant kind of dust particles produced by mutual collisions of asteroids, Tomeoka said, adding that larger watery fragments would not be abundant. Dust and rocks moving fast in relation to Earth frequently slam into the atmosphere and burn up, generating shooting stars. Stuff moving

more slowly relative to Earth can be captured by the planet's gravity and survive the plunge. Thanks to: SPACE.com see [http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/watery\\_meteorites\\_030430.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/watery_meteorites_030430.html) Editor's Note: Unfortunately, the scientific team did not provide an explanation for the green shooting stars that often change direction or appear to hover in our skies.

#### UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SEEN FLOATING OUTSIDE SPACE STATION

CAPE CANAVERAL -- WKMG TV Orlando, Florida reports, "NASA is trying to identify a small object spotted floating outside the International Space Station on June 12, 2003." Astronaut Ed Lu spotted the object outside the window of the US laboratory and took pictures of it, Local 6 News partner Florida Today reported. Ground controllers are analyzing Lu's photos but don't yet have enough information about the object's direction of travel to determine where it came from. The object, which has moved out of sight, is likely from the station itself, according to the report. NASA is asking US Strategic Command to use its resources to gather more information about the object. Strategic Command was able to track a small object seen floating near Columbia shortly after the shuttle-entered orbit on its last mission. Ground controllers plan to transmit pictures of labels to Lu in hopes he can compare them with the object he saw and possibly identify it. No unusual events have occurred at the station that might explain the object. Lu and cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko are in the middle of a six-month stay aboard the station. <http://www.local6.com/news/2267894/detail.html>

#### NASA WORRIED OVER SUN'S ACTIVITY

Mitch Battros (ECTV) writes, "I have received several unofficial chatter telling of NASA's grave concern with the unusual increase in solar activity. Earth and particularly satellites, are at most risk. The rumors suggest NASA has been handed a gag order' issued by DOD (department of defense). The reason for this order is directed at our spy satellites. It is suggested that 'in the name of national security' we cannot confirm or deny recent and current solar activity is at dangerous levels. Over the past week a reported 65 C-Class flares, 16 M-Class flares, and 2 X-Class flares have occurred. Just the week prior, another 2 X-Class flares and 4 M-Class flares erupted. In addition to the solar flares, perhaps as many as 45 CME's (coronal mass ejections) emerged. Another area of concern is our 'power grids'. If Earth experiences a direct hit from any one of these M-Class or X-Class flares, it could in fact cripple our infrastructure.

Some of you may remember what happened in 1989 when an X-Class flare ripped through our Magnetic Field knocking out power grids all across parts of the world. One area, which suffered a devastating hit during the winter months, was Quebec, Canada where power grids were knocked out for almost two months. This had occurred and people literally had to set up emergency communities to survive. Those who had homes with "fireplaces" quickly filled to as many as 20 to 30 people per household. An area of over 7 million people was reduced to using fires as a method of warmth and to cook meals. I am a bit nervous of sunspot region 380. It is very large and is set dead center, which could produce a direct, hit to Earth. An X-Class flare occurred on June 16th erupting from this region. The question is in what direction is it headed. Watch for "freak storms" to continue, tornadoes or tornado-like winds, sudden rain and hailstorms are likely. Also watch for 'record breaking' temperatures. Equation: Sunspots => Solar Flares => Magnetic Field Shift => Shifting Ocean and Jet Stream Currents => Extreme Weather and Human Disruption Thanks to Mitch Battros ECTV

#### ELECTROLYTE CHANGES IN ABDUCTEES

Regarding last weeks article regarding electrolyte changes in abductees, "My mother is very sensitive to EMR ... electromagnetic radiation." During Solar and Geomagnetic Storms, her electrolytes get out of balance, that drinking Gatorade daily helps to restore. Maybe that is why abductees have similar problems. The very intense exposure to EMR may cause their electrolytes and body to get out of balance. This high sensitivity to EMR may cause them to think they have been abducted, when in reality they haven't been. They may only have been exposed to very high levels of electromagnetic radiation instead.

Editor's Note: Many abductees report seeing balls of light floating near them indicating the area is highly charged with electrical energy and electromagnetic radiation. It is known that the brain is susceptible to imagining and fabrication under these conditions. Abductees often claim these balls of light develop into aliens. Further research is needed. These lights have been videotaped within people's homes. See floating light at: [www.GeorgeFiler.com/](http://www.GeorgeFiler.com/) views of this file

USA TODAY ASKS: IS THERE ANOTHER EARTH OUT THERE?

Mike Andrews writes last week, you asked is there another Earth. "In the religion of the Ancients whom I revere, there was an inner cadre of enlightened sages and holy men who kept secret books." These were never presented to the masses, but remained hidden within subterranean catacombs and sanctuaries and were guarded with the utmost secrecy. In the latter part of the 19th Century a new portion-albeit small-of the secret teachings was released to the world through the Theosophical Society, co-founded by Madam H.P. Blavatsky at Adyar, India in the 1870s. The portion of new revelations released includes a fascinating segment about Earth's sister planets, of which there are, accordingly, six. In the ancient teaching all planetary spheres, including suns, are septempartite (seven-fold) in nature, the same as a human is said to be.

Our earth is, according to the Ancients, is the fourth globe in a series occupying the lowest position relative to the spiritual aspect of the other six. The nearest \*other\* Earth is the Fifth planet in our chain. It is invisible to terrestrial vision, however, and can only be seen by an entity who has passed through a rigorous and difficult, long period of study and of keeping the LAW. This, of course, alludes to initiation. In the future of Humanity this Fifth planet will begin to become visible to the human sensory mechanism; yet this will not happen any time soon. It should be understood that this thing of gradually becoming visible has little to do with changes to the Fifth sphere ... but everything to do with human spiritual progress. Because of our close proximity to this Fifth Earth (and the Third, as well) it's highly possible that many of the luminous objects seen in the sky (and some not so luminous) have originated on a neighbor bearing our own namesake. You no doubt realize that the Humanity we belong to is rather insignificant in the overall scheme of things, and that the universe is literally filled-even in the apparent "voids" between the visible planets-with sentient beings.

We tend to become intoxicated by the form aspect of our ultra-material lives. True understanding of whom and what those objects in the sky are requires some hard work in contemplation upon the inner Nature. Snip. Thanks to Mike Andrews

NEW YORK - UFO LANDS IN FIELD?

SARATOGA -- Debbie writes, "I have recently heard a report of UFO sighting in Saratoga Springs, on Glenmore Avenue on June 14, 2003. A UFO supposedly landed in a field and set off car alarms in the neighborhood and got the dogs barking. Please advise if you have heard anything regarding this issue. Thanks to Debbie

GEORGIA - TEARDROP AND GREEN TEAR SHAPED LIGHT

ATHENS -- On Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at midnight, eyewitness Juliet S. was outdoors at her home in Athens located 67 miles east of Atlanta when a UFO appeared from the northeast. "It was a big bright light that lit up the whole area," Juliet reported, "I saw it in the sky floating, and it flew along about 20 feet in the air over my head. It was a bright purplish color, sort of magenta, and it looked like a big raindrop. And I heard a noise that sounded like electricity mixed with a type of gerbil noise. It went about 70 miles per hour." "I was freaked. I thought my family was in danger. It was not seen by anyone else in the part" of Athens, Ga. "where I live." (Email Report) thanks to UFO ROUNDUP Vol. 8 # 21, June 11, 2003 Editor: Joseph Trainor

DOUGLASVILLE -- A Delta Air Lines employee writes that, I want to report a short sighting on my way to work this morning on June 12, 2003, at 4:47 AM. I was heading south on North Burnt Hickory Road, about one mile south of the Cobb/Douglas County border. "A green tear shaped light flew in front of my vehicle

moving from my left to my right, at about 1500 feet (the point of the tear was at the back like a short tail). The speed would be hard to estimate, but it was somewhere between the speed of a shooting star (it was slower) and an airplane (it was faster). It appeared to be about 1/4 inch in size and made no sound. There was a vehicle directly behind me, but I don't know whether or not that vehicle saw the light. I watched it disappear behind a tree and as I drove south I caught another glimpse of it once the tree moved out of my field of vision. It appeared as if it would crash but I never heard any noise. It may be psychological, but for a second I felt as if I had passed through an electrical field. There are high-tension wires in the general area (about 1/2 mile or better north). Email report.

#### ALABAMA - OVAL UFO Sighting

CULLMAN - The observer reports, "I saw a yellowish green oval shaped object with red and white lights surrounding the outside of the flying object on June 1, 2003." The object appeared to be bigger than a full moon at 10:30 PM, and was moving south brightly lit up. My dad told me to run get the video camera and I got the object on video. I ran and got the car and my mother and I tried to follow it, so we could get more video, but we were unsuccessful. It was moving too quickly for us to film it, but we could see it in the distance very briefly. Three family members sent in reports concerning the sighting. Peter Davenport reports they are investigating locally to establish whether the object might have been an illuminated blimp. PD))

#### TENNESSEE - RECTANGLE AND TRIANGLE SHAPED FIGURE

NASHVILLE - Two friends were playing tennis at McGavock High School on Sunday, June 1, 2003, at 3 PM. The eyewitness says, "I only saw the object for a couple of seconds that was a white square with no reflection." There was a large yellow blimp flying overhead in the distance, going west and the sun was behind me on a partly cloudy day. I looked up, saw the blimp and some airplanes and a white rectangular shaped object, that may have been a dull silver color. It was very small, but not too small to tell its shape. It appeared to cut across the path above the blimp while we were relatively close to the airport. I only saw it for a second, then it was gone. I kept looking, but did not see it. I told my friend, but he did not see it. He knows me well enough to know I was not lying. NUFORC

HIXSON - The witness spotted a UFO with a fiery glow with a glowing light going from side to side on June 9, 2003. He says, "It was about 100 to 200 feet above me moving north at a controlled speed at 10 PM and looked like a stealth aircraft but with a bright orangeish fiery glow. It was a clear night and the object was extremely visible. I ran back into the house to get the camera and took a picture but it was already far off. I wish I didn't hesitate on getting my camera. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### OHIO - PHOTOS OF DISCS AND CYLINDERS

NW OHIO -- George Ritter reports he was video taping on May 17, 2003, during the afternoon and taped lots of discs and some unusual craft like I've never seen before. I started taping at 2 PM, 242 VHS on tape #, and the first object was found 23 minutes and 58 seconds into the tape. In all thirty objects were recorded on the film that was shot. The last object was at 3:59 PM. Many of the objects can be viewed at my website. Thanks to George Ritter

#### INDIANA - CIRCLING UFOs

In a message dated June 18, 2003, VegasPoker007 writes: " Over the last few days UFOs have circled the White River in Indiana as tho they were waiting for something. Thanks to VegasPoker007

#### ARKANSAS - CROP CIRCLES

KNOBEL -- There were 10 circles, each 10 feet apart and varying in size from 8 to 31 feet in circumference. The wheat crop was bent or broken (not established yet) and laying in a clockwise rotation. According to the investigator from the Clay County Carrier Newspaper, there were no prints and no marks inside any of the circles. One circle had an undisturbed small bird's nest

in the center. The wheat was undisturbed at the spot where the bird's nest sat. The circles were first noticed on Saturday, June 7th by farmer/pilot Bruce Katt, from Korning, Arkansas as he flew over the area. Mrs. Katt gave me the phone number of Clay County Co-op Extension Agent who gave me many of the details. She will e-mail me a photo that was taken on Sunday, June 8th by Fred Martin, reporter with the Clay County Carrier. The farmer, Todd Young, went ahead and harvested the crop and burned the field. I do not know if samples were taken prior to the harvesting and burning. I am still trying to reach him. The Jonesboro Sun and KAIT8 TV in Jonesboro reported on the anomaly. I understand that Nancy Talbot is going to go over and make an investigation of it. Thanks to Jean and Richard Seifried, Author of "Medicine Grizzly" A saga of modern day adventure and mystery! <http://www.lstbooks.com/bookview/10257seifried@ipa.net>  
[www.richardseifried.com](http://www.richardseifried.com)

#### MISSOURI - SIX DAYTIME SPHERES

NUFORC - The witness reports, " I personally viewed 5 of 6 objects moving from one horizon to the other at a great altitude and at a great rate of speed at 11:35 AM on the morning of June 9, 2003." My neighbor, whom I was visiting, suddenly jumped up and pointed to the sky and said "Jesus what was that?" I had not seen the first of what was eventually to become a total of six objects that came streaking across the sky from horizon to horizon at a great altitude and an enormous rate of speed. The individual objects appeared one at a time at about three or four minute intervals, all coming out of the southwest and bearing to the northeast in what seemed to be a fanning out pattern originating in the southwest. Each of the individual objects streaked across our plain of view from horizon to the top of a tree line 30 degrees above the northeast horizon in six to eight seconds. It flew a vast distance in a relatively short amount of time. None of the objects had a wingspan or tail and they appeared to me as being just bright silvery orbs streaking across the sky without a vapor trail or a mechanical noise such as is found in commercial air flights or military flights. Both witnesses are former members of the military and quite credible. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

LENEXA -- Six small silvery-white spherical shapes were seen moving very rapidly across the daytime sky on June 9, 2003, one at a time, over a 15 minute period around 12:35 in the afternoon. The eyewitness states, " I suddenly sat bolt upright, the realization hitting me that I couldn't identify what I had been watching, and said to my friend, "What the hell is that?" He didn't see it, but suddenly there was another, coming from the northeast. I quickly pointed this one out to my friend, and he immediately spotted it and began tracking it across the sky. Now, I consider myself a serious aviation enthusiast, and I know military aircraft better than most people, even other enthusiasts. I served in the Air Force as a flight line mechanic, and my buddy who was with me served in the Navy where he specialized in guided missiles. The objects didn't "float" on any breeze, they were on a laser straight course and moving at a very high rate of speed. They didn't seem to be burning or breaking up as any other meteor does, they didn't emit any sound and left no vapor trails or contrails. They didn't disturb the air at all. And any aircraft moving as fast as these were would most certainly have broken the sound barrier and delivered the telltale thunderous 'clap'.

As we stood staring in utter disbelief at the sky, the object quickly disappeared beyond the horizon. After a minute or two there came another object, again moving from the same general direction. Some looked slightly larger than others, giving the indication of a difference in altitude or size. I dialed my brother in Idaho and excitedly told him what we were witnessing, as we spoke. They kept coming, a few minutes apart, until we counted six altogether. At one point, I watched one of the objects (which seemed either larger or lower in altitude) moving at a slower pace than the rest. As it neared the far horizon, roughly 70% of the way across the viewable sky, it seemed to suddenly accelerate. This was my first sighting of anything I could consider as even possibly having been of a non-terrestrial nature. NUFORC Note: Peter Davenport spoke with this witness on several occasions, and we found him to be exceptionally credible.

#### ARIZONA - FORMATION CLOSE TO GROUND INVESTIGATION

PICACHO PEAK -- The witnesses were driving south on I-10 on May 31, 2003, when they noticed an object flying at a high speed in irregular patterns at 1 AM. They state, "We noticed an object flying close to the ground on the other side of the freeway going in the same direction with a row of three lights. We could not make out a shape due to its color and brightness. NUFORC

Gene Kilber writes, "Sorry, it's just a crop duster, here in Arizona in the summer time they fly at night with three lights. When they make passes over the crops they then climb and bank to make another pass, just exactly like described. It's a really neat thing to watch if you're into aircraft. Thanks to Gene Kilber Queen Creek, Az

#### WASHINGTON - TWO GREEN-FIREBALL UFOs SEEN

OMAK -- On May 28, 2003, at 10:30 PM, the male eyewitness was outdoors at his home in Omak, 125 miles northwest of Spokane, when he spotted "a UFO heading north towards Alaska" Forty minutes later, a second one headed the same way at 11:10 PM. The first one came from the southeast, and the second one came straight from the south over Omak. They were both heading north towards the Mackenzie Mountains." They both glowed green, and looked like glowing green balls. They both seemed to be traveling fast when I saw them, till they disappeared about four seconds later." I got the impression that they were trying to imitate a planet. They were in outer space with the stars." (Email Form Report) UFO ROUNDUP Vol. 8 # 21, June 11, 2003  
Editor: Joseph Trainor

#### CANADA DISC

CONCORD, ONTARIO -- John P. writes, Why do you go on about UFO sightings? I am a contactee and have the visitors in my home? Every sighting you advertise includes a bright light! Or a bluish light! Or a whitish light! Bull! The UFO I saw was in broad daylight and had no lights at all! "For some reason, I do not know why, a large dull gray metal sphere appeared over the rail yard where I was working (Macmillan Yard in Concord Ontario). We were having noon lunch and I happened to gaze out the window and summoned the men there, "Hey look. A genuine UFO." Not many were interested but Alex, said, "Interesting...." Then Edward, who smirked and said, "Where?" I had to point it out. He started swearing his head off and ran back to his seat, yelling, "I didn't see anything! I didn't see anything!" Interesting reactions. He now denies it. The UFO hung there immovable, no motion. We watched it a few minutes, then Alex sat back down to his meal. Another strange reaction. When it was just me looking, it darted off, circled the yard, which is miles across, then I think I saw it again in the distance, westward. It was too big for a balloon...at least 10 meters across. No noise, no clouds, no wind, no lights, no windows and it moved smoothly. Thanks to John P. email report.

#### SCOTLAND GREEN CYLINDER

DUNOON -- On Sunday, May 25, 2003, a couple was walking down a hill in the West Bay section of Dunoon, Argyllshire when they saw a bright green-yellow oblong shape moving really quietly horizontally across the top of the Bishop's Glen Hills. The female witness reports, "They both saw the same thing and noted that there was no noise." "It was traveling faster than the speed of the (RAF) fighter jets that fly over here on training regularly. The object made no noise, moved quickly, was 'luminous' green/yellow, and I noticed slight pinkish tinges around the edges. Then it just disappeared." "It was going from north to south, very big and very fast. Didn't know who to report it to. Found your Web site." (Email Form Report) UFOROUNDUP Vol. 8 # 21, June 11, 2003 Editor: Joseph Trainor

#### FRANCE - DISC

LYON - On June 9, 2003, a brighter than bright fast object with a dark shadow around it was observed about 11:30 ...I need to know I'm not going mad? I saw a round bright faster than fast thing shooting downwards out of the sky, then it was just gone in a couple seconds. That light was so bright I cant believe it. Thanks to NUFORC

#### TURKEY - NUMEROUS SIGHTING AND PHOTOS CONTINUE



BURSA - On May 8, 2003, three witnesses observed two hovering UFOs. Canan Demir states: "On that day at our office at the Bursa Acemiler Catalogue filming, we went for a cigarette break to the balcony and saw two UFOs travelling from the Izmir Way towards Uludag a few minutes just after sunset." The UFOs came up suddenly amongst the trees and at first starting hovering independently from each other and made a few turns on top of the trees as we could see. They moved more in a zig-zag manner, and these movements led us to believe that these objects were not typical airplanes or any other aircraft of worldly technology." Especially the bigger one which had a metallic structure could be seen although it had lights surrounding it. At that moment I went inside to get my digital camera, and my friend said that one of the UFOs disappeared behind the trees. As I was preparing to photo the sighting it reappeared. As you can tell from the photo it was near the trees while I was photographing it. When I lowered my camera the UFO on top of the trees elevated to the height as the other UFO and then proceeded quickly to take off in the direction of Uludag (South) and then vanished from sight. Due to this speed we were unable to photograph the second sighting because it did not come out. Thanks to Sirius UFO Organization <http://www.siriusufo.org/engnews/CIA-MIT.htm>

#### INDIA - MOVING STAR SEEN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

BANDRA -- This sighting happened at Bandra a suburb of Mumbai on June 7, 2003, at 5:15 PM. The witness reports, "I was having a late afternoon break with my colleagues when I noticed a star like object high in the sky next to the moon, which was in the mid sky." The sun was still dazzling and I was having difficulty looking at the sky because of the glare. I pointed it out to my colleagues and we all started wondering what that thing might be. We have never seen a star in broad daylight. After a few minutes we noticed that the object was not stationary but was gradually moving further away from the moon. We waited for nearly 15 minutes watching it move ever so slowly. I had to go back to the office for a few minutes and when I came back the object had vanished. This means that the object was not a star. The object was fairly high in the sky and well above the clouds.

I have been a keen sky watcher since my childhood and have seen stars, planets, planes, satellites, comets, meteors, balloons, etc., but this object does not fit into any of these categories. What was it? A rare celestial or atmospheric phenomenon, or some secret air force flying vehicle on surveillance or anything else I would like to know. I read about the recent sighting of a white object over Baku in Azerbaijan, may be this thing was something similar. Thanks to Randhir and UFOINDIA  
<http://www.ufoindia.org/ufo-india-sighting47-mumbaijune2003.htm>

#### NEW ZEALAND - RARE GREEN METEOR LIGHTS UP MORNING SKY

AUCKLAND - Amanda Kyne reports, "A rare bright-green meteor flew across the sky early June 12, 2003, surprising early risers around the country." Denise Buckton of Auckland's Blockhouse Bay said she gasped when she saw the meteor from her living room window. "It was lovely to look at. It had the same brightness as a flare." Stardome Observatory spokesman Warren Hurley said the meteor was particularly bright and larger than average, at 20-50cm in diameter. It flew across at 7:07 AM, providing a rare daytime spectacle. It was first visible at an altitude of about 80 km in the north and at about 20 km when last seen in the south. "It's rare to see them of that size," Mr. Hurley said. It traveled from Whangarei to Edendale, near Invercargill, and was visible for 10 seconds down the East Coast of New Zealand. Meteors, which are leftover debris from the solar system, travel at 17 km a second.  
<http://www.nzherald.co.nz/storydisplay.cfm?storyID=3507224&thesection=news&thesubsection=general>

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## Star World lines up an 'Alien Weekend'

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 14:29:57 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 20:04:30 -0400  
Subject: Star World lines up an 'Alien Weekend'

Source: Indiantelevisiion

<http://www.indiantelevisiion.com/tube/y2k3/june/junetube13.htm>

18 June 2003

Star World lines up an 'Alien Weekend'

English general entertainment channel has announced a feast for fans of outer space. It will showcase an Alien Weekend band on 27 and 28 June.

The pilot episode of Roswell kicks off Alien Weekend on 27 June at 9 pm and will be followed by UFOs: The Best Evidence Ever Caught On Tape - 1.

On 28 June at 9 pm the channel will repeat the pilot episode of the cult fave X-Files. Viewers can relive the time when sceptical and logical agent Dana Scully meets agent Mulder while investigating a case. This will be followed by UFOs: The Best Evidence Ever Caught On Tape - 2. For over 50 years, UFO sightings have been reported all over the world. From the infamous Roswell incident in 1947 to recent unexplained anomalies, reports of mysterious craft and alien sightings have escalated. Now, the most compelling videotape footage in existence of UFOs is highlighted in the two UFO one-hour programmes.

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## Low 'UFO' Activity In Hessdalen

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 14:25:12 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 20:08:41 -0400  
Subject: Low 'UFO' Activity In Hessdalen

Source: Aftenposten - Norway

<http://www.aftenposten.no/english/local/article.jhtml?articleID=566849>

18 June, 2003

Norway's most renowned spot for mysterious aerial sightings, the village of Hessdalen in South Troendelag, is experiencing a dearth of sightings. The valley community's measuring station has registered 120-130 unidentifiable light phenomena since 1998, but only one in the past year, newspaper VG reports.

Project Hessdalen began in 1983 and is managed by Oestfold University College. The project introduced sophisticated monitoring equipment in 1998 and posts incoming data on a web site devoted to the investigation.

Project leader Erling Strand told VG's web site that not only have the mechanical sightings dwindled recently, but also the observations made by the local populace. Source:

Strand said that they cannot explain the sharp drop in sightings but believes one key factor is technical problems connected to newly installed camera equipment.

"We are now in the process of reinstalling the equipment and then we believe that registered sightings will pick up again," Strand said.

Project Hessdalen has attracted international interest, including a group of scientists working at Italy's Institute for Radio Astronomy who study the Hessdalen phenomena.

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## My Sighting Last Night 6-18-03

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 14:27:20 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 20:08:59 -0400  
Subject: My Sighting Last Night 6-18-03

I was on my way to work. It was a little after 8pm (CDT) when I stopped at the 7-11 to buy gas. I was hoping I wouldn't have to perform on the Roof Deck at The Bone (I'm a professional musician) so I was checking out the clouds for any evidence that it might rain. That's when I spotted what appeared to be a cylindrical/cigar-shaped object traveling from north to south at an unremarkable speed. It appeared metallic because it was reflecting light from the Sun that was, at this time, fairly low in the west

I pulled a dime from my pocket and held it at arms length and estimated the object to be about 1/10th of a "dime" I estimated it's elevation at between 40 and 50 degrees (I used the "fist" method). There were no landmarks by which to ascertain it's distance so it was impossible to estimate it's size.

I had been watching it for about 30 seconds as it was continuing in a straight path when something else caught my eye. It was a passenger plane traveling in nearly the same path and at the same apparent speed. I looked back for the "object" again but it had disappeared from view.

I turned my attention back to the plane because without the wings it had the same general size and shape of the object. I watched the plane for a while when lo and behold I could no longer see the wings. They had seemed to disappear. I surmised that it was the angle of the plane and the glare of the sun reflecting off of the body of the plane that obscured the wings. At this point the plane looked absolutely identical to my "mysterious" object.

I just wonder how many sightings of "cigars" can be attributed to misidentifications of airplanes whose wings have been obscured by airborne dust or reflected sunlight.

Dang, I thought I had had my first UFO sighting. :-)

Terry

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

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## STS-48 Time Tags Explained

From: Daniel Corbett <[dannycorbett@earthlink.net](mailto:dannycorbett@earthlink.net)>

Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 16:53:40 -0400

Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 20:37:57 -0400

Subject: STS-48 Time Tags Explained

I hate to stir the pot on STS-48 time tags, but here's the scoop about the video tape time tags.

The upper time tag of each video frame is the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE) time code which is the GMT time for the frame as recorded on ground. This is the time tag of when the downlinked signal is recorded onto the tape (e.g. JSC). Because Shuttle downlink signals are bounced off of TDRS (in geostationary orbit), it takes time to get from the Shuttle to the ground based tape recorder.

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Another thing, during LOS - Loss Of Signal - the SMPTE time tag will keep counting, because its the tape time, not the signal from the Shuttle. However, for the IRIG time tag, the time tag should stop, because no signal with the time tag is being received. However, the trick here is that the ground based IRIG timetagger detects this loss of IRIG time tag data and then goes into an automatic mode of generating its own signal (adding exact time increments to the LAST available IRIG time tag), which continues until the on-orbit IRIG signal is reestablished.

Mathematical experiment for the enthusiast: Obtain the orbital elements of TDRS and the STS, then derive the time lag based on the distance the signal must travel. Must know the TDRS used based on the scenelist (or visibility or whatever gives the right answer). Confirm the time lag.

Other items of interest:

There are 29.97 frames/second. Thus every 10 seconds, the video will drop one frame of time code numbers.

Video frames are interlaced with telemetry data and time tag data.

526 lines of video per frame

First 19 lines are telemetry and time tags

Each field contains every other line of video (i.e. each frame made of 2 fields)

33 msec resolution between video frames

Each video frame is compromised of two interlaced fields

separated in time by 16.5 msec.

P.S.- My opinion is that the 'UFOs' seen in this STS-48 sequence are simply debris either kicked up by the thrusters, or just debris/ice zipping around even without thrusters because of the messy STS environment. I have seen many sequences of more recent vintage of 'dawn' lights or 'streakers' that are just highly illuminated stuff close to the camera. But even for the STS-48 flight, Orbit 42 at GMT 258:17:30 you can see two mysterious illuminated dots at orbit dawn. And slightly prior to that a streak of a UFO! No. More likely illuminated junk near the camera. Sorry, its just not likely that you will film/video a 'real' UFO with these cameras.

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## Re: More Mail Server Problems

From: Moderator <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 16:28:59 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 04:56:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: More Mail Server Problems

If I were a 'conspiracist' - in the light of on-going ISP problems, here in Toronto - my inclination would be to consider that, perhaps, 'they' are trying to silence UFO UpDates.....

However, Sympatico, who supply the DSL connection here, have clamped down even harder in their efforts to eliminate spam. Closing Port 25 on their system is preventing UFO UpDates from being distributed via a West Coast relay-mail-server, generously provided by Chris Ball.

A solution is, apparently, being worked on by Sympatico and, I've been told, will be resolved in the next couple of days.

In the meantime, List-Mail will be posted here, at The Archive, and once the problem at Sympatico is resolved, copies of posts here will go out to subscribers.

The List-Mail address still functions and subscribers are welcome to respond to messages posted, here, at The Archive.

Errol Bruce-Knapp  
Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

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## Re: Best Brazilian UFO Cases? - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 21:09:13 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 05:31:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Best Brazilian UFO Cases? - Stanford

Regarding interesting and possibly credible Brazilian cases, I was amazed reading the quality soft-cover book UFO DANGER ZONE, by Bob Pratt.

Jacques Vallee provided it a very positive Foreword, and Pratt seems to have done a pretty credible job in his investigations of some truly awesome and frightening (if true, and some of them surely seem to be) cases.

I ordered my copy from:

<http://www.amazon.com>

One can also get it from Bob Girard of Arcturus Books.

But one warning: It does not contain the kind of UFO stories one might want to read to little kiddies before bedtime or any time!

I wonder what A.J. Gevaerd thinks of the book, if he has read it.

Have fun reading it, but if you are the suggestible type, I'd avoid reading it just before bedtime.

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: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 08:26:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 09:33:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

>From: Daniel Corbett <[dannycorbett@earthlink.net](mailto:dannycorbett@earthlink.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 16:53:40 -0400  
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As I noted in my New Frontiers in Science article, if the lower time tag on the STS-48 video is indeed the accurate event time, then that would be a clear refutation of the "prosaic" explanation. When the light flash appears and the objects react by making radical course changes, the lower time window reads 20:39:22.35. The only shuttle thruster firing that might have caused these events occurred at 20:39:23.79. The light flash therefore occurred 1.44 seconds before the rocket firing, according to the lower time display. Since it's impossible for an effect to precede its cause, this leads immediately to the conclusion that the light flash and object motions were not caused by the rocket firing.

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>which continues until the on-orbit IRIG signal is reestablished.

I find it surprising that there would be a back-up "time tagger", but if there is, that might explain the peculiarities during the LOS event. I'd be interested in knowing what the source of this information is.

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I haven't heard anyone deny that there is debris near the shuttle and that the cameras can sometimes capture it. I certainly do not. But the cameras can also image things that are not debris. The problem is to distinguish between near and far objects in a two-dimensional image. The objects in the Orbit 44 sequence do not appear to behave like debris particles. They respond to a flash of light with no apparent source related to the space shuttle. The position of the light flash in the image does not correspond to the position of the thruster relative to the camera. The rocket firing does not correspond temporally, either, if the lower time stamp is in fact the true event time.

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**Re: Linda M. Howe - Stanford**

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 12:03:16 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 12:51:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Stanford

Anglican Priest Ray Boeche Lied To This List...

>From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 09:27:31 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe

<snip>

>Not faulty reasoning at all. If you knew anything about him or  
>his past, Ray Stanford likes to portray himself as a hard-headed  
>scientist. However, his antics in the past regarding channeling  
>space brothers, and attempting to telepathically call them into  
>his Project Starlight site for a landing, tends to cast  
>something of a pall over his claims.

List, that is a disgusting lie from Anglican priest Ray Boeche!

I had once hoped 'men of the cloth' believed Jesus' saying,  
"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you  
free," enough to stick carefully to the truth in what they say,  
but life has taught me that such persons are no more trustworthy  
than many others.

Never, ever, since the beginning of my project for instrumented  
UFO monitoring did I or anyone else on the project engage in  
attempting to telepathically signal UFO intelligences! :-o If  
fact, if anyone had started suggesting that kind of stuff out at  
our 400 acre laboratory site (where we had time-correlated  
recording magnetometers, a recording gravimeter, broad band  
radio frequency monitoring, a spectrographic camera, high  
resolution movie and still cameras, and much more in operation)  
that person might have been asked to leave! Likewise when we  
were out in the field with the mobile lab.

Back in the 1950s and early 1960s when I was in my teens and  
early 20s and involved in psychic work, I 'brought through' a  
few messages that some of those present thought were from extra-  
terrestrials, but anyone who knows me well (and I could name  
twenty or more references) is very much aware that by the time I  
started the laboratories (both stabile and mobile versions) I  
had repudiated that kind of thing. Even back in 60s, I  
cautioned that anything which 'came through' me could well be  
the creation of my unconscious mind. (See, e.g., my interview  
in Psychic Magazine interview, in 1974.)

Hey, Ray Boeche! This is over forty years later! Your trying to  
describe (albeit it even then in a distorted way) the Ray  
Stanford of over four decades ago and pretend to this list that  
it describes me tends to cause you to be perceived in the same  
doctrinal box as a couple of fundamentalist Christian preachers  
who with internet lies attack me because years ago I gave  
psychic readings and worked in psychic research!

In fact, list, judging from some things written by Boeche I've  
read by doing a <http://wisenut.com/> search under his name, it  
sounds like he believes some Christian superstitions that are a  
lot more scientifically questionable than postulating (based on  
actual encounter reports) that UFO operators might be proficient

at telepathy! In fact, reading Boeche's writing clearly demonstrates that he has a doctrinal axe to grind!

And note: I refer only to what Boeche himself has written elsewhere, not the lies others tell, such as are the lies he seems to have repeated concerning me, as told by Christian fundamentalists whose babblings are freely available on the internet.

Boeche's whole message, in fact, certainly sounds like the words of someone who is desperate, knowing that he has lost his case supporting Linda's reportorial integrity and the Brazilian hoax.

And, contrary to Boeche's claim that I portray myself "as a hard-headed scientist", that is false, also.

I have never claimed to be a scientist, but I try to do some science with the technological and intellectual tools of physical science, and my tendency to examine claims with objective skepticism is not to try and convince anyone that I am a scientist but to make well-founded, sound conclusions about the physics of UFO as well as about second-hand UFO cases and claims and to share my conclusions with others.

Fault that if you will, Ray Boeche, Anglican "Father" and doctrinal axe grinder, but cease attacking a straw man and pretending it is Ray Stanford.

Otherwise, you risk getting tangled up in flowing robes of theological snobbery and dogmatic blindness.

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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Secrecy News -- 06/19/03

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Subject: Secrecy News -- 06/19/03

SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2003, Issue No. 52  
June 19, 2003

\*\* HPSCI REPORT ON 2004 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION  
\*\* IAEA REPORT ON IRAN  
\*\* WAITING FOR THE WEN HO LEE REPORT

HPSCI REPORT ON 2004 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION

"[T]he Intelligence Community must engage in a comprehensive and candid assessment of its activities related to the Iraq conflict in order to better understand the strengths and weaknesses of its systems and processes," according to a new report from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI).

The HPSCI report on the Intelligence Authorization Act for 2004 authorized a classified amount of funding for next year that is "just above the President's request."

The new report addresses an array of intelligence policy issues, with brief disquisitions on "the primacy of the analyst," the state of human intelligence, the intelligence community's role in homeland security, and more.

The Committee directs the establishment of two pilot projects to improve the sharing of intelligence and threat data among federal, state and local officials. The Committee encourages the use of "tear-lines" separating intelligence information from the underlying sources and methods, so that the information can be more widely shared.

(The dark side of increased intelligence sharing, not acknowledged by the Committee, is that it imposes new secrecy obligations on state and local officials who receive the information, and new constraints on their interactions with the press and the public.)

On the subject of congressional oversight, the Committee makes the alarming observation that it sometimes doesn't know what it is funding, because the budget request documents are so poorly written:

"The project descriptions are often so vague that the Committee is unable to determine the value of, or even what is being developed."

The new HPSCI report on the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, House Report 108-163, dated June 18, is posted here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_rpt/hrpt108-163.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_rpt/hrpt108-163.html)

IAEA REPORT ON IRAN

"Iran has failed to meet its obligations under its [Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty] Safeguards Agreement with respect to the reporting of nuclear material, the subsequent processing and use of that material and the declaration of facilities where the material was stored and processed," according to a new report from the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The report, which has not been formally released by the IAEA, presents new findings on the state of Iran's nuclear program and the apparent violation of its nonproliferation commitments. The text is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/iran/iaea0603.html>

WAITING FOR THE WEN HO LEE REPORT

An op-ed writer in the Albuquerque Tribune joined the chorus of voices calling for release of the Justice Department's suppressed report of its investigation of the Wen Ho Lee case.

See "Shouldn't we know about Wen Ho Lee trial mishaps?" by columnist Hal Rhodes, Albuquerque Tribune, June 18:

[http://www.abqtrib.com/archives/opinions03/061803\\_opinions\\_hal.s.html](http://www.abqtrib.com/archives/opinions03/061803_opinions_hal.s.html)

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## Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

From: Daniel Corbett <[dannycorbett@earthlink.net](mailto:dannycorbett@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 12:44:36 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 14:34:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 08:26:55 -0500  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained

>>From: Daniel Corbett <[dannycorbett@earthlink.net](mailto:dannycorbett@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 16:53:40 -0400  
>>Subject: STS-48 Time Tags Explained

Lan,

You asked about where I got the automatic mode IRIG timetagging information. I got it by asking someone at NASA. They didn't give me any reference manual or document. They just answered me in an offhand fashion. I did not feel comfortable enough to ask him to prove it. Sometimes its good enough just to trust someone. I suppose if you really needed a paper trail you could try asking for a formal response via FOIA. I haven't been too successful with that approach though.

Also, regarding your statements about Orbit 44 not being debris. I think Oberg has done a great service providing the telemetry showing the attitude and thruster firing:

<http://www.igs.net/~hwt/zigzag.html>

Do you know how hard it is to get this data from NASA for these old STS flights? They aren't in easily accessible format like more recent flights. Anyway, his data clearly shows a thruster firing close to the time of the 'light' and 'particle movement'. If his thruster firing was 1 minute off, I would be skeptical of his claim. But for you to make such a big deal on a few seconds is frustrating.

Although I hope I have cleared up the question of the time tags (that they are both correct and exact, just at different locations), I would like to point out that the telemetry may have slight errors in it as well regarding timing. This would not discount Oberg's strip plots, but there are many factors in how the data gets sampled (sampling rates, data dropouts), buffered, routed onboard the Shuttle that may make the timing to be off slightly. There are separate timer storage element closer to the unit being measured that provide the time. When the data is sampled then that time is attached to the data element too. But with the strip plots, the time shown is usually the main STS clock.

So unless the data element and its associated time code is downlinked or displayed, then there may be a slight error (system dependent). It would be a challenge to figure this out with the old STS-48 telemetry. In general, this isn't a problem in monitoring the STS or ISS.

Another problem is exactly what the sensor is describing. Although Oberg states that the steering jets 'fired' at a specific time, it is required that we understand the entire jet operation process, namely test data or something to show what is



happening versus time, especially how the sensors record it. It could be that the sensor records the 'fully open' condition rather than 'justed opened' or some similar thing..

But this seems alot of effort for such a close casual relationship as Oberg has identified..

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## Re: Cattle Mutilations And TSE - Baier

From: Al Baier <[abaier@intertechdevelopment.com](mailto:abaier@intertechdevelopment.com)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 12:24:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 14:39:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cattle Mutilations And TSE - Baier

>From: Colm Kelleher <[nids@anv.net](mailto:nids@anv.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 17:18:12 -0700  
>Subject: Cattle Mutilations And TSE

>Cattle Mutilations And TSE

>We present evidence that a correlation exists between reports of  
>animal mutilation and the emergence of a Transmissible  
>Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) epidemic in North America.

Hi Errol, Listers, and all you Dead Horse Beaters:

Regarding the NIDS report, isn't this the same stuff Ted  
Oliphant was talking about in 1997?

See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1997/nov/m06-011.shtml>

It's time to bury this horse once and for all.

Albert G. Baier

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## Re: Linda M. Howe - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[FadedDiscs@comcast.net](mailto:FadedDiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 12:01:52 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 14:40:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Connors

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 12:03:16 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Stanford

>Anglican Priest Ray Boeche Lied To This List...

>>From: Ray Boeche <[rb80507@alltel.net](mailto:rb80507@alltel.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 09:27:31 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe

<snip>

Hummm...maybe it wouldn't be a good idea to send men of the cloth to meet another sentient species. Such men throughout history have already managed to cripple our species by falsly burdening billions with undeserved guilt and dogma.

Come to think of it, saucers stayed mostly in the heavens during the Dark Ages. I'm sure the lights being cast of heretics, burning under the logic of religion, were a sight to behold from above.

Wendy Connors  
Heretic

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## A Credulous Mind 1667

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 11:57:31 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 16:55:20 -0400  
Subject: A Credulous Mind 1667

Hello all:

Kinda off-topic, but I like this old quote that a friend just sent me.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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" A credulous mind finds most delight in believing strange things, and the stranger they are the easier they pass with him; but never regards those that are plain and feasible, for every man can believe such."

--Samuel Butler in 'Characters', 1667-1669

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## Real-Life Aliens Would Have Us For Breakfast

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 19:39:17 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 19:27:40 -0400  
Subject: Real-Life Aliens Would Have Us For Breakfast

Source: Manawatu Evening Standard - New Zealand

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/0,2106,2544922a4560,00.html>

19 June 2003

Real-Life Aliens Would Have Us For Breakfast

By Bevan Hurley

Alien intelligence is out there and if it arrives on Earth, we don't stand a chance of outsmarting it, a Wellington astronomer believes.

Richard Hall says science fiction is fast becoming science fact.

"It's no point looking at movies like Independence Day where we outsmart the aliens. If something's got the technology to come here, believe me, we don't have a chance."

Mr Hall, who spoke to the Manawatu Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand at Te Manawa last night, said humans exploit animals even if they show signs of intelligence, and we could find that the worm turns if, or when, higher intelligence arrives.

Recent technological advances that have enabled astronomers to detect hundreds of planets in other solar systems point towards the existence of extraterrestrials, Mr Hall said.

"By the sheer size of our galaxy, there must be millions of worlds in the galaxy."

And if you're wondering what form aliens might take, forget Hollywood and lurid comic book images. "We construct our ideas about what they may look like based upon ourselves, but they won't look like us," he said yesterday.

Even though aliens may not have arrived on Earth yet, a potentially deadly threat is arriving from space at the rate of a tonne a day. It's bacteria.

Mr Hall believes epidemics like Sars and Aids could have arrived here on asteroids.

The prospect that killer diseases came from outer space is not a new one, but Mr Hall said a recent experiment where living organisms were shown to survive 41km above the earth backs up the theory.

Sars could have come from an asteroid crashing into Mars and the remnants reaching Earth.

That niggly question about where we come from can also be answered by looking to the stars, he says.

The building blocks of DNA are evident in cosmic cloud gazing and this confirms we are a part of the rest of the universe.

"You can take two views of life on Earth. You can take the spiritual view - that God created the earth. Or you take the view that everything on earth is part of the natural universe."

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## Outback May Become The World's Ear On The Sky

From: **ebk** <[errol@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:errol@virtuallystrange.net)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 19:27:47 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 19:30:52 -0400  
Subject: Outback May Become The World's Ear On The Sky

Source: The Age - Melbourne, Australia

Outback May Become The World's Ear On The Sky

June 20 2003  
By Stephen Cauchi

Science Reporter

Australia could host Earth's most powerful ear to the sky, a radio telescope hundreds of times more powerful than existing ones such as that at Parkes, NSW.

The staggeringly large design, known as the square kilometre array (SKA), could consist of nearly 20,000 smaller radio telescopes arranged in 300 stations, each the size of a football ground, spread out across hundreds of kilometres of the outback.

This super-powerful \$A2 billion "dish" - or dishes, as it turns out - is expected to be discussed by the world's top astronomers at the International Astronomical Union general assembly in Sydney next month.

Radio astronomers detect the radiation emitted by stars, galaxies, planets and other heavenly bodies, allowing scientists to peer into corners of the universe not visible on the optical spectrum. It is also the method used to listen for "alien" messages.

Australia, through the CSIRO and three universities, including Swinburne University of Technology, is one of 12 countries involved in planning and promoting the new instrument.

Peter Hall, the SKA program leader at the CSIRO, said Australia had a good chance of hosting the instrument though the US and South Africa were also likely to be on the short-list.

He said Australia had less interference from local radio sources than America, had more unoccupied land, and had a better view of the Milky Way galaxy.

Dr Hall said that while the final design of the telescope was not yet settled, a popular proposal consisted of 300 stations, each 180 metres wide and each holding 64 seven-metre telescopes - meaning the SKA would have 19,200 telescopes. The design depicted at right is from another proposal featuring 100 stations. All the telescopes act together as one big telescope, but scientists can fine-tune the radio image by moving each one.

Dr Hall said the location would be chosen in 2005-06. It will be built from 2010.

[UFO UpDates thanks [www.http://anomalist.com](http://anomalist.com) for the lead]

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## What's Going On In Wise County?

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Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 19:42:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 19:44:27 -0400  
Subject: What's Going On In Wise County?

Source: Conspiracy Cafe.com

<http://www.conspiracycafe.com>

06-18-03

Mothmen? UFO's? Foo-Fighters? What's Going On In Wise County,  
Texas

Ericca Cordier  
<http://www.conspiracycafe.com>

On June 2, 2003, about 6 a.m. a postal worker traveling east on County Road 3673 in Wise County, Texas, slammed on the brakes of her white Mustang when a frightened group of deer suddenly bolted across the road in front of her. Incidents with wild deer are nothing new in this mostly rural county but this time there was a bizarre twist-- the deer were being chased by two red fireballs about the size of basketballs.

Co-workers described her as visibly shaken when she arrived for work at a local post office. She breathlessly described the strange encounter to coworkers. I had just arrived for some routine mailing matter when she gave me an account of the incident. Intrigued, I visited the site and upon investigation, I have found and photographed several damaged small trees that appear to have been subjected to a high heat source traveling on a straight trajectory as if something had passed by. Leaves on the affected trees appeared to be wilted and dried in appearance. Leaves outside the trajectory appeared normal.

Mothmen cometh...

The following day, June 3, 2003, at approximately 9 a.m. two major accidents occur on Hwy 114 in Wise County. One multi-vehicle accident near Rhome and another at the Hwy 114 and Hwy 51 intersection involving a concrete truck, a rock hauler, and three sections of a triple-wide mobile home. The same postal worker had taken the day off and was traveling into the Dallas area for some recreation. She was in a vehicle stranded in between the two accidents. One minute ahead of schedule she would have been involved in the first accident and a few minutes behind schedule she would have been involved in the second accident. This author was stuck in traffic just a few cars back behind the second accident. I am still mentally thanking the girl at the coffee shop for being a little slow that morning or I would have been involved in the wrecks.

A few days later, I showed the cover illustration on Loren Coleman's book *Mothman and Other Curious Encounters* to the postal worker. It depicted a shadowy figure with two luminescent red eyes. The woman immediately claimed that those glowing red orbs were the same as what she had seen chasing the deer. While there are no current reports of winged "weirdies" in Wise County, this is by no means the first report of flying fire balls, often associated with Mothman type events.

Even more curious is the "name game" that seems to extend from

prior Mothman events to this one. A man named 'Turner' was involved in the second accident; a man named 'Turner' was also killed when the Silver Bridge collapsed in 1967. The "name game" is a definition applied to the fact that certain families with the same last name pop-up repeatedly in relation to Mothman or UFO sightings. 'Turner' is one of those names. No one has any explanation for this phenomenon.

UFO?s...

Does Wise County host some mysterious phantom similar to the infamous Mothman? Is the county on an alien flight path? Or could it have something to do with the dead alien in the Aurora Cemetery? UFO researchers for years have documented the site of "balls of light" or "balls of fire" near UFO sightings. These balls have also been reported to herd animals through fields, forests, and sometimes to waiting craft.

Foo-Fighters returneth...

In Jim Marrs' book Alien Agenda, he documents that in late 1944, Lt. Donald Meiers of Chicago was flying in a British-made twin-engine night-fighter called a Beaufighter over Germany's Rhine Valley when what appeared to be flaming globes suddenly appeared and moved toward and took up chase of his plane. This was just one of many such reports during WWII of circular objects chasing Allied craft. They became known as "foo-fighters".

In Nick Cook's book The Hunt For Zero Point, he also discusses the Nazi Secret Weapon "Ball Lightning Fighter" or "Foo-Fighter." It was Renato Vesco's account in his book Intercept But Don't Shoot, first published in 1960, that Cook first covers this Nazi wonder weapon. "It was built and flight tested - once in the vicinity of Kahla, site of a huge underground weapons development complex in Thuringia," wrote Vesco. "During the day it looked like a shining disc spinning on its axis and during the night it looked like a burning globe."

One can't help but notice the proximity of Wise County to Lockheed Martin Fort Worth, Texas and the former Carswell Air Force Base home of Strategic Air Command.

Should Wise County residents hide in their homes, lock up the livestock and repent next Sunday? Not likely. But if you live in the area and have recently seen something unusual call our office at 940-433-8094

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## UFO UpDates Blocked List-Mail - The Latest

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Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 11:09:37 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 11:16:13 -0400  
Subject: UFO UpDates Blocked List-Mail - The Latest

Bell Sympatico is still trying to remedy the Port 25 problem that is preventing List-Mail from going out.

I spent a fair while, yesterday, talking with their senior tech - who told me that "Upper Management" want this problem resolved ASAP. He didn't want to hazard a guess as to how long it would take. Didn't want to make any promises that would cause me more "aggravation".....

I was also told that there are many Sympatico users experiencing the same problem, as the result of at least one back-bone provider blocking all traffic from Bell Canada's Sympatico system. Apparently, because of past, lax security allowing spammers access to Bell mail-servers.

Posts for the List still make it through, to the UFO UpDates in-box. Although its still taking a while for many subscribers to make their way here, to the Archive and read the problem-related posts, and the following:

Subscribers should feel free to copy and paste into their e-mail apps. any posts here, at the Archive, that they wish to respond to and mail them to the usual address:

[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

Please check back here for further updates. As soon as the 'pipe' is cleared, List-Mail will again resume, directly to subscribers mailboxes.

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## Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 22:05:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 11:19:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

>From: Daniel Corbett <[dannycorbett@earthlink.net](mailto:dannycorbett@earthlink.net)>  
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>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

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>>>Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2003 16:53:40 -0400  
>>>Subject: STS-48 Time Tags Explained

>Lan,

>You asked about where I got the automatic mode IRIG timetagging  
>information. I got it by asking someone at NASA. They didn't  
>give me any reference manual or document. They just answered me  
>in an offhand fashion. I did not feel comfortable enough to ask  
>him to prove it. Sometimes its good enough just to trust  
>someone. I suppose if you really needed a paper trail you could  
>try asking for a formal response via FOIA. I haven't been too  
>successful with that approach though.

I don't accept anonymous sources with unsubstantiated claims as  
reliable. I don't see why invoking NASA should confer special  
privileges. And please note, I'm skeptical of this story  
\_despite\_ the fact that what your anonymous sources assert would  
totally refute the argument that the rocket firing was the cause  
of the light flash and the objects' motion.

>Also, regarding your statements about Orbit 44 not being debris.  
>I think Oberg has done a great service providing the telemetry  
>showing the attitude and thruster firing:

><http://www.igs.net/~hwt/zigzag.html>

Um, I'm quite familiar with Mr. Oberg's web page. In fact, it  
was the starting point of the paper I wrote for Dr. Mark  
Carlotto's New Frontiers in Science:

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

I don't filter out evidence that goes counter to my opinion. Do you?

>Do you know how hard it is to get this data from NASA for these  
>old STS flights? They aren't in easily accessible format like  
>more recent flights. Anyway, his data clearly shows a thruster  
>firing close to the time of the 'light' and 'particle movement'.  
>If his thruster firing was 1 minute off, I would be skeptical of  
>his claim. But for you to make such a big deal on a few seconds  
>is frustrating.

I find your willingness to ignore inconvenient facts

frustrating. These time stamps were supposedly derived from the shuttle's high-precision master timing unit, which should be accurate to 1/100 of a second or even less. An error of 1.44 second is 144 times greater than that. If the accuracy is as advertised and the time stamps derive from the master timing unit, then the discrepancy is two orders of magnitude greater than the timing unit's accuracy and any causal link between the light flash and the rocket firing is impossible. On the other hand, if the accuracy is not as advertised, then the size of the errors involved is simply unknown, no matter how much hand-waving is done. The difference is between "ice particles" and an extraordinary phenomenon, with the argument for the former based on time stamps of extremely dubious validity while there are several lines of solid evidence supporting the latter. Yes, I think that's a very big deal.

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### New Cattle Mutilation Incident In Cuchillo

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1@earthlink.net](mailto:lornis1@earthlink.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 11:31:11 -0400  
Subject: New Cattle Mutilation Incident In Cuchillo

SOURCE: "El Diario" (La Pampa) Argentina  
DATE: June 20, 2003

[Readers of INEXPLICATA will recall that Cuchillo Co was among the most affected areas during the 2002 Argentinean Cattle Mutilation Wave. Activity, it would appear, never ceased altogether or is on the verge of re-startng--SC].

New Cattle Mutilation Incident At Cuchillo Co  
Specialists sent in to analyze cases

The provincial government, through the Ministry of Production, coordinated the sending of veterinarians to the Cuchillo Co area to examine the bovine found mutilated in recent hours in a rural estate of the Luhuel Calel department. The head of said agency, Nestor Alcalá, became aware of the news item published by El Diario yesterday and immediately ordered the Assistant Secretary of Agrarian Affairs, Juan Isequilla, to dispatch a team of specialists to the area to inspect the animal's remains.

"I asked Juan (Isequilla) to conduct an urgent experts' analysis and send people to verify any signs that may be found," explained Alcalá.

The official furthermore stated that he is not opposed to meeting with area ranchers who are demanding a thorough explanation of these events. "I have not received a formal request from them for a hearing, but I would not be opposed to meeting with them." When consulted about the progress in explaining these cases, the minister pointed out that "we were unable to find anything because the previous cases involved animals in a state of decomposition and no observations could be made."

"This case interest me because this rancher speaks of a considerable number of mutilated animals. This is why we want to see them and analyze them," added Alcalá.

The young rancher who filed his complaint with the Cuchillo Co police is the same cattleman who was affected by similar losses last March on twelve separate occasions. "This can't go on. With this one, [the number of] mutilated animals stands at 17 and we haven't found a way of stopping these strange events. I've already gone out to the field with [farmhands] I hired to take all of the animals out of that area," the rancher told El Diario in an interview.

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## [SO] Bielek's Faked Philadelphia Experiment Story

From: Bill Hamilton <[skywatcher22@hotmail.com](mailto:skywatcher22@hotmail.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 11:39:08 -0400  
Subject: [SO] Bielek's Faked Philadelphia Experiment Story

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Al Bielek's Philadelphia Experiment Story Faked

Having known Al Bielek since the 70s, this comes as no surprise to me. The only difference was that he was weaving other tall tales before he rented a video of the Scifi thriller "The Philadelphia Experiment" and then decided that his memories were triggered. He knew he had a winner and has been wowing audiences ever since for more than 10 years and more like 20.

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For Immediate Release:

Philadelphia Experiment Survivor A Fake

by Bob Florida

Al Bielek has made a living over the last 10 plus years by selling books and claiming to to be a survivor of the mythical Philadelphia Experiment, the legend of a top secret WWII test in early stealth technology for destroyers. The legend has it that the U.S.S. Eldridge was used for the test and at some point during the experiment it went completely invisible and teleported from the Philadelphia coast to Norfolk, Virginia and the back again. Bielek's version of events is even more elaborate - he and his half brother, Duncan Cameron, jumped overboard as things started going haywire on deck and they landed in 1983, 20 years into the future and on dry land at the Montauk Air Force Base in Montauk, Long Island. What follows is an extensive bit of sci-fi sounding adventures that include nearly everything from time travel to mind control and despite being too fantastic to believe, Bielek has plenty of believers around the world. That may change now, and Bielek may well consider an other vocation, and not because anyone can prove his time travel claims wrong. Instead, his tall tale house of cards is coming down because it's now come to light that he stole the identity that he claims he had when all his adventures began.

An unlikely trio of X-File sleuths from three different countries joined forces due to their shared interest in the WWII legend and they each at some point became too skeptical of Bielek's claims. For German Gerold Schelm it was the same as for your typical detective - too many wild and baseless claims from Bielek despite some known and traceable facts. For Canadian Fred Houpt it took longer for his suspicions to cause him to take action, but after a while too many discrepancies began to appear in Bielek's tale, like so many holes in Swiss cheese, until Houpt knew there was something very wrong. For American Marshall Barnes, the most active of the three and a leading expert on the



Philadelphia Experiment, it was after he had compiled fact after fact that supported the idea that something like the Philadelphia Experiment had indeed taken place but he never found a shred of evidence to support Bielek's version.

Finally the three, with the help of additional friends and coconspirators, began their own investigation focusing on Bielek himself, analyzing every aspect of every version of his story. Tracking down names, dates, places, military facts. Whether it was conferring with an expert on ship interior's who was able to establish that a photo that Bielek claimed was taken inside the Eldridge was actually from inside a much bigger ship, to discovering that many of the scientists that Bielek claimed were involved with the secret test were either dead before the test was ever conducted or were really characters from a science fiction book!

The most damning evidence against Bielek's account, however came with the discovery by Barnes that Bielek had stolen the identity of a millionaire yarn manufacturer who had attended Princeton back in the 1930s. Alex Cameron III was from Pennsylvania and appeared in a Princeton 1936 year book as "A. Cameron". That same photo was placed by Bielek on his web site where Bielek claims that it's a photo of Edward A. Cameron, the son of Alexander Duncan Cameron and half brother of Duncan Cameron. Through a series of adventures, Bielek claims that Edward Cameron was age regressed by intelligence agency scientists and then sent back in time to 1927 and placed as a young child in the Bielek family where he was raised and grew-up as Al Bielek. He regained his memories after watching a sci-fi movie about the Philadelphia Experiment on TV.

The photo of A. Cameron was the first piece of hard evidence that Bielek had ever produced to support his identity as Edward Cameron. Being that the source of the picture was known, Barnes went to Princeton and visited the archives there to verify the photo. There he made the shocking discovery that it wasn't of an Edward "A." Cameron but that the "A." stood for Alex and he was from Reading, Pennsylvania not anywhere near Lond Island. Not only that, but Barnes was able to obtain a phone number and address for the man. After calling it he discovered that Cameron had died 2 years before but was able to get the phone number of his surviving son.

Meanwhile, Schelm and Houpt were busy double checking the identity of "A. Cameron" as well and were able to get a confirmation in writing of his true identity as well as some background history on the man. He had made a good living in the yarn business and also had a daughter. Schelm got a photo of the man and his wife in their later years, sitting comfortably in a convertible automobile, proving that he had not been aged regressed and sent back in time and was now running around as Al Bielek spouting conspiracy theories about time travel, UFOs, aliens and the secret government.

Barnes prepared a secret email account for Cameron's son and when he was able to talk to him, he got permission to tape the conversation. In it, Alex IV told the true story of his father and admitted to not having any idea of who Al Bielek or any of the other colorful characters are that are associated with Bielek's tale of the Cameron brothers. Then Barnes had Alex IV open the secret email account and listened as he identified the photos of his father, confirming that in fact he was A. Cameron's son.

Then Barnes guided Alex IV to Bielek's web site at <http://www.bielek.com> and had him click on the bar for Al Bielek and then where it said "Ed Cameron". When the page came up describing Ed Cameron's life Alex let out a "Oh my God. That's my dad!" There at near the top of the page was his father's 1936 Princeton year book photo. Then when asked by Barnes to identify the photos of Alexander Duncan Cameron, who should be his grandfather by Bielek's account, Alex IV couldn't. "My grafather was never in the navy". This confirmed suspicions that Barnes had been having since discovering the true identity of A. Cameron. Bielek had taken two different Cameron families and put them together, with him claiming to be A. Cameron so that he could then be a part of the other Cameron family if only by name.

This twisted scenario was confirmed later by Schelm's contact

with an H. Van Pelt and a member of Barnes' American team's contact with an M. Long. Both are related to Alexander Duncan Cameron and both deny any knowledge of the man in the A. Cameron photo. In particular, from M. Long's account it seems that the stories about Edward and Duncan Cameron's youth are based on the true life of Alexander Duncan Cameron. They were probably told to Bielek by one of his sons who is also named Duncan Cameron. This Duncan is a friend of Bielek and used to claim that he was the half brother who jumped overboard with Ed Cameron and traveled through time. He claimed that his spirit was placed in his current body when his previous one began to breakdown due to adverse effects from his time travel experiences. Both he and Bielek would later join Preston Nichols as part of the secret government's Montauk Project program at the abandoned Air Force Base at Montauk, Long Island and eventually be brain washed to forget after the project was shut down. Of course since the one man that Bielek claims was Edward Cameron wasn't, that means there was no Ed Cameron, thus causing a chain of deletions that cancel out not only Bielek's version of the Philadelphia Experiment but blow a king size hole in Nichols' claims of the Montauk Project as well, since Nichols is on record saying that Bielek's tale connecting the two projects together is true. A cottage publishing industry has been based on these stories for Sky Books, a small press house run by one Vincent Barbarick who uses the name of Peter Moon to publish under. There is no telling whether these revelations will help or hurt future book sales.

"I think poor Al has smoked one too many," commented Aex IV about Bielek's story. The son of the man who Bielek claimed to be said that he wasn't going to sue Bielek because the "story isn't true" and "it's just too crazy to believe", but he did give Barnes and his investigators the right to use the taped conversation and photos of his father to set the record straight.

Meanwhile, Barnes says this does nothing to harm his further investigation of the WWII legend. "Really," he said, speaking on vacation in Southwestern, Ohio, "this is pretty good. It clears the decks of this crazy story and realigns the focus on the hard evidence that has been suppressed repeatedly but documents a real basis for trying to make a destroyer escort invisible to sight and radar during WWII. We've discovered so much more that we haven't even had a chance to organize it all, but we will fairly soon. When we do, we'll have a clear and verifiable line of evidence showing much of the who, why, when and where of the true events and also the efforts to misappropriate the legend, like what Bielek did, and the efforts to cover it up. After that, I don't think I'll ever want to deal with it again."

The web site that exposes Bielek can be found through:

<http://www.pxarchive.de>

The true account of how the A&E Channel program "The Unexplained" suppressed Barnes' evidence for the Philadelphia Experiment and lied to the public is at:

<http://www.viewzone.com/philadelphia.html>

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## Re: Linda M. Howe - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@msn.com](mailto:ufowatchdog@msn.com)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2003 22:21:57 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 12:24:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe - Myers

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>Date: Tue Jun 17, 2003 9:27:31 AM US/Central  
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>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 16:42:48 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Linda M. Howe

>>>As to A. J. Gevaerd's insinuations and accusations: I wish he  
>>>would address the facts of the case, such as the testimony of  
>>>all the various scientists who have commented. I believe he  
>>>doesn't address these statements because he can't begin to  
>>>refute them. Statements such as that made by Dr. Art Johnson,  
>>>Ph.D., Professor of Geology, Univ. of Pennsylvania regarding the  
>>>stones: "You have presented us with objects that are well  
>>>outside the things we have encountered before, outside our  
>>>experience."

>>I decided to contact Dr.Johnson and ask him about his statement.  
>>This is what he had to say:

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>>What I meant was that we (my Penn colleagues and I) had never  
>>encountered objects like this before. We have explored the  
>>samples given to us a good deal more over the past 2 weeks and  
>>they are unusual though seemingly analogous materials have been  
>>found in Utah. We do not believe that the button-like stones  
>>from Brazil are extraterrestrial, in fact they are made up of  
>>the local rock/soil material. We will talk with Ms Howe again  
>>and let her know more details.

>>Regards,

>>Art Johnson

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>>So much for the stones being extraordinary, or for that matter  
>>extraterrestrial. This is what I believe to be a clear example  
>>of selective reporting being done and a spin being put in place  
>>by taking the statement completely out of context.

>How can this be selective reporting when Johnson himself says  
>his current conclusion has developed AFTER his meeting with  
>Linda? His statement that he will "let her know more details"  
>means, by inference, that she is not aware of this information.  
>I don't believe LInda CLAIMED that the stones were  
>extraterrestrial, only that she was told that they fell,  
>inexplicably, at the time of the alleged abduction event.

Howe used the statement of Dr.Johnson to bolster her position on  
the case by taking it completely out of context, instead of  
simply stating that it was outside the expertise of the people  
available at UP. Dr.Johnson confirmed his statement was taken  
out of context. As for the extraterrestraial claim, you might

want to hear Howe and host George Noory hype this case up on Coast to Coast AM (keep reading). And be assured, this is not the first time she has hyped and spun a story into something it isn't.

>>FACT: Wrong. The effects were clearly replicated using a clothes iron and a soldering gun. I myself have taken a bedsheet and used a torch on it. Since I have not been blessed with any alien technology being available to me, I'm at a loss for how I was able to see the bedsheet physically shrink when I applied the torch to it without leaving a single scorch mark.

>The effects were NOT "clearly replicated using a clothes iron and a soldering gun"

>The effects CANNOT be duplicated by anything which applies pressure to the fabric.

>IF you can produce the same results (verified photomicrographically) using a blowtorch, then you'll have demonstrated something worthwhile. Scorching a rough outline of a body into a bed sheet is hardly indicative of anything. And by the way, I bet those tiger-striped sheets are real babe magnets.

Let's look at the what was said by Brandt in his interview with Howe:

HOWE: HOW WOULD YOU DO IT IF YOU WERE GOING TO TRY TO REPRODUCE EVERYTHING THAT YOU ARE SEEING HERE?

BRANDT: I don't know exactly what I would do, but I can tell you we'd probably need a lot of bedspreads before we got it right. It wouldn't happen the first time, at least not what I see happening here. [END]

He's saying the results can be replicated. And yes, the effects were replicated because it was being claimed that the polyester could not be melted without burning the cotton first. Reiter and Budinger probably used what was available to them, and not knowing exactly how Oliveira made the bedsheets, they used what they had to demonstrate the effects could be replicated.

Go back to Howe's report on her website:  
<http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=540&category=Science>  
You look at what Professor Brandt produced with a blow torch and you tell me that isn't the same effect.

They're making the assumption that Oliveira was actually present in the bed when the burns were produced and that the effect is being talked about in terms that Oliveira couldn't have hoaxed the results - implying that he knew the effects would be found microscopically. This is simply absurd. Oliveira probably couldn't have guessed in his wildest dreams that his burning some bedsheets would have caused such a stir. Howe is making the argument that everything happened just as Oliveira says it did.

Bottom line: The results have been replicated, and by Howe's own expert to boot.

>>Could this be because Gevaerd figured out Oliveira was a hoaxer and Gevaerd perhaps wasn't as gullible as some people appear to be?

>If he had figured out that Oliviera was a hoaxer, why would he make the offer in the first place?

Why don't you ask Gevaerd about this? Oliveira didn't make any deals with me for exclusives - so by accordance of your argument I should then have some ulterior reason for calling this case the hoax that it is. My reason is simple, I'm tired of hoaxers clouding the UFO issue.

>>you're attempting to not only discredit Budinger, but also insulting her as a professional by trying to make her out to be unqualified - which you know is completely false.

>Not at all. I'm merely stating that there are other reasons Budinger seems so incensed by Linda and Levengood's disagreement over her conclusions. Budinger is well-qualified at what she does: analytical

>chemistry. BUT she is not an expert on textiles.

And Levensgood is a biophysicist, not a textiles scientist. Levensgood does plant biology, not textiles. What other analysis did Levensgood perform other than examining Oliveira's materials under a good microscope, taking some pictures, and speculating? Where did he get his data about, his favorite term, "complex energies"? Where's his report on all of this detailing how he reached his conclusion about "complex energies" being involved in producing the effects on the bedsheet?

>>Odd, Howe has had no problem accepting the work of Budinger as >>being conclusive in the past - until it contradicted what she >>apparently believed was the truth, and when Budinger thought >>others should know about it so she could be sure the results >>were fully reported.

>Odd? The only reason Howe objected was because someone with more >expertise in the field of textiles refuted Budinger's conclusions.

No she didn't. If this was the case, then why hasn't she done this in the past? Why has Howe accepted the results of Levensgood and Budinger in the past? Why didn't Howe go to these people to begin with? Again, Howe has used Levensgood's and Budinger's analyses in the past as conclusive. Budinger apparently felt that the results of her and Reiter's analysis were not going to be made public by Howe to the point that Budinger sent out letters to MUFON and CUFOs.

>>Boeche, since >>you're criticizing Budinger, how many articles have you had >>published in Nature?

>None. I'm not a scientist. My Bachelor's degree is in art, my Th.M. (a >terminal degree in theology, consisting of 102 hours of postgraduate >course work) is concentrated in philosophy and systematic theology.

There you go. You need to stop throwing around your silly argument about having papers published - its meaningless in the current debate and I'm sure everyone is growing sick of you resorting to 'my dad can beat up your dad'.

>>It appears that your friendship with Linda is seriously getting >>in the way of any critical thinking on your behalf.

>My critical skills are very much intact. Let's not forget, O >Self-Appointed Guardian of All Things Ufological III, that >neither myself, nor Linda, has made any claims as to the >veracity of Oliveira's >account.

You could have fooled me and everyone on this list, as you're doing everything possible to defend the purported evidence. You want to come rushing to Howe's defense, but this somehow has no influence on you? Please.

And You are indeed defending Oliveira's case by throwing around Dr.Johnson's statements and the other experts Howe has quoted. And just how is Howe calling this an "amazing case", among other things, not supporting it?

"O Self-Appointed Guardian of All Things Ufological III" - your true colors are showing more and more Boeche. Guess I should, once again, throw it back in your face since you haven't learned a thing yet, Ye Who Trips Over His Fondness for Dead Cow Woman and Phony UFO Tale. I'm sure I'm not the only one on this list laughing at your sad, sad antics.

>This whole argument is about the appallingly senseless criticism of >Linda's attempts to simply examine the PHYSICAL EVIDENCE present to >determine IF it points to the conclusion that something unusual has >occurred. I'll say it one more time: IF you can produce the same >results with a bedsheet (verified photomicrographically) using a >blowtorch, then you'll have demonstrated something worthwhile.

"IF"? Again, you certainly were throwing around the statements of Dr.Johnson as some sort of proof in support of this case. Since that statement has been shot out of the air for the clay pigeon it was, you now want to say that everyone is being critical of Howe? You're skipping around here Boeche. And once again, take a look at Professor Barndt's photos of the bedsheet he torched.

>>>And for Ray Stanford to criticize anyone's methodology is  
>>>astounding. The Project Starlight farce was certainly applauded  
>>>by scientists the world over, wasn't it? Gosh Ray, sounds like  
>>>megalomania for someone who doesn't want to be associated with  
>>>MUFON to try and dictate policy to them. And by the way, how  
>>>many articles have you published in Nature?

>>Here we go again: Boeche, how many articles have you had  
>>published in Nature? See how annoying that faulty reasoning can  
>>become... well, maybe you can't.

>Not faulty reasoning at all. If you knew anything about him or his  
>past, Ray Stanford likes to portray himself as a hard-headed scientist.  
>However, his antics in the past regarding channeling space brothers,  
>and attempting to telepathically call them into his Project Starlight  
>site for a landing, tends to cast something of a pall over his claims.

Stanford is not the focus of this and you are once again  
resorting to your bag of antics. Hopefully, this thread doesn't  
turn into me having to continually point this out to you...but  
that may become inevitable at this rate.

>>>I am continually amazed at the sophomoric, politically based  
>>>posturing and grandstanding that goes on among UFO "wannabes."  
>>>That's one of the reasons I choose now to simply watch from a  
>>>distance most of the time. But when people begin to attack a  
>>>friend and colleague with unfounded accusations and obviously  
>>>cloudy reasoning, I do feel obliged to wade back into the  
>>>kiddie-pool of ufology in which these people swim.

>>Wow, you're simply amazing. Since I'm such a UFO wannabe,  
>>please, let me take a step back and bow from the ankles in awe  
>>of your Ufological Greatness. I'm so grateful you decided to  
>>descend from the heavens upon this miserable community of UFO  
>>dolts so you could graciously share your profound wisdom with  
>>us. Guess I feel obliged to point out that you're jumping into a  
>>pool of water you obviously don't know how to swim in, but you  
>>certainly know how to muddy the waters.

>Once again, I'm a theologian and philosopher. I don't hold myself up as  
>anything other than one who demands clear, critical, logical, rational  
>thought. I don't suffer fools gladly.

>I've swum in this pool of water very successfully for almost 40 years.  
>It's the ones in the shallow end who are kicking up all the mud.

Boeche, you can stop with how long you've been in this field and  
you can stop trying to be humble. There are some folks in  
UFOlogy that have been in this field for 20 or more years and  
they're still idiots. So you can stop throwing around your UFO  
senior citizens card like it means something or is supposed to  
bless you with some sort of mystical insight that only you  
possess. I don't care how long you've been around.

>>This is absolutely meaningless in the end  
>>and shouldn't be used as a free pass to validate a case that  
>>obviously has no merit because an investigator has chosen to not  
>>provide the public with all the facts.

>What facts has Linda NOT made public? Linda's work stands on its own  
>merits. If information develops that invalidates this case, then Linda  
>will, I'm sure, make them known. If she doesn't, THEN criticism is  
>justly due. In the meantime, the investigation continues.

Howe is putting the spin on here as she has in the past. She  
has, as Dr. Johnsons has said, taken his statement out of  
context. The fact is this: Dr. Johnson said that he had never  
seen stones like this before and Howe played it up like the find  
of the century. Please feel free to read this story here, which  
is a paramount example of the way Howe can turn an explained  
animal death into an encounter with Bigfoot.  
<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/howe.html> Making something out to be  
something that it is indeed not is not relaying the clear facts.  
Period.

Let's not forget that this is not the first time Howe has  
ignored a report and a replication of so-called UFO evidence. As  
I mentioned in a previous post, the infamous 'Art's Parts' that  
were being touted as being so mysterious were apparently  
replicated and Howe was given the replicated piece.



For a bit more on this, which is something of a side note, please refer to the report compiled by Nicholas Reiter on the so-called mystery of 'Art's Parts' and what apparently wasn't reported to the public by Howe:

<http://www.alliancelink.com/users/avalon/artsparts.htm>

>>With this in mind, why would Howe share the results and promote >>them as something otherworldly, not only at her website but on >>the radio, without waiting for a full and in-depth analysis to >>be performed?

>I've not seen nor heard Linda promote these as otherworldly events. She >has offered Oliveira's CLAIMS that they are other-worldly.

So, Howe calling this an "amazing case" isn't promoting it? How about this bit off of Coast to Coast AM when Howe was talking about the case where she talked about Oliveira's experiences and Howe stated, "The fact that he lifted up from the bed." Where's the proof? How is this suddenly a "fact"? It isn't.

Let's take a look at what Howe and Noory were saying on the air when Howe was on Coast to Coast AM talking about Oliveira and referring to this as an "amazing case".

Howe reads Dr. Johnson's statement on the air, being as dramatic as the dull toned Howe can be (not a slam, just a fact and Howe has told me she knows she sounds boring on the air), and then Noory continues...

NOORY: Unbelievable. Absolutely stunning. You know what, that is as historical as I have ever heard. You may be walking around with actual evidence from an unidentified flying object.

HOWE: Yes, I think this case, uh, despite controversy that it never deserved in the first place, I've always felt, you know, you always go for the physical evidence and you see what the science says and you let the science stand for where it leads.

Sounds like an endorsement to me. And it appears that if one scientific path leads you to what you don't want, you take another.

>Let me repeat for those who are hard-of-thinking: She has attempted >only to HAVE THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE EXAMINED IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF IT >IS INDICATIVE OF AN UNUSUAL EVENT.

>With much patience, though wearing thin,

My, my, Boeche. You're just so humble and patient. What happens when you lose your patience? Just curious...

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM  
"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind"

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## Open Minds Flying Saucers

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Open Minds Flying Saucers

06/20/03  
John Foyston

The new Portland Alien Museum charts a middle course between frivolous and studious. There's a study library for serious ufologists and a 3-D Thrill Ride and gift shop for the rest of us, one well-stocked with flying-saucer key chains and galactic-locator dogtags.

The latter are edged in rubber - you don't want your dogtags clinking, now do you? - and display a tiny etched star map of the galaxy and solar system. Should you be abducted by aliens, this'll help you find your way home over those long, lonely light-years. It's guaranteed to do so, in fact: Should you be abducted and the map does not get you safely back to Earth, you're entitled to a full refund. Parachutes, I believe, come with similar warranties.

The small crystal-and-metal devices designed to protect from alien abduction are quite a bit more expensive and seem, in contrast, to have their tongues nowhere near their cheeks. This range is emblematic of the museum itself, says co-founder Lawrence Johns.

"We want to entertain, but at the same time, there's a serious side to the study of ufology and a lot of questions to be answered," he says. "We're listed with the Portland Oregon Visitors Association, so if people are in town with a convention or on vacation and they want some place to go, the museum is perfect, especially because it's so kid-friendly.

"But we want to provide common ground for all the niches of ufology, too - people specialize in Roswell or the military or the New Age aspect or whatever. We're looking to be the common ground. What's really encouraging is the support we're getting already - for instance, we opened the mail today and there were these tapes from a Canadian ufologist of the '50s about an incident that I've never heard anything about."

The museum opened last weekend with a program of guest speakers, visiting Klingons, friends wearing alien costumes, UFO enthusiasts, well-wishers and a few bemused passers-by who found themselves sitting through presentations on the methodology of UFO investigation and the like.

Johns is a doctor of theology, an art dealer and a former feature writer and says he's probably best known in these parts from his tenure as a golf pro (that explains the golf gloves in

the gift case!). He started the museum with Stephen Hanns in a converted rental house owned by Hanns and now decorated with an inflatable alien on the signpost out front. Open the front door onto a fleet of silvery saucers over Mount Rainier -- James Neff's digital rendering of Kenneth Arnold's 1947 sighting that inaugurated the modern UFO era.

Inside, the walls are hung with reproductions of front pages from The Oregonian, including the 1950 McMinnville sighting on the Trent farm. A later front page, however, seems awfully like an excuse to run a photo of a pretty gal in a swimsuit tossing pie plates for the camera - a relic of simpler journalistic times, perhaps.

There are originals from Italian artist Paride Bianco, bright, fractal paintings shot through with confetti-like spatters of light and contact-inspired, said Johns.

There are bookcases and racks full of videos, books and CDs for sale. One case is devoted to a scholarly study of debris from Roswell, N.M., the most famous UFO site. There's also a sheaf of "authenticated wheat from the Forest Grove Crop Circle" from an incident a year ago.

Other cases hold Fifties-era UFO books and magazines: "Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer," "Flying Saucer From Mars," "Inside the Space Ships" by George Adamski, and the one that really broke the story, Johns says, Frank Scully's "Behind the Flying Saucers."

On a shelf behind are propped a couple of LPs with properly lurid jackets: "Frank Edwards Presents: Flying Saucers, Serious Business" and "Long John Nebel Reveals at Last - the Flying Saucer Story." Although I'd be better served by an LP called "Long John Nebel Reveals at Last Just Who the Heck He Was . . ."

Another case in the library is full of great old pulp magazines and comics: Amazing Stories, Science Wonder Stories, Startling Stories, Fantastic Stories, Flash Gordon and Tom Corbett's Wonder Book of Space.

But the open book shelves are filled with the more serious side of the matter, including a thick blue vinyl binder labeled "MUFON Field Investigator's Guide" from the Mutual UFO Network. There are stacks of the MUFON UFO Journal, four copies of "Disclosure," "Communion," "Flying Saucer Occupants," "Behind the Flying Saucer Mystery" and videos such as "The Disclosure Project Briefing Document" and "The Secret KGB UFO Files," which is playing on the TV set near the display case of "Star Trek" spaceships and two beautifully made prop pistols.

"Integration is the toughest part," said Clyde Lewis, who spoke at the opening. He's a Portland investigator whose "Ground Zero" radio program airs on KOTK on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. "We definitely have a fun side, but look around - there's a serious side too."

He and fellow speaker James Clarkson, a MUFON investigator from Aberdeen, Wash., talked about the serious side in their respective talks, but neither was out to bludgeon the nonbelieving into accepting any sort of UFO orthodoxy.

"That's what great about this place," Lewis said of the museum. "This is a place where people can study and make up their minds based on the evidence."

Lewis said that the majority of Americans believe that UFOs exist, Hollywood makes millions of dollars by making movies about aliens, and UFOs are an entrenched part of our pop culture and have been for a half century now. "Do UFOs exist? That's not even a question any more.

"But it may be that believing in aliens is our way of mixing religion and science. We should be ready to embrace the mystery because reality is too finite a term for an infinite universe."

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## Group's UFO Theory Over Earthquake

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Source: The Express & Star - Wolverhampton UK

[http://www.expressandstar.com/artman/publish/article\\_34989.shtml](http://www.expressandstar.com/artman/publish/article_34989.shtml)

Group's UFO Theory Over Earthquake

Jun 20 2003

A group which researches sightings of UFOs believes there may be a link to the Dudley earthquake last autumn.

Stourbridge-based UFO Research West Midlands today warned there could be a repeat of the earthquake at the end of July.

The warning follows research into a reported UFO sighting at the epicentre of the earthquake, recorded at 5.0 on the Richter Scale on September 23 last year, in Brick Kiln Lane, Gornal, two months before.

Uform member Peter Kimberley said Wombourne resident David Rose contacted the group after he photographed a strange object in the sky near Wombourne last July.

And a photo he took of buzzards at Kingswinford Railway in March had a mysterious rod-like object in the foreground.

"We are now intrigued to see if anything happens around the latter end of July," said Mr Kimberley.

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## Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

From: Daniel Corbett <[dannycorbett@earthlink.net](mailto:dannycorbett@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 13:43:18 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 14:12:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

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>Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 22:05:31 -0500  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2003 12:44:36 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

>I don't accept anonymous sources with unsubstantiated claims as  
>reliable. I don't see why invoking NASA should confer special  
>privileges. And please note, I'm skeptical of this story  
>\_despite\_ the fact that what your anonymous sources assert would  
>totally refute the argument that the rocket firing was the cause  
>of the light flash and the objects' motion.

I don't blame you for wanting names and phone numbers and everything. Heh, if I was the expert, I would probably not want to give the Internet my name and phone number. I have no access to an official NASA document that describes everything you want. Unfortunately, a lot of this is undocumented or unofficially documented. The guy seemed to know what he was talking about and it made sense.

I would think that the question of what the two times represent should not be an issue since you can check them yourself and validate if they are right. When I offered that they are both correct and you can determine the time lag based on STS, TDRS and ground base location, this should be relatively easy to do. I have seen that you are not adverse to some mathematical calculations. I suppose I could do it if you don't want to. The other item, regarding the LOS time tags still counting. It made sense to me what the guy said. I see it as no big deal and it easily solves a little perplexing mystery in my mind which I had never thought about until you pointed it out. But like I said, if you really need to have an official document in your hand, the only method an U.S. citizen has, (unless you work in the subject office), is to use the FOIA. I don't know if such a document would make you feel better about the data because I am not sure anything NASA provides would be reliable enough for you.

>I don't filter out evidence that goes counter to my opinion.  
>Do you?

I know you referenced his web site. That's how I got to it. I am not sure what you mean by my filtering out evidence. The problem here is that you and people like you are making a big deal out of crummy NASA videos. I offered some legwork on the time tags. Personally, I would be tickled pink to see alien spaceships on NASA video. But I have seen a lot of NASA video and, although weird things turn up, nothing that can be conclusively said to be an alien spaceship (they can ALWAYS be something prosaic!). Note: this is unlike many good ground sightings.

So what's the big deal? Do you need NASA's reputation to give

UFO's credibility? Forget about it! You need something much more significant (see some structure on a flyby) before NASA will do anything because they are mainstream.

But really, even if the time of the thuster EXACTLY matched the flashes and object movement, does that prove anything? Why can't it STILL just be a coincidence? OR maybe the alien spaceship looks almost exactly like a piece of ice or debris near the STS such that it is not possible to differentiate them? How close to the time does it have to be to satisfy you? Is 1 second enough? .1sec? .001sec?

It is hard to know all the errors that go into these numbers. I question Oberg's stripchart time and the thruster firing time (since I don't know where they came from and which time tag sensor they used). I have more faith in the video times (although I don't know all the details of the video buffering, multiplexing, processing, etc). I don't know how the thruster sensors work. I don't know how the thruster works. But for most people I think its good enough that the thruster firing occurred within a few seconds of the 'object' event. Oberg states that the thurster had not been fired for 13 minutes prior to the event (although looking at the Pitch Rate Error StripChart, it would appear to have occurred more frequently). Anyway, assuming 13 min., then for the event to occur in a specific 3 second window over a 780 second period would happen 1 out of 260 times. So basically you just want to increase the odds. Some of us think 1 out of 260 are high enough..

Have you or anyone ever tried to get the data Oberg has independently or are you relying that he has the ultimate and absolute correct data?

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## Re: [SO] Bielek's Faked Philadelphia Experiment

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 13:10:23 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 14:15:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: [SO] Bielek's Faked Philadelphia Experiment

>From: Bill Hamilton <[skywatcher22@hotmail.com](mailto:skywatcher22@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 06:25:19 -0700  
>Subject: [SO] Bielek's Faked Philadelphia Experiment Story

>Skyopen List

>Al Bielek's Philadelphia Experiment Story Faked

>Having known Al Bielek since the 70s, this comes as no surprise  
>to me. The only difference was that he was weaving other tall  
>tales before he rented a video of the Scifi thriller "The  
>Philadelphia Experiment" and then decided that his memories were  
>triggered. He knew he had a winner and has been wowing audiences  
>ever since for more than 10 years and more like 20.

>BH

Howdy Bill,

There are many interesting connections between the characters  
that you mention in your post and a couple that you don't  
mention. See below.

>This Duncan is a friend of Bielek and used to claim that he was  
>the half brother who jumped overboard with Ed Cameron and  
>traveled through time. He claimed that his spirit was placed in  
>his current body when his previous one began to breakdown due to  
>adverse effects from his time travel experiences. Both he and  
>Bielek would later join Preston Nichols as part of the secret  
>government's Montauk Project program at the abandoned Air Force  
>Base at Montauk, Long Island and eventually be brain washed to  
>forget after the project was shut down. Of course since the one  
>man that Bielek claims was Edward Cameron wasn't, that means  
>there was no Ed Cameron, thus causing a chain of deletions that  
>cancel out not only Bielek's version of the Philadelphia  
>Experiment but blow a king size hole in Nichols' claims of the  
>Montauk Project as well, since Nichols is on record saying that  
>Bielek's tale connecting the two projects together is true. A  
>cottage publishing industry has been based on these stories for  
>Sky Books, a small press house run by one Vincent Barbarick who  
>uses the name of Peter Moon to publish under. There is no  
>telling whether these revelations will help or hurt future book  
>sales.

Preston Nichols, who also markets an electronic UFO detector,  
was partner/co-founder of the now defunct 'Long Island UFO  
Network' with John Ford. Some of you may recall John Ford as the  
guy who was convicted (by a jury of his peers) for putting a  
radioactive substance into the toothpaste of a local Long Island  
politician - with the intention of causing bodily harm.

After John was convicted, the Long Island UFO Network along with  
its 'premier' case, the \*Moriches Bay incident, completely  
disappeared from public view.

(\*Moriches Bay... a case where 'allegedly' a large, triangular  
shaped UFO was retrieved by government agents/military and then  
taken by truck to the Brookings Institute, located on Long

Island, for study.)

The last anyone heard of Preston Nichols he was peddling his "UFO Detector" and some other 'inventions' of his. Nobody that I know here in New York has ever taken Preston Nichols, John Ford, Al Bielek or 'Ed Cameron' seriously. Their names would come up in conversation from time to time and they were all universally dismissed by people within the UFO community as genuine kooks. According to testimony from a couple of women who John approached, it turns out that the reason Ford created the Long Island UFO Network in the first place was so he could interview female witnesses - and hopefully, eventually date them! It was his own private dating service. BTW, Ford who was a active promoter of Bielek and his Philadelphia experiment time travel story was a prominent \_garbage collector\_ on Long Island before he began his illustrious career as a UFO investigator. Prior work experience which prepared him well for his chosen ufological career.

The 'fringe' of the fringe. ;)

>"I think poor Al has smoked one too many," commented Aex IV  
>about Bielek's story. The son of the man who Bielek claimed to  
>be said that he wasn't going to sue Bielek because the "story  
>isn't true" and "it's just too crazy to believe", but he did  
>give Barnes and his investigators the right to use the taped  
>conversation and photos of his father to set the record  
>straight.

Thanks for passing this one along, Bill. But I'm not one bit surprised. Most folks already knew that Al's elevator didn't quite make it to the top floor. This whole investigation wasn't really needed. I'll bet you could count the number of people who actually bought into Bielek's story on one hand.

Warmest regards to you and Mrs. H,

John Velez

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## State's Stand Mellows

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Subject: State's Stand Mellows

[LWB Note: Who knows whether my advertisement "Blow the Whistle on 'Hostile Aerial Craft'" (published in the April 18, 2003, issue of the Army's weekly newspaper called the "Pentagram") ever made its way to the eyes of State Department officials. But I presume that a few analysts within the U. S. Defense Intelligence Agency have been apprised of the ad, which encourages certain UFO-coverup whistleblowers to step forward with corroborative evidence about the alleged 1975 incident involving hostile interference from UFOs with some of our supersecret military satellites. Stay tuned.]

FROM: Lorie Hartmann, Appeals Officer for the State Department's Office of IRM Programs and Services

TO: Larry W. Bryant

DATE: June 9, 2003

Dear Mr. Bryant:

Re: Freedom of Information Request No. 200301092 [seeking access to all State-generated/received records pertaining to the 1975 incident -- including certain "telexes" as revealed by a former security guard at the U. S. Embassy in Canberra, Australia]

This is to inform you that the Chairman of the Department's Appeals Review Panel has received your letter of May 29, 2003, appealing Freedom of Information Case No. 200301092 [as regards State's failure to conduct an adequate records search].

You also state that the records you seek pertain to the Department of Defense. You may wish to contact the Defense Intelligence Agency at: Defense Intelligence Agency, Attn: Robert Richardson, Chief, FOIA Staff, Code SVI-1 (FOIA), Washington, DC 20340-5100. In addition, due to the age of the records being sought, you may wish to contact the National Archives and Records Administration at: National Archives at College Park, Attn: Ramona Oliver, FOIA Officer, Office of General Counsel, Room 3110, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

Should you have any questions concerning the status of your appeal, please write to: The Appeals Officer (A/RPS/IPS/PP/IA), SA-2 Room 6021, U. S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20522-6001.

Sincerely,

Lori Hartmann

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## Be Aware

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 20:20:10 -0400  
Subject: Be Aware

NASA Science News for June 20, 2003

A series of upcoming rocket launches will create glowing-white night time clouds, visible from the Eastern Seaboard of the United States.

By studying the clouds, scientists hope to learn more about the ionosphere - a layer of Earth's atmosphere near the edge of space.

FULL STORY at:

[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/20jun\\_TMAclouds.htm?list159275](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/20jun_TMAclouds.htm?list159275)

List, I forward this in hopes of sparing us some false reports of 'UFOs'.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

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Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 16:29:44 -0500  
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>should not be an issue since you can check them yourself and  
>validate if they are right.

I have checked them and they are NOT correct. Even accepting, for the sake of argument, the hard-to-swallow story of "back-up" time tags, both the upper and lower time windows show a jump in time between frames of a minute and a half as shown for the upper time window in these two frames:

<http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/STS-48/LOS.htm#F4>  
<http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/STS-48/LOS.htm#F5>

There's nothing particularly strange about the 1.5 minute jump itself; if they lost the signal for that long, it would make sense to turn off the recorder on Earth for a while since they weren't getting anything but noise. But when they turned the recorder back on, the 1.5 minute jump should have occurred in the very first frame subsequent to re-acquisition of the signal. Instead, the 1.5-minute time jump occurs between image frames that were clearly imaged 1/30 of a second apart. The jump occurs about a second later for the lower time window -- the one supposedly derived from the shuttle's master timing unit. Losing the signal would not stop the clocks on either the shuttle or on the ground, and re-acquiring the signal would not start the clocks again. There has clearly been some sort of manual intervention in these time stamps, resulting in errors in their correspondence with the video frames.

>I don't know if such a  
>document would make you feel better about the data because I am  
>not sure anything NASA provides would be reliable enough for  
>you.

It would have to be something more reliable than the time stamps on this video, which are apparently reliable enough for you despite the glaring discrepancies.

>I am not sure what you mean by my filtering out evidence. The problem here is that you and people like you are making a big  
>deal out of crummy NASA videos. I offered some legwork on the  
>time tags.

The problem with "you and people like you" is that you seem more interested in finding fault with "me and people like me" than in actually giving anything other than superficial consideration of the objective evidence. You seem quite willing to ignore facts like the light flash not corresponding spatially to the position of the thruster relative to the camera field of view and the remarkable curved trajectories found by Carlotto for some of the objects that indicate some sort of self-propulsion. My own "prosaic" explanation for the curved trajectories was that sublimation from ice particles hit by sunlight could provide a propulsive force, but there are good reasons to doubt that.

>Personally, I would be tickled pink to see alien spaceships on  
>NASA video. But I have seen a lot of NASA video and, although  
>weird things turn up, nothing that can be conclusively said to  
>be an alien spaceship (they can ALWAYS be something prosaic!).  
>Note: this is unlike many good ground sightings.

There's always a prosaic explanation for ground sightings, too.  
Hoax is the most popular explanation for the really good ones  
with photographic or ground trace evidence. But nobody would  
seriously suggest that NASA hoaxes anomalous objects in shuttle  
videos, given their obvious aversion to the subject.

>So what's the big deal? Do you need NASA's reputation to give  
>UFO's credibility? Forget about it! You need something much more  
>significant (see some structure on a flyby) before NASA will do  
>anything because they are mainstream.

An STS-80 video sequence does show a structured object large  
enough to see that it has a symmetrical shape and is not  
tumbling like a piece of shuttle debris, despite several radical  
course changes. That's not enough for the "mainstream" to take  
an interest, either. I doubt anything is enough other than no-  
brainer evidence, like the proverbial Landing On The White  
House Lawn. In the unlikely event that ETs ever do land on the  
White House Lawn, nobody's going pay much attention to what NASA  
has to say about it, anyway.

>But really, even if the time of the thuster EXACTLY matched the  
>flashes and object movement, does that prove anything? Why can't  
>it STILL just be a coincidence?

Since they don't match, that's a moot question.

>OR maybe the alien spaceship looks almost exactly like a piece  
>of ice or debris near the STS such that it is not possible to  
>differentiate them?

That's a silly statement. All objects near or below the  
resolution are going to look the about same, whether they're ice  
particles or not. There are numerous stars in the video that  
look no different than the other objects. You're not claiming  
that Polaris and Errai are debris particles 20 feet from the  
shuttle, are you?

>How close to the time does it have to be to satisfy you? Is 1  
>second enough? .1sec? .001sec?

I already noted that the 1.44 second error is around 144 times  
greater than the accuracy of the clock. If you're willing to  
accept errors two orders of magnitude greater than what would be  
accepted by any proper engineering standards, that's not my  
problem. A non-arbitrary margin would be a few hundredths of a  
second after the rocket fired, given that the alleged "ice  
particles" are supposed to be about 20 feet from the shuttle and  
the exhaust gases travel at 1000 feet per second.

>It is hard to know all the errors that go into these numbers. I  
>question Oberg's stripchart time and the thruster firing time  
>(since I don't know where they came from and which time tag  
>sensor they used).

I got the thruster firing data from the FOIA office four years  
ago. I misplaced it since then, but I know it agreed with the  
strip charts. I see no reason whatever to doubt the timing data  
for the thruster firings. There are compelling reasons to not  
merely doubt, but to reject the video time tags, unless you want  
to accept them without good reason.

>Oberg states that  
>the thurster had not been fired for 13 minutes prior to the  
>event (although looking at the Pitch Rate Error StripChart, it  
>would appear to have occurred more frequently). Anyway, assuming  
>13 min., then for the event to occur in a specific 3 second  
>window over a 780 second period would happen 1 out of 260 times.  
>So basically you just want to increase the odds. Some of us  
>think 1 out of 260 are high enough..

If you concoct odds based on invalid data, that's OK with me. I  
think the thruster firing occurred between 6 and 9 seconds  
before the light flash based on the star transits for reasons

I gave in the NSF paper. There were five thruster firings in a 5 minute time span around the light flash event and a water dump shortly after. There are also exhaust vents that are part of the shuttle's thermal system on the sides of the shuttle that are continually venting vapor. The large yaw thruster that was pointing in the right direction to affect particles in the camera FOV apparently did not fire during that time, so the argument depends on the splash-back of a small fraction of the weak 25-lb thrust of the vernier pitch thruster, which was pointed over 90 degrees away from the direction the camera's line of sight. If 1/10 of the thruster exhaust gases impinged on the wing and expanded in a hemispherical shell, by the time the gases struck particles 20 feet from the thruster, the pressures exerted on the particles would be  $7 \times 10^{-6}$  pounds per square inch. That doesn't sound much more likely to produce the motions seen in the video than an astronaut sneezing, which maybe one of them did at the exact moment the light flash occurred. Unrelated events are happening continuously.

>Have you or anyone ever tried to get the data Oberg has  
>independently or are you relying that he has the ultimate and  
>absolute correct data?

I got the video, the thruster firing records, and the shuttle state vector data from the FOIA office at JSC. I got information on orbit simulator programs and the Earth's airglow layer from experts outside NASA. I have a few other pending FOIA requests and so do some friends of mine. I doubt it's possible to ever do enough work to satisfy some people, so I do what I decide to do instead. That approach seems to have worked out OK so far.

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## Sci Fi Muscle To Investigate UFOs

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Sci Fi Channel Pushing UFO Investigations

June 21, 2003

By David Bauder  
The Associated Press

Sci Fi Channel Pushing UFO Investigations In an unusual step for a television network, the Sci Fi Channel is campaigning to persuade the government to be more forthcoming and aggressive in investigating UFO sightings.

Sci Fi has hired a Washington lobbyist, received support from former Clinton chief of staff John Podesta, sponsored a symposium on interstellar travel and is considering a court effort to declassify documents related to a 1965 incident in Pennsylvania.

The network will premiere a documentary, "Out of the Blue," Tuesday at 9 p.m. (Eastern and Pacific time zones) that methodically lays out an argument that there's something out there.

Most TV networks are reluctant to spend money for anything other than self-interest. The few public interest efforts are hardly controversial: Lifetime promoting breast cancer research, for example, or MTV's Rock the Vote campaign to encourage young people to register.

But by fighting for UFO probes, Sci Fi is wading into an area that invites not only dissent, but also ridicule.

"It's very, very tough for people to take this subject seriously," said Ed Rothschild, a lobbyist for the Washington firm PodestaMattoon. "We thought the only way it was going to be seriously addressed is to have serious people talk about it, scientists." Rothschild won't even identify the members of Congress he's talked to about leaning on the government for more openness about UFOs. He's afraid they'll never help if their names come out and they're laughed at.

Even believers are reluctant to talk about the issue.

After hearing that former President Carter once saw a UFO, "Out of the Blue" filmmaker James Fox repeatedly, and unsuccessfully, asked Carter's representatives for an interview. Undaunted, Fox essentially ambushed Carter with a camera one day at a book-signing. Carter confirmed the incident but his brevity and forced smile indicated he wasn't happy to be answering.

Given the "giggle factor" that surrounds UFOs, Sci Fi is taking a chance with its reputation, Fox said.

"I don't think there's a risk because the questions need to be asked," said Thomas Vitale, Sci Fi's senior vice president of

programming. "Even somebody who is the biggest skeptic in the world ... still wants the questions answered. And who better to do it?" The mission isn't entirely altruistic, of course. The Sci Fi Channel, which is seen in about three-quarters of the nation's TV households, polled viewers on the topic. Evidence of keen interest is also seen in the ratings.

Last November's documentary on the celebrated, suspected 1947 UFO crash in Roswell, N.M., was the highest-rated special in the network's 11-year history. It was seen by nearly 2.4 million people, or about 2x times Sci Fi's usual prime-time audience.

"Our main goal is not to find a UFO," Vitale said. "The goal is finding the truth. We're expanding and exploring the blurry line between what is science fiction and what is science fact." Vitale wouldn't say how much Sci Fi is spending on this. The network sponsored an archaeological excavation at Roswell, will debut a public service announcement Tuesday and has two new UFO specials in the works.

It is backing an effort to get U.S. Air Force records released on a 1965 incident in Kecksburg, Pa., where some witnesses believe a UFO crashed. This may end up in court, Rothschild said.

Fox, a San Francisco-based journalist, never thought much about UFOs until a visit nine years ago to Nevada, when he and his friends watched a saucer-shaped object hover silently in the sky then dart away.

"When I got home, I was met with laughter," he said. "No one believed me, even my family. I thought, if my own family doesn't believe me, who does?" Intrigued, he began looking into other UFO incidents. He sold a 1998 documentary to the Discovery Channel and shopped "Out of the Blue" to the same network, but said he was told Discovery no longer buys pro-UFO films. (A Discovery spokeswoman denied this.) So he went to Sci Fi. Fox considers 95 percent of reported UFO incidents bunk, either hoaxes or easily explained conventional phenomena. And don't count him among people who believe aliens already live among us.

But that still leaves a significant number of mysterious cases.

"Out of the Blue" outlines several, concentrating on the most reputable of witnesses - former astronauts, military and government officials, topped off by an ex-president.

Fox's storytelling is sober, not sensational. Summing up incidents at the end of the film, Fox gives the official government explanations of what happened, and they're often more ridiculous than the sightings themselves.

"You get to a point where you can no longer dismiss each and every episode," he said.

Fox and Rothschild can think of several reasons why the government doesn't want to talk about UFOs:

- The military doesn't want to spend time or money on something that isn't perceived as a threat.

- Officials may also like the secrecy; it keeps other governments guessing about what kind of new weapon technologies might be in the works.

- It could also be embarrassing, since it can expose what they don't know and the limitations of human technology.

- And who wants to set off a "War of the Worlds"-type incident? Fox envisions the public announcement that could come with such an event: "We don't know where they come from, we don't know what they're doing. We can't stop them if they become hostile and they can fly rings around all of our aircraft."

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## The Mothman Death List

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The June 21, 2003 Update:  
The Mothman Death List  
by Loren Coleman

In 1975, John Keel wrote that "there would be many changes in the lives of those touched by" Mothman, and a "few would even commit suicide." Those people remain unidentified, but we have gathered information on the following souls who seem linked to the events radiating out of Point Pleasant.

[http://www.lorencoleman.com/mothman\\_death\\_list.html](http://www.lorencoleman.com/mothman_death_list.html)

Please see the above link for details regarding the following:

#1-46: The Silver Bridge Victims  
#47: Mary Hyre  
#48: Jim Keith  
#49: Ron Bonds  
#50: Ted Demme  
#00: John A. Keel (not yet)  
#51: Charles Mallette  
#52-60: Mason County road deaths  
#61: Gary Ury  
#62: Ted Tannebaum  
#63: Aaron Rebsamen  
#00: Webber Falls Bridge collapse  
#64: Sherry Yearsley  
#65: Julia Harrison  
#66: Susan Wilcox  
#67: Jessica Kaplan

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## National Security & UFOs Declassification?

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National Security And UFOs: Should There Be Declassification?  
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Prepared by Project Patronage Committee

National Security includes everything that is considered by Congress, the U.S. Government, and of course the Intelligence Community as being something that will harm the U.S., its peoples, or its allies in any deemed way. But, why is there still a "Curtain of Secrecy" over a topic that has been deemed by the U.S. Air Force and numerous areas of the U.S. Government... "UFOs do not harm the National Security..." and a topic that has been ended by the U.S. Government over 30 years ago.(?)

Known USAF/Government UFO Projects and Programs (Past)

- Project Sign
- Project Grudge
- Project Blue Book
- Project Paperclip (Possible)(FOIA)
- Project Moondust
- Project Silverbug (Possible)
- Project Twinkle
- Project Cobra Mist
- Project Stork

In 1947, the U.S. Air Force established Project Sign, soon after Project Grudge, and the last official project and study, Project Blue Book. Other small and UFO related projects and studies took place such as Project Moondust which dealt with numerous UFO reports and events in different countries and Project Silverbug which was hosted at Wright-Patterson AFB, same as Blue Book. This project is not defined as a UFO related project, but its purpose was to develop a supersonic, circular aircraft that looks much like a UFO. All of these projects have slowly been declassified, but much information still has not. According to many responses to Freedom of Information Act requests, many documents are not able to be released due to National Security.

In all understanding positions, National Security is needed on MANY things. One example would be the Manhattan project in which the U.S. developed the atomic bomb. This program was deemed TOP-SECRET. Without restrictions, we may have not been able to protect our country and we may have been under further attack. But some say, why National Security on UFOs? Well, in all fairness and reality, it is quite a troubling and confusing question with no straight forward answer.

Understanding information such as with Project Blue Book - this being the sighting case information - this possess a real privacy issue. But, all government records are usually censored for privacy before they are released to the public. Also, as with the Project Moondust files, many international issues are dealt with such as the United Nations UFO committee request and proposal. Understanding all this, the question going along with the above one also isn't answered; Why must it take over 40 years to declassifiy this information? This question also isn't

easily answered. The famous conclusions of Project Blue Book again back the above up:

"No UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force was ever an indication of threat to our national security; There was no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge; There was no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" were extraterrestrial vehicles."

Many have protested as to the need for declassification since, as the above proves, the Unidentified Phenomenon is not a risk to National Security. But, we need to remember that under the Freedom of Information Act, the CIA file search, the CAUS case, the NSA file search, and numerous others, thousands of previously dubbed TOP-SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL, CLASSIFIED, SECRET, and numerous others in relation to UFOs have been released to the public at copy costs. Numerous studies have been met to address this issue, numerous researches done, one of the most famous being "Is the CIA Stonewalling," and many more.

The state our government is now identifying UFO related documents is much better than 30 years ago when everything was dubbed CLASSIFIED. But the fact still remains that UFOs are a touchy subject to step on since over 30 years of secrecy walk hand in hand. But we should start to see the topic loosen up more and more. Then again, since there are sighting cases attached to Project Moondust that are dated 1994, we may see an increased amount of secrecy to follow. Whether that proves the government is involved with UFOs after Blue Book or not, I don't think is the issue. The government has a right to be involved with the UFO phenomenon due to its mass apparentness in the U.S. and the world. The tables and fingers need to be turned and pointed to the classification system. The push for the 40 year table should be firm and it looks like the grasp on that issue is being understood.

The National Security state on UFOs is now starting to come into the picture for a good. The future holds a better understanding of the history of the United States and the world.

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Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
Matthew Guza  
Dir, Project Patronage

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COMMENTARY

UFO lights up Booger Bottom

By Jim Pettit  
Staff columnist

Saturday moaning:

A good mystery deserves a good location.

How about Booger Bottom, Ga.?

That's where a possible Unidentified Flying Object was sighted early last month. I say 'possible' because it's difficult to prove things one way or another.

Here's the story. You can make up your own mind.

UFO investigators are looking into this so-called Mystery at Booger Bottom. The incident involved a 50-year-old man, his brother and his 73-year-old sister-in-law. They were driving through Booger Bottom in a sport utility vehicle and were on their way home to Warm Springs, Ga.

According to the occupants, a red swirling object appeared outside the SUV on the driver's side while the vehicle was moving.

Suddenly, about 50 round, red objects - all solid lights about the size of silver dollars - appeared inside the SUV and apparently scanned the three occupants, according to reports by the The Associated Press and The Atlanta Journal Constitution.

Moments later, the lights disappeared.

Thanks, but no thanks

The woman occupant immediately called the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, which wasn't interested in tracking UFOs or listening to her story.

However, two UFO investigators with the Mutual UFO Network of Georgia - Olivia Newton and Jim Clifford - agreed to listen to the story.

Both investigators are familiar with hoaxes and publicity seekers, but this one held their attention.

'They all said it was not of this world,' Newton told the AP.  
'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 she believes in UFOs, but pointed out that many, if not most, unusual occurrences have their basis in reality. For example, she noted, many people mistake the planet Venus for a UFO.

The Booger Bottom story, however, was different. The three witnesses were reputable and there seemed to be no reason to doubt them.

'We watch for body language, any discrepancies,' Newton said. 'They looked at us right in the eye and were very forthright. They said, 'Surely you have heard of this before.''

But Newton and Clifford had not. It was a new one.

All they know is there was nothing in the area that might have reflected such lights into the SUV, which was traveling about 35 mph. That also seemed to eliminate pranksters flashing red pointer lights.

Keep an open mind

I doubt any more will come of this. Like I said, it's much more difficult to prove the existence of something than it is to raise doubt about its origin.

But I'm open-minded about UFOs. I saw one when I was about 11 years old.

No little green men. No saucer. No weird noises. Just a strange flying object.

My cousin and I were camping out in the back yard of his home in Kingsport, Tenn. Camping out consisted of two sleeping bags thrown in the back of his dad's pickup.

We were up late, stretched out in our sleeping bags, talking and looking into a brilliant, starry sky. There it was, a reddish, almost cylindrical object streaking across the sky. It was faster than anything we had ever seen and suddenly made a couple of sharp moves that nothing on this planet could match. Then it was gone.

We weren't the only ones to see it. An item in the newspaper a couple of days later mentioned it. No one knew what it was.

Booger Bottom, you are not alone.

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>government explanations of what happened, and they're often more  
>ridiculous than the sightings themselves.

I'm looking forward to watching the program. I hope they continue to give the subject serious coverage, but I also hope they refrain from broadcasting schlock in the future like what I saw on the Sci-Fi channel last week. It aired a program called "The UFO Chronicles" that was so hoaky I found myself involuntarily rolling my eyes. It had one part about a guy who said he was an ambassador for the Galactic Federation and that he was preparing us Earthlings for the time when the Earth would leave the sun's orbit by way of the Photon Belt and get captured by the Sirius planetary system. This was some nonsense somebody came up with in the mid-90s, as I recall, so the program was probably a rerun. The sun has stubbornly kept its gravitational grip on the Earth well past the predicted date of our relocation to Sirius. The program didn't inform the viewers that the Galactic Federation seems to have postponed our moving date indefinitely.

If they really want to promote serious interest in UFOs, this sort of stuff is obviously counterproductive. If they have to fill some air time with reruns, they'd be better off running good science fiction movies.

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## Earthhoax.com

From: **Eustaquio Anddraa Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2003 15:27:52 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2003 11:26:30 -0400  
Subject: Earthhoax.com

It's incredible my dear friends. I've never in 42 years of  
Ufology research, fantasy and lies like this at:

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=3D546&category=3DScience>

I don't know what LMH & Urandir Company want with the worst hoax  
in the history of Ufology. Please, send serious journalists to  
Brazil and we - the Brazilian UFO community will show them the  
facts about this Santa Claus and Pinocchio story. We don=B4t want  
Brazilian Ufology sullied!

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## Re: Earthhoax.com - Cunha

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Eustaquio,

What must be clarified here is that even though U.O. was arrested, the certificate that appears at LMH Earthfiles home page is of a Federal Court in Sao Paulo (State). One thing for sure, his name and case are noted down in a precinct somewhere down in Rio Grande do Sul (State), Porto Alegre.

Pedro Cunha

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## Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded - Oberg

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>Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2003 00:09:04 -0400  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Stamp Myth Exploded

My apologies for my tardy response to your constructive and helpful response.

>I certainly agree that there is a penumbral region due to the  
>angular size of the sun. This was noted by Wieder in his  
>referee's report. I think its size is about 0.009 radian, so the  
>width of the region of gradual brightening would be  $0.009 \times D$   
>where D is the distance from the wing. If we knew the distance  
>between the camera and the object we could measure the speed of  
>M1 and could assess the shadow hypothesis. Unfortunately we  
>don't know this distance or D.

>Although the shadow hypothesis seems reasonable, as I pointed  
>out in my response to Wieder, it is not consistent with the sun-  
>shuttle geometry. The brightening occurs more or less in the  
>horizontal direction -- at a right angle to the edge that is  
>casting the shadow. This would imply the shadow casting edge  
>(the wing) is oriented more or less vertically with the sun  
>behind the observer. But we know the sun is to right.

We are not entirely helpless here regarding the solid-geometry shape of the shadow zone, since with a wire model of the Orbiter structure and with the now-agreed-on vector to the Sun in Orbiter coordinates, the distribution of the 'Shadow Zone' and the bordering 'Twilight Zone' are subject to computer analysis.

At the time I looked into this a few years ago I merely used a model of the Orbiter and placed cutouts of the eclipse zone at the Orbiter's tail. This was adequate in my mind to characterize the area above the payload bay and left wing where an object would be in shadow, and where it would emerge from shadow in the typical motion away from the Orbiter.

Note that the videos of 'unknowns' near the Orbiter where illumination condition changes are almost always of something BECOMING illuminated, rarely of something already illuminated suddenly 'GOING OUT' - a feature totally consistent with small objects which characteristically drift AWAY from the Orbiter.

I still disagree with your conclusion that the shadow hypothesis "is not consistent with the sun-shuttle geometry," since you argue that the particle motion would not traverse any such 'twilight zone' because the boundary was "more or less in the horizontal direction -- at a right angle to the edge that is casting the shadow." This is geometrically erroneous, I contend: the particle motion relative to the shadow-casting object is irrelevant, what is relevant is the particle motion relative to the boundary which is parallel with the line-of-sight to the Sun. And as you have already agreed, that line-of-sight was significantly depressed below the nose of the Orbiter, creating exactly the sort of shadow zone - and exactly the orientation of a twilight zone through which a particle moving as seen in the video would incrementally brighten.

This is not an `ad hoc' one-off sort of situation, for this one event only. Particles moving out of Orbiter shadow and into sunlight - where they become visible to Orbiter cameras - were frequently imaged on a number of STS missions. Their motion and their brightening were quite similar to the effects seen in this STS-48 scene, and that can explain why experienced Mission Control operators and Principle Investigators of the MLE experiment for which these night-time horizon views were specifically made - who have seen such video in real time over many hundreds of hours over dozens of missions -- consider the STS-48 views `normal' apparitions of nearby sunlight debris.

To summarize,

1. You once argued there was NO shadow zone over the right wing and now have been persuaded there was a zone, albeit small but within the field of view of the PLB camera.

2. You still argue that a particle moving in the direction of the STS-48 video object would abruptly brighten, not gradually, because of the direction of the shadow, but I contend that the direction of the shadow is irrelevant since it is the angular size of the sun - NOT a point source - that creates a `twilight zone' at ALL eclipse boundaries. So your argument that the dot CANNOT be a sunlit nearby object because it does NOT become illuminated as instantaneously as it `should' is unconvincing, because it never `SHOULD' become illuminated that rapidly.

3. My contention is that the brightening of the object is consistent with - and is actually evidence FOR - the model that it is a small nearby object exiting the Orbiter's shadow. I believe that the critical fact that these scenes occurred very soon after sunrise was first pointed out by me, literally years after earlier investigators (Carlotto, Ratsch, Kasher, etc.) had done their major studies and apparently all missed this critical illumination feature (did I miss somebody's earlier mention - please help if so?).

>Finally I'd like to point out that M1 is not particularly bright  
>relative to many of the stars in the video, which exhibit no  
>such tails. Could you expand more on camera optic latency  
>effects?

Camera latency of moving dots is typical of the performance of this B&W camera in a very low light environment with AGC maxed, and can be seen on any sequence where dots are moving across the FOV. Even stars leave trails when the camera is pan-tilting or the Orbiter is undergoing an attitude maneuver. What further discussion is needed if the phenomenon can be seen to be typical of the system being used? To see that it typical, of course, requires comparing the STS-48 scene to other similar scenes from the same hardware and illumination conditions. If you have NOT done this, I would suggest that your studies of the particular sequence lack proper context.

- Jim Oberg

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## Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Oberg

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>There's nothing particularly strange about the 1.5 minute jump  
>itself; if they lost the signal for that long, it would make  
>sense to turn off the recorder on Earth for a while since they  
>weren't getting anything but noise. But when they turned the  
>recorder back on, the 1.5 minute jump should have occurred in  
>the very first frame subsequent to re-acquisition of the signal.

What "makes sense" and what "should have occurred" are purely Mr. Fleming's own imagination speaking. He clearly demonstrates an aversion to actually talking with direct witnesses and experts, perhaps so as to leave his imagination free enough to keep producing arguments he feels convincing.

There are dozens of astronauts over several decades who have watched particles moving around their spacecraft and who would be able to compare that first-hand experience with the STS-48 views. The number of them whom Fleming has talked with: zero.

There are dozens of INCO controllers in Mission Control, certified on the use of television and other communications equipment, who know the operating characteristics - and foibles - of this hardware, and have detailed documentation of how it actually works. The number of them whom Fleming has contacted? Zero.

There are several scientists who specialized in the night-time horizon views seeking sprites and other mesoscale lightning apparitions, who watched over and over again the hundreds of hours of videotapes taken for this program. The number of them whom Fleming has interviewed? Zero.

There are hundreds of frontroom controllers in a dozen disciplines who spent hundreds of hours with the front wall screens displaying night-time video from dozens of shuttle missions, and whose job it is to notice, identify, and respond to any and all anomalies across the board, so as to react safely and creatively, and who seem to be of the unanimous opinion that such videos are routine non-extraordinary visual features of shuttle missions. The number of these first-hand witnesses whom Fleming has talked with: Zero.

A pattern is emerging. And this is confirmed by Fleming's continued spouting of imaginary 'facts' about the STS-48 video, facts which it looks to me like he just knows sincerely must be true because they support his satisfying interpretations.

>The problem with "you and people like you" is that you seem more interested in finding fault with "me and people like me" than in >actually giving anything other than superficial consideration of >the objective evidence. You seem quite willing to ignore facts >like the light flash not corresponding spatially to the position >of the thruster relative to the camera field of view and the >remarkable curved trajectories found by Carlotto for some of the >objects that indicate some sort of self-propulsion. My own



>"prosaic" explanation for the curved trajectories was that  
>sublimation from ice particles hit by sunlight could provide a  
>propulsive force, but there are good reasons to doubt that.

"Facts" to Fleming are "interpretations" that he can't prove, so by disguising them semantically he can paper over that failure. "Light flashes" in portions of Orbiter PLB camera FOV's are a common phenomenon, seen by all of the people listed above - whose opinions Fleming does his best to avoid. The flares are the unburned propellant residue, moving at 10,000 ft/sec and hence occupying entire angular regions through which they briefly flow. This is what EVERY person familiar with Orbiter video, and certified as expert operators, with whom I've talked about re this controversy, feel. Every one. So Fleming clearly does not want to talk with ANY such person.

The curved trajectories are interesting and worthy of an explanation of their own. Sublimation is a pretty silly idea, but I've heard it proposed over the years. Objects dropping into lower orbits under aero drag tend to pull ahead of the Orbiter at a remarkably rapid rate. Further, if all the curves (and they are NOT all near the edge of the FOV as I earlier misspoke) are bent in the same direction, the question arises of motion of the camera line-of-sight, not of the particles themselves. It remains an 'unexplained' visual effect (because nobody really cared), but I'm baffled by what Fleming claims it is evidence FOR.

>An STS-80 video sequence does show a structured object large  
>enough to see that it has a symmetrical shape and is not  
>tumbling like a piece of shuttle debris, despite several radical course  
>changes.

As it turns out, the STS-80 illumination conditions - immediately after sunrise - are identical to those of the STS-48 scene. Nobody seems to have noticed that until I pointed it out, along with the implications of this situation.

>I already noted that the 1.44 second error is around 144 times  
>greater than the accuracy of the clock. If you're willing to  
>accept errors two orders of magnitude greater than what would be  
>accepted by any proper engineering standards, that's not my  
>problem. A non-arbitrary margin would be a few hundredths of a  
>second after the rocket fired, given that the alleged "ice  
>particles" are supposed to be about 20 feet from the shuttle and  
>the exhaust gases travel at 1000 feet per second.

The flare and the thruster firing line up simo within measurement errors, in by view and that of the original NASA investigation team (whose results have been suppressed by the previous ufologists writing on the theme). And Fleming probably has a typo here - the plume does not travel at '1000' feet per second.

>There were five thruster firings in a 5  
>minute time span around the light flash event and a water dump  
>shortly after. There are also exhaust vents that are part of the  
>shuttle's thermal system on the sides of the shuttle that are  
>continually venting vapor. The large yaw thruster that was  
>pointing in the right direction to affect particles in the  
>camera FOV apparently did not fire during that time, so the  
>argument depends on the splash-back of a small fraction of the  
>weak 25-lb thrust of the vernier pitch thruster, which was  
>pointed over 90 degrees away from the direction the camera's  
>line of sight. If 1/10 of the thruster exhaust gases impinged on  
>the wing and expanded in a hemispherical shell, by the time the  
>gases struck particles 20 feet from the thruster, the pressures  
>exerted on the particles would be  $7 \times 10^{-6}$  pounds per square  
>inch. That doesn't sound much more likely to produce the motions  
>seen in the video than an astronaut sneezing, which maybe one of  
>them did at the exact moment the light flash occurred. Unrelated  
>events are happening continuously.

It should come as no surprise that Mr. Fleming's technical description of the Flash Evaporator System is erroneous. "There are also exhaust vents that are part of the shuttle's thermal system on the sides of the shuttle that are continually venting vapor." The FES vents are near the base of the Orbiter's tail, and are used during mission phases (such as ascent and entry) when the PLB doors are closed and the thermal radiators on their inside edge cannot be used. They also CAN be used to supplement

cooling as needed, but this is rare. In the hours after ascent, residual ice can occasionally be seen exiting the vents. The statement that they are 'continually' venting vapor, however, is imaginary.

As for the effect of a bounce-back plume on a very light object that it hits, Mr. Fleming's argument is merely magical waving of non-verifiable numbers and effects. A much more reliable way to understand what REALLY happens is to ask people whose job it was to watch such videos, what do they see when thrusters fire with nearby particles around? How do these particles actually react? Fleming's instincts are good - perhaps he realizes that actually gathering such eyewitness testimony would be so damaging to the imaginary evidence he presents, he needs to avoid such testimony completely. At least, he seems to act that way.

-- Jim Oberg

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## FBI Raids Home Near Area 51

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<http://www.klas-tv.com/global/story.asp?s=1330758>

What's the Joint Terrorism Task Force Doing in the Tiny Town of Rachel?

by George Knapp

(June 20) -- FBI agents have confirmed that a search warrant was served Thursday night on the home of a self-described military watchdog in the tiny town of Rachel, near the mysterious Area 51 military base. We've learned this action was initiated by the Joint Terrorism Task Force. The search warrant remains sealed and the FBI won't say what was seized from the home of Rachel resident Chuck Clark. We believe the action was taken because Chuck Clark escorted the I-Team on a tour of the roads surrounding the base. During the visit, he showed us the location of military sensors, hidden on public land. Here's our story.

Retired astronomer and desert rat Chuck Clark has a new hobby.

He's prowled the hills and deserts of Lincoln County for several years now, has photographed exotic aircraft in the skies, and keeps an eye on the top secret base known as Area 51.

He's even written a book about the place. Over the past few months, he's discovered that the military has been installing secret sensor devices on public lands surrounding the base.

Using a frequency counter device, he can tell when his vehicle trips a sensor. When that happens, he looks for the hard-to-spot wire atop the device, and then he digs them up, takes pictures, and puts them back.

Clark isn't a terrorist or spy but is angered that hikers, four wheelers, or photographers are being monitored by the military on public land, miles from the boundary of the base, which is clearly marked by signs.

Chuck Clark says, "It's overkill in my opinion. They have a 25-mile buffer zone around the base. Why they have to put stuff outside the line really escapes me."

During the I-Team visit last week, two sensors were located and base security wrote down the plate numbers of our vehicles.

We returned five days ago and drove to the rear entrance of Area 51.

Two days later, FBI agents, working with Air Force intelligence and the Joint Terrorism Task Force [<http://www.fbi.gov/terrorism/couterrorism/partnership.htm>], raided Clark's home and seized photos, records and his computer.

Is it legal for anyone to touch military sensors hidden on public land? The government doesn't think so, although Clark hasn't been charged with anything, is the military trying to silence this outback gadfly?

"They're paranoid about this location and I don't see why?" asks Clark.

We asked the BLM if it's legal for the military to put sensing devices out on public land but a spokesman couldn't answer our question? Law enforcement sources say that by handling the sensors, the devices are disabled. So it amounts to destruction of government property. As we mentioned, Clark hasn't been charged. He was out of the state when the warrant was served.

Our investigation of the issues involved will continue.

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>I think the thruster firing occurred between 6 and 9 seconds  
>\_before\_ the light flash based on the star transits for reasons  
>I gave in the NSF paper. There were five thruster firings in a 5  
>minute time span around the light flash event and a water dump  
>shortly after.

Yes, there were other jet firings, but not of the Left Down OMS/RCS Pod vernier jet called 'L5D' - the one that appears as a flash because of the bounceback. The degree of bounceback can be estimated by comparing 'command authority' of same-sized jets in different axes from the aft pods - side jets and up-firing jets, which do not impinge on structure, produce similar angular rates for same duration pulses and create no noticeable bounce-back (there is no Orbiter structure in their plume fields), while a down-firing jet can be seen to geometrically impinge on the body flap, MPS engine bell, and even wing elevon, and same-duration pulses result in angular rates only 70% as great as pulses to the side, or up. So this is not a hypothetical effect, it's directly measurable. And it is so documented in the Rendezvous Guidance and Procedures Office publication, the Proximity Operations Crew Procedures Manual, which was thoroughly reviewed and approved by Mission Control and the Astronaut Office (and which I was the author of, by the way). It can be FOIA'ed by anyone interested.

Prior to the firing at 258/20:39:23.79 (1.20 sec) that coincided with the video flicker (camera C selected) and motion-change of several of the objects, the previous firing was at 258/20:26:36.43 (0.32 sec) with camera B selected.

The following firing was at 258/20:41:49.39 (0.96 sec) followed by four more 0.48 sec pulses over the next nine seconds. This was during the phase described on the scene list as 'glare enters view and CAM tilts down to PLB.' So the absence of similar L5D-induced flickers in the sequence is not anomalous.

The bigger issue - which deserves its own discussion thread - is why Fleming's "belief" that the thruster firing occurred 5 to 9 seconds before the light flicker should be given any credibility.

He has presented a technical argument, but how can a reader determine whether it is a reliable computation or just mathematical mumbo-jumbo? For it to be true, recall, he requires that Dan Adamo and other professional orbital trajectory specialists have made mistakes, while he hasn't.

The profession of orbital trajectory analysis is an esoteric one but there are hundreds of people who do it for a living, and one key feature is an exhaustive training and certification process before they get to do it on real spacecraft. There are also many amateur orbital analysts who track satellites on radio or visually, for fun (see for example

<http://www.satellite.eu.org/satintro.html>). Mr. Fleming has provided no evidence that he has undergone any of this training, or has associated with or even simply met with ANY people doing this sort of activity, but he presents himself as self-taught and self-evaluated and self-certified.

On this basis he asserts that he has determined a substantial (6 to 9 second) timing discrepancy, based on an analysis technique that nobody else has ever used, or has ever tested for validity. That is, where is the validation of the technique by which it is used in a blind test to actually produce orbital timing precisions that are known from other sources that can be checked against the product of Mr. Fleming's process? It's not enough to check Mr. Fleming's math - all of his assumptions, including ones not explicitly stated, need to be tested against real-world examples. I see no indications that this has been done.

On the other hand, Mr. Adamo's work has been tested in exactly such a way. He uses computer code developed and verified by NASA-JSC's MCC for precisely the intended application, and his competence was measured and deemed adequate by professionals. He has produced similar results for other space missions where the subsequent measured events validated the precision of his predictions.

Simply on such a basis, given a choice of believing computations made by Mr. Adamo versus those made by Mr. Fleming (who has not yet responded to earlier inquiries about his own education and professional background relevant to these questions), this really is a no-brainer.

-- Jim Oberg

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## Freedom-of-Information Request To DIA

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FROM: Larry W. Bryant  
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DATE: June 22, 2003

Referring to the below-quoted advertisement published in the April 18, 2003, edition of the Fort Myer (Va.)-published weekly newspaper (the Pentagonagram), I hereby request, under terms of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act, that you provide me with a copy of all DIA-generated and all DIA-received records pertaining to that pivotal 1975 event in the history of U. S. government response to the UFO problem.

In your records-search during the processing of this FOIA request, I ask that you include the office of the defense attache currently assigned to the U. S. embassy in Canberra, Australia, as well as the DIA-managed records-holding area to which any copies of the 1975-originated telexes (and all related documents) have been consigned since that date. To aid in your search, please contact most of the former U. S. defense attache personnel assigned to the Canberra post during the 1975 era; for this purpose, I can furnish you names of certain key personnel, assuming you don't have them at your fingertips. These personnel would include those administrators/supervisors whose duties would've entailed direct knowledge of, and/or experience with, the sought-for records -- to include the likely current whereabouts of this (obviously) permanently valuable material.

Because of the technologically historic, diplomatically crucial, socio-political, and legal nature of the sought-for records, I also ask that your search for them include issuance of an electronic message to all DIA organizational elements worldwide, said message announcing the inauguration of your records search and soliciting comprehensive, timely input from any DIA personnel knowledgeable of the records' current location. If you need help drafting that message, please call upon me for assistance.

Given the inherently high public interest in your searching for, locating, and releasing the requested records -- records that any pertinent congressional committee would view as essential evidence in monitoring and evaluating the official U. S. response to the UFO problem -- I ask that you assign a high priority to your processing and fulfilling this request.

Since I make this request as a member of the UFO-awareness press (mainly as a columnist for the Internet website of <http://www.ufocity.com>), I ask that you waive all records-search fees incident to your fulfilling it. In this regard, please note that my requester status as an independent "UFO

journalist" recently has been acknowledged by FOIA officials at the U. S. Department of State during their processing of one of my requests.

By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

LARRY W. BRYANT  
Director, Washington, D.C., Office of  
Citizens Against UFO Secrecy

Copies furnished to:

Mark S. Zaid, Esq. (Washington, D.C.)  
Chairman, U. S. Senate Committee on Intelligence

TEXT OF THE RELATED Pentagon-PUBLISHED ADVERTISEMENT (4/18/03):

Blow the Whistle on "Hostile Aerial Craft"

A brand-new UFO-coverup whistleblower has stepped forward to relay his account of having witnessed some "smoking gun" telexes during his security-guard duty in 1975 at the U. S. embassy in Canberra, Australia. Emanating from the Tidbinbilla tracking range, these electronic messages reported hostile interference from UFOs with some of our supersecret military satellites. The reports characterized the interlopers as "hostile aerial craft." If you (or someone you know) have confirmatory evidence of those reports, please contact Larry W. Bryant at.... Be assured that at least one congressional committee would be interested in evaluating and correlating any evidence you choose to share with us.

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## Latest Earthfiles.com Hoax News

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2003 09:39:41 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2003 13:47:32 -0400  
Subject: Latest Earthfiles.com Hoax News

The new update at Earthfiles.com is even more astonishing than the previous reports.

Linda Moulton Howe continues her reports on the Brazilian hoax, posted one after another at her website Erathfiles.com site - naively, or not - supporting some third-class scammers, looking more and more like one of those cheap film producers of those trash movies that just don't convince anybody. Like a Japanese implausible sea-monster, attacking New York.

Some people say that they're not convinced, because convincing is not the intention.

The intention can only be entertainment.

But even as entertainment, those trash movies, just like Linda's reports on the Brazilian hoax, don't seem to be very efficient. The scenarios are shameful, the actors are awful, the story is absolutely appalling. Simply nothing fits and the drama is hardly acceptable.

By persistently supporting the Brazilian hoax, Linda is just defending what is defenseless. She is building a Frankenstein in her back yard. It is imperfectly constructed, full of malfunctions and barely functional. Linda's Frankenstein will never be a man, not even close to one, just like the Brazilian hoax will never be a legitimate case - not even close to one - as it is full of lies, fabrications and distortions.

Maybe the serious, responsible UFO researchers, Brazilian or otherwise, shouldn't be trying so hard to show people that the Frankenstein Linda is building in nothing but what it seems, an improbable monster. I mean, we don't need to tell anyone, because a Frankenstein, just like a hoax, is just something you don't believe. Well, maybe Linda Moulton Howe does.

A. J. Gevaerd, editor

Brazilian UFO Magazine

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## FBI Raids Home Near Area 51 [More]

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2003 11:37:04 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2003 13:56:35 -0400  
Subject: FBI Raids Home Near Area 51 [More]

Ongoing Investigation: FBI raids home near Area 51

Source: Las Vegas Review-Journal

By Keith Rogers  
Chuck Clark

FBI agents and other law enforcement officials raided a Rachel man's rented trailer home Thursday while he was out of state, searching for what he said were photographs and data stored in his computers about the classified military installation known as Area 51.

"Area 51. That's what it's for," said the man, Chuck Clark, when asked by telephone about the search warrant that he found Friday on a table inside the trailer in the rural Lincoln County community, 100 miles north of Las Vegas.

"They timed this very nicely while I was in Denver with a TV crew," said Clark, 57, author of the "Area 51 & S-4 Handbook."

Clark said he thinks the search warrant was triggered by his research into motion-detection sensors that are buried on public land along trails miles away from the restricted area around the classified installation near the dry lake bed of Groom Lake, 90 miles north of Las Vegas.

Clark and other Area 51 buffs think the sensors are linked by radio signals to an automatic alarm network that alerts the installation's security personnel about possible intruders.

"I dug them up, photographed them, recorded their GPS and put them back," he said, referring to Global Positioning System coordinates.

"I resent the fact they put them on public land. All I did is document them... to make an issue of putting them outside of restricted land," Clark said. He described himself as a semi-retired photographer and writer who has spent 10 years researching Area 51.

Clark said the search warrant was issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge Lawrence Leavitt and that the agents who executed it left a four-page inventory of items seized. An FBI spokesman in Las Vegas, Jim Stern, confirmed that a sealed search warrant had been executed on Clark's residence Thursday.

The FBI agents were accompanied by other law enforcement authorities who were part of a task force, but Stern declined to confirm the nature of the task force.

There were no arrests, Stern said, noting, "This is an ongoing investigation of Clark."

He said items were taken from Clark's residence but declined to give details about what prompted the investigation. He also would not comment on the scope of the search warrant or say what was seized.

"That area is of a concern just by virtue of location," Stern said, referring to the general vicinity of Rachel.

An annual presidential directive issued by President Bush and former President Clinton keeps government information about the Groom Lake installation classified.

Clinton, in 1995, became the first president to sign the annual exemption, which stemmed from lawsuits brought by widows of two men who claimed that their husbands died from exposure to hazardous and toxic materials while they worked at the installation.

Government officials will not say what activities are conducted there but the Groom Lake facility has been widely reported to be where high-tech U.S. aircraft are tested against foreign radar systems and planes. S-4 is located near the southern edge of Area 51.

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## Another Voice On The Brazilian Hoax

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2003 21:43:55 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 14:12:09 -0400  
Subject: Another Voice On The Brazilian Hoax

I have been asked to forward this message to you ...

A. J. Gevaerd

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Dear Colleagues:

I am 53 years old and 37 years ago I started researching the UFO phenomena. I first met Oliveira's Urandir Fernandes on the extinct TV program 'Brasil Verdade', of the Bandeirantes Network of Television, presented by Wilton Franco. In spite of the program to be daily, Urandir used to appear there once a week. Thus, I started to record on video all the presentations of Urandir, which started in 1997 and they lasted several months.

Urandir said that he was abducted when he was thirteen years of age and that the extraterrestrials gave him paranormal powers. Urandir used to bend coins and forks, said that he could cure AIDS and cancer, that he could resuscitate dead people and could perform other phenomena. All these things were designed only to impress the viewer. By analyzing Urandir videos that I recorded in SLOW MOTION, I noticed clearly that he used simple techniques of magic, manipulating several small objects out of sight from people. Even small pieces of gold material he hid under the fingernails he used, but he said that he could transform paper to gold. The gold material was already under his nails. I have those videos of the fraud.

Thus, together with other UFO researchers, I started to investigate the activities of Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira. On his farm in Corguinho, in the State of Mato Grosso do Sul, he used to do several tricks. He used to previously plan with his employees, and then use 12 Volt batteries and headlamps of cars, at the distance 200 meters from his visitors, at night, in the middle of the darkness and in the forest. That, for those who doesn't know the place, could simulate UFOs. He also used laser pointers and other tools that generate light to fool people. All tricks easily repeated.

With some people's accusations, Urandir ended-up being arrested in Porto Alegre, Capital of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, for illegal sale of lands. After he contacted a lawyer, Urandir was freed. That news was disclosed by several newspaper and magazines and TV networks. Then, Urandir started using advertising balloons - blimps - of three meters in diameter, with a lamp inside, to fool people at his farm. Usually, those balloons are used in advertising as they rise with the use of Hydrogen or Helio. People at a distance and at night would believe the balloons to be UFOs. But they are only new tricks.

In work conducted together with UFO researcher and engineer Ricardo Varela, of the National Institute of Space Research, a government organisation, I made a research using a small balloon for atmospheric studies. It was all documented properly by the program 'Fantastico', on the Globo Television Network in Brazil. Fantastico also previously filmed the balloons used by Urandir, that he said were UFOs. When the program went to air, watched by more than 35 million people, it was very clear that the

Urandidir's UFO was really a simple balloon. He was exposed again.

For these "presentations" at his farm, Urandidir used to collect approximately 50 dollars per person. He sold stories of UFOs and ETs, to cheat people. He is getting rich, very rich. He says he is paranormal and a UFO contactee, but he is only deceiving the people with simple magic tricks and other manipulations. His stories are fake.

Today, all the Brazilian UFO researchers know about the hoaxes and scams accomplished by Urandidir and want to warn their American colleagues about it, as A. J. Gevaerd has been trying so hard to do for months.

I know of Linda Moulton Howe through a video documentary, 'Strange Harvest'. I always thought her to be a \_serious\_ person and journalist. Now, I see that she is defending and promoting Urandidir in the United States. That is very unfortunate and all she is doing is deceiving the people she addresses by supporting Urandidir's hoax and his strategy of taking advantage of the good faith of the simple people. It is sad to me to find out that LMH it is another opportunistic person in the UFO community.

Any other work that LMH comes to publish in the future, certainly won't have my respect because she is totally out of my list of serious UFO researchers who have a scientific concept of the phenomena. LMH is not a SERIOUS person and is only a great OPPORTUNISTIC.

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## Disclosure Dialogue #01-04

From: Victor Viggiani <[zland@sympatico.ca](mailto:zland@sympatico.ca)>  
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Subject: Disclosure Dialogue #01-04

Disclosure Dialogue  
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### SUMMARY TO DATE OF DISCLOSURE DIALOGUE ACTIVITIES:

1. Communication from NARCAP executive has been received. Report to follow. If you wish to lend your support to this communication and subsequent action, please inform this authour.
2. An international communication has been received from an Australian disclosure coalition. This Australian disclosure venture was recently announced at a UFORQ conference stating its intention to seek information from Australian authorities. The initiative is unique in that it has apparently devised a way to collectively represent itself under one cohesive umbrella group. Congratulations to AUFORN for taking the initiative to ignite an international effort to articulate a united assessment and movement towards Disclosure. I am in communication with the leadership of this initiative. Details certainly to follow.

### POLICE WHO and WHY?

There is immensely good sense to what has been said about policing ourselves and heroic efforts of some to save innocent humanity and listers from devilish ideas like... burned bed sheets and... Well you all know what they are. They've been re-hashed so often.

One cannot disagree with the obvious. The points about self monitoring are valid.

But I believe they disregard the primary intent of Disclosure. A public service may well be served by pointing out the infected ideas of mis-guided thinkers... I for one believe the UFO community is much brighter and more alert than we give it credit for... it can see ineffectiveness for what it is. Actions towards Disclosure must go beyond police activity.

(Ed. Note: I understand what is being attempted by some of the 'watch-dog' advocates of clear thinking but let's clear up one thing before I go on... Steven Greer is NOT, never has been, nor ever will be a mentor to me. Just thought I'd mention that. The implication is an insult actually. But beware of the Watch-dog: Learning from major errors in judgement by some, is a valuable experience for all of us. One need not desecrate an activity in order to learn from it.)

Moving on...

There is no professional or journalistic capital in always looking backward. One cannot drive a Chevy to the moon nor see more clearly ahead by painting the windshield black and looking in your rear view mirror. Ignorance, opportunism and indolence are inescapable human frailties. This kind of activity will continue. Those who indulge swallow the slow poison of ignominy and soon fade away... they do not need our help. Why be side-tracked?

We must create a new context of talk or discourse. This cannot and is not achieved by continuously engaging in this type of cyclical rhetoric. Although I would never wish to speak for List subscribers but I am virtually certain most become tired, upon lighting up their hard drives, to read the soap opera litany of who is next on the hit list of hucksters. We are more than that. I believe most would want to read about how Washington is about ready to implode from the critical mass of lies it has harboured for 50 years or that Congress has relented in the face of reason to conduct open hearings. This my friends is news!

The honchos in government backrooms love it when we dissect our own. One less item of authentic social justice issue to contend with. (Social Justice... interesting issue). Don't think that for one moment some gnome in a backroom cavern of a government security agency isn't reading list entries. They love it when we bicker.

I learned in my career as an educator that is pointless and deleterious to consume one's self by wasting precious energy on defective ideas. Good thinkers recognize defective ideas in the long run. Authenticity is difficult if not impossible to disguise. Defective ideas have built-in obsolescence... They fade and die. It happens! ...everyday. One can even learn from defective ideas.. mainly not to make the same mistake.

Ernest Hemingway implored teachers, "...give children the ability to develop their own crap detectors..." that's what good teachers do. We are teachers not policemen. We as a community of adults have the awesome responsibility of engaging a dialogue about the truth, not to deal with the crap at the expense of articulating ideas with clarity and foresight. By the looks of things you all have fine, well developed crap detectors.

Yes, identify the crap... sure... but do it and move on. There is little advantage in giving it protracted and undeserved air-time. How many times do we have to hear about how the CSETI Disclosure Project dropped the ball or how a South American huckster, a UFO journalist and burned bed sheets destroy ufological integrity. We know it, we know we know it... now move on. What comes next... Align our resources, define our goals, determine an action plan, coalesce ideas, articulate our position and then pull the trigger.

We cannot continuously engage in the so-called public service of regurgitating the crap for the UFO community's benefit and still expect to move forward. Two steps forward, three steps back...

By doing so it is my impression we do three things; first we exhaust ourselves on a tread mill akin to soap opera; little changes week after week but the name calling. Secondly we enable others to not develop and use their own filters... the ability to identify the irrelevant for one's self. We may even distract the community from the real issues. Is the real issue to rip apart a suspected huckster or is it to engage proactive discourse and action about the truth?

I simply cannot accept that the act of constant attacking (as mis-directed as some individual's actions may be) has anything to do with putting together a plan to identify the truth. They are two mutually exclusive activities.

I choose to do the later and not engage in the former.

We all know what happens to crap when it sits for a while.

Show the crap for what it is... if you wish... but move on.

Activity: Look down the List of submissions today...or yesterday... identify the submissions that suggest practical moves towards open government Disclosure.

Let me ask each of you a question.

Does it not grate on your nerves and sense of dignity to know that someone or some group with a defective idea has commandeered the List discussion, so intently and intensely that it detracts us from our primary goal of uncovering the truth? I'd really like to hear a few ideas about this question.



We know the truth is what the UN Petition is about. I know that's what mock hearings could be about if given a chance... the truth. Agree or disagree, these are proactive and incendiary devices that could ignite public conviction and government action. (Burned bed sheets? Proactive Disclosure? Weigh the merits.)

That's what we are not doing by wasting our precious time, and I mean precious energy and keyboard strokes yakking (like I'm doing right now!!) about how 'so and so' messed up 'such and such' by doing 'this or that' to whomever. Reminds me of school recess and sandbox battles.

For every moment we try to untie someone else's gaff, that's a movement away from discovering an effective strategy or enlisting an important journalist's support. I mentioned this before but I'll say it again... if as much energy were to have been expended one year ago on our keyboards contacting journalists with our research, directing a large UFO organization to selectively petition en masse a specified legislator or filling the letters to the editor pages of any given newspaper, we would be that much closer to enlightening the public. Instead too much of what we have done is knock a few heads.

The point of Disclosure Dialogue is to get all that stuffff... out of the way... and focus on our objective of getting at the truth. Anything that dismantles that goal is superfluous.

A metaphor may help.

Most of you out there have played baseball... right? Even we Canadians have done our fair share of it. Ever been up at bat with some bad actor in the fifth row yelling and screaming at you, the umpire, your team or at your mother's ability to dress you in the morning? Potentially very unsettling.

Sometimes it takes everything you have inside of you to stay focused and not leap into the seats and strangle the jerk no matter how loud (or possibly correct!) he might be. Maybe stepping out of the batter's box... may help at first. A glance back into the crowd maybe to eyeball the guy? Maybe... maybe not... you don't want him to know he's getting to you.

No. You re-load. Gather your grit.

Stepping back into the box... you realize... You have a job to do... keep... your eye... on the ball.

Let the crowd deal with the nonsense. They're probably much better at it than you are. Your job is to hit the ball.

Blocking it all out you can hear the silence. The crowd and the jerk in the fifth row have all but disappeared.

All you see is what's before you. The pitcher's arm flails. The ball is released. The pitch comes at you. You are so focused you can actually SEE the stitching on the ball as it rotates towards you. It may even be a curve but because you've tuned out the crap you know exactly where the ball is going to be when you bring the bat around.

And once you do, the ball is struck, perhaps over the fence or into the gap for that deciding run, the jerk in the fifth row runs out of steam real quick as he slumps back into his seat while others around jump to their feet swallowing him in positive wave of enthusiasm. They watch the ball with you. All you have to do is round the bases, finish the job and smile back into the fifth row.

Respectfully Submitted

Victor Viggiani

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## Re: Sci Fi Muscle To Investigate UFOs - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 13:45:13 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 14:40:09 -0400  
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>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2003 12:24:54 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Sci Fi Muscle To Investigate UFOs - Fleming

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>>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 19:44:08 -0300  
>>Subject: Sci Fi Muscle To Investigate UFOs

>>Source: News Day - New York

>><http://www.nynewsday.com/entertainment/nyc-scifi0621,0,6192596.story?coll=nyc-ent-short-navigation>

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>>Fox's storytelling is sober, not sensational. Summing up  
>>incidents at the end of the film, Fox gives the official  
>>government explanations of what happened, and they're often more  
>>ridiculous than the sightings themselves.

>I'm looking forward to watching the program. I hope they  
>continue to give the subject serious coverage, but I also hope  
>they refrain from broadcasting schlock in the future like what I  
>saw on the Sci-Fi channel last week. It aired a program called  
>"The UFO Chronicles" that was so hoaky I found myself  
>involuntarily rolling my eyes.

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>If they really want to promote serious interest in UFOs, this  
>sort of stuff is obviously counterproductive. If they have to  
>fill some air time with reruns, they'd be better off running  
>good science fiction movies.

Lan,

I certainly agree that this type of programming doesn't help to promote the field as a serious one. It's aimed at the casual person who has a passing interest in the field, which involves a vast majority of the UFORIA that we see on the Internet. IMO, there is very little serious research going on, with a lot of un-supported conclusions being promoted by self-proclaimed experts in the field. Of course, that's really a matter of personal preference and beliefs.

When asked about this marginal programming, I was told that they are attempting to establish a time period when people can expect to see UFO (and to some degree paranormal) programming on their network. Out Of The Blue is the first that they've touted as being an important program, and they have a couple of other specials planned for this fall. I believe they'll be making an announcement about those in the next several weeks, but that's a marketing/promotional decision.

The help and assistance that the Sci-Fi Channel can provide to the field is not limited to on-air programming. Certainly good

programming will help to carry the appropriate message to the public and perhaps help to further our cause. But, trying to take on thousands of "experts" who promote their own version of UFO reality is an impossible task. But, if we can turn that interest into support for good research, then in some small way we've accomplished something. And, over time, the Sci-Fi Channel will be able to utilize programming like "Out of the Blue" that it's produced and won't have to rely on pre-existing shows that have been "in the can" for a number of years.

As I've said in an earlier post, Out Of The Blue is a good program, but everyone will find a point or two they would disagree with. The subject is generally handled in a professional manner, and not sensationalized, which I believe is a good thing.

Steve

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## Freedom-of-Information Request To NASA

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Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2003 22:21:02 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 14:23:28 -0400  
Subject: Freedom-of-Information Request To NASA

To: <[foia@hq.nasa.gov](mailto:foia@hq.nasa.gov)>

TO: Ms. Sharon Holgerson  
FOIA Officer for NASA HQ (Code PS)  
U. S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
Washington, DC 20546

FROM: Larry W. Bryant  
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Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: June 22, 2003

The below-quoted content of an advertisement printed in the April 18, 2003, edition of the Fort Myer (Va.)-published weekly newspaper (the Pentagongram) deserves further public inquiry.

Accordingly, under terms of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request that you send me a copy of all NASA-generated and NASA-received records pertaining to the 1975-era incidents/reports/communications/organizations/principals described in the subject advertisement.

In your records search during the processing of this request, I ask that you include the offices and files of the NASA-managed Canberra (Australia) Deep Space Communications Complex (including the Tidbinbilla Tracking Station), as well as any NASA-managed records-holding area to which any copies of the 1975-born telexes (and all related documents) have been consigned since that date. To aid in your search, please contact all current and former NASA key personnel assigned during the 1975 era to the Canberra/Tidbinbilla facilities.

These personnel would include those administrators/supervisors whose duties would've entailed direct knowledge of the sought-for records -- to include the likely current whereabouts of this (obviously) permanently valuable material. As part of your fulfilling this request, please furnish me a copy of all those personnel's responses to your expected records-search query.

Because of the technologically historic, diplomatically crucial, socio-political, and legal nature of the sought-for records, I also ask that your search for them include issuance of an electronic message to all NASA organizational elements worldwide, said message announcing the inauguration of your records search and soliciting comprehensive, timely input from any NASA personnel knowledgeable of the records' current location. If you need help drafting that message, please call upon me for assistance.

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search fees incident to your fulfilling it. In this regard, please note that my requester status as an independent "UFO journalist" recently has been acknowledged by FOIA officials at the U. S. Department of State during their processing of one of my requests.

By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

LARRY W. BRYANT  
Director, Washington, D.C., Office of  
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Text Of The Related Pentagon-Published Advertisement (4/18/03):

Blow the Whistle on "Hostile Aerial Craft"

A brand-new UFO-coverup whistleblower has stepped forward to relay his account of having witnessed some "smoking gun" telexes during his security-guard duty in 1975 at the U.S. embassy in Canberra, Australia.

Emanating from the Tidbinbilla tracking range, these electronic messages reported hostile interference from UFOs with some of our supersecret military satellites.

The reports characterized the interlopers as "hostile aerial craft." If you (or someone you know) have confirmatory evidence of those reports, please contact Larry W. Bryant at 703-931-3341 (e-mail:

[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net) ). Be assured that at least one congressional committee would be interested in evaluating and correlating any evidence you choose to share with us.

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## Controversial NASA Attorney Advising Columbia

From: Moderator <[updates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:updates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 14:45:51 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 14:51:25 -0400  
Subject: Controversial NASA Attorney Advising Columbia

Source: The Houston Chronicle - Texas

<http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mpl/nation/1960571>

June 20, 2003

Controversial NASA Attorney Advising Columbia Commission

By KAREN Masterson

WASHINGTON -- A lawyer who devised ways for NASA to avoid requests under the federal Freedom of Information Act is again working with the agency, this time as legal counsel to the Columbia Accident Investigation Board.

Bill Sikora, a longtime lawyer for NASA, was admonished in 1992 for writing a 1989 memorandum that reportedly instructed NASA employees to use yellow stick-on notes when annotating documents, then directing workers to mix up the stick-ons, making the notes indiscernible in the event they are forcibly made public through a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the law, the public may gain access to government records that are not related to national security. NASA's administrator later called the memo "ill-conceived" and said it resulted from "poor judgment," according to several published sources.

Sikora's memo, part of which was outlined in an article published in a 1992 edition of Columbia Journalism Review, a journalism industry magazine, also suggested that employees destroy unnecessary notes and avoid retaining drafts of documents. Notes that must be kept should be rewritten to minimize any negative impact they may have, should they be disclosed, Sikora counseled. Sikora also discouraged cross-referencing to other NASA documents, so to avoid giving the public context, which would only enhance the information's value.

Rep. Howard Wolpe, a Michigan Democrat who chaired the investigations and oversight panel of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee in 1992, discovered the memo while preparing for a hearing on a project, long since abandoned, that would have put a nuclear-powered space station on the moon.

Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Beaumont, said Thursday he worried that Sikora's participation in the four-month investigation -- during which media organizations and other groups have sought hundreds of records using the Freedom of Information Act -- would hurt the panel's credibility.

"Because of the importance of this investigation, the American people must have full confidence in the ... board or the final report will lack credibility," Lampson said. The investigative panel, led by retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman, is set to deliver its conclusions by late July.

Board spokeswoman Laura Brown confirmed that Sikora, a NASA employee assigned to Glenn Research Center in Ohio, is one of several lawyers who has been helping the board with legal issues

in Houston and Washington, including advising it on compliance with FOIA requests.

"He's a fabulous guy and has an enormous amount of integrity," Brown said.

Regarding the memo incident, Brown said: "It happened a long time ago. We don't have a lot of information, other than the recollection of people, about what happened at the time." She added that the board was unaware of the incident until she was contacted by the Houston Chronicle.

She said Sikora declined the Chronicle's request for an interview.

When the memo was first discovered, government watchdog groups were outraged.

"It was a how-to for NASA officials to evade the disclosure requirements of the FOIA," Steven Aftergood, with the Federation of American Scientists, said Thursday.

He said NASA is "better than some agencies and worse than others in terms of FOIA compliance." But he added that NASA is put in a tough place, because it has a lot of private companies, including foreign companies, attempting to gather technological and contract-related information for competition reasons.

In 1992, the Legal Times reported that NASA officials had recommended that administrative action be taken against Sikora and his boss, Larry Ross, director of the research center. It was unclear what came of the recommended actions. NASA officials could not be reached Thursday evening.

Chronicle reporter Patty Reinert contributed to this story.

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## Another Voice On The Brazilian Hoax - 02

From: **Andrea Zorzeto** <[ufomessenger@yahoo.com](mailto:ufomessenger@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 10:16:06  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 16:25:45 -0400  
Subject: Another Voice On The Brazilian Hoax - 02

Dear Gentlemen,

Via this e-mail, I earnestly request that you treat the case of Mr. Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira with a lot of caution. Mr. Urandir named himself as paranormal and ufologist, according to his words he was contacted for the first time when was thirteen years old. By eighteen years old he was used to make shows of Paranormality the people, for pure exhibition.

Now he is the mentor of "Projeto Portal", where he promises to cure diseases (as cancer and AIDS) and to create a link among the " bidimensional" (us human beings) with the Aliens. Of course all this by means of payment.

Several Brazilian media outlets already exposed Mr, Urandir and besides the same answers for several processes in the justice, for undue appropriation, faith healing and sexual blockade.

As a Brazilian citizen, I am embarrassed for having the knowledge that a countryman like Urambir, is dealing with people's good nature (from your country), in the same way that he did and is still doing here. Smearing the Brazilian citizens' image and my country also.

I believe that sooner or later, you will also notice this gentleman's bad nature, and you will take the needful measures

Best Regards,

Andrea Zorzeto  
Fashion Designer  
Rua Templ=Elrios, 112 -- Vila Formosa  
S=E3o Paulo -- SP  
03357-000 Brazil

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## Another Voice On The Brazilian Hoax - 03

From: **A.J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 14:46:52 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 16:32:38 -0400  
Subject: Another Voice On The Brazilian Hoax - 03

----- Original Message -----

From: [Equipe UFO@yahoo.grupos.com.br](mailto:Equipe_UFO@yahoo.grupos.com.br) ; REINALDO STABOLITO

Dear Sirs:

I would like to inform you that the UFO Community in Brazil is shocked to see that the fraud promoted by Mr. Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira has been widely reported by Ms. Linda Moulton Howe as a real story.

Urandir claims to have contact with Extraterrestrial beings in his property, located in Corguinho, Brazil. Urandir uses this false idea to bring hundreds of people to this farm, and charges them for several services, among which is the entrance ticket. By the means of some magic tricks, Urandir makes a truly bizarre show, which he affirms to be the result of extraterrestrial manifestation. He even shows balloons with battery lights inside at night to a distant audience, saying that they are real UFOs.

Therefore, I would like to inform you all that the Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira Case is one of the greatest hoaxes ever to take place in Brazil. None of his UFO contacts or his so-called wonders are real. Urandir is probably just using Ms. Howe to start expanding his illegal activities to the US territory. If you wish to get more information on Urandir and his illegal activities, please contact Mr. A. J. Gevaerd ([gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)), chief editor of "Revista UFO" (the main UFO magazine in Brazil). He will answer you as promptly as possible and he will be able to tell you all about what really goes on.

Sincerely Yours,

Reinaldo Stabolito

Editorial Board of Revista UFO ([www.ufo.com.br](http://www.ufo.com.br))  
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## Urandir & LM Howe - Lets Finish It!

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <[thiagolt@opendf.com.br](mailto:thiagolt@opendf.com.br)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 15:01:18 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 17:39:36 -0400  
Subject: Urandir & LM Howe - Lets Finish It!

Dear List,

I think that is time to finish this subject about LM Howe and Urandir. We, brazilian ufologists, proved that man is the biggest liar of the Brazilian ufology. A.J. Gevaerd spoke in the USA and showed, first hand everything that we have been saying. What LM Howe is doing is pure despair, because she is being discredited on all of his statements. It is not, nor it was ever, our intention to harm Mrs. Howe, but when we saw that the credibility of Brazilian ufology was being questioned we could ignore it.

I am sure that anybody that still had doubts about the lies and cheating by Mr. Urandir, is already sure that he is not who he claims to be, but a person that takes advantage of the ingenuousness and simple people's despair. We don't know why Ms. Howe insists on defending a lost cause. We don't understand her interest in defending such a person. The thing that saddens us is to see a person that we had so much appreciation for throw away years and years of hard and true work.

Its time to finish it! Or do you still have some doubt?

Regards

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Thiago Luiz Ticchetti  
Vice-Presidente EBE-ET - Brasilia/DF  
International Coordinator UFO Magazine Brazil

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## Another Voice On The Brazilian Hoax - 04

From: Lucia Menta <[lucia.menta@dglnet.com.br](mailto:lucia.menta@dglnet.com.br)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 15:26:59 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 17:50:39 -0400  
Subject: Another Voice On The Brazilian Hoax - 04

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Sincerely Yours,

Lucia Menta

[www.infinitetv.com.br](http://www.infinitetv.com.br)

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## SCIFI.COM - Tuesday Declassified

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 12:48:06 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 17:53:08 -0400  
Subject: SCIFI.COM - Tuesday Declassified

Hi Everyone!

For those who get the SciFi channel on their TV, you may be interested in these two important shows about UFOs to be shown tomorrow:

'The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence' (7 pm) and the Network TV Premiere of 'Out of the Blue' (9 pm).

<http://www.scifi.com/onair/declassified/>

Also, check out the following related CNN news story about SciFi TV and their plans to find tell the world the truth about UFOs.

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/SHOWBIZ/TV/06/23/apontv.ufoprobe.ap/index.html>

Nick Balaskas

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## Eastern Sky Watchers: Strange Cloud Alert Tonight

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 17:56:24 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 18:49:01 -0400  
Subject: Eastern Sky Watchers: Strange Cloud Alert Tonight

Visit Spaceweather.com for more information. If you happen to see the clouds tonight and take pictures of them, please submit your images to spaceweather.com for possible web publication.

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From: SpaceWeather.com <[swlist@spaceweather.com](mailto:swlist@spaceweather.com)>  
To: SpaceWeather.com <[swlist@spaceweather.com](mailto:swlist@spaceweather.com)>  
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2003 4:13 PM  
Subject: Eastern US Sky Watchers: be alert for strange clouds tonight

Space Weather News for June 23, 2003

<http://spaceweather.com>

Prospects look good on June 23rd for the launch of four rockets from Wallops Island, Virginia. Harmless chemicals released by three of the rockets will create some lovely high-altitude clouds visible from parts of the US east coast. Sky watchers near coastal Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, Washington DC, and possibly parts of lower New York and Pennsylvania are favored. The launch window extends from 9:30 p.m. to 2:24 a.m. EDT.

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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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## Sverdlovsk Region Haunted By Green UFO

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 19:04:21 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 18:56:01 -0400  
Subject: Sverdlovsk Region Haunted By Green UFO

Source: Pravda - RU

[http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/10299\\_UFOgreen.html](http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/10299_UFOgreen.html)

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Sverdlovsk Region Haunted by Green UFO

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On the night of June 20, citizens of the Russian cities of Yekaterinburg and Pervouralsk observed an unidentified flying object high in the skies. Witnesses describe the phenomenon as something resembling a bright beautiful comet.

The strange object was moving underneath clouds. The UFO brightly lit the night sky and disappeared. However, many of the witnesses managed to take pictures of the phenomenon and filmed it.

For the time being, neither local astronomers nor emergency situation services have commented upon the phenomenon. It is not clear what effect the flying object exerted upon the witnesses. According to UralPolit.ru, the Air Defense hasn't issued any comments upon the event yet.

In fact, the observation of the phenomenon was rather unique, as the object was filmed by several cameramen from all the sides.

A green UFO has been observed in the skies over Yekaterinburg for about two years. People from the Turinsky district (Yekaterinburg region) have an opportunity to observe a green spherical luminous object flying in the sky every evening.

An eye-witness, journalist from the local newspaper Izvestia Tur Raisa Tomilova says that the local UFO is a small green object of a bulb size. The object can be seen only at night in any season. The locals have already got used to the phenomenon over the past two years.

The green object moves along the same trajectory: it emerges in the sky right above the local match-making factory, then it slowly moves along the Tura River towards the pulp and paper plant, turns toward a railway bridge and withdraws to the city of Tavda.

It is interesting that eye-witnesses feel nervous and anxious each time the green object emerges in the sky; local fishermen observe the phenomenon oftener than other people and say the object intensifies their thirst for alcoholic drinks.

Specialists cannot so far explain why the green object appears in the city of Turinsk. The locals are inclined to think the object is piloted by aliens who watch the life on the Earth from space.



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## Blocked List-Mail - 06-24-03

From: Moderator - UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
Date: Tues, 24 Jun 2003 08:09:37 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 08:25:23 -0400  
Subject: Blocked List-Mail - 06-24-03

Bell Sympatico is still trying to remedy the Port 25 problem that is preventing List-Mail from going out.

A Sympatico senior tech called yesterday to ask that the port 25 connection be tested. It still didn't. They continue to "work on the problem."

Posts for the List still make it through, to the UFO UpDates in-box. Although its still taking a while for many subscribers to make their way here, to the Archive and read the problem-related posts, and the following:

Subscribers should feel free to copy and paste into their e-mail apps. any posts here, at the Archive, that they wish to respond to and mail them to the usual address:

[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

Please check back here for further updates. As soon as the 'pipe' is cleared, List-Mail will again resume, directly to subscribers mailboxes.

Errol Bruce-Knapp  
Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

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## Re: Sverdlovsk Region Haunted By Green UFO - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 21:08:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 08:30:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Sverdlovsk Region Haunted By Green UFO - Oberg

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2003 19:04:21 -0300  
>Subject: Sverdlovsk Region Haunted By Green UFO

>Source: Pravda - RU

>[http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/10299\\_UFOgreen.html](http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/10299_UFOgreen.html)

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>witnesses managed to take pictures of the phenomenon and filmed it.

It was just the Molniya-M launch from Plesetsk Jun 19 at 20:00 UTC, that resulted in an UFO-like celestial pattern visible from as far south as from Moscow. Multiple observers saw the movement of the launch vehicle and its trail and gas envelope. Some freaked out enough to report It to UFO groups such as above.

It passed across South America about half an hour after sunset, while the sky was still bright. When these kinds of spacecraft, which fire engines and dump a cloud of excess fuel over South America, pass over between one and two hours after sunset, they spark OVNI reports throughout Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, and southern Brazil. They have been doing so for more than thirty years.

See this twenty-year-old article from FATE about how this type of pseudo-OVNI was solved.

[http://www.debunker.com/texts/giant\\_ufo.html](http://www.debunker.com/texts/giant_ufo.html)

-- Jim Oberg

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## High-Priority Request For Assistance

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 02:06:24 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 08:36:35 -0400  
Subject: High-Priority Request For Assistance

To: <[jim.moran@mail.house.gov](mailto:jim.moran@mail.house.gov)>

TO: Hon. James P. Moran  
U. S. House of Representatives  
ATTN: District Office (Mike Touset)  
5115 Franconia Road -- Suite B  
Alexandria, VA 22310

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

DATE: June 24, 2003

As each day passes since June 11, 2003 (the date I learned of the Fort Myer (Va.) decision to reject my advertisement "Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia' Resolution, as submitted to the commercial printer of the Myer-published weekly newspaper called the Pentagram), I now incur the compounded, irreparable harm caused by that unconstitutional rejection.

Accordingly, I ask that you intercede on my behalf in this matter by:

(1) Relaying to the secretary of the Army my letter-of-complaint e-mailed and snail-mailed to the Myer commander on June 11, 2003 -- to which I've received no reply. (See the letter's content reproduced below.)

(2) Asking the secretary to (a) immediately overrule Col. Christopher G. Essig's rejection of my ad submission and (b) order the colonel and his staff to refrain from interfering with any of my (and anyone else's) future submissions.

(3) Expediting your action on this request so as to help prevent additional harm to my First Amendment rights.

By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

Thank you for this and any other assistance you can render me in countering Myer's unlawful and unsustainable course of action/inaction in this matter.

LARRY W. BRYANT

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TEXT OF THE L.W.B. LETTER-OF-COMPLAINT (6/11/03)

From: Larry W. Bryant  
Sent: Wed, Jun 11, 2003 3:24pm  
To: <[christensenn@fmmc.army.mil](mailto:christensenn@fmmc.army.mil)>; <[essigC@fmmc.army.mil](mailto:essigC@fmmc.army.mil)>; <[pentagram@fmmc.army.mil](mailto:pentagram@fmmc.army.mil)>  
Subject: Request for Rescission of the FMMC Rejection of My Pentagram Ad

TO: Colonel Christopher G. Essig, USA  
Commander, Fort Myer Military Community  
Fort Myer, VA 22211-1199

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

DATE: June 11 , 2003

Word has come to me that your public affairs office objects to, and has chosen to reject for publication, my announcement ad "Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia' Resolution," which I sent via e-mail to the Pentagon newspaper's printer (Comprint Military Publications of Gaithersburg, Md.) on June 7, 2003 (see the below-quoted content thereof).

Accordingly, I ask that you explain to me your command's reason for objecting to, and rejecting, this perfectly legitimate, First Amendment-protected "issues ad" prepared and submitted by a member of the Pentagon's readership.

Assuming you have no First Amendment-supportable reason for your staff's adverse action in this matter, I hereby ask that you (1) immediately rescind the rejection and (2) direct your staff to refrain from any further interference with the ad's prompt publication.

LARRY W. BRYANT

P.S. Please note that, by Certified Mail No. 7002 0460 0001 7272 9353, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

Copy furnished to: Mark S. Zaid, Esq. (Washington, D. C.)

BLOW THE WHISTLE ON BUSH'S "GULF OF PERSIA" RESOLUTION !

History shows that presidential lying constitutes an impeachable offense. If Bush has lied to the world about his No. 1 reason for waging war against Iraq, then he should be impeached. If enough whistleblowers on this issue decide to come forward, their evidence may be enough to guarantee that impeachment. And if you happen to be (or know someone who is) one of those Deep Throats, please make yourself known to Larry W. Bryant at: 3518 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302; phone: 703-931-3341; e-mail: [overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net) . Armed with your evidence ("leaked" or otherwise), we can begin establishing a whistleblower reward fund toward achieving Pres. Bush's full accountability as to what he knew (and when he knew it) about the veracity of his statements and acts. (And: since our defense officials affirm the efficacy of polygraph testing for their employees, let's demand that Bush undergo a lie-detector test on this issue!)

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## Burnett Heads UFO

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Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 08:42:59 -0400  
Subject: Burnett Heads UFO

Source: ABC Wide Bay - Queensland, Australia

<http://www.abc.net.au/widebay/stories/s886765.htm> (with photos)

Tuesday, 24 June 2003

Reporter: Lachie Campbell and Rob Messenger

Presenter: Rob Messenger

One listener, Elaine from Burnett Heads, dropped into the ABC Wide Bay studios with a photo she took in winter, 2002.

This is Elaine's UFO story.

"We were on our yacht, moored at the marina near Burnett Heads.

"It was about mid morning last year, during winter. The TAFE training vessel was out on the water with a lot of people on it. They were obviously doing a practise run on how to jump into a life raft; about six at a time were jumping in at a time.

"So I was taking photos thinking this was an interesting exercise that you don't see often. My husband and I probably took five photos or so over an hour during their training.

"When we got the photos back one had a round thing in the picture that we couldn't explain!

"Before this photo, I had never seen UFOs. I must say that now my mind is open to the idea of a UFO," said Elaine.

"I've shown lots of people who said it must have been a spot on the lens or the negative, but none of the other photos had it, and it doesn't look like a mark or a spot, it's quite round," she said.

Interesting story! The above three photos digitally zoom in on her original she brought in.

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## Another Voice On The Brazilian Hoax - 05

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Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 04:58:36 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 08:46:49 -0400  
Subject: Another Voice On The Brazilian Hoax - 05

Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira Is a Fraud

I would like to inform you that the UFO Community in Brazil is shocked to see that the fraud promoted by Mr. Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira has been widely reported by Ms. Linda Moulton Howe as a real story.

Urandir claims to have contact with Extraterrestrial beings in his property, located in Corguinho, Brazil. Urandir uses this false idea to bring hundreds of people to this farm, and charges them for several services, among which is the entrance ticket. By the means of some magic tricks, Urandir makes a truly bizarre show, which he affirms to be the result of extraterrestrial manifestation. He even shows balloons with battery lights inside at night to a distant audience, saying that they are real UFOs.

Therefore, I would like to inform you all that the Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira Case is one of the greatest hoaxes ever to take place in Brazil. None of his UFO contacts or his so-called wonders is real. Urandir is probably just using Ms. Howe to start expanding his illegal activities to the US territory. If you wish to get more information on Urandir and his illegal activities, please contact Mr. A. J. Gevaerd ([gevaerd@ufo.com.br](mailto:gevaerd@ufo.com.br)), chief editor of "Revista UFO" (the main UFO magazine in Brazil). He will answer you as promptly as possible and he will be able to tell you all about what really goes on.

Reinaldo Stabolito

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## Get the Facts Straight On Brazilian Hoax

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Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 08:53:33 -0400  
Subject: Get the Facts Straight On Brazilian Hoax

Lets be honest,

1. A good investigative journalist is objective.
2. A good investigative journalist doesn t get personal with the person being investigated.
3. A good investigative journalist doesn t accept payment in any form.
4. A good investigative journalist doesn t sensationalize or slant a story (UFO and abduction stories do not need hype - they are amazing already)
5. A good investigative journalist reports in the best interest of the public and not for self interest or for financial gain.
6. A good investigative journalist reports the truth.

A good investigative journalist, although never perfect at least strives for these objectives.

A.J. Gevaerd is a good investigator and is commended for assisting former followers of a UFO cult prosecute for consumer fraud and for giving them a voice.

Facts:

1. A recent interview shows Urandir Oliveira denies knowledge of his own "Project Vestibule (Portal)" - the selling of land with the promise of ET salvation. (Did he forget his sign over his own front door of one of his building and the project in which he comments numerous times to newspapers and TV?)
2. Linda Moulton Howe has yet to interview anyone who has left the "farm" UFO sect compound who feels they have been scammed.
3. Linda has yet to have a translator other than Branco who is Urandir's business partner and the person who paid her way to Brazil and hosted her for two weeks.
4. Linda has yet to interview Urandir's former lawyer L=Fctz Netto who represented the three individuals who brought about the charges that led to Urandir s arrest through a judge and police department.
5. Urandir have yet to state what produce he is "farming" "his goal is to be an organic farmer".
6. Linda has yet to ask Urandir why he was quoted in Zero Hora Newspaper as saying he himself was arrested because of a domestic fight with his ex-wife. Perhaps there wouldn t be questions if a simple interview had been done with the local police department.

Odd, Urandir is suddenly doing the "sympathy" act of "I got shot" with unfounded allegations toward Gevaerd. Not like he already doesn't have over a hundred people who are mad at him for having scammed them of thousands of dollars. Sound familiar?

Ala Johnathan Reed?

Please note this device is commonly used among scammers to create sympathy and divert attention from the facts. Sex is also a common practice to garner followers.

Getting the Facts Straight

Gevaerd never published allegations involving Urandir's wife.

The allegation comes from a quote by Urandir himself claimed to Zero Hora Newspaper of "Once I was arrested because of a domestic fight with my ex-wife with another woman, but there was nothing.".... - Zero Hora Newspaper, March 27, 2000

A document showing no legal judgments against Urandir Oliveira can be bought for \$50 anywhere in Brazil and essentially does not lessen the validity of a police arrest or the fact that several land purchasers felt they were defrauded.

Urandir was arrested with a judicial order, issued by a regular judge in Rio Grande do Sul after observing documentation presented by a lawyer representing three former land owners of Project Portal . Land ownership documentation forwarded by A.J. Gevaerd was received directly from a public notary in Brazil, - the proper authority showing the land Urandir Oliveira was selling was not his. It was a legal police arrest and is documented in the lawsuit proceedings.

Urandir s bullet wound?

A.J. Gevaerd states Urandir hurt himself with a piece of wood from a wired fence in front of three people, one of them a former co-worker from Belo Horizonte, Fabiana Matias. About a month after that, while talking to a small group, Urandir said that he was shot and showed the scar, again in front of Fabiana, who immediately interrupted and said that it wasn't true. Then Urandir said it was and that he was shot. A.J. Gevaerd says this is the origin of this fabrication.

Urandir claims Gevaerd used his truck in an attack?

Gevaerd states the police record says "green truck", and now Urandir is stating a dark truck. Urandir has at least 4 different versions he has told to the police and people, this is why nobody believes him.

Urandir filed a lawsuit against Gevaerd and Gevaerd presented 8 witnesses to confirm that he was in Campo Grande, working with my 12 employees, the very day Urandir claims he was attacked. one of the witnesses Gevaerd presented to confirm his version was a colonel of the State Environmental Police.

Additionally, the story of an attack was apparently invented at the residence of a respected lady in Belo Horizonte - Urandir s attorney s sister-in-law. She interrupted the story and said she would not tolerate such a scam from them, and she did not. She called A.J. Gevaerd and offered to be his witness. In addition, all 3 witnesses Urandir had of the attack refused to testify and two eventually sent A.J. Gevaerd written letters saying this was all a scam.

More information on Urandir Oliveira and the "Project Portal" at <http://www.seattlechatclub.org/urandir.html>

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## Freemasons Jackie Gleason UFOs

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Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 06:49:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 08:55:41 -0400  
Subject: Freemasons Jackie Gleason UFOs

Today is Tuesday, June 24, the 175th day of 2003. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On this date:

In 1314, the forces of Scotland's King Robert I defeated the English in the Battle of Bannockburn.

In 1348, King Edward III of England, a great follower of the legendary King Arthur and the Round Table, founded The Order of the Garter.

In 1497, the first recorded sighting of North America by a European took place as explorer John Cabot, on a voyage for England, spotted land, probably in present-day Canada.

In 1717, the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was formed in London.

In 1859, Henri Dunant, a Swiss businessman travelling through Italy, saw the aftermath of the Battle of Solferino and was inspired to found the International Red Cross. Dunant, secretly, was a Freemason, and the Order of the Red Cross is one of the highest in Freemasonry.

In 1878, the St. John Ambulance was formally formed, as the St. John Ambulance Association. The order actually originally began in the Holy Land in 1099, to provide care for the sick and injured during the Crusades (723).

In 1908, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, died in Princeton, N.J., at age 71.

In 1947, the series of "flying saucer" stories started when a pilot, Kenneth Arnold, reported seeing nine disc-shaped objects over Mount Rainier, Washington.

In 1964, Frank Scully, UFO author and an early promoter of a US Southwest "crashed saucer" story, died.

In 1967, two British UFO contactees, Arthur Bryant and Richard Church, died. News of the sudden death, a few hours before Bryant's death, of Frank Edwards, a popular UFO author, stunned delegates assembled for the 1967 Congress of Scientific Ufologists in New York City=B9s Hotel Commodore on this date.

In 1969, German rocket scientist and UFO author Willy Ley died.

In 1975, 113 people were killed when an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1983, the space shuttle "Challenger" - carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride - coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1987, comedian-actor Jackie Gleason died at his home in Fort

Lauderdale, Fla., at age 71. Gleason had one of the greatest UFO book collections in the world. A story circulated by Gleason's ex-wife, Beverly, had Gleason actually viewing the bodies of several aliens who died when their craft crashed in the Southwest. Gleason named his Peekskill, New York, home "The Mothership" and had architects build everything in the round to resemble a flying saucer.

In 1997, the Air Force released a report on the so-called "Roswell Incident," suggesting the alien bodies witnesses reported seeing in 1947 were actually life-sized dummies.

For more information on the significance of June 24th, St. John's Day, see:

Mothman and Other Curious Encounters

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1931044341/mothmanbooks-20>

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## Another View Of June 24th

From: Loren Coleman <[lcolemal@maine.rr.com](mailto:lcolemal@maine.rr.com)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 07:23:17 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 08:58:43 -0400  
Subject: Another View Of June 24th

It has been observed that there is

"...the notion that at least one of the objects seen by Kenneth Arnold over Washington State on June 24, 1947, was a Northrop flying wing. According to [UFO activist Peter] Gersten, Arnold's original account refers to nine 'bright objects' without 'tails' that fluttered and tipped their 'wings.' Arnold's illustration of one of the craft even indicates that it was crescent-shaped. 'The clincher,' says Gersten, 'is a photograph taken in the late Forties showing nine of these flying wings on a runway in California. Arnold himself thought he saw something the government was testing. That was everybody's first thought.'"

--Page 108, Swamp Gas Times by Patrick Huyghe

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1931044279/mothmanbooks-20>

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## UFO Drives Russian Fishermen To Drink

From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 09:39:42 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 10:03:25 -0400  
Subject: UFO Drives Russian Fishermen To Drink

Source: Ananova, UK

[http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm\\_793482.html](http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_793482.html)

Fishermen in Russia say they have been driven to drink by a UFO that regularly passes over them.

Fishermen near Yekaterinburg, Western Russia, claim to have repeatedly seen the small green UFO over the last two years.

Some locals admitted they become anxious when they see the object, described by eyewitnesses as a small green object the size of a light bulb and most recently sighted on June 20.

But local fishermen, who claim to see it more often than anyone else, say that every time it passes over them they have an almost unquenchable thirst for alcohol, Pravda.ru reported.

Story filed: 11:28 Tuesday 24th June 2003

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## Re: High-Priority Request For Assistance - Connors

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Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 07:12:33 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 10:31:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: High-Priority Request For Assistance - Connors

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 02:06:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: High-Priority Request For Assistance

<snip>

One more time. Just what the hell does this have to do with the study and research of Ufology? Quick answer...ZIP. You are doing great damage to Ufology and other researchers.

What are you? Some kind of Twit?

Wendy Connors

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## Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

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Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 12:59:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

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>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 16:29:44 -0500  
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>>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 13:43:18 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

I have gone through, propagated and calculated the TDRS and STS-48 Earth Centered Inertial coordinates. I only get a .3 second trip time from STS to JSC via TDRS-West and White Sands. For 258:20:39:22:349 (the lower video clock), the difference looks like 2.2 sec. So the lag doesn't match just the trip time. Either there are errors in the time tags (1 or both) or more goes into the signal transfer than the obvious travel time (conversion?). I will try to see if I can get an explanation for the extra time.

Looking at the TDRS signals, I was hoping to use those to calibrate the time tag. But there are complexities my software can't address (geolocational Earth radius) plus things I don't know (direct line of sight of TDRS by STS versus some signal bending by ionosphere). Anyway, picking out some LOS times, I generally find a 13 to 50 sec difference between the JSC recording time (upper clock) and the time TDRS should pass out of view. The scenelist transposes the TDRS-East and West sometimes.

I examined your 1.5 minute jump. I have to admit that it looks strange. I can guess that it has nothing to do with the actual signal, but with a master tape that has been copied too many times (although it doesn't explain all of what you have found).

What is really needed is a detailed explanation (timing sequence) of the whole process of getting a signal from video to tape.

The 'back-up' time tag was not MY idea, but what I was told by NASA folk. They said when no IRIG was sent by STS, then their ground unit provides the IRIG. How (or even why) this is done exactly was not explained.

I have always considered the time tags pretty reliable, but have never needed them to be <2 second accurate as you need them to be.

The curved trajectories could simply be a function of the type of lens, its field of view and the particle moving close to the video camera (as opposed to far away). I have seen a number of these on NASA video. Its certainly not sublimation.

You say ground sightings can be discounted even with multiple radar confirmation, visual confirmation, and reliable witnesses? How about ground traces and radiation?

You think NASA's video are more reliable because they are averse to UFOs and would not hoax them. But if they really believed

that UFOs were a possibility (and they should know what with their military and national security contacts), do you think they would show ANY UFOs to the public on NASA video? And if they didn't believe it, but saw ONE UFO image in their public NASA video, do you think they would continue to blithely display NASA video with the possibility of even more UFOs showing up? Don't you think that if there were possible UFOs on NASA video, NASA would edit out the UFOs (encrypt, edit)? But don't you think that if they were doing this, then the editors would also have to remove ALL possible UFO looking objects (every ice and debris piece that MAY be a UFO, but the editors can't know for sure)? Since we see a lot of ice and debris up to this day, can't we assume that NASA is not editing the 'UFOs' out of the video? I think that only other explanation is that NASA is incompetent and that they can't even tell a UFO when they see it. That seems unlikely in the national security arena which NASA HAS to have some part of being a government agency

My statement that debris particles and an alien spaceship CAN look the same is based on the fact that nearby debris that is tumbling and moving in a straight line, flaring as it hits the Sun mimics the typical traditional idea of an alien spaceship at a distance. Unless you have the debris pass between the camera and some STS/ISS structure, there is no way to tell the distance and size.

While I admit there are time tag questions to be resolved, I do not think we can throw out the video time tags as you wish to do and use some inaccurate star transit method to determine the time.

Congratulations on getting something from the NASA FOI Office.

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## SUPREME COURT TURNS AWAY REYNOLDS CHALLENGE

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected a challenge to its landmark 1953 ruling in *U.S. v. Reynolds* in which the plaintiffs were denied access to an Air Force accident report on grounds that it contained "state secrets."

Earlier this year, the surviving plaintiffs and their heirs petitioned the Court to revisit the matter, arguing that they and the Court itself had been defrauded by the government. Recently declassified records, they said, revealed that the government's original claim of state secrecy was false. The Court had relied on the sworn statements of Air Force officials, but the officials had lied, the petitioners argued.

The case raised the most profound questions of government integrity, the proper boundaries of judicial deference to the executive branch, and the judicial system's ability to correct its own errors.

But it was a missed opportunity. The petitioners' motion for leave to merely file their petition (*In re Patricia J. Herring et al*) was denied by the Supreme Court without comment on June 23.

Meanwhile, *U.S. v. Reynolds* lives on, having been cited as precedent hundreds of times in recent decades, up to and including this year.

Legally, its status is unaffected. But for some attentive members of the public, the fifty year old decision now carries an asterisk, a taint of suspected fraud.

The petitioners' story is told in a remarkable three-part series in the *South Jersey Courier-Post* entitled "State Secrets" by Matt Katz, published June 22-24:

<http://www.courierpostonline.com/statesecrets/>

## MARBURGER ON SCIENCE AND SECURITY

In a speech last week, White House science advisor Dr. John Marburger reiterated yet again that the Bush Administration had no intention of imposing security controls on unclassified

scientific research.

Though he did not mention the term, his remarks appeared to rule out the application of the controversial "sensitive but unclassified" control marking in the domain of science. At the same time, he suggested that this message had not yet reached all quarters.

"In my public and private communications with the science and higher education communities, I have urged that incidents thought to be in violation of that policy be communicated to my office. In some cases during the past year, we have contacted agencies with suggestions," he said without elaboration.

Dr. Marburger spoke on June 19 at the Roundtable on Scientific Communication and National Security convened by the National Academies of Science. See the text of his remarks here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2003/06/ostp061903.html>

#### BOOK: THE WAR ON OUR FREEDOMS

There is no denying the post-September 11 upheaval in civil liberties, which encompasses a whole constellation of issues from immigration rights and freedom of expression to judicial process and official secrecy.

Yet given the scope of the unfolding changes, "press coverage and public attention have been muted," according to Richard C. Leone of The Century Foundation. In order "to bolster debate," the Foundation has published a new collection of essays entitled "The War on Our Freedoms: Civil Liberties in an Age of Terrorism."

Among numerous interesting pieces written from a civil libertarian perspective is one on government secrecy by former White House chief of staff John Podesta. For more information see:

<http://www.waronourfreedoms.com/>

#### INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT ON NIMA WITHDRAWN

A recent Department of Defense Inspector General (DoDIG) report on contracting practices at the National Imagery and Mapping Agency has been removed from the DoDIG web site at NIMA's request.

"NIMA discovered the report contained organizational numbers and functions that are exempt from disclosure to the public," according to a NIMA statement.

See "DOD IG Pulls Report Off Web Site" by Dan Caterinicchia, Federal Computer Week, June 23:

<http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0623/web-nima-06-23-03.asp>

A copy of the withdrawn IG report, which found notable defects in NIMA contracting, is nevertheless available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/nima/ig060603.pdf>

#### BILLS INTRODUCED ON FOIA, DECLASSIFICATION

The "Restoration of Freedom of Information Act of 2003" was introduced last week by Reps. Frank and Udall to narrow, but not eliminate, the broad FOIA exemption for critical infrastructure information that was included in last year's Homeland Security Act. The new bill, HR 2526, corresponds to a similar Senate measure, S. 609, introduced in March by Senators Leahy and Levin. See HR 2526 here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2003/hr2526.html>

The "Human Rights Information Act" was reintroduced by Rep. Tom Lantos and numerous co-sponsors to expedite the declassification of records related to human rights violations abroad. The bill

would assign responsibility for overseeing and implementing the declassification process to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel. See the text of the bill, introduced June 19, here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2003/hr2534.html>

1989 NASA MEMO ON FOIA EVASION RESURFACES

"A lawyer who devised ways for NASA to avoid requests under the federal Freedom of Information Act is again working with the agency, this time as legal counsel to the Columbia Accident Investigation Board," reported Karen Masterson in the Houston Chronicle.

See "Controversial NASA attorney advising Columbia commission," June 20:

<http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mpl/space/1960571>

The reference is to an unfortunate 1989 internal memorandum which provided tips on evading the requirements of the FOIA and described ways to "render any information released significantly less meaningful."

The memo originally surfaced in 1992 in the course of an investigation by then-Rep. Howard Wolpe into the ill-fated SP-100 space nuclear reactor program. Upon Wolpe's protest, the memo was promptly disavowed by NASA.

The author was evidently a novice at stonewalling the public. If he had followed his own advice, he would never have put this information in writing.

The text of the 1989 NASA memo is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/nasafoia89.html>

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## MUFON Contact Info Canada

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Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 12:24:40 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 15:49:44 -0400  
Subject: MUFON Contact Info Canada

2003.06.24

Dear List:

This post to the list didn't go through last night so I'm resending.

These changes within MUFON's ranks/contact particulars are effective immediately.

Thanks!

Regards,  
Eugene H. Frison.

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## Re: Has ET Landed In Brazil? - Hale

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Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 15:56:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Has ET Landed In Brazil? - Hale

Hi All,

Furthermore to my recent request for good Brazilian Contact cases, I wonder if those Brazilian researchers on UpDates, could answer a few more questions.

From your research and experience, regarding close-up sightings, and UFO contact cases, over a period of 40 years, submitted to you by all aspects of Brazilian society - public & official - can you tell me in opinion, if any of the cases that fit the above - including Varginha - could be of ET origin?

If the answer is no, then do the Brazilian researchers on this List, have a more detailed explanation as to the majority of the reported UFO cases, in and around Brazil?

Also, could you tell us, if the Brazilian government, or military - secret or other-wise - have had, or do take any interest in these UFO reports and sightings?

Is there a government department for all UFO sightings and data?

Have there been any committees, set up inside Brazilian politics, who have explored the UFO enigma?

Are there any official published papers on the Brazilian UFO reports?

Are there ample Brazilian UFO researchers out there, who lobby their parliament for information on the UFO subject?

If so, where can I find their readings and questions?

Regards,

Roy

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### UFO FRIGHTENS A TOWN IN SAUDI ARABIA

"An unidentified flying object fell to Earth in the southern Jizan region" of Saudi Arabia, located about 700 kilometers (420 miles) southwest of Riyadh, the national capital. "last Monday (June 2, 2003), and experts believed it could be part of a spy plane that invaded Saudi airspace."

"Witnesses told the daily newspaper al-Watan that the object looked like a flying saucer and radiated light."

"A number of people in the town of Raith, about 220 kilometers (132 miles) northeast of Jizan, watched the strange object fall at about 9 a.m. on Monday."

"The fall of the object sent shock waves through the area and frightened cattle. People ran away from the object and observed it from a distance."

"Abdul Rahman al-Osaimi, governor of Raith, told the Arabic daily that he visited the area where the object had fallen, adding that it had frightened the residents."

"'The object was not big, but it scared the people,' the governor said."

"Informed sources told al-Watan that (Saudi) security officers visited the site to inspect the object and interview witnesses."

"Salman al-Raithi, a resident of Raith, told the daily (newspaper) that he had watched the object flying at low altitude and then fall on the ground."

"Wadi Amoud (a nearby oasis--A.K.) has seen a number of strange incidents over the years. Once it witnessed the emergence of poisonous black water from a well, which the superstitious used to treat diseases, forcing the Saudi authorities to cover the well." (See the Saudi newspaper al-Watan for June 8, 2003. Also the Arab News for June 10, 2003. Many thanks to Ayesha al-Khatabi and Mahmoud Ahmad for this news story.)

### TRIANGULAR UFOs SEEN IN WORCESTER AND HENDON

A new UFO flap has broken out in UK. "A triangular object with a shiny tail behind it has been sighted across

the Worcester skies."

"A man in St. John's claims he saw the strange triangular shape with six lights on the left-hand side and six lights on the right-hand side on Tuesday, June 3 (2003), around 1 a.m."

"It was moving towards the Malvern area with a shining tail behind it."

"The witness rang Contact International UFO Research, in Oxfordshire, to tell them of his sighting."

"On Saturday, May 31 (2003), a man and his wife, also from St. John's, say they spotted a white light above Worcester Cathedral."

"The light suddenly shot off towards the Birmingham direction (north--J.T.)," said Michael Soper, spokesman for Contact International."

"And in Kidderminster, on Wednesday night (June 4, 2003), two people say they saw a pearl-shaped object flying over Coventry Street as they were driving home."

"It was hovering in the sky; then it darted out of sight," said Mr. Soper, "We can't speculate on what any of these objects are."

"Mr. Soper said he received the phone calls after the Evening News reported how a man walking his dog near Litchfield Street, Stourport-on-Severn, saw six strange lights flying silently across the sky in a southwesterly direction over Stourport-on-Severn on Saturday, May 31 (2003)."

"The Evening News told people in the Malvern area to look out for unexplained objects after three triangular objects were seen moving southwest over Birmingham on the same night."

On Monday, June 16, 2003, at 7:08 p.m., eyewitness N.C. "saw a UFO appear from the left" in Hendon, near London. He reported, "It was flying high with green flashing lights. It was heading left, and my friend, who had binoculars for Sports Day, says he saw little red men. I then fainted. It was all very scary. Before I fainted, I took a quick look and saw something red."

N.C. added that the UFO "was shiny with green lights round," and was at an estimated altitude "of 1,500 metres (5,000 feet), unsure of speed." (See This Is Worcester for June 13, 2003, "Is there anybody there? County in grip of UFO flap." Many thanks to Robert Fischer for this news story. Hendon was an Email Form Report.)

#### MYSTERY LIGHT TRAIL SEEN IN NORTHERN TASMANIA

"A mystery trail of flying light soared through the sky across Tasmania," the large island off the southern coast of Australia, the night of Wednesday, June 18, 2003.

"Speculation was rife after the light-show direct from outer space--possibly space junk--re-entered the Earth's orbit like a giant shooting star."

"Hobart and Launceston airport towers both witnessed the spectacle."

"Tasmanian police received calls from witnesses across the (island) state who thought they had seen multi-coloured distress flares."

"Acting Sergeant Karina Parker said the reports had been baffling instantly, since there was no sign of any boats in distress."

"Each of the callers rang in reporting a flare of a different colour. It was obviously spectacular," she said."

"The calls lit up the police switchboard at 8:05 p.m."

"We've had calls from Cambridge, Huonville and north of state, as well," she said."

"Police were later in contact with Hobart and Launceston airports, which both saw the lights and believed they looked like an enormous shooting star."

"It appears it was a giant shooting star which fell out of the sky and exploded into all different colours," Acting Sergeant Parker said."

"Night workers at Launceston airport said it was the biggest shooting star in memory."

"However, there was also speculation the light display could have been a meteor, a satellite burning up or other space junk."

"An airport worker said an incoming pilot also witnessed the flash of light and reported seeing a 're-entry,' which is industry jargon for space junk returning to Earth."

"He said the light was definitely not an aurora australis, which are frequent at this time of year."

"However, there were reports in other parts of southern Tasmania of southern lights--aurora australis."

"'It looked to me like a shooting star--the biggest I've ever seen,' he said." (See the Hobart Mercury for June 19, 2003, "Mystery over bright sky light." Many thanks to Gerry Lovell for forwarding this newspaper article.)

#### WEIRD GREEN METEOR SEEN OVER NEW ZEALAND

"A rare bright green meteor flew across the sky early on Thursday, June 12, 2003, surprising early risers" in New Zealand.

"Denise Buckton of Auckland's Blockhouse Bay said she gasped when she saw the object from her living room window. 'It was fun to look at. It had the same brightness as a flare.'"

"Stardome Observatory spokesman Warren Hurley said the meteor was particularly bright and larger than average, at 20 to 50 centimeters in diameter. It flew across at 7:07 a.m., providing a rare daytime spectacle."

"It was first visible at an altitude of 80 kilometers (50 miles) in the north and about 20 kilometers (12 miles) when last seen in the south."

"'It's rare to seem them of that size,' Mr. Hurley said."

"It travelled from Whangarei to Edendale, near Invercargill, and was visible for ten seconds down the east coast of New Zealand." (Many thanks to John Hayes, Amanda Kyne and Diane Harrison of the Australian UFO Research Network, AUFORN, for this news story.)

#### READER FEEDBACK:

DUCK, DEBBIE! IT'S THE "CURSE  
OF THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES!"

Looks like cryptozoologist and paranormal researcher Loren Coleman has the last word on "the curse of The Mothman Prophecies." (See UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 22 for June 18, 2003, "1931: Before Mothman," page 8.)

Mothman, of course, is the weird winged entity that predicted the collapse of the Silver Bridge into the Ohio River on December 15, 1967. In the feature story on Point Pleasant, West Virginia--Mothman's home town--your editor remarked on the presence of the number 13 in the strange "Pyramid of America" that was being built during the early Depression years by Point Pleasant's oddball celebrity, William Hope Harvey. By way of reply, Loren had this to say:

"It should not be forgotten that the United States Department of Transportation ruled that it was the 'Number 13 eyebar pin' that failed, triggering the demise of the Silver Bridge in 1967."

That's it for this week. Join us next time for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next time.

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## Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - DeMary

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>>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 13:43:18 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

>>I would think that the question of what the two times represent  
>>should not be an issue since you can check them yourself and  
>>validate if they are right.

>I \_have\_ checked them and they are NOT correct. Even accepting,  
>for the sake of argument, the hard-to-swallow story of "back-up"  
>time tags, both the upper and lower time windows show a jump in  
>time between frames of a minute and a half as shown for the  
>upper time window in these two frames:

><http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/STS-48/LOS.htm#F4>  
><http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/STS-48/LOS.htm#F5>

>There's nothing particularly strange about the 1.5 minute jump  
>itself; if they lost the signal for that long, it would make  
>sense to turn off the recorder on Earth for a while since they  
>weren't getting anything but noise. But when they turned the  
>recorder back on, the 1.5 minute jump should have occurred in  
>the very \_first\_ frame subsequent to re-acquisition of the  
>signal. Instead, the 1.5-minute time jump occurs between image  
>frames that were clearly imaged 1/30 of a second apart. The jump  
>occurs about a second later for the lower time window -- the one  
>supposedly derived from the shuttle's master timing unit. Losing  
>the signal would not stop the clocks on either the shuttle or on  
>the ground, and re-acquiring the signal would not start the  
>clocks again. There has clearly been some sort of manual  
>intervention in these time stamps, resulting in errors in their  
>correspondence with the video frames.

It would not make sense to stop a tape recorder which was  
recording data from an experiment that costs millions of dollars  
an hour. I will assert that shuttle data is recorded  
continuously and redundantly, on overlapping tapes on multiple  
recorders.

I don't doubt that the two sets of time digits visible on copies  
of the STS-48 videos were added at the copy stage. I also do not  
doubt that the IRIG-B time code from the master timing unit and  
ground based GMT are encoded on the master tapes.

IRIG-B is an analog signal. It may be digitized for storage on  
shuttle data tapes - I don't know. Day (of the year), hour,  
minute, and second are represented as binary coded decimal  
digits by pulses on a 1000 Hz carrier. Unused fields are also  
available for encoding other user data. A "frame" of B code is a  
one second "snapshot" of data.

To get the time code to appear as digits on a copy of a video  
tape after the fact requires a time reader to recover the digits

and some sort of video gizmo to superimpose the digits in the image. The time display on the video copies is a time tag, derived from, presumably, master sources on the same tape as the video, but the time display is not the direct output of master clocks. Technicians and multiple electronic devices have intervened. Each has its own quirks.

When a time code reader reads time code, it "locks" to the signal, and once locked, provides the correct time. When a time reader loses lock, it may substitute, within microseconds, its own internal time signal, matched to the time code it had been tracking, or it may spit out random digits, depending on how it has been set up. Most likely, it will have been set to continue to provide "best guess" time code until the real time code is re-acquired. Since a frame is a second of data, re-acquisition requires several seconds before a reader will decide to re-lock. Thus, if there is an interruption, such as a copyist at NASA switching between overlapping reels of tape, the correct time code will not necessarily appear instantaneously.

I have never worked for NASA, but I have participated in a tape copy session (not NASA tapes) in a Room of Many Recorders at Cape Kennedy in Florida. I also have a lot of work experience recovering IRIG-B time code from tapes.

Tom DeMary

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## Re: Burnett Heads UFO - Balaskas

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>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 02:20:36 -0300  
>Subject: Burnett Heads UFO

>Source: ABC Wide Bay - Queensland, Australia

><http://www.abc.net.au/widebay/stories/s886765.htm> (with photos)

>Tuesday, 24 June 2003

>Reporter: Lachie Campbell and Rob Messenger

>Presenter: Rob Messenger

>One listener, Elaine from Burnett Heads, dropped into the ABC  
>Wide Bay studios with a photo she took in winter, 2002.

>This is Elaine's UFO story.

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

There are many such pictures of UFOs that have been fortuitously captured on film or video that are not what we first suspect (or wish?) them to be. Elaine's picture is one of these.

I agree this UFO could not be a spot on the camera lense (its too distinct) and it is not likely a defect on the film itself since the UFO and the subject matter in Elaine's picture all seem to be illuminated by sunlight coming from the same direction.

Why is the TAFE training vessel and the distant background in focus while the UFO is not? Could it be that this UFO was actually a small object very close to the camera?

Also, what is the smaller UFO in the sky close to the extreme right edge of Elaine's picture that looks like a water spot?

If Elaine's camera is similar to many others in common use, her UFO would have an angular size larger than the full Moon. If this UFO was indeed some large flying object in the sky rather than, say, an aspirin tossed in front of the camera, why then didn't the others on the TAFE training vessel and yacht club notice it even when Elaine did not? Maybe Elaine can provide us with pictures of the full Moon and an aspirin held close to the camera taken with the same camera for comparison.

If something is too good to be true, in the case of Elaine's UFO, there are enough reasonable doubts to safely conclude that it is. If Elaine was truly puzzled by the UFO in one of her pictures, why did she so long before sharing it with others?

How many other such UFOs are also waiting to be discovered in old family photo albums? Why not check and share with us some of your own unexplained UFO images that you come across.

Nick Balaskas

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>The 'back-up' time tag was not MY idea, but what I was told by  
>NASA folk. They said when no IRIG was sent by STS, then their  
>ground unit provides the IRIG. How (or even why) this is done  
>exactly was not explained.

There may be some arcane reason, but I don't see it. If you know there's a 3-second delay, then you merely have to subtract that amount of time from the SMPT code to get an estimate of the true event time. And at least you know it's just an estimate. The only effect I can see of adding the extra hardware needed to create pseudo-IRIG stamps is that it obscures the fact that time windows that look like they are derived from the shuttle were really added on the ground.

>I have always considered the time tags pretty reliable, but have  
>never needed them to be <2 second accurate as you need them to  
>be.

I do not need any accuracy; those claiming that these time stamps are "proof" of anything need it. The burden of proof is on the claimants, and it looks like their burden is a heavy one indeed. The accuracy of these time stamps is not 2 seconds. For some frames of this tape, it is clearly off by 1.5 minutes, and for other parts of the tape the accuracy is therefore UNKNOWN.

>The curved trajectories could simply be a function of the type  
>of lens, its field of view and the particle moving close to the  
>video camera (as opposed to far away). I have seen a number of  
>these on NASA video. Its certainly not sublimation.

This seems a ludicrous explanation to me. Barrel distortions are scarcely noticeable except with a wide angle lens, and the shuttle camera was NOT a wide angle lens. The field of view was 40 degrees, which is fairly standard. Here's a photo showing the barrel distortion from a wide-angle lens:

<http://ftp.pcworld.com/pub/screencams/1-29-figure1.jpg>

Note that the curvature of the columns in this wide-angle image is only noticeable over the entire length of the column. If a small section of the photo on this web page were comparable to the sections showing curved paths in the STS-48 image, the

amount of curvature could not be measured.

According to this page:

<http://www.dpreview.com/learn/key=barrel+distortion>

the curvature of an ordinary camera is about 1% of the length of the image, and that is only toward the outer edges of the photo. The curvature decreases to zero at the center.

The orientation of the curvature is totally predictable: lines curve toward the edges of the image while the curvatures of the trajectories of objects in the STS-48 video have no relationship to the image axes. One of them even follows a perfectly straight path that changes to a curved path at the horizon at the same moment the light-flash occurred. (Talk about coincidences).

>Don't you think that if there were possible UFOs on NASA video,  
>NASA would edit out the UFOs (encrypt, edit)?

No, I do not think so. The culture at NASA is predominantly one of "True Disbelief". They would not have to edit anything out of a video because they "know" there is nothing unusual there to see. If some hapless members of the general public think they see something unusual, NASA will try to explain it away. Most people who would differ with official explanations that seem idiotic will be gently persuaded by verbal attacks from pseudoskeptics that it would be wiser for them to just shut up.

>While I admit there are time tag questions to be resolved, I do  
>not think we can throw out the video time tags as you wish to do  
>and use some inaccurate star transit method to determine the  
>time.

The star transit method suggested that the time tags were inaccurate. The LOS sequence proves that the time stamps are not merely inaccurate; they are demonstrably WORTHLESS until the gross errors they exhibit are resolved. So the time tags seem to be vastly inferior to the use of star transits. (By the way, even Mr. Oberg in a weak moment acknowledged that the scientists analyzing the video at the time seem to have relied on star fields for accurate time determination).

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## Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 22:41:57 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 01:15:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

>From: Tom DeMary <[t.demary@earthlink.net](mailto:t.demary@earthlink.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 18:32:06 -0500  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - DeMary

>It would not make sense to stop a tape recorder which was  
>recording data from an experiment that costs millions of dollars  
>an hour. I will assert that shuttle data is recorded  
>continuously and redundantly, on overlapping tapes on multiple  
>recorders.

Why not? A minute's worth of noise isn't worth a million dollars. In any case, if the tape wasn't interrupted, then part of it was cut out from what I received under FOIA, which makes it even more difficult to derive any useful conclusion from the time codes. Obviously, "Freedom of Information" doesn't necessarily mean freedom of correct information.

>When a time code reader reads time code, it "locks" to the  
>signal, and once locked, provides the correct time. When a time  
>reader loses lock, it may substitute, within microseconds, its  
>own internal time signal, matched to the time code it had been  
>tracking, or it may spit out random digits, depending on how it  
>has been set up. Most likely, it will have been set to continue  
>to provide "best guess" time code until the real time code is  
>re-acquired. Since a frame is a second of data, re-acquisition  
>requires several seconds before a reader will decide to re-lock.

I don't know what you mean by a "second of data". The standard format is 30 frames per second (actually 29.97).

>Thus, if there is an interruption, such as a copyist at NASA  
>switching between overlapping reels of tape, the correct time  
>code will not necessarily appear instantaneously.

Both the alleged "IRIG" time code from the shuttle and the ground-based time codes lost track of the time, so it is not at all evident that the correct time code appears anywhere on this tape after LOS. Perhaps there's a space expert in the audience who can explain how loss of a signal from space makes a clock on the ground go haywire.

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## August 23, 2002 - Sighting & Images

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <[hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 20:35:51 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 01:21:48 -0400  
Subject: August 23, 2002 - Sighting & Images

Hi Listers,

I've posted some pictures to my website of something strange, caught on video tape by a witness just a couple of miles west of Houston, British Columbia.

I also posted two other pictures, which some of you may have seen, that are of the same object, but taken by different witnesses at another location.

I personally can confirm that this event did take place, as my wife and I watched the same object pass overhead.

What it is, has me and many baffled due to what all the witnesses told me. The witness who video-taped this object says she watched it drop down behind the tree-line near the end of their property then saw it loop back up and head off. This is when she started taping. The Burns lake witnesses watched the object sitting stationary for up to 8 minutes before it started to move. So it is a strange one.

You can find the photo at:

[http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/houston\\_UFO.htm](http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/houston_UFO.htm)

I would like to give my thanks to B.J. at UFOcasebook for taking the stills from the video clip and sending them back to me. Also my thanks go to John Cope for taking the time to convert the footage from VHS video tape and turning it into a format that we can all see on the net.

Take care  
Brian  
HBCC UFO

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## Name Game: Reeves, John Keel, Pascagoula

From: Loren Coleman <[lcolema1@maine.rr.com](mailto:lcolema1@maine.rr.com)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 23:45:26 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 01:25:42 -0400  
Subject: Name Game: Reeves, John Keel, Pascagoula

For only the truly-aware name game players... a little story  
with Reeves, John Keel, Pascagoula!

Source: Pascagoula Mississippi Press,

[http://www.gulflive.com/mississippi/index.ssf?/xml/story.ssf/html\\_standard.xml?/base/news/1055845077225050.xml](http://www.gulflive.com/mississippi/index.ssf?/xml/story.ssf/html_standard.xml?/base/news/1055845077225050.xml)

Man Faces Charges After Traffic Stop

06/17/03  
By Mollie Reeves

LUCEDALE -- Darrin O. Hayes, also known as 'Flavor', is in custody in the George County Regional Correctional Facility after being arrested Friday on multiple drug-related charges.

Hayes, 33, was on probation at the time of his arrest.

South Mississippi Narcotics Task Force Agents Johnny Smith and Bobby Fairley conducted a traffic stop on Hayes on Love Street in Lucedale about 5 p.m. Friday.

According to Chief Deputy John Keel, crack cocaine could be seen in plain view when the agents approached the vehicle Hayes resisted arrest and would not comply with the agents' orders, Keel said.

Following a brief struggle, Hayes was arrested and charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana, possession of crack cocaine and possession of powdered cocaine allegedly found following the search.

He was also charged with driving under suspension, assault on a police officer, resisting arrest and obstruction of a roadway.

Hayes pleaded guilty to the crime of transfer of a controlled substance on Oct. 25, 1999, in George County Circuit Court. At that time, he was sentenced to serve four years in prison, followed by four years of probation.

Hayes is tentatively scheduled for an initial appearance in Justice Court Tuesday, said Justice Court Clerk Shawn Strahan.

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## Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 00:07:24 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 01:33:11 -0400  
Subject: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi

Hi All,

Kudos to Mr. James Fox for a job very well done! Good people, good cases, all presented well. It was a breath of fresh air to see the subject approached with intelligence, an eye towards quality and the kind of straight forward seriousness that it merits.

Familiar faces like Stan Friedman, Mike Lindemann and Leslie Kean shared the podium with \_killer\_ witnesses like Robert Jacobs, and Mercury astronaut, 'Gordo' Gordon Cooper to name just two. Their testimony coupled with comments from prominent, credible people like astronomer Bernard Haische and Peter Sturrock (of the 'Sturrock Panel' Report) made for a powerful presentation.

It would be good to see 'only' programming of this high a quality on the subject of UFOs. Who needs all the other crap anyway? Out of the Blue has 'raised the bar' for all UFO programs that follow. My best regards and deepest thanks to all connected to the production of this fine video documentary.

John Velez

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## Re: August 23, 2002 - Sighting & Images - Young

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 01:55:15 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 07:25:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: August 23, 2002 - Sighting & Images - Young

>From: Brian Vike - HBCC UFO <[hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 20:35:51 -0700  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 01:21:48 -0400  
>Subject: August 23, 2002 - Sighting & Images

>Hi Listers,

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>caught on video tape by a witness just a couple of miles  
>west of Houston, British Columbia.

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Brian, List:

The images seen at the website do not appear strange at all, they appear to be contrails of distant jets in the evening sky. The gold colored effect on the distant contrail(s) is clearly a factor caused by the positioning of the sun in the evening sky. Something like this came up a year or two previously and I posted several identical pictures online (to Current Encounters) to show how distant contrails can look in the evening sky. Even the witness commentary seems to support an obvious misinterpretation. It is amusing to note the 'fear' of the witness. C'mon folks, what gives here?

Thanks,

Kenny Young

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## Invited UFOs To Free Coffee In '52

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Subject: Invited UFOs To Free Coffee In '52

Invited UFOs to free coffee in '52: George George, 88, dies

Source: St. Petersburg Times

[http://www.sptimes.com/2003/06/25/Tampabay/George\\_his\\_restauran.shtml](http://www.sptimes.com/2003/06/25/Tampabay/George_his_restauran.shtml)

Obituary

George, his restaurant star rode UFOs hype  
By Craig Basse and Carrie Johnson  
St. Petersburg Times

June 25, 2003

ST. PETERSBURG - On a hot day in August 1952, George George climbed onto the roof of his downtown restaurant and wrote an invitation:

"Coffee Free Welcome Saucers"

It was a time of untold numbers of reported sightings of UFOs, and his amateur handiwork brought him worldwide publicity. His picture, standing on the roof of the Charcoal House restaurant, was printed and reprinted in newspapers and magazines.

The photo was snapped by a photographer in an airplane, not a flying saucer, one caption noted.

Newsweek ran it on the same page with an article featuring Albert Einstein and a discussion of space travel. The New York World Telegram & Sun published it on the front page.

Mr. George, whose St. Petersburg restaurant on First Street S was torn down in the early 1960s to make way for a federal office building, died Monday (June 23, 2003) at Mease Dunedin Hospital. He was 88.

"He didn't really believe in flying saucers," said Rick George, Mr. George's son. "He had an unusual sense of humor. He was what you would call an entrepreneur."

Born in Syria in 1915, Mr. George, whose first and last names were the same, came to this area in 1941 from Windber, Pa. After leaving the restaurant business, he worked as a car salesman for more than 30 years, until he was 75.

But Mr. George made St. Petersburg history by erecting what has been called the world's first UFO welcome station and landing site.

Asked by a newspaper reporter in 1966 if he really believed in UFOs, Mr. George replied, "Well, there was a lot of talk about them in those days. And nobody's ever proven to me there aren't flying saucers. Besides, with what I've seen, anything's possible. And if there really are flying saucers, I figured I'd rather have them on my side."

Family members say the sign was really a publicity stunt - a highly effective one.

Norma Kwiecien, Mr. George's sister-in-law and a waitress at the Charcoal House, said business exploded after the pictures were published. People drove for miles to visit the UFO restaurant.

"There weren't enough waitresses to help them all," said Kwiecien, 79. "My brother-in-law told me to tell all the customers it was the flying saucer era and take their orders."

The sign wasn't visible from street level, but all the patrons asked about it, said Frances Beers, Mr. George's daughter. But if they were attracted by the novelty, they stayed for the food.

"We had the best steak sandwiches in the area," said Beers, 62.

The restaurant, which was near Al Lang Field, also served freshly baked pies, seafood, spaghetti and steak. It was a favorite among baseball players in town for spring training and the reporters assigned to cover them.

Mr. George told one of those reporters about his plan to welcome UFOs on top of his restaurant, said Rick George, 54.

"He said to the reporter, 'You know, you should get up in an airplane and take a picture of the sign. It would make an interesting story.' And the reporter did it," he said.

In addition to Rick George and Beers, Mr. George is survived by a daughter, Emily Lee, Palm Harbor; two grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Friends may call at 10 a.m. Thursday at Brett Funeral Home, 4810 Central Ave. A funeral will be at 11 a.m. with burial at Royal Palm Cemetery South.

Daughter Lee said the inventive ploy was typical of her father, a creative man who wrote short stories and acted in local theater productions. He was also a Catholic and a World War II Army veteran.

But while the sign may have attracted customers, it never lured its intended audience.

Said Lee: "Nobody ever came for the free coffee."

- Information from Times files was used in this obituary.

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## Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack - Bannon

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Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 08:27:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack

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>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 04:42:36 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2003 06:33:25 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack

>>>From: Pat Bannon - Psychic Research Foundation  
>>>Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 23:37:06 +0100  
>>>Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Jun 2003 22:53:42 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Chat With Dr. John E. Mack - Bannon

<snip>

>>>Is there still any interest in Persinger's work (which may help  
>>>to explain daylight experiences)

>>None that I am aware of. The major flaw in Persinger's theory  
>>lies in the implication that electromagnetic radiation is  
>>'somehow' causing thousands of individuals from all over the  
>>world to have the same hallucination. And that the  
>>hallucination happens in the same sequence for all. ie;  
>>capture/paralysis, examination and release/return. As 'far  
>>fetched' as some consider abduction reports to be, so is  
>>Persinger's 'theory.'

>>The theory doesn't make any sense. I don't know of anyone who  
>>takes it seriously or considers it a 'contender' in terms of  
>>explaining the abduction phenom. (No offense or insult  
>>intended.)

>>>We are carrying out a study in Bristol, UK looking  
>>>systematically at levels of incidence of all paranormal  
>>>experiences and then relating them to electromagnetic radiation,  
>>>particularly from mobile phone base stations .

>>Ok, so what was the cause of 'paranormal' experiences prior to  
>>the existence of mobile phone base stations?

>>Maybe the rubbing together of tethered work mules created enough  
>>tectonic/electromagnetic force to account for all the paranormal  
>>experiences that was reported prior to the industrial age. <Hee-  
>>Haw>

>>Sorry, bad joke. But then... so is Persinger's 'theory'. :)

>Hi John,

>I've always felt about the same as you regarding that theory.  
>But you know me, always up for something new that is  
>interdimensional and risk free. That is why I always wanted to  
>check out the electro-magnetic helmets if I made it up to  
>Canada.

>I would try to stay neutral as the observer who is fully into  
>the experience. It could be very interesting to explore those

>synaptic receptors, especially if you can explore turning them  
>up stronger and experiment with various locations beyond the  
>research protocols. (hee haw!).

<Snip>

>Josh,

><http://www.clearlight888music.com/>

Dear Josh and John

Thank you for your comments.

I prefer Josh's open minded approach to your closed cynicism  
John!

I think we would accept that electromagnetic radiation (EMR)  
isn't going to explain every case but I am extremely reluctant  
to dismiss it as a factor, hence our detailed study in Bristol,  
UK.

What we have done here is to use a monitoring technique (grid  
based transects) borrowed from marine life surveys (for example  
to estimate the numbers of particular species of dolphins in the  
open sea) to try and assess the level of incidence of paranormal  
experiences in a given area. Once we have that information, we  
will attempt to cross refer this to levels of electromagnetic  
activity.

We are not aware of anyone else undertaking this kind of work  
but would ask through this service if others are.

The aim is to test some of the hypotheses of Persinger et al in  
the wider environment. In a sense it builds on the work done by  
him in the late 1970s on the relationship between UFO sightings  
and fault lines - a line of inquiry developed by Paul Devereux  
in 'Earthlights'. Similar propositions have been made by Albert  
Budden but to our knowledge he has concentrated on a fairly  
small sample survey - ours aims to be much broader.

We think the various hypotheses put forward by Persinger, Budden  
and even Blackmore seem reasonable enough and in a spirit of  
open minded inquiry we aim to test them.

That electromagnetic radiation from mobile phones and other  
sources has an impact on brain development is now more or less  
accepted. See for example the work of the UK Government's  
Independent Expert 'Stewart' Group which concluded (inter alia)  
that EMR definitely had an impact on brain physiology - hence  
the decision to enforce limits on the proximity of mobile phone  
base stations from schools. That concentrated EMR can inspire  
hallucinations and visions has also been conclusively shown by  
Persinger and Blackmore. That all of us are increasingly exposed  
to higher and higher levels of artificially produced EMR is also  
beyond doubt.

While we have some sympathy wuth John's scepticism - (ie if you  
ut the three factors outlined above together, we should be  
undeergoing a veritable epidemic of visions, UFO sitings,  
abductions etc at present - and this doesn't seem to be  
happening yet), we still consider this is worth serious study.

With regard to John's points about EMR in the past - he should  
be aware that in addition to Persinger's and Devereux's early  
work, there are other studies linking 'hauntings' etc with  
naturally occurring EMR. It also seems unlikely to be  
coincidental that some of the great visions of history - the  
'burning bush', Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus,  
Luther's visions of St Martha - all took place in thunderstorms  
when naturally occurring EMR (together with subliminal pressure  
waves which also have mental effects) are at their greatest.

I don't think the nodding donkeys have it all their own way yet!

Best wishes

Pat Bannon

Psychic Research Foundation, UK

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## Dr. John Mack To List

From: Center for Psychology & Social Change <[info@centerchange.org](mailto:info@centerchange.org)>  
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Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 09:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Dr. John Mack To List

John E. Mack Msg to List Members

Dear Friends/List,

I cannot comment directly on what was said in the Psychology Today article, for, like many people in this and related fields, the distortions of positions and outright misquoting is so rampant in most mainstream articles on these subjects that it is impossible to "set the record straight." It may be unwise to give interviews at all, but there is always the hope that something useful may get across - the reporters always assure you of their openness (they may be sometimes; editors and executives is another matter). There is also the damned-if-you-do damned-if-you-don't problem: if you give an interview you're likely to get distorted or boxed by a twisting context; if you don't they sometimes get downright nasty.

With regard to my position on UFOs and abductions, and the criticism that I am wishy-washy and come across as confused, there is only so much that can be said. Do I believe UFOs are real? Yes. Do I believe they are physically real? Yes, sometimes. Are abductions real? Yes. Are they physically real? Yes. But these statements must be qualified by another question:

Are they only physical? No.

What does that mean?

Here is the way I would like to approach that question. At the time of my fourteen-month "trial" by a Harvard committee, I received an outpouring of support from the UFO community, and from some mainstream scientists and philosophers, for which I will be eternally grateful. Some of these individuals, especially Bruce Maccabee and Stan Friedman, addressed specifically and in convincing detail the matter of physical evidence, for the committee reflected on many occasions how poorly informed it was on this subject. In fact, I received an avalanche of solid material documenting the physical reality of UFOs which was incorporated in the brief that my attorneys and I prepared in response to the committee's report. Needless to say, this did not convince its members, but, I believe, made them more cautious and contributed greatly to the favorable outcome. I was and am prepared to stand by what was said in our response to the committee's poorly informed assertions. With regard to Stan's comment that I accepted that "one can't get there from here," this is simply not true. Obviously I don't know enough about engineering to comment on this at all. But the beings may not rely on our conventional technologies. That they get here, by whatever means they use is, to me incontrovertible.

In the years that I have been investigating the alien encounter phenomenon I have been impressed with many of the ambiguities and paradoxes it contains. Sometimes the contact seems physically real, but not always. Sometimes there is physical evidence, but not always, and it is often rather elusive. This has forced me - I'm not alone in this - to become more sophisticated about how we understand or think about reality.

For many scholars, including psychiatrists, philosophers and

theologians, reality does not fall neatly into two categories, viz. physical or mental, external or internal. There are other dimensions of reality and phenomena can be both. Several write of a third domain, "one that draws upon the psychological and physical, but that is reducible to neither" (Tulane Professor of Philosophy, Michael Zimmerman).

With regard to UFOs the renowned transpersonal psychiatrist, Stanislav Grof, wrote to the Harvard Committee: "Conventional approaches to this area are characterized by thinking in terms of a simplistic dichotomy: real material events involving extraterrestrial spacecraft and alien visitors from another part of the physical universe versus hallucinations of a psychotic person." Grof then suggests that the discoveries of contemporary physics have "dramatically changed the understanding of the physical universe and the relationship between consciousness and matter, yet an outdated model of reality continues to dominate the thinking in other disciplines, including psychiatry and psychology."

The research that has been done to establish the physical reality of UFOs and abductions is of great importance, however, in my opinion, it is not sufficient for understanding these phenomena. They require - in addition to direct perception - more intuitive, holistic or "heart" knowing. For clinicians this has always been essential for learning of the experiences of other people.

The idea, a nineteenth century holdover, that we can learn about what matters to people - surely alien encounters would fall into this category - simply by objectifying them is wrong. We must make a connection by entering their worlds and learning together. This co-creative learning process may tell us something of the physical events of a person's life. But just how to credit reports of reported abduction experiences is a complicated and important scientific question. We need to establish clearer criteria for assessing the accuracy, precision, reliability and ontological status of such reports. But even without such certainty these accounts tell us a lot more that is important - for example, about the meaning of the events, the state(s) of consciousness in which the experiences occurred, and the necessity of trying to grasp the significance of the expanded view of reality that these experiences reveal. These are huge questions that deserve a lot more attention.

With warm regards,

John

John E. Mack, M.D.  
Cambridge, MA  
June 24, 2003

Note: Dr. Mack will be out of the country for the next several weeks but any replies made while he is away will be saved for his return.

Also: Everyone may want to keep an eye on The Sunday New York Times Magazine, which may be running a feature article against the alien encounter phenomenon. We do not know whether it will be this Sunday or a subsequent Sunday.

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## Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

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Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 10:20:22 -0400  
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>>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

>>>I think the thruster firing occurred between 6 and 9 seconds  
>>>\_before\_ the light flash based on the star transits for reasons  
>>>I gave in the NSF paper. There were five thruster firings in a 5  
>>>minute time span around the light flash event and a water dump  
>>>shortly after.

>>>Yes, there were other jet firings, but not of the Left Down  
>>>OMS/RCS Pod vernier jet called 'L5D' - the one that appears as a  
>>>flash because of the bounceback.

That's what Mr. Oberg BELIEVES he sees, and his beliefs, which he seems to have difficulty separating from facts, are groundless. As illustrated in Figure 6 of my NFS paper in a way that even Mr. Oberg should be able to see, the light flash is in upper left corner of the image where lens flare already was located, while the L5D thruster would have been below the lower left edge of the image. I've said this about 10 times and Oberg has ignored it that many times. I could say it a million times and he'd probably ignore it a million times.

But just for the heck of it, I'll try a direct question to Oberg and see if he dodges it or has the integrity to answer it honestly: Do you acknowledge that the flash of light is brightest at the upper left corner of the image and that the thruster is to the left and below the image field?

Before Mr. Oberg questions the "credibility" of my image enhancements I would expect that he acquires an MPEG version of the video and run it frame by frame through the flash sequence. It will show the light flash originating exactly where my brightness contour image shows it originating. If he refuses to do even this, it would reflect extremely poorly on his credibility, which could be a topic of a thread all by itself, and actually has been in the past in various newsgroups.

>>>He has presented a technical argument, but how can a reader  
>>>determine whether it is a reliable computation or just  
>>>mathemagical mumbo-jumbo? For it to be true, recall, he requires  
>>>that Dan Adamo and other professional orbital trajectory  
>>>specialists have made mistakes, while he hasn't.

"Mumbo-jumbo" seems to be one of Mr. Oberg's favorite words. Perhaps because he indulges in it so often on the list. Oberg recalls wrongly about Adamo's state vector. The time of the light flash I derived using it indicated the thruster had stopped firing between 1.6 and 2.6 seconds after the thruster firing. Does anyone doubt that Mr. Oberg would be quite willing to toss out Adamo's calculations altogether if they didn't support his pet theory of rocket exhaust, which so far is



based only on video time stamps of demonstrated worthlessness.

Like I said before, this is asymmetrical warfare here. If I resorted to the same tactics Oberg uses, I could have just pointed the Starry Night results indicating the time difference between the rocket firing and light flash was LARGER than the one I found using my own program, and let Oberg prove that Starry Night results were inaccurate. That way, I would have made myself less of a target of Oberg's vicious ad hominem attacks and he would have had to do some real math and coding work himself to demonstrate the inaccuracy of the commercial software. Which would probably mean the work would never get done.

>Simply on such a basis, given a choice of believing computations  
>made by Mr. Adamo versus those made by Mr. Fleming (who has not  
>yet responded to earlier inquiries about his own education and  
>professional background relevant to these questions), this  
>really is a no-brainer.

I'm fed up with Oberg's badgering. I have a masters degree in computer science (graduating with distinction). My concentration was artificial intelligence, but I had some coursework in machine perception and pattern recognition. I work \_at\_ NASA. I have received performance awards from NASA. I could easily contact people like Adamo by email if I wanted, since I'm on the same global address list. I don't because the climate at NASA is not at all conducive to this sort of extra-curricular activity (thanks in large part to the efforts of people like Mr. Oberg). I will NOT bother fellow employees because Oberg tells me I ought to. Oberg cannot presume to tell me how to conduct my affairs at work, no matter how important he thinks he is.

Oberg, by the way, seems to have no higher degree than a master's degree in computer science himself, despite his pretenses.

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## Filer's Files #26 -- 2003

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Filer's Files #26 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.  
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"The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance ---- it is the illusion of knowledge." -- Daniel Boorstin.

### UFOs SPOTTED IN SOUTH AND EAST

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. Did Christianity come from outer space? Mars Rover and Earth headed for Mars, New York - investigation of alleged UFO landing, New Jersey crop circle and sightings, Maryland - shade like UFO, North Carolina -round black object, Georgia - hovering saucer on ridge, Florida - three star-shaped objects, Alabama - disc above divinity school, Tennessee - slow eerie greenA craft, Illinois - four foot alien with orb, Texas - blue crescent, California - flying triangle, Oregon - could not have been a jet, Canada - bright blue light, England - almost and abduction and orange lightning, Turkey - sightings increase, India - huge boomerang UFO, and Australia - a big UFO near my school.

### CHRISTIANITY: CAME FROM OUTER SPACE?

Rossella Lorenzi of Discovery News reports - Christianity may have spread from outer space, according to a report on an impact crater published in this week's New Scientist. Created in the fourth or fifth centuries by an asteroid exploding "like a nuclear blast" in the Italian Apennine mountains, the crater explains the legend of a falling star and the conversion of Roman Emperor Constantine to Christianity. Constantine (288-337 A.D.) converted in 312, after seeing an amazing vision of a sign of the cross in the sky. He won a crushing victory against emperor Maxentius, who challenged his authority. As a result, all the western empire fell into Constantine's hands, a conversion to Christianity followed, and anti-Christian fervor ended.

Editor's Note: There have been many reports of UFOs in the shape of a cross. An unknown flying object in the sky changed the course of history. We still often argue if they are asteroids or UFOs.

### WE'RE GETTING CLOSER TO MARS EACH DAY

After two days of weather delays, the Mars Exploration Rover, nicknamed "Spirit" lifted off from Cape Canaveral as part of a global fleet of probes sent to Mars. If the rover Spirit and its twin, Opportunity, succeed in reaching Mars scientists will know if ancient, now vanished, water sources on Mars were there long enough for life to emerge. Mars is a perilous destination for spacecraft. Of 30 missions launches by various nations over the years, only 12 have succeeded. Landing on the surface is even

Aharder, with just three of nine attempts ending in success. "We celebrate in just small steps, one at a time. The launch is just the beginning of the journey," Orlando Figueroa, the NASA Mars program manager, told reporters after the launch. The rovers will join Japanese and European satellites on their way to Mars and two NASA satellites already orbiting there.

The launches take advantage of a rare proximity between the planets that has cut the normal travel time to seven months from the usual nine to ten months for mission launches this year. The two Mars explorers, worth a combined \$800 million and each about the size of a golf cart, are wrapped inside a landing craft that will descend by parachute on Mars after a seven-month, 311-million-mile voyage. After nine balloons have deployed, completely enveloping the landing craft, it will bounce along like a toy on the Martian surface as much as a mile before coming to rest. Large petals on the landing craft will then open like a flower, allowing the six-wheeled rover to roll off and begin its exploration. The solar-powered rovers will land where scientists think large bodies of water once formed, before some cataclysmic event or epoch stripped Mars of most of its atmosphere, causing much of its surface water to boil away.

In late August of this year, Earth and Mars will again be on the same side of the Sun but this time the distance between the two planets will be at the minimum possible separation of about 34 million miles. This is the smallest separation between Earth and Mars in many thousands of years and it won't be bettered until the year 2287, when we will be just 43,500 miles closer. UFO sightings are expected to increase this summer as we all hurtle through space at 25,000 mph towards Mars.

#### NEW YORK INVESTIGATION

SARATOGA SPRINGS - A former investigator writes, "This is in response to Debbie who wrote to you about a UFO landing in Saratoga Springs, NY. There were five crop circles formed in a field on Glenmore Avenue. I investigated the circles but found no witnesses that saw a UFO. A neighbor living near the field heard a high-pitched hum, but saw no strange lights or UFOs. Thanks to MDelvec144

RYE -- In the last few weeks, on the few nights it hasn't been raining and/or overcast, I've seen small blue lights traveling slowly from SW to NE. (Between 9 PM and midnight). They appear to be smaller or the same size as the less brighter of the visible stars. They appear to be much higher than regular commercial aircraft would fly. (Plus, they're so tiny). They do not blink, twinkle, or stop. If they were not moving, I would say they were stars, without question or doubt (unless I was an astronomer, and knew by their position that they were not known stars...which I am not). I have seen 5 or 6 of these in total, over 3 or 4 nights. In one instance, the object simply disappeared as it moved. The rest of them always just moved slowly, going roughly SW to NE. Only one of them seemed to be traveling SW to N. My first thought was that they could be satellites, but I was under the impression that seeing this many in so short a time would be unlikely. My girlfriend has been with me on all but one night of seeing these, and suggests they are military aircraft, just patrolling. E-mail report.

#### NEW JERSEY CROP CIRCLE AND GREEN GLOW STICK

MOUNT BETHAL TOWNSHIP - Irregular shaped patches of grass were reported in Larison's Corner on June 15, 2003. There have been 44 crop circles reported so far this year in Australia, Italy, Germany, Canada and the US. Perhaps the most interesting was found in Ogbourne, St. George, England with a complex design of crescents based upon eight-fold geometry found on June 15, 2003. Lake hopefully forms the 'definitive' database of crop formations available on the Internet. Crop Circle Research has an excellent website with over 20A00 formations logged. This is one of the most comprehensive online databases of crop circles in the world. <http://www.cropcirclesearch.com/database>

TRENTON -- I was outside in my garden watching the sky on June 10, 2003, and I saw, in the course of a few minutes, two slow moving meteors that moved across the sky in five to seven seconds each. They were moving very fast but slow compared to meteors I have seen before. I went in to get my wife, as I thought there might have been a meteor shower going on. She came

out and within a minute she and I saw seven points of light moving closely together in the same direction at the same speed. They appeared to be crossing each other's paths and came closer together as they moved across the sky. The movement was extremely fast and somewhat organic as they flew across one-third of the arc of the sky. The lights were about as bright as a star but more of a yellow/orange color.

PARKWAY NORTH - A dull green oval crossed the skyline on June 15, 2003, at approximately 11:20 PM. The witness writes, "I had just gotten on the Parkway from Route 1, when I saw a dull neon greenish oval pass from a high altitude to low at a downward diagonal, somewhat northwest to southeast, at a very high speed. My first thought was that it was a glow stick, but it was too fast, too large and covered too much distance in the skyline to have been a glow stick. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org) ]NUFORC

OCEAN GROVE - The witness reports, "I was walking toward my home around 11 PM, on Monday, June 16, 2003, when I noticed a bright star. Then, suddenly it began to move and slowly became dimmer then finally it disappeared. The object was not a satellite, or space debris. It made a sudden movement from a fixed bright star or planet to a short movement forward. Then it seemed to stop and grow dim...no trailing off or anything or reappearing somewhere else. It was great, truly my first UFO observation. I was in the airline business for 20 years and know what aircraft look like at a distance, and how they behave. This was none of that! Thanks to [Beachwon@webtv.net](mailto:Beachwon@webtv.net)

#### MARYLAND - STRANGE SOUNDING LOOKING SHADE

ARNOLD - The witness went out to check the thermometer in his driveway on June 17, 2003, at 1:30 PM. In a wooded area I heard a sharp shriek very close to me. My wife came out and asked what it was? I told her, "I don't know, get back inside NOW " I was very frightened and looked around the woods and over in the valley I saw a very dim object. It was a strange color that I've never seen before. It was not any kind of color, more like a shade. I was sick to my stomach just looking at the thing in the sky about 200 yards away. My wife came back out and asked what I was looking at? I said, "I don't know, go back inside!" It had an extremely low hum and the shade got brighter and it made the loud shriek again. My wife thought it was fireworks, but I knew it wasn't. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org) ]NUFORC

#### NORTH CAROLINA - A ROUND BLACK OBJECT MOVING WITHOUT LIGHTS

HIGH POINT - The observer says, "I saw a round black object move across the moon from west to east at 10 PM on June 13, 2003, that moved like a floating balloon, but it was traveling horizontal to the ground at a pretty good speed. I noticed there wasn't any wind at all so I didn't think it was a balloon. There were no lights and there was no sound. It was pretty quiet around our neighborhood. I watched it for about 1 minute, it flew over the lake and I lost sight of it in the night sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org) ]NUFORC

#### GEORGIA - HOVERING SAUCERS OVER RIDGE

HELEN -- Tom Sheets, MUFON Director reports that on May 13, 2003, a married Tennessee couple was visiting the Blue Ridge Mountains and lodging at one of the motels when at 11:30 PM they noticed a white flashing light moving slowly over a nearby ridgeline. The couple was rocking in their chairs enjoying the view when the craft stopped, and began to hover. She then noticed red, blue and green lights and felt it did not appear to be like any standard aircraft. The witness' husband had gone to the motel office, so she ran in and grabbed their video camera and began to take footage of the object. He returned in about 15 minutes, and the craft was still in place. The object vanished after 30 to 45 minutes, but not before two similar craft appeared. These also vanished. The craft was saucer shaped with an apparent size of a penny at arm's length. They flew at an estimated altitude of 500 feet, at less than one mile. It moved in a straight-line path before taking up its extended hover, and seemed to fade in and out, all against a cloud cover. The lights were steady, but then seemed to also pulsate. Duration of the event was thirty to sixty minutes. They are submitting a copy of the video to MUFONGA for analysis. Thanks to Tom Sheets. [ [MUFONGA@webtv.net](mailto:MUFONGA@webtv.net) ]MUFONGA

FLORIDA - THREE STAR SHAPED OBJECTS

LARGO -- I was driving east at 11:15 PM, then out to the right of my car window on June 13, 2003, I saw 3 large white star shaped objects flashing at different times one was higher at the top left than the one at the right which was a little lower, then another one underneath these more to the right, they were together, but not in a formation and not far apart. I yelled to my son to look but he wasn't sure what or where I was talking about. I wanted to pull over but I was going 45 mph in the center lane and another vehicle was in the right lane. The road curves and the trees were now blocking my view. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org) ]NUFORC

ALABAMA - DISC ABOVE DIVINITY SCHOOL

BIRMINGHAM - Two divinity school students report, "My friend and I were walking on the Quad at Samford University on June 13, 2003, when we noticed a saucer-like object hovering about 1/4 of a mile above the Divinity School dome. At first I thought I was seeing things, or possibly the rapture-taking place (no JOKE!) but my friend and I saw it as well. We never believed in any of that UFO crap until tonight at 12:18 AM. We ran back to our dorm and reported this to campus safety, which ignored us, but we think they are just covering up the TRUTH! Thanks to Peter Davenport [ [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org) ]NUFORC

TENNESSEE -SLOW ERIE GREEN CRAFT

MANCHESTER -- If you get any more reports of this incident please email me, thanks. I was at the Bonnaroo Music Festival outside of town on June 15, 2003, it was the last show of the festival, the grateful dead, I would have to approximate on the time that I saw it, but just after it was no longer visible the band started playing Dark Star so I would approximate 9:15-9:45 when I first saw it. The angle of elevation was at least 60 or 70 degrees. It began off right stage and for three minutes rotated clockwise and slowly moved right across the sky. It had an eerie green glow. The UFO itself was triangular or possibly had 3 darker areas that gave the impression of a triangle. I approximated that if the object was 35 meters in length then it was at least 2000-4000 meters in altitude. My friend, also witnessed it. As I pointed it out later, a female friend, also, agreed that she had seen it when I mentioned it back at the camp sight. I had not been drinking at all because I wanted to remember the show. I have an IQ of 135 and do not want to sound like I'm crazy, but I got the feeling the entire night that they were here to examine human emotion and the invisible ripple effect of feelings, emotions and thoughts that were occurring. It's the same reason that "yawning is contagious". Thanks to Peter Davenport [ [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org) ]NUFORC

ILLINOIS - FOUR FOOT ALIEN BEING PRODUCES "ORB" OF BRIGHT LIGHT

SPRINGFIELD -- My wife arrived home from work late at 10:30 PM, on June 10, 2003, in a state of panic and terror. She was pounding on the front door so shaken; she was unable to get her key into the lock. It was very disturbing for me to see my wife going through the fear she was experiencing and I assumed she had been assaulted or raped. As I was getting ready to call the police, she calmed down somewhat and she told me to put the phone down, that it would not do any good anyway. Confused and shaken I asked why? She explained, that as she was pulling into our apartment complex, she noticed what appeared to be a small child playing around a large steel waste dumpster in the corner of the parking lot about 15 feet from her. She got out of her car to get her brief case and saw movement out of her periphery. Her next concern was if this child was too young to be playing out in the dark late at night. She began to slowly walk towards the dumpster to ask where the child's parents are at.

As she approached the dumpster she could make out the contrasting shape of a head peeking out from one corner as she calmly spoke. She approached to within 6-8 feet when she heard a loud banging noise and this "child" suddenly had ability to high jump 5 feet. It was then standing on top of the dumpster's steel lid staring down at her. At this point she described feeling a pressure in her head, nausea and dizziness. She told me she strained to identify if it was a neighborhood child who was staring at her for about 20-30 seconds, a kind of "standoff."



Just as she realized this was not a child, the "being" produced a glowing-white orb of light about the size of volleyball in its hands and held on to it at about chest height. The light cast off from the glowing orb illuminated its head for several seconds and she described a large almond shaped head with big black eyes staring intently at her movements. She told me that she just stood there in stunned silence trying to understand, everything was happening in a slow motion. The "being" seemed to tighten its grasp on the glowing orb of light and it jumped feet first into the dumpster and disappeared without making any noise. Right after that is when she began to breakdown emotionally and ran to the apartment.

Between the times she entered our apartment and calming her down and debriefing her was about an 1-hour. With much reluctance, I'll admit I was really creeped out to do this. I went back out to the exact spot she described with my metal softball bat and D-Cell Mag-Lite. I examined that whole area, even to the point of looking inside the dumpster and I did not see or notice anything. Over the past several years we have seen many electric-white blue streaks of light in the evening around this parking lot, and I have had frequent, but brief power outages. My wife and I conclude that these may be related to what she experienced. This is going out on a limb here, but my wife thinks that the orb of light was some kind of device that gave this "being" an ability to disappear, conceal or transport itself. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org) ]NUFORC

#### TEXAS - FAINT BLUE CRESCENT

WAXAHACHIE - The observer went outside on June 15, 2003, and was enjoying the cool breeze, when he saw a plane heading for Love Field and DFW Airport to the north at 10:25 PM. It only took a second to realize this thing was moving too fast with a faint blue crescent or what may have been lights around the leading edge and sides with a faint yellowish circle in what would appear to be the middle. It was traveling at 1200 to 1500 miles per hour at around 10,000 to 15,000 feet. It crossed roughly 30% of the sky in about 3 to 4 seconds. There was no noise from its engines. I grew up around the airline industry and was unable to identify it. I called the Dallas Fort Worth Airport Information line and they referred me to you. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org) ]NUFORC

#### CALIFORNIA -FLYING TRIANGLE

CAMARILLO - A Doctorate level professional in education saw a Chevron shaped black object flying low and slow with no sound on June 6, 2003. The observer was driving south on Lewis Road near the Point Mugu Naval Air Station and saw three Navy planes flying low along foothills of Santa Monica Mountains that veered around mountains to south and went out of sight. I thought it was "cool," a free air show, like the Blue Angels. Then at 5:30 PM, I looked to my left (east), and saw a large, low flying black chevron shaped craft moving slowly. I thought Stealth Bomber, because of its low altitude and a straight on view. It appeared completely flat on top, unlike the stealth bomber. It flew overhead with no sound. I parked and looked towards where it had been heading. Nothing was there. It had been flying east to west. I assume it is some craft I'm not familiar with. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org) ]NUFORC

#### OREGON - THIS OBJECT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN A JET

PORTLAND -- Early this morning just after midnight, my wife and I were watching the skylight on June 18, 2003, as there was a storm well off in the distance. In between the flashes of the lightning, we were looking up at the stars and at the same time we both pointed out a bright object moving at a constant rate of speed. I thought at first that it was a jet, but it was much too high in the sky to be so. It traveled from north to south and was not blinking like lights on an airplane would be. The object looked exactly like the other stars we were gazing upon. We watched this object travel through the sky -- it did not appear to increase nor decrease its speed -- until it faded from our view as it came within proximity of another star still well above the horizon.

CRESWELL - My friend and I were outside playing basketball in front of her house and I noticed two bright lights blinking at a very rapid speed. It was moving extremely fast through the sky

on June 15, 2003, just a few minutes after midnight. One minute it was in one spot and the next it was on the other side of the sky. We watched it for about five minutes as it zigzagged left and right and also up and down. We noticed it dropped something small and red. Then it kept trailing off into the sky and then it finally disappeared. It seemed to have a pattern: left, up, dropped down fast, then it went up really fast, then it went right, then all of a sudden it went left then disappeared. What we both thought was very odd was how the object sailed all the way across the sky in about 30-45 seconds and then disappeared and ended up turning around while repeating the pattern 5 or 6 times. Then all of a sudden it came really close to the ground and paused for a couple of seconds. When it came down close enough to see, it for a minute looked like a plane but then I noticed running lights: red and orange. Thanks to Peter Davenport [ [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org) ]NUFORC

#### CANADA - BRIGHT BLUE LIGHT

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA - In an email report on June 16, 2003, at 11:05 p.m. the witness writes, "I think I saw a UFO as I closed my blinds on my window that faces north. I saw a single blue light traveling very slow towards the east. Then it flew slower and slower, and came to a complete stop, and that's when I opened my window to see if I could hear any sound and I couldn't. Then it flashed a big bright white, yellowish light and made a sharp left turn and moved faster towards the north, the light fading as it moved. I lost sight of it over the high buildings in the downtown area. Do you know of any aircraft that has this kind of lighting and can move like that? Thanks to Brian Vike

#### ENGLAND ALMOST AN ABDUCTION AND LIGHTENING BOLTS

CAMBRIDGE -- Walking down the street with my friend on June 15, 2003, at 4:10 PM, we saw this big long cigar shape but with spikes all over it. It came right above us, then lowered down and suddenly shot off at the speed of sound (very fast) away.

VALE OF PEWSEY - During the early hours of June 22, 2003, brilliant lightning bolts without thunder, or rain hit the area. Shortly after midnight, until well after sunrise, bizarre orange lightening bolts shot around the sky even though the air was very calm and still near Avebury, in Wiltshire. Orange lightening was also seen to leap between the clouds and orange lightening appeared in the form of a momentary circular glow in the clouds, as though the affected clouds had been punched-through by a giant cookie-cutter. Another bizarre factor was that these orange lightening bolts frequently occurred in pairs, with a separation of something less than a second. We were situated on Knapp Hill, and the orange lightening bolts formed an arc across the horizon in front of us, and our area remained unaffected. This relative calmness ended at around 7 AM, when the wind picked-up speed, and the clouds blew over our area. As dark clouds massed overhead, a barrage of small hailstones and heavy rain hammered down on our car. East field, directly below us, was then pummeled by normal looking, blue-white lightening and earsplitting thunder. This location is known as being a hot spot for crop circles, and UFOs. Thanks to Steve Clementson. Stephen clementson

#### TURKEY - UFO SIGHTINGS HIGH

According Sirius UFO Organization Turkish Intelligence (MIT), has received an official request from CIA for UFO reports from the Turkish Air-Forces and Turkish Airlines. . MIT has asked the Sirius UFO Organization to provide reports where pilots claimed to have had UFO sightings. Countires around the Black Sea have had increased UFO sightings since 1999, and Turkish UFO reports are up for the spring of 2003. Sirius received 14 different reports on sightings within Turkey during April and this number increased to 26 in May. Some of the UFO sightings that have been reported in May have been video taped and photographed by some of the eyewitnesses. Sirius expects there shall be a considerable number of new UFO reports during the summer as we get nearer to Mars.

ISTANBUL -- On May 8, 2003, Faruk Demirci who videotaped a UFO states; " The place which was photographed is at a ruins located on the Anatolian Side of the Bosphorous Sea at the tip of Karadeniz. The interesting part is that while filming I did not

see the object with clear vision, I noticed it while I was watching the video."

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#### INDIA - BOOMERANG SPOTTED

BAY OF BENGAL - To begin with, I would like to throw some light on my self and my friend. I am Anish Naidu, 27, and my friend David is 30. We are management graduates (MBA) and a network engineer. We were lying flat on the beach on May 19, at 9:45 PM having a discussion of a partially cloudy night, when we noticed this strange object, the exact shape of a 'Boomerang' just flying its way towards the land (west) from the Bay of Bengal side (east). My friend and I are damn sure of one thing, what we saw was Aa UFO or something really supernatural but one thing is sure after seeing it, we surely believe that we aren't alone in this astronomically huge infinite universe, we have company.

It was flying at a great height and all we could see was the exact cloud colored frame of the huge Boomerang like object, that had no lights and was flying smoothly, fast, agile and with ease in between the clouds. We saw it take two rounds, each after a gap of 4 to 5 minutes and then disappear. We have never seen anything like it ever in our lives. It was too high-tech, not the least bit like the modern day spy aircraft's used by the US and other developed countries. Thanks to UFO India [[www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org)]NUFORC

#### AUSTRALIA - A BIG TRIANGLE NEAR MY SCHOOL

CANBERRA - On June 11, 2003, the student reports, "My teacher was reading us a book when my friend told me there was a UFO outside, I quickly looked outside and I saw it at 1:40 in the afternoon." It was really strange, because it kept on disappearing and reappearing as different shapes and colors, firstly it was a white cigar, then it disappeared and reappeared as a black cigar, it then disappeared again and reappeared as 2 white blobby things, it then seemed to turn and it was a big triangle thing with bAig lights on it and each end, firstly i thought it was a stealth bomber or something but it did not have any weird tail, and it seemed to move really strongly, my other friends saw it too and we were all convinced it was a UFO. Thanks to Peter Davenport [[www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org)]NUFORC

#### ALLEGED LOW ELECTROLYTES IN ABDUCTEES

I study electrolytes (minerals). A blood test is an indication of a short window of time. If these people are low in Na or Cl, then the blood is low and either one of two things are happening: the person used up their minerals in both the blood and all body tissues or their blood minerals were used up and the body tissues are restoring the blood levels. Without a TMA (tissue mineral analysis) it would be hard to tell if their body tissues and blood levels were low before being abducted. There are two wAays to use up your minerals: they are simple fuels that naturally get burned up by the body on a daily basis and burn, as we get older. We also burn minerals under stress to cope with stressful situations; emotional or physical. The part that no one talks about is insidious; when our minerals are low, the body gets stressed by not having fuel reserves and then burns even more minerals in a downward spiral. If abducted people showed a hair analysis with low chromium, vanadium, selenium, copper and iron, A as most axe murderers, then based on mineral analysis, they could be believed to be able to convince themselves of being abducted. If not, then I highly doubt it, the scientific evidence points the other way. I bet they are not the axe murder type and magnetic/radio frequency burned their minerals and because they were low then, the body was stressed and then burned even more, etc, etc. [rvcarp@earthlink.net](mailto:rvcarp@earthlink.net)

Editor's Note: Research funds are needed to study the possible lack of electrolytes in abductees. People who believe they are possible abductees should have blood tests to determine the state of their health. Most people are not getting enough vitamins, minerals, and anti-oxidants in their daily diet. Government guidelines are bare minimums to keep you from getting various diseases.



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## Re: Another Take On June 24th - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 08:39:27 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 13:52:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Another Take On June 24th - McCoy

Hello, all.

If Arnold saw a huge formation of Northrop wings, the whole of that part of the state of Washinton did too. Prop or jet, they were large, noise-makers - smoky too. A formation of that size, would've caused the few nesting pelicans to drop their eggs out of sheer fright.

This is a good basic over view:

<http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/fta/fta198.htm>

Dig the MX 324 too, Flash Gordon, eat your heart out.

GT McCoy

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## CCCRN News: 1880 Crop Circle Report & New RDA

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@cccrn.ca](mailto:psa@cccrn.ca)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 13:25:39 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2003 22:44:23 -0400  
Subject: CCCRN News: 1880 Crop Circle Report & New RDA

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E-News from the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

June 25, 2003

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### 1880 Crop Circle Report - Nature Magazine

In the July 29, 1880 issue of Nature magazine, a short letter to the editor was published, written by a respected scientist of the time, spectroscopist J. Rand Capron, describing circular flattenings in a wheat field in Surrey, England. The description given is very similar to many other cases of crop circles of the simpler variety, both current and older, of circular flattened areas with standing centres of stalks and untouched walls of standing crop around the outside perimeters of the circles.

This case was first discovered by Peter Van Doorn as a reprint in the January 2000 issue of the Journal of Meteorology. For anyone who may not have seen this report yet or is interested in a copy of the original published letter in Nature, CCCRN has obtained a print copy from the microfilm archives here in the Vancouver library. This is the original letter in Nature, not the 2000 reprint. The copy also includes the volume cover page (Volume XXII, May 1880 - October 1880) as there is not a separate copy of the cover available for that specific issue (July 29, 1880). The mentioned sketch was not published with the letter unfortunately.

### New 'Randomly Downed Areas' Reports - British Columbia and Ontario

Three new reports of 'randomly downed areas' (RDAs) from May 25 to June 19 have been added to the RDAs archive in the Possibly Related Phenomena section on the web site, one in British Columbia and two in Ontario. The BC one, at Abbotsford, is not far from the area of the two large corn formations in Mission last year, and the two Ontario reports, at Caledon East and Cheltenham, are in the same region as similar reports from the same time last year, which preceded additional 'regular' geometric formations in the following weeks. As they are not circular or geometric per se, they are not listed in the main 2003 crop circle report archive, although some semi-geometric patterns and other interesting characteristics were noted. While many random patterns are ordinary lodging or weather damage of course, similar appearing occurrences have sometimes exhibited complex lay patterns and stretched or ruptured stalk nodes like those often found in the 'regular' circular or geometric formations, extensively documented by the BLT Research Team and others.

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

\* Please also note my primary new e-mail address:  
[psa@cccrn.ca](mailto:psa@cccrn.ca). This replaces my previous one,  
[psa@look.ca](mailto:psa@look.ca) - Paul

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## Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 17:15:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2003 22:50:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Oberg

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 08:29:22 -0500  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

>\_\_\_\_\_. As illustrated in Figure 6 of my NFS paper in a way  
>that even Mr. Oberg should be able to see, the light flash is in  
>upper left corner of the image where lens flare already was  
>located, while the L5D thruster would have been below the lower  
>left edge of the image. I've said this about 10 times and Oberg  
>has ignored it that many times. I could say it a million times  
>and he'd probably ignore it a million times.

>But just for the heck of it, I'll try a direct question to Oberg  
>and see if he dodges it or has the integrity to answer it  
>honestly: Do you acknowledge that the flash of light is  
>brightest at the upper left corner of the image and that the  
>thruster is to the left and below the image field?

The regions of visibility of flare from thruster plume are distributed evenly along the path traveled by that glowing plume, with no diminishing brightness along this vector, at least close to the shuttle across a camera field-of-view. The plume does not form a cloud that gets dimmer and dimmer over the span of several meters as it expands from the thruster. This means that it will not be brighter for areas of a field of view closer to the point of origin, either the thruster itself or - in this case - off some Orbiter structure in that region, say the elevon.

This is the non-intuitive behavior of the glowing plume spurts, as observed by workers in Mission Control and by specialists who have viewed hundreds of hours of downlinked video. It is regrettable that Mr. Fleming has restated his adamant determination to NEVER talk to such people about this.

Consequently, since in the frame of reference of the camera's field of view, with the origin (0,0) at lower left and the scale of '1' for the horizontal and vertical axis width, a plume origin near the thruster (approx (-1, -1) on the graph) or the elevon (approx (-1, -2) on the graph) would generate a brightness fan that is clearly densest (and presumably brightest) within the camera FOV at its upper left corner. Moving away from this region, the bounceback angle increases and the amount of plume material falls off.

I am puzzled why Fleming is puzzled by this, or why he seems to think that a plume explanation for the visual flare MUST be brightest closest to the plume origin (lower left of this scene). If my previous explanations and descriptions of this were unclear and confused, I apologize and hope that improving quality comes with improving experience.

I hope this explanation casts some light on this obscurity.

-- Jim Oberg

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## Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 21:38:26 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2003 22:53:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 08:29:22 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 10:20:22 -0400  
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

I wrote:

>The time of the light flash I derived using it indicated the  
>thruster had stopped firing between 1.6 and and 2.6 seconds  
>after the thruster firing.

Apologies for the mangled sentence. What I meant to write was that the results I got indicated the L5D vernier thruster stopped firing between 1.6 and 2.6 seconds before the light flash according to the state vector computed by Mr. Adamo for the time of the events.

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## Re: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi - Wilson

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson@alienjigsaw.com](mailto:K.Wilson@alienjigsaw.com)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2003 10:23:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2003 23:04:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi - Wilson

>Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 00:07:24 -0300  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 01:33:11 -0400  
>Subject: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi

>Hi All,

>Kudos to Mr. James Fox for a job very well done! Good people,  
>good cases, all presented well. It was a breath of fresh air to  
>see the subject approached with intelligence, an eye towards  
>quality and the kind of straight forward seriousness that it  
>merits.

>Familiar faces like Stan Friedman, Mike Lindemann and Leslie  
>Kean shared the podium with \_killer\_ witnesses like Robert  
>Jacobs, and Mercury astronaut, 'Gordo' Gordon Cooper to name  
>just two. Their testimony coupled with comments from prominent,  
>credible people like astronomer Bernard Haische and Peter  
>Sturrock (of the 'Sturrock Panel' Report) made for a powerful  
>presentation.

>It would be good to see 'only' programming of this high a  
>quality on the subject of UFOs. Who needs all the other crap  
>anyway? Out of the Blue has 'raised the bar' for all UFO  
>programs that follow. My best regards and deepest thanks to all  
>connected to the production of this fine video documentary.

>John Velez

I agree with you John - 100% on everything you said. It was so refreshing to watch this program!

I wrote to the producers to let them know how I felt about the program and I have actually received two responses.

I highly recommend that people who missed seeing "Out of the Blue" visit <http://www.outoftheblue.tv> and order the "Director's Cut" version on DVD or video. Or, call 1.800.350.4639.

This would be a good program to have on hand to share with your friends who are "on the fence" about the reality of UFOs and the government's history of cover-up.

Yes - Kudos to Mr. James Fox!

Did you see the ad?

I also thought the advertisement by the Freedom of Information group was very well done and thought provoking. It would be wonderful to see advertisements like this on CBS, ABC, NBC, etc. Hopefully someone in a decision-making role from those networks was watching this closely.

Their Web address is: [www.freedomofinfo.org](http://www.freedomofinfo.org)

Thanks!

Katharina

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## Montauk's Unsung Hero

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June 26, 2003

Montauk's Unsung Hero

Over the years, Camp Hero has fended off German U-boats, Soviet air attacks and conspiracy theorists.

By John Hanc

John Hanc is a regular contributor to Newsday.

Things were quiet at Camp Hero the morning of Oct. 22, 1962.

Airman 2nd Class Bernie Roke of the 773rd Radar Squadron had just finished shutting down the base's diesel power plant for repairs. He was sitting in a World War II-era blockhouse, looking out a small window at the ocean, just a mile from the eastern tip of Long Island. Originally a cinder block building, it had been reinforced with concrete in order to withstand a nuclear blast. As the base powered down, the only light was from the battery-powered emergency lights that glimmered inside.

It was dark. It was quiet.

The phone rang. It was, Roke recalls, "a very agitated colonel, ordering that the site be brought online." Roke told him about the maintenance shutdown that had been approved by higher command, and hung up. A few minutes later, the phone rang again. This time it was an equally insistent general, demanding that the base and its long-range radar systems go back online immediately. "At first, we didn't really understand the reason for the excitement," says Roke, now a 61-year-old aircraft engineer in Louisville, Ky. "That evening, we watched John Kennedy's Cuban Missile Crisis speech on TV and then we understood."

From then on, Roke recalls, "things got real spooky."

In some ways, they still are.

Forty-one years after Airman Roke and his unit mates found themselves on the front lines of impending Armageddon, Camp Hero is welcoming thousands of civilian visitors in this, its first full summer season as Long Island's newest state park. Opened in September, the 755-acre park and nature sanctuary - which abuts Montauk Point State Park - is endowed with diverse wildlife, Montauk's only forest, three miles of hiking trails and spectacular 100-foot-high bluffs overlooking the Atlantic.

But the park has another identity as well. For 40 years, this was an active military installation - a fort during World War II, then a Cold War-era radar base. Now, thanks to the efforts of the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, local politicians, historians and veterans' groups, the remnants are there for all to see: a giant radar tower (the last of its kind in the United States), two massive

bunkers that once housed artillery, and about 30 buildings, including a faux village designed to fool enemy planes.

Here they stand, frozen in time, as if waiting for the attack that never took place. The net effect is eerie - but not nearly as weird as the role Camp Hero plays in the cultish world of UFO, alien abduction and government conspiracy theories. Among those who believe in such things, Camp Hero is the focus of intense speculation about bizarre experiments supposedly conducted here, many of them purportedly at a "secret" underground facility.

The real base - named after Gen. Andrew Hero, the Army's chief of coastal artillery in the 1920s and '30s - was opened in 1942, as part of the coastal defense network guarding American shores against attack by Nazi Germany, principally in the form of the U-boats that prowled these waters. Tunnels were dug (which may explain the "underground" base rumors), designed to connect the four 16-inch and two 6-inch guns that were set up in huge concrete bunkers on hills overlooking the Atlantic. They were supported by anti-aircraft and machine gun emplacements, plus spotting towers at both Camp Hero and the nearby Shadmoor area of Montauk - now also a state park. (The big guns were never fired, except in practice. The sound of them, so the story goes, shattered windows in the village of Montauk, 5 miles away.)

During the war, a garrison of 600 men and 37 officers was stationed at the base. They lived and worked in barracks, mess halls, offices, shops and storage facilities that were designed to resemble a civilian fishing village - supposedly, to fool enemy aircraft.

In 1948, the new perceived threat was from a Soviet air attack, and Camp Hero became one of the first three radar sites established on the Northeastern coast. By 1951, the base - renamed the Montauk Air Force Station - became a component of a nationwide early warning radar system. Over the next three decades, an alphabet soup of radar and tracking equipment was set up at the base - AN/CPS-5, AN/TPS-10A, FPS-20, AN/FPS-5 - one coming along every few years, like new versions of Microsoft Windows. "The function remained the same ... to detect hostile aircraft and track them," says Cold War historian Don Bender, who consulted with the state on the park's preservation.

The pinnacle of this Cold War-driven technology surge was reached - literally and figuratively - in 1960, when the first AN/FPS-35 fixed-surveillance radar system was erected at the base. The Sperry-built radar stood on a bluff overlooking the ocean, atop a seven-story control building. Its "sail," an oblong-shaped screen capable of tracking objects 200 miles away, was 50 feet high and 120 feet wide. The whole structure soared about 150 feet into the sky, making an incongruous addition to the landscape of Montauk. "It became an outpost of the Cold War," Bender said. "You have this sleepy little village, and then you had this thing appear here as a result of these international tensions."

Those tensions reached a near flash point in October 1962, when reconnaissance photos revealed the existence of Soviet missile sites in Cuba capable of firing nuclear weapons at U.S. targets. The fear and reverberations of the subsequent standoff between President Kennedy and Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev registered all the way to Montauk.

A few days into the crisis, a van appeared at the gate of the Air Force base carrying two men who said they were delivering test equipment to the block house. With the base on sabotage alert, Roke recalls, the men were spread-eagled on the ground and searched. Then their vehicle was inspected. The men were allowed up to the block house, where they were searched yet again. They left, and no one ever saw them after that. "If it was a test of our security, we passed," said Roke. "But we never really knew if it was."

One night shortly after that incident, a new major transferred to the base. He arrived unannounced and moved immediately into the small military housing area just outside the base (those 27 houses are now private residences). "The guards at the gate knew the house was not occupied, so when the lights went on, they charged into the fray, coming through the front door with weapons at the ready and safeties off," Roke said. "We nearly

lost the major before he officially arrived."

At the time of the Cuban missile crisis, Camp Hero and its state-of-the-art radar and tracking systems were a critical part of the U.S. defense network. A decade later, that was no longer the case. As radar technology changed and military resources were redirected, the base was no longer needed. A protracted decommissioning of the base began in 1978, and continued until the closing in 1981. When Maj. Miles Martin arrived as the base's last commander in July 1978, there were 120 military personnel and civilians working at Camp Hero (down from a Cold War-era high of 206 in 1966). The numbers continued to dwindle over the next two years, prompting Martin to hold the base-closing ceremony in November 1980 - two months before the scheduled closing. "Our numbers were getting small enough that to wait would mean we would not have enough people to have the ceremony," recalls Martin, 60, now retired from the Air Force and living in Huntsville, Ala.

By 1984, title to the land was transferred to the state. While the debate about what to do with the old base raged, some believed they knew exactly what was happening behind the barbed wire fences. Three years after the base closed, a man named Preston Nichols - who said he worked for a Long Island defense contractor - visited the old base.

In a book he wrote, "The Montauk Project," published in 1992, Nichols claims to have discovered that Camp Hero was the site of secret government experiments in time-travel and mind control. The book spawned several subsequent volumes, a few videos and dozens of Web sites, all devoted to the supposed "mystery" of Montauk. As the stories spread, they became more elaborate: Tales of black beret-wearing Special Forces and unmarked planes patrolling the base, of weather modification experiments, of people claiming to have been transported back in time, even of alien-like beings called "reptoids" working in the secret underground base. This tickled the imaginations of "X-Files" types around the country.

"I am convinced that there were top secret projects being carried out there," said John Crawford of Hicksville, webmaster of a site called Subversiveelement.com. Crawford says he has received e-mails from people saying they used to see strange lights coming from the base in the '80s and '90s, and from others who claim to hear strange noises coming from the base even now.

One of those sounds might be a very large sigh from park superintendent Tom Dess, who had hoped that "as soon as we opened the park, it would defuse all this once and for all." Alas, the conspiracy din continues loud enough that some of those associated with the base - including one of the radar veterans' groups - will not even answer questions from reporters unless they are assured that the article is not going to give credence to, or focus solely on, what one called "some hokey UFO/mind-control/government-conspiracy/ time- travel nonsense."

So how did Montauk and Camp Hero become synonymous with Area 51 and Roswell, N.M.? "I suppose it makes a good setting, with the remote location and the fact that the base was closed for so long," Bender says. He feels that the Montauk "conspiracy" is not a government plot, but rather, a case of government plod. "To make this park really accessible," he said, "you had to clean out asbestos, deal with unexploded ordnance, demolish old buildings and towers that are decrepit and could be dangerous to people. That tends to have a low priority in the federal government. They work very slowly."

Indeed, it took about 16 years for various federal agencies to complete their cleanups. During that time, there were proposals to convert the old base into a golf course or a housing development. In the end, however, Long Island got a new state park - which, unlike most of our state parks, comes complete with a fake village, a giant radar tower still glowering out at the Atlantic, and a very eerie legacy.

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WHITE HOUSE "OVERSTATED" IRAQI WMD THREAT

The House Intelligence Committee has found that the Bush Administration "overstat[ed] the case" concerning the threat from Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, said ranking member Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA), describing the Committee's preliminary findings thus far.

"When discussing Iraq's WMD, administration officials rarely included the caveats and qualifiers attached to the intelligence community's judgments," said Rep. Harman during the June 25 House debate on the 2004 intelligence authorization act.

"The committee is now investigating whether the intelligence case on Iraq's WMD was based on circumstantial evidence rather than hard facts and whether the intelligence community made clear to the policy-makers and Congress that most of its analytic judgments were based on things like aerial photographs and Iraqi defector interviews, not hard facts," said Rep. Harman.

She repeatedly referred to the Committee's activity as an "investigation" even though that term has been proscribed by Senate Republicans such as Senate Intelligence Committee chair Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS) who say it is "pejorative."

"Iraq did have ties to terrorist groups, but the [House Committee] investigation suggests that the intelligence linking al Qaeda to Iraq, a prominent theme in the administration's statements prior to the war, [was] contradictory, contrary to what was claimed by the Administration," she said.

"I think it is very important that the committee hold public hearings, and I have the gentleman from Florida's (Chairman Goss') personal commitment that we will. I hope our first hearing will occur in July. Our committee also decided to produce a written, unclassified report as promptly as possible," she said.

The transcript of the June 25 House floor debate on the 2004 intelligence authorization act is posted here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/h062503.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/h062503.html)

Rep. Harman's statement begins here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/h062503.html#harman](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/h062503.html#harman)

Meanwhile, "The State Department's intelligence division is disputing the Central Intelligence Agency's conclusion that mysterious trailers found in Iraq were for making biological weapons, United States government officials said today," reported Douglas Jehl in the New York Times.

"In a classified June 2 memorandum, the officials said, the department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research said it was premature to conclude that the trailers were evidence of an Iraqi biological weapons program, as President Bush has done." See:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/26/international/worldspecial/26WEAP.html>

Questions about the Administration's presentation of the case for war against Iraq are not going away and evidence of public frustration with the closed-door official proceedings to date is beginning to mount.

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists this week issued "A call for a truly public hearing." See:

<http://www.thebulletin.org/issues/2003/wo/0624rothstein.html>

"This is no game," said Sen. Robert Byrd (D-WV) on June 24. "For the first time in our history, the United States has gone to war because of intelligence reports claiming that a country posed a threat to our Nation."

"Congress should not be content to use standard operating procedures to look into this extraordinary matter. We should accept no substitute for a full, bipartisan investigation by Congress into the issue of our prewar intelligence on the threat from Iraq and the use of that intelligence." See Senator Byrd's remarks here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/s062403.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s062403.html)

#### ANOTHER LOOK AT THE 2004 HOUSE INTELLIGENCE BILL

The House version of the 2004 intelligence authorization act would make it legal for "certain qualified aliens" to receive, possess and transport "explosive materials" if they are in the United States to cooperate with the CIA or the United States military (HR 2417, section 332).

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/hr2417.html#332](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/hr2417.html#332)

The otherwise unexplained provision is apparently intended to facilitate the US training of foreign military or paramilitary forces by the CIA and the Pentagon.

Another section of the bill instructs the DCI to prepare a report on "intelligence lessons learned as a result of Operation Iraqi Freedom (section 344). But no provision is made for an unclassified version of such a report, observed John Pike of GlobalSecurity.org.

"The Administration would strenuously object if certain high priority transformational development programs affecting the IC's [intelligence community's] future collection and research and development strategies are not authorized as requested," the White House warned in a June 25 statement on the House version of the 2004 intelligence authorization act.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/06/hr2417sap.html>

The message seems to have been received. The new bill "postures the United States for the future with a unified overhead imagery intelligence architecture," House Intelligence Committee chair Rep. Porter Goss (R-FL) promised later in the day, apparently referring to the troubled and massively expensive Future Imagery Architecture program.

#### NEW RESOURCES ON FISA

A new Congressional Research Service report presents the arguments for and against pending modifications to the Foreign



Intelligence Surveillance Act, the law that governs the search and surveillance of suspected foreign intelligence and terrorist targets.

See "Proposed Change to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) under S. 113" by Jennifer Elsea, May 19:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS21472.pdf>

An overview of the FISA "before and after the USA Patriot Act" is provided by FBI special agent Michael J. Bulzomi in the latest issue of the FBI's Law Enforcement Bulletin. See:

[http://www.fbi.gov/publications/leb/2003/june2003/june03leb.htm#page\\_26](http://www.fbi.gov/publications/leb/2003/june2003/june03leb.htm#page_26)

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## Electrolyte Imbalances In The Abductee

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Patricia Gray, R.N. writes that the collective stats from Saber Enterprises results in a high number of reports from abductees concerning low potassium (K) levels (some of which seem to be at a "critical level" and need emergent treatment. There is, also, the interesting report of "salt cravings" among abductees and as far as I have heard, none of these abductees reporting salt craving are ever put on salt restrictions by their physicians related to conditions that are exacerbated by the heavy (or even normal) use of salt. In other words, perhaps their bodies need more salt, and then of course the question would be, "Why?" I am including salt cravings in this overview because salt is sodium chloride (NaCl) which are two electrolytes, as potassium is and craving can sometimes mean, "lack".

I do find it interesting that abductees report low K values and do not report low Na or Cl values as they are all laboratory tests that are normally ordered at the same time in an "electrolyte panel". A potassium check will sometimes be done individually as a recheck of a high or low value under treatment. Whether this is a lack of reporting on the part of the abductees, or lack of reporting on the part of the physician to the patient (because it is common and an easy "fix", I suppose) or whether it is just not occurring would be valuable to know. Alterations in electrolytes are not uncommon and cause their own symptoms (which can be mild to lethal) if not treated in a timely manner. In my hospital experience (43 years in variable medical services) these altered lab values are most often secondary to an underlying medical condition. That may be not be the case in the abductee and is part of this investigation.

This research cannot be conducted totally independently from the reported alterations found in neurohormones among abductees. These observations to date are the child of mature discussions from our abductee records at Saber Enterprises, of medical stats, and from a broader set of conversations about levels of the neurohormones, dopamine, serotonin and melatonin that appear to be altered due to reported contact with an alien presence. This brief overview will not discuss these alterations in detail; it is just noted here that there may be a connection. In the soon to be released book by Derrel Sims, "Fluorescence: Bringing the Evidence to Light," the reader will begin to note the real interconnectiveness of one set of evidences to another. This is just one place where his research makes that evident.

Some of the underlying questions that lead the research in this noteworthy chemical alteration are:

1. Are there any common denominators between the specific abductees reporting this alteration or between specific events in an individual and their electrolyte levels? In other words, does a specific type of event precipitate this medical condition?
2. Are their underlying medical conditions that would contribute

to this alteration?

3. Are the underlying medical conditions forming a pattern that might direct the research further?
4. Are the alterations of a chronic or acute nature?
5. Do those reporting salt cravings and altered electrolyte levels also report altered levels of neurohormones, either by test result or symptoms?
6. Was a Na and Cl level done at the same time as the K level? If so, what are those lab results?
7. Is there a relationship between salt craving and the timing of an event?
8. Do other members of the family have alterations of electrolytes or neurohormones? (Could this abductee characteristic be of a genetic nature?)

Questions of a more speculative nature.

1. Which came first, the alterations or the abductions? In other words, could this alteration of body chemistry cause the alien's original "interest" in the abductee?
2. Do these alterations make a person more susceptible to suggestions?
3. Do individuals with these alterations just "remember" more of their events, therefore identifying them as abductees more often?
4. With salt causing retention of fluid, perhaps "other things" (introduced into the blood during an event through direct injection or intradermally through the application of alien embedded fluorescence) will not be eliminated as quickly increasing their effectiveness?
5. Is this a possible reaction to physical, emotional, and psychic stress?
6. Is it a side effect of procedure or related to other alterations such as neurohormones?

Brief overview of the role of potassium, sodium, and chloride in the body

Most often, lowered results of these electrolytes in an otherwise healthy individual are related to prolonged vomiting and diarrhea, as these are "washed" out of the system. Excessive fluid intake can also result in lowered values as it dilutes the electrolytes in the system. Any large change in blood volume (such as occurs when someone bleeds excessively) may alter the electrolyte level. Diuretics (water pills) are a common cause of lowered values, especially potassium. Severe dehydration may elevate the levels because of the increased concentration of the blood serum.

#### Chloride

Chloride interacts with sodium to maintain the osmotic pressure of blood, helping to regulate blood volume and arterial pressure. It is absorbed from the intestines and is excreted primarily by the kidneys.

Abnormal results and their symptoms:

Low levels (hypochloremia): Are usually associated with low sodium and potassium levels. Symptoms are depressed respirations, Hypertonicity of muscles, elevated levels (hyperchloremia): May be the result of renal shutdown or head injury. Symptoms are developing stupor, rapid deep breathing, weakness that may lead to coma.

#### Potassium

Maintains cellular electrical neutrality. The sodium-potassium active transport pump maintains the ratio of intracellular potassium to extracellular potassium that determines the resting

membrane potential necessary for nerve impulse transmission. Disturbances in this ration can alter cardiac rhythms, transmission and conduction of nerve impulses, and muscle contraction. Aldosterone and acid-base balance regulate potassium concentration.

Abnormal results and their symptoms:

Muscle weakness, neuromuscular irritability, tingling of lips and fingers, restlessness, intestinal cramping, diarrhea, paralysis and EKG changes. Low levels (hypokalemia) can result in decreased reflexes, mental confusion, low blood pressure, loss of appetite, muscle weakness, numbness, cramping of muscles and rapid, weak, irregular pulse. Elevated levels (hyperkalemia) may result in serious heart arrhythmias.

Sodium

Affects body water distribution, helps promote neuromuscular function, influences chloride and potassium levels. Excreted through the kidneys and a small amount through the skin. Aldosterone inhibits sodium excretion and promotes its resorption (with water) to maintain balance. Low sodium levels stimulate aldosterone secretion; elevated sodium levels depress adosterone secretion.

Abnormal results and their symptoms:

Low levels (hyponatremia) usually occur with inadequate sodium intake or excessive loss of sodium through sweating, diuretics, diarrhea, vomiting, and severe burns. The individual may present with symptoms of apprehension, lassitude, headache, decreased skin turgor, abdominal cramps and tremors that may progress to seizures. Elevated levels (hypernatremia) will cause symptoms of thirst, restlessness, dry and sticky mucous membranes, flushed skin, decreased and frequent urination, diminished reflexes. Diagnostics: An A-to-Z Guide to Laboratory Tests and Diagnostic Procedures. Springhouse, Pennsylvania: Springhouse Corporation, 2001. Florescence: Looking at Evidence in a new light. Soon to be published by Derrel Sims, R.H.A., with Patricia Gray, R.N. "Interview with an Alienhunter". Thanks to Saber Enterprises cc 2003

Editor's Note: Anyone suspected of being an abductee should have blood screening accomplished and a physical check up by his or her physician. There is some evidence that blood and other body fluids are diminished during an abduction. There are certainly other possibilities that must be researched. High levels of electrical energy may disrupt the functions of the brain causing the abductee to believe that an abduction has taken place.

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## Frozen Water Detected At Mars' North Pole

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Frozen water detected at Mars' north pole - report  
By Deborah Zabarenko

WASHINGTON, June 26 (Reuters) - The Martian north pole is honeycombed with frozen water, exceeding the ice deposits detected on Mars' southern end and raising hopes of finding traces of past microscopic life, astronomers reported on Thursday.

The northern ice lies just below the Red Planet's surface, according to Bill Boynton of the University of Arizona, part of a team of U.S. and Russian scientists who made the discovery.

What they actually detected was hydrogen, which combines with oxygen to form water, but they spotted so much hydrogen that it could not have been anything else, Boynton said in a telephone interview.

"There's just so much of it (hydrogen), it can't be present in any other form," Boynton said. He explained that small amounts of water are normally present in rocks and soil on Earth, but on Mars' north pole, "we're seeing amounts that are on the order of 80 to 90 percent ice by volume."

The ice is uniformly distributed throughout the Martian soil, he said.

"What we think ... is you could go almost anywhere in these high northern latitudes and dig down several inches (cm) to a foot (30 cm) or so and find ice there for you," Boynton said.

This is good news for those who believe life might have been present on Mars in the past, since liquid water is a prerequisite for the development of Earth-type life.

If Mars was warm and wet at some point, as many astronomers think, the current wide distribution of ice would indicate a large region where water might have been capable of supporting life.

The U.S.-Russian team, whose findings were published in the journal *Science*, used data from the Mars Global Surveyor and Mars Odyssey, two NASA vehicles orbiting Mars.

Mars Odyssey first found evidence of subsurface ice around the Martian south pole about a year ago. The scientists found about one-third more ice in the northern polar region than in the south.

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## CI: Accelerated Evolution

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Accelerated Evolution  
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 39)

[Note: The following began as an essay in my Posthuman Blues weblog. While not explicitly Mars-related, it parallels some of the ideas in the previous Cydonian Imperative entry about hominids. --Mac]

Evolution is fact, not theory - but that doesn't mean that it's without its share of mysteries. For example, the transitional forms expected by Darwinian natural selection simply don't seem to exist in the expected quantity. It's as if evolutionary leaps from one species to another occur in fitful bursts: a phenomenon that, to some, implies an intelligent designer.

While I don't think that life on Earth has been steered by an omnipotent deity (although extraterrestrial intervention shouldn't be discounted), the lack of transitional specimens in the fossil record may be an important window into the mechanics of evolution. Rather than laboriously searching for "missing" links, perhaps scientists should concede, if only as an exercise in thought, that there are no transitional specimens; perhaps life has found a way to circumvent awkward transitional forms, hastening the evolutionary process. It's possible that DNA possesses its own collective intelligence (perhaps only loosely allied with its host species) resulting in morphological "quantum jumps."

The human lineage is by no means exempt. While contemporary humans share a common ancestry with apes, we have yet to find a transitional protohuman that would end the "missing link" controversy. But just maybe there wasn't a "missing" link. Maybe protohuman genes, sensing some incipient change in the biospheric zeitgeist, launched a new version of humanity to increase their chances of survival.

This sounds like an act of intelligence, but is it really? Temporarily setting aside the paradigm-smashing concept that living things are endowed with "morphogenetic fields," an evolutionary "leap" might be purely reflexive. (Ants and wasps construct elaborate "architecture," yet no one accuses them of intelligence. Similarly, viruses capably hijack cell nuclei, yet biologists hesitate to even consider them "alive" in anything but a rudimentary technical sense.)

The implications of evolutionary quantum jumps are far-reaching - and disturbingly relevant. Humans have reworked the Earth's biosphere in countless ways in just the last few hundred years, exceeding the influence of our ancestors at a rate that promises to exponentiate. We have added new ingredients to the fabric of our planetary chemistry, saturated the skies with electronic transmissions, shaken the earth with nuclear explosions, and unleashed a veritable zoo of psychoactive substances. We live in

an environment increasingly besieged by information of all conceivable forms; consequently, we suffer from new maladies and addictions.

Will these trends spur an abrupt genetic "upgrade"? Will homo sapiens cease to exist within a handful of generations? Fossil-hunters of the distant future, still seeking the worryingly absent links in the human continuum, may find the skeletons of "Starbucks Man" suddenly superseded by a new, improved version.

None of this is to say we shouldn't take measures to deliberately hasten our evolution. We may be unique in being the first humans capable of making the transition to a higher form of our own volition - not an opportunity to be taken lightly.

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## Terrorism Panic Goes Too Far At Area 51

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Thursday, June 26, 2003

Knappster: Terrorism panic goes too far at Area 51

By George Knapp

Chuck Clark wasn't even home when law enforcement personnel assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force roared up to his rented trailer in tiny Rachel, Nev., the other day. He didn't know about the still-sealed search warrant until he returned from a road trip and found that his files, photos and computer had been seized.

"They didn't ransack the place. Overall, it was pretty professional," Clark says. "But it looks like they took a lot of stuff that wasn't covered in the warrant."

Is Chuck Clark a terrorist? In the world that existed before the attacks of 9-11, the answer would be no. These days, the answer is less clear. Is he a pain in the ass? There seems to be little doubt about that.

"Of course I'm a pain in the ass. I know it, and they know it, but I'm not a terrorist," he says.

Clark moved to Rachel about 10 years ago, drawn, in part, by the stories about a mysterious military base now known the world over as Area 51. Before 1989, few people outside Nevada had ever heard of the place. A series of TV news reports produced by this humble reporter in 1989, rightly or wrongly, put Area 51 on the map. The reports included sensational allegations about Area 51 being home to spectacular technology, alien technology, some said.

In the ensuing years, almost every major news organization in the world has made a pit stop at Rachel. Thousands of print and broadcast news stories have been generated, along with documentaries, books, magazine features, websites, movie screenplays, TV dramas, songs, poems, T-shirts, bumper stickers, greeting cards, ashtrays, posters, refrigerator magnets, Christmas ornaments and conspiracy theories. There are bars named for Area 51. Rock bands, too.

Chuck Clark was as intrigued as everyone else. He retired from a job at a California observatory and moved to Rachel. He immediately fell in love with the wide open spaces, the rural lifestyle and the continuing mystery about a massive military facility that didn't really exist, according to the military. Armed with sophisticated cameras and long-range lenses, he began to document the true story of the nonexistent base. His daily desert forays and excellent photos were eventually compiled into a book.

Along the way, Clark has had numerous run-ins with base security. Unlike many of the gung-ho yahoos who wanted to

violate the perimeter and ignore the ominous warning signs, Clark says he has always operated lawfully. He takes his photos from public land. He doesn't tell tall tales about E.T. commandos who abduct milk-carton kids for use in human-alien hybridization experiments. He doesn't claim to have personal knowledge of almond-eyed Martians cooking up earthlings in giant underground vats at Groom Lake or plots by the United Nations/New World Order to put us all in concentration camps.

His interest in Area 51 is more mundane, but just as compelling. The Pentagon has repeatedly denied the existence of the base, even though it has been documented in undeniable detail. Clark finds that intriguing. Millions of people around the world feel the same way. The budget for Area 51 is shrouded in secrecy but there is little doubt that billions of public dollars have been invested at the site. It is the testing ground for the most exotic aircraft on the planet. (This planet, anyway.) Employees say they are required to sign away their constitutional rights when they take the job. No kidding, there is a form letter they must sign. On any given day, they arrive at the base in unmarked planes or in buses with blacked-out windows. Federal lawsuits filed by unnamed workers allege that base managers have routinely disposed of toxic or hazardous materials by dousing tons of waste with jet fuel

before burning the poisonous garbage in open pits, a practice that generates huge clouds of foul fumes and contaminates the lungs and tissue of employees, many of whom are now dying of unknown diseases.

If you are one of those people who still insist that the public has no business asking questions about Area 51, then I don't know what to say to you. Yes, it is a classified, black budget facility, (existent or not), and there is no doubt that the mission of the base is important, but those are your dollars out there. Presidents Clinton and Bush have issued yearly executive orders that exempt "the operating facility near Groom Lake" from all environmental regulations. Congressional oversight is infrequent and incomplete because few members of Congress have ever been allowed to set foot on the base. From what we've been told, the commander of Nellis Air Force Base doesn't have a high enough clearance to drop by, even though the base is technically part of the Nellis Range. (He must be a security risk, you think?) So who is supposed to watch the place?

This brings us back to Chuck Clark. Clark is on the ground, you might say. He lives out there and probably knows the perimeter of Area 51 better than anyone. On occasion, he tells Knappster what's happening in Rachel. Back in mid-May, he told me that security personnel at the base had been planting an unusual number of sophisticated sensors on obscure dirt roads that lead to the facility. The sensors are on public land, he said, several miles from the legally prescribed perimeter. It sounded intriguing.

In mid-June, your flawed but intrepid journalist asked Clark to demonstrate his claimed knowledge. It took him less than half an hour to pinpoint two of the devices, hidden under dirt and sagebrush at locations that were miles away from the posted border of the base. Using something called a frequency counter, he drove past the sensors, which triggered them, then pointed them out for the camera. He carefully brushed away the soil cover, described the devices, then covered them back up. He also warned us that security personnel were on the way.

Fifteen minutes later, as we were driving back toward Rachel, we encountered a duo of "Cammo Dudes" speeding toward us in an unmarked truck. They pulled off the dirt road, allowed us to pass, dutifully jotted down our license plate numbers, but didn't hassle us in any way. I asked Chuck afterward what the point was.

"It's overkill, in my opinion. They have a 25-mile buffer zone around the base. There's no way Al-Qaeda or anyone could get anywhere near the facility itself. But they put these things way out here on public land and they don't care if it's a camper or hunter or photographer or four-wheeler. There's a plane crash site up this road and a lot of people like to research those things. There are Native American archaeological sites too. Not everyone who comes out here is interested in the base, but if you drive up here, they send out these guys in trucks and they

intimidate people. It's not right."

That reasoning doesn't impress the law enforcement authorities assigned to pursue such matters. Their position is that by handling the sensors, he effectively disabled them. It could be argued that he damaged government property. One day after our last visit with Clark, Knapppster received a phone call from a friend in law enforcement. "So, what the hell are you doing up at Area 51?" was the central question of the conversation.

Two days later, six cars filled with FBI agents, Air Force Office of Special Investigations operatives and local cops converged on Chuck Clark's trailer. Their search warrant authorized them to take his computer, thousands of photos and any other records that seemed pertinent. As mentioned earlier, the lawmen were attached to the Joint Terrorism Task Force, although no one will officially confirm this tidbit. My TV report about the incident was picked up by other news outlets, including an Internet megasite called the Drudge Report.

By the time I arrived at work Monday morning, I had dozens of e-mail messages sent by Drudge devotees from all over the country. The missives were mostly pro-Chuck. The writers vigorously defended his right to do whatever he wants on public land. Many of the writers decried our country's collective loss of personal liberty since 9-11 and described the law enforcement response as ridiculously excessive. Others were harsh in their condemnation of Mr. Clark, this reporter and my employer.

"Maybe the government has sensors around that area to make sure that unauthorized people who want to harm America do not enter the area. They are trying to protect this great country. Did you ever consider this?" one angry critic wrote. "Hikers, photographers, etc., who have nothing to hide should not care if their license plates are captured by sensors. If Area 51 is supposed to be top secret, responsible media organizations would help maintain its privacy. There are people out there who want to harm America. Why do you help them?"

Where to begin. First of all, Area 51 isn't much of a secret. That cat slipped out of the bag more than 14 years ago, whether anyone admits the place exists or not. Second, it isn't unpatriotic to report what our government does with our money, even when we are assured that it's a matter of national security. After all, federal authorities have used the "national security" excuse to hide numerous instances of high crimes, constitutional transgressions, illicit drug operations, arms deals, assassinations, chemical and biological experimentation, bombing campaigns, buggings, break-ins and blow jobs. Put it this way--if they truly didn't want to attract a lot of attention to Area 51, they probably shouldn't have told the world that the base didn't exist. It's hard to imagine a response that could have attracted MORE attention. If they want to know why so many people are fascinated with the base, they should ask whatever Pentagon PR genius who first advised them to pretend the oft-photographed facility was only a mirage.

Third, and most importantly, it most certainly is NOT our patriotic duty to roll over and say thank you to anyone who flashes a badge. Unlike the majority of my new e-mail pen pals, I still think of the FBI as the good guys. I'm guessing that some of these agents have expressed personal reservations about their post-9/11 role. They know that disagreeing with the government isn't the same as treason. They surely cannot believe that arrests without

charges, incarceration without sentences, interrogations without representation, wiretaps without warrants and the indiscriminate evaluation of credit reports, library records and other personal information about private citizens is just part of the job, justified because of our paranoia about Osama bin Laden and his brethren. But that's what's developed elsewhere.

Chuck Clark is undoubtedly a pain in the ass. But I'll bet the issue of his potential criminality in exposing secretive military sensor devices (on public land) could have been handled in a less heavy-handed manner. I mean, come on, the Terrorism Task Force? (Chuck admitted to me that if someone had told him to back off, he would have conceded.) Is it okay for the military to install spy gear on public land? Knapppster put that question to the BLM...twice...but that agency is still

scrambling to compose an answer. Put it this way: If a private citizen encounters devices of unknown origin while on open, accessible acreage, should that person drop to all fours and assume he or she has committed a terrorist act? If you or I accidentally kick one of these hidden transmitters, should the feds be able to seize our Macintosh and photos of Aunt Betty? Is it public land or not?

If the folks who run Area 51 truly need all that public land, they should do what they've always done--steal it--then wait for Congress to legitimize the acquisition. The Cammo Dudes who responded to the sensor warnings were simply doing their job. The Terrorism Task Force guys who raided Chuck's trailer were doing their jobs. But I will bet that somewhere in the back of their minds, they were wondering if their field trip to Rachel was a worthwhile expenditure of their time and energy, especially in light of the actual terrorism threats that face our country.

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## NASA Strengthens Astrobiology Studies

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26 June 2003

NASA Strengthens Astrobiology Studies of Life on Earth, the Universe

By Leonard David  
Senior Space Writer

Finding out that we are alone in the Universe or a suburb of a huge village of other star folk - either alternative is mind boggling.

Gaining insight into the origin, evolution, distribution, as well as the future of life on Earth and elsewhere in the Universe - that's the assignment of astrobiology researchers now busy at work around the world.

This effort received a major push June 24 with the announcement that NASA's Astrobiology Institute (NAI) has strengthened its roster of study groups delving into a range of cosmic topics.

A dozen newly selected teams, half of which are NAI founding members, now join four NAI lead teams that were selected in 2001. That brings to 16 the number of NAI teams engaged in studying, from the ground up to the stars, quite literally.

Across disciplines and distance

The NAI, founded in 1997, is a partnership between NASA, 16 major U.S. teams and five international consortia. NAI's goal is to promote, conduct, and lead integrated multidisciplinary astrobiology research and to train a new generation of astrobiology researchers.

"We started this as an experiment. Now, five years later, astrobiology is an established field, said Michael Meyer, astrobiology senior scientist at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

"Top research groups want to become members of the NAI, and the Institute is attracting the best researchers on planet Earth. The Institute represents the focus point for addressing NASA's mission statement that includes finding life elsewhere," Meyer told SPACE.com.

"This is an ongoing experiment in collaboration across disciplines and distance," Meyer said.

With this group of 16 teams, NAI's efforts reach from the Earth's deep subsurface to the stars, said Rosalind Grymes, acting director of the NAI. "We look to the near-term future of solar system exploration as well as to the distant past of planet Earth," she said in a NASA statement.

The NAI is anchored at NASA's Ames Research Center in

California's Silicon Valley. NASA Ames is the space agency's lead center for astrobiology. NAI team awards are for five years, with annual reviews, at an average annual funding level of one million dollars.

#### Research topics

NASA has given the go-ahead to study groups to examine everything from what makes for a habitable world to water as the elixir of life, as well as identifying the vital ingredients for life.

Following a heated competition, the newly picked team lead institutions, principal investigators and the titles of their proposed research are the following:

\* Carnegie Institution of Washington: Sean Solomon, "Astrobiological Pathways: From the Interstellar Medium, Through Planetary Systems, to the Emergence and Detection of Life"

\* Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.: Lisa Pratt, "Indiana-Princeton-Tennessee Astrobiology Institute:

\* Detection of Biosustainable Energy and Nutrient Cycling in the Deep Subsurface of Earth and Mars"

\* Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass.: Mitchell Sogin, "From Early Biospheric Metabolisms to the Evolution of Complex Systems"

\* SETI Institute, Mountain View, Calif.: Christopher Chyba, "Planetary Biology, Evolution and Intelligence" \* NASA Ames Research Center: David DesMarais, "Linking Our Origins to Our Future"

\* NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.: Michael Mumma, "Origin and Evolution of Organics in Planetary Systems"

\* Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.: Hiroshi Ohmoto, "Evolution of a Habitable Planet"

\* University of Arizona, Tucson: Neville Woolf, "An Astronomical Search for the Essential Ingredients for Life: Placing our Habitable System in Context"

\* University of California at Los Angeles: Edward Young, "From Stars to Genes: An Integrated Study of the Prospects for Life in the Cosmos"

\* University of California at Berkeley: Jillian Banfield, "Biospheres of Mars: Ancient and Recent Studies"

\* University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.: Bruce Jakosky, "University of Colorado Center for Astrobiology"

\* University of Hawaii, Manoa: Karen Meech, "The Origin, History, and Distribution of Water and its Relation to Life in the Universe"

#### SETI: next generation search

The SETI Institute of Mountain View, California was one of the twelve teams that were selected - a long-time leader in the detection of life's bio-signatures. They will be probing global-scale processes that have shaped, and been shaped by, the interaction between life and its environment.

Some of the funded research will help SETI Institute scientists choose the target stars for the SETI Institute's next-generation search for signs of intelligent extraterrestrial life.

Joining the NASA Astrobiology Institute is the culmination of nineteen years of building a multi-disciplinary institution focused on the various sciences that comprise astrobiology, said SETI Institute Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Pierson. "All of us at the SETI Institute look forward to this new level of partnership with NASA and the other NAI team members," said SETI Institute Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Pierson.

Areas of research covered by the SETI Institute's NAI proposal include: high-altitude terrestrial lakes as analogs to early

Mars; the habitability of planets orbiting cool M stars, which may enlarge the list of stars targeted for SETI searches; and the surface geology and ocean chemistry of Jupiter's moon Europa, and the survivability of bio-markers on its surface.

Putting the "astro" in astrobiology

The new NAI-funded research also bolsters the "astro" part of the astrobiology program.

The University of Arizona and National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO) in Tucson will bring top scientists and world-class telescope facilities to the NASA-funded search for life on other planets. NOAO operates the Kitt Peak National Observatory.

"The search for the origin of life, and the related question of how often life occurs in our galaxy and the universe are potentially the most interesting and challenging topics in all of 21st century science," said University of Arizona astronomy professor, Nick Woolf, who leads the new Tucson-based NAI work.

Stephen Strom, associate director for science at NOAO, said a top scientific target is studying youthful solar systems.

"By observing the circumstellar disks of gas and dust from which planets form, especially around stars similar to a young sun, we expect to learn when in a star's life that planets can form, and how changes in the young sun's energy output might influence the evolution of life on Earth-like planets elsewhere," Strom said.

Dig deep

You've got to dig deep to learn more about the Universe at large.

The new NAI lead team based at Indiana University in Bloomington is ready to demonstrate to what depths researchers must go to better grasp life beyond Earth.

Their project will employ a series of field and laboratory experiments as well as biological samples taken from deep inside mines to figure out the best of way of detecting life on the Earth, as well as Mars. As yet, no life has been substantiated on or under the surface of Earth's chilly neighbor, Mars, where the daily temperature usually tops out around 30 degrees Fahrenheit.

Similarly, the University of Hawaii is looking at Earth habitats to acquire some "distance learning" about environments on other worlds.

NAI's University of Hawaii (UH) team is set to explore aquatic habitats for life in extreme environments in and around the Hawaiian Islands and will develop instruments that may one day be used to search for life elsewhere in the solar system.

"This is an exciting opportunity for UH scientists who have been studying various aspects of astrobiology to integrate our research into a broader understandings of our origins", said Karen Meech, principal investigator and UH astronomy researcher.

"We are all tremendously excited by this opportunity," Meech said.

For more information about the NAI on the Internet, visit:

<http://nai.arc.nasa.gov/>

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## Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

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Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

Forgive me if I am asking questions that are old or if I have a bad understanding.

Based on Oberg's STS-48 timeline data for the period, are we agreed that STS-48, during the period of orbit 44, has an attitude of -ZLV+YVV (BIAS)?

Isn't -ZLV with the payload bay facing to Earth? And isn't +YVV with the Starboard wing in the velocity vector?

Isn't the camera used "C" which is the Starboard Aft payload bay camera?

Does anyone know if the "bias" in the attitude significant at that time?

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## What Happened In July 1947?

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Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2003 11:29:20 -0400  
Subject: What Happened In July 1947?

Source: Roswell Daily Record

<http://www.roswell-record.com/ufo.html> (other news and links)

About July 4, 1947, a UFO reportedly crashed near Roswell, a farming and ranching community in southeastern New Mexico. According to some reports, the bodies of four aliens were found near the ship. In other reports, one or more of the aliens survived for a period of time.

Mac Brazel reported finding portions of a crashed UFO on his ranch. The sheriff of Chaves County passed this information along to officials at Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) and an investigation was begun by Maj. Jesse Marcel, an intelligence officer.

A press release was issued by RAAF about the flying saucer on July 8, 1947. The following day, the official story was changed by Army Air Force officials. (Both stories were reported in front page articles in the Roswell Daily Record.)

This Roswell Daily Record web site lets you explore the various reports on what has been termed the "Roswell Incident", a subject that has generated many news reports, books and motion pictures.

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## Freedom-of-Information Request To CIA 06-27-03

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U. S. Central Intelligence Agency  
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DATE: June 27, 2003

According to recent press accounts in Turkey, certain CIA personnel, during the period 1999-2003, officially have sought (and acquired) from the Turkish Intelligence Agency (MIT) various hard-core cases of UFO encounters reported throughout that country.

Accordingly, under terms of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request that you send me a copy of all CIA-generated and CIA-received records pertaining to this transmittal of UFO-related MIT information, along with any and all other records revealing such CIA UFO-related solicitations directed to, coordinated with, and fulfilled by other intelligence services/operations conducted by foreign countries -- said records to include the following:

Intelligence-collection directives; technical-intelligence estimates/evaluations; intra-/interagency tasking/coordination documents; diplomatic correspondence; UFO-investigation case-study reports (including radarscopic printouts, videographic footage, aircraft gun-camera film, and all other photographic evidence); DOD-managed "CIRVIS reports" submitted/processed/evaluated in accordance with JANAP 146; forensic reports on any UFO physical-trace evidence; witness-interview reports (including all videotaped/audiotaped versions thereof); CIA-FBIS English translations of foreign-press-originated news accounts of UFO encounters; and intra-/interagency correspondence/briefings/minutes of meetings/e-mail discussions as to U. S. government policy and procedures governing the UFO-data mining of other countries' UFO-related reports, policies, and practices.

I also ask that you waive all records-search fees incident to your fulfilling this request, which I submit as a "UFO journalist" specializing in what certain government officials know (and when they knew it) about UFO reality -- a requester status recently acknowledged by FOIA officials at the U. S. Department of State.

By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

LARRY W. BRYANT  
Columnist for the Internet Website of  
<http://www.ufocity.com>

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## Chilean Reports - No Conclusion About Chupacabras

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Subject: Chilean Reports - No Conclusion About Chupacabras

Source: "La Estrella del Loa"  
Date: June 26. 2003

Reports Never Reached A Conclusion About Chupacabras

In May 2002, Carlos Cantero, a senator for the Renovacion Nacional party in Chile's 2nd Region, requested a report from Francisco Segovia, governor of El Loa, to find out the information handled by official agencies in regard to the strange phenomenon that caused the deaths of hundreds of animals in the region.

Faced with this request, which was presented even in the form of an official letter, Segovia forwarded Ordinary Official Letter No. 367 to the parliamentarian, dated May 29th, in response to the senator's request.

The document clearly stated that the Investigation Police and then sub-prefect of the Criminal Investigations Brigade, Adalberto Rehbein, that "As per the foregoing, the provincial government is advised that no reliable information was ever secured regarding new animal deaths in this jurisdiction, with the exception of press reports which ascribe the deaths of animals in the area to some strange animal. The presence of such was not detected."

The Civil Police's report also highlighted: "Likewise, our unit has not received reports in regard to strange animal deaths, nor has the order been received from local courts to look into this particular."

However, these replies did not satisfy the senator, who told the local press that the phenomenon was still a matter of social interest and that it was not possible to speculate on what was really going on without verifiable background information, given the lack of scientific bases on which to make a theories on the subject.

Today, three years after the deaths and when the subject remains on the domestic agenda, Senator Carlos Cantero stated that the reports furnished by the authorities of the time do not clarify the matter. "No report ever reached a reasonable conclusion. I am interested in the fact that there are is no solid proof to show their conclusions. There is something rotten going on and there never existed an official statement in this regard, to clarify what happened in the community."

The parliamentarian ended by saying that "there is something very strange in all of this. I am a person who believes in what can be scientifically proven. However, the deaths were never explained through the sciences and many unanswered questions still remain."

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## UFO Seen On St.John's Night Over Spain

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Subject: UFO Seen On St.John's Night Over Spain

SOURCE: OVNI.NET and Anyos Luz  
DATE: 06-27-03

SPAIN: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SEEN ON "ST.JOHN'S NIGHT"

The [www.ovni.net](http://www.ovni.net) website reported Wednesday that a UFO had been filmed in the city of Gijon, Asturias, in Northern Spain.

The sighting took place within the framework of the traditional celebrations of St. John's Night on June 23, 2003 at 23:55 hours local time. According to the report: "a ball of light crossed the sky, making strange movements. Was it a UFO? No one knows for sure, but the video recording shows that what occurred is well beyond the normal."

According to some eyewitnesses: "the object resembled a star moving in the distance. It was a large thing that flew very swiftly."

The videotape shows that just when the UFO passed over the buildings, small spherical objects can be seen. These have been attributed to the reflection of the UFO as seen through the glass window through which the object was recorded. Another smaller object can be seen moving in the opposite direction. It has been identified as a "stunned pigeon".

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## Terrace British Columbia 06-24-03

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Subject: Terrace British Columbia 06-24-03

Terrace, British Columbia

Date: June 24, 2003  
Time: approx: 10:20 a.m.

I received a telephone call from a witness at 9:10 a.m., June 27, 2003. A man reported to me that he and his wife were just heading out for a couple of days fishing trip at Prince Rupert, British Columbia. They were just outside of Terrace, B.C. driving on highway #16 along the Skeena River heading west when the man's wife gave out a yell for him to look up and towards the south. The gentleman said it took a couple of seconds before his brain kicked in, thinking what he was looking at was very unusual. He pulled the vehicle over to the side of the road and both watched an egg shaped object hovering over the south side of the river at approx: 1000 feet. They mentioned it was approx: the size of a pick-up truck, shiny silver in color. It was completely smooth, or no seams on the object were visible. "Witness expressed: it looked like an egg"!! (he laughed and said they must grow large chickens in Canada).

They did not hear any sounds coming from it. The sighting lasted for approx: 10 to 15 seconds before it sped off at an incredible rate of speed south. He also said that since it wasn't that early in the morning there were other vehicles passing them on the highway, and a couple of vehicles had slowed way down and they could be seen looking in the direction of the object. The witness said I know what normal aircraft look like, and this thing was not anything that I have ever seen before.

HBCC UFO Note: Of course I am looking for any others who were traveling the highway that morning in hopes they may have seen the same thing. The witnesses had heard me on the radio and from there looked me up.

Thank you to the witnesses for their report.

Brian  
HBCC UFO Research

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## Anthropology & UFOs Abduction & Contact

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Source: Center For Anthroufology

<http://home.uchicago.edu/~ryancook/au-con.htm>

Contact & Abduction - An Overview

Before we can enter more dense conceptual terrain, we need to be clear on exactly what phenomena are under discussion. I accept the basic division between contact and abduction that dominates most writing on the subject, and I propose a further, analytically useful subdivision in each category.

Typology

"Saucerian" contact

I distinguish between what I will call "saucerian" and "channeled" types of contact, though elements of the two are not mutually exclusive. The former type usually begins when a lone person in some isolated place the desert, frequently comes across a space craft and its crew and is invited aboard. The contactee has a series of encounters in the craft, viewing the civilizations of several planets and discussing weighty matters with the alien leader. Of special concern to the aliens is the disruption in the galactic community caused by humanity's recent harnessing of nuclear energy and its use in weapons. After several saucer trips, the contactee writes of his (most contactees of this type have been male) encounters and, in many cases, founds a new religious movement to get the extraterrestrial message to others.

"Channeled" contact

Telepathic contact with an "Ascended Master" or some other extraterrestrial being, though it also produces books and religious organizations, is much more along the lines of classic communication with spirits than the "saucerian" contact reports. (J. Gordon Melton points out the interconnections between contactees and Theosophy, and others link contactees to spirit mediums and "channels.") Some lone person, either by chance or deliberate effort, enters into communication with an alien intelligence. Again, the disruption of the community of intelligences caused by humans and their nuclear weapons is the major theme of the communication. The contactee is urged to tell others of the arrival of "Space Brothers" and the Golden Age with them. Aetherius, Unarius and the group profiled in When prophecy fails all got started in this manner.

"Classic" Abduction

Abduction differs from contact on a few critical points:

abductees are taken against their will, whereas contactees enter into their relationship with aliens voluntarily;

abduction is generally unpleasant, if not terrifying, while contact uplifts the intellect and the ego;

and abductees tend to shun publicity for their experiences, an attitude generally diametrically opposed to that of the contactees.

In what I will term a "classic" abduction, a lone person comes into contact with aliens and/or a UFO. The person is rendered immobile, sometimes unconscious, and is taken to a room where s/he undergoes a seemingly "medical" examination at the hands of nonhuman aliens. The aliens use a combination of instruments and visual-psychic scanning, often extracting sex cells, sometimes implanting tiny objects the abductees interpret as tracking devices. Many abductees report a separate segment to the episode in which an alien leader gives them important, sometimes highly symbolic messages. They may see a representation of the end of the world, or they may meet an alien-human hybrid child they are led to believe is theirs. Abductees are then returned to normal life at some remove in space and time from where they were taken. Reports of lifelong series of abductions beginning in childhood are becoming more and more common. Together with the circumstances of the abduction and the seeming alien preoccupation with human reproduction (especially in American cases), these patterns of abductions lead some prominent investigators and abductees to see a sinister plan behind the phenomenon.

#### "Spiritual" Abduction

A significant percentage of abduction reports suggest abductee and alien concern with spirituality, so I will call this percentage "spiritual" abductions. Contact with the alien Other in general has a profound effect on the psyche and worldview, whether or not the Other intends to produce such an effect. "Spiritual" abductions suggest a deliberate and apparently magnanimous intent to change the abductee's psyche. They have the same basic structure and elements as the more secular "classic" experience but have a different orientation and outcome with respect to the abductee. In taking and manipulating people aliens seem to wish to effect a spiritual evolution of the individual people and, through them, humanity as a whole. As Harvard psychiatrist and abduction researcher John Mack suggests, spiritual growth can be painful and bewildering even if well-intentioned. Though some alien self-interest may persist, "spiritual" abductees report positive reorientations like respect for life, desire to serve others, and a more immediate sense of the divine and miraculous in the everyday.

#### Brief History of Abduction & Contact

Reports of contact with the crews of alien craft seem to be as old as reports of the craft themselves, and abduction reports are not much more recent. I focus primarily on the US in this history, partially because I know it best, but just as much because the US has been the leading producer of UFO-related reports and investigators, not to mention influential UFO-themed entertainment.

The 1950s were the heyday of both flying saucer sci-fi movies and reports of "saucerian" and "channeled" contact. People like George Adamski, Howard Menger, and Truman Bethurum are among the most famous "saucerians," George King and Ernest Norman began Aetherius and Unarius, respectively, and Festinger et al released their influential study When prophecy fails. Yet the first investigated abduction case occurred in Brazil in 1957. A young farmer named Antonio Villas-Boas was examined by Dr. Olavo Fontes after reporting being taken aboard a spaceship and compelled to mate with an alien female.

The Villas-Boas case did not, however, have an effect on the course of abduction research as a whole until it was compared to the Hill case of 1961, the quintessential abduction report. After experiencing missing time and severe nightmares following their sighting of a UFO on vacation, Betty and Barney Hill of New Hampshire sought the help of psychiatrist Dr. Benjamin Simon. Simon used hypnosis on the two separately, producing two different but very compelling stories of abduction and experimentation at the hands of aliens that journalist John G. Fuller chronicled in his bestseller *The Interrupted Journey*.

It was not until the mid-1970s that any other comparable

abduction cases came along. Three major cases appeared in ufological literature and the news media in the US - Charles Hickson/Calvin Parker in Mississippi, Travis Walton in Arizona, and Betty Andreasson-Luca in Massachusetts - and with others coming to light elsewhere. The 1970s were also a time when contactee cults, pared down over the course of the 1960s to a few major groups, experienced the public scrutiny and opprobrium that alternative religions generally did in the West at that time. Though channeling had overtaken "saucerian" contact by this time, one prominent but small "saucerian" contact cult began in 1975--Human Individual Metamorphosis, later Heaven's Gate.

Abduction research began to take over ufology in the 1980s. At around the same time elements of right-wing conspiracist thinking began to mix with the dominant extraterrestrial hypothesis and its latent conspiracist aspects (e.g. proposed government cover-up of UFO information). By the 1980s, alien contact and its religious overtones had been fermenting for nearly three decades thanks to the success of UFO-themed entertainment and non-fiction, and had begun to reach a point of saturation. The linkage between abduction research and far-right conspiracism also began to grow in this period.

Through the course of the 1990s, alien contact in its several varieties was - as I argued above - very nearly taken for granted by many people, thanks in large part to popular cultural saturation by such phenomena as "The X-Files." In a similar manner, the connection of UFOs to cults, and (unfortunately) of cults to violence, approached taken-for-granted status. This latter series of connections was made possible by the mass suicide of the remaining Heaven's Gate members in 1998, which resonated with the earlier and much larger mass death of People's Temple members in Guyana. People continued to channel extraterrestrial beings, and the established contactee cults awaited the coming of the Space Brothers, though "saucerian" contact was much less frequent. Perhaps this is because of the spiritual turn of abduction reports and research, which is very much a '90s phenomenon (though well-known cases like that of Betty Andreasson-Luca were manifestly religious in content and effects).

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## Dr. Benjamin Simon Photo?

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2003 16:59:58 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2003 19:46:57 -0400  
Subject: Dr. Benjamin Simon Photo?

Dear friends

I need psychiatrist Dr. Benjamin Simon's photo. He did the hypnosis on Betty & Barney Hill. If you have a picture, please send it to my private e-mail [socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)

Thank you

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## 'The Jessup Dimension' By Anna Lykins Genzlinger?

From: **Bob Barnes** <[voguy@kconline.com](mailto:voguy@kconline.com)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2003 22:58:10 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2003 13:01:14 -0400  
Subject: 'The Jessup Dimension' By Anna Lykins Genzlinger?

[Non-subscriber post]

'The Jessup Dimension' by Anna Lykins Genzlinger.

I am searching for a copy of the above book published about 1981 by Gray Barker's Saucerian Press. If you know where I might find this book in readable condition, I would be very appreciative if you would drop me an email reply. Thanks so much.

~~Bob Barnes  
Actor, Spokesperson, Voice-overs

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## Humanoid Or High Strangeness Encounters - 06-28-03

From: **Albert S Rosales** <[Garuda79@aol.com](mailto:Garuda79@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2003 00:15:13 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2003 13:15:02 -0400  
Subject: Humanoid Or High Strangeness Encounters - 06-28-03

With a slow ending to the year 2002 as far as humanoid reports was concerned, 2003 appears to have started off with a slow start, but things promised to pick up later in the year.

1.  
Location. Bolam Lake, Northumberland, England  
Date: January 2003 Time: after midnight

Three men out in a fishing trip reported encountering a tall dark muscular figure standing on a patch of woods near the lake. The figure was dark, about 8 ft tall, heavy built and it had glowing eyes. Terrified the witnesses ran to their vehicle, which was parked nearby.

HC addendum  
Source: Geoff Lincoln, British Hominid Research Type: E  
High Strangeness Index: 7  
Reliability of Source: 8

Comments: There are appears to me more frequent reports of Bigfoot or tall hairy creatures from European areas recently.

2. Location. Fulton, Missouri Date: January 4 2003 Time: 0300A

25-year old Bob Simon suddenly woke up as he felt being pulled towards the bedroom window by an unknown intruder. He looked up to see a very tall humanoid, with red eyes, no mouth and a slim gray body. It had huge hands with very long fingers. Regaining his senses, Simon struggled with the alien and managed to grab a small knife by his bed and stab the alien. The alien seemed to have been hurt and relaxed his grip on Simon. There was a sudden blast of bright light and the alien vanished. The witness claims there are scratch marks on his body.

HC addendum  
Source: UFO Watch Type: G Abduction attempt?  
High Strangeness Index: 8  
Reliability of Source: 5

Comments: Was the humanoid really injured by the witness in this alleged incident?

3. Location. Cincinnati Ohio Date: January 8 2003 Time: 0230A A 14-year old boy heard a strange aircraft flying over his house. Very scared, the boy looked out the window, and suddenly he heard a voice in his head. This voice sounded strange and spoke in a language that he didn't understand. Extremely startled, the boy went back to bed, and again heard the voice. No other information.

HC addendum Source: NUFORC Type: F High Strangeness Index: 7  
Reliability of Source: 7 Comments: This case appears to have been an attempt to communicate with the witness telepathically by some unknown entities.

4.

Location. Wullagi, Northern Territories, Australia  
Date: middle of January 2003 Time: late night

A four-year-old child told her mother that one late night 3 "frogmen" like figures came in through the bedroom window encased in a mist. She could see their large eyes and what appeared to be greenish skin. They poke her arms, legs and belly. She tries to wake her mother that sleeps in the bed with her but is unable to. The dog in the room does not make a sound. The mother reportedly heard noises, in the bushes outside the window and recalled that the night was "unusually" quiet. She was paralyzed and was unable to recall any other details. A scorch mark and burnt foliage was found on the ground in the yard.

HC addendum Source: Debbie Payne, AUFORN Adelaide Australia  
Type: E High Strangeness Index: 7 Reliability of Source: 8  
Comments: Possibly an abduction event. Elements of the "Oz factor" are also noted here. It is peculiar that the dog did not stir during the incident.

5.

Location. Jackson, New Jersey  
Date: January 15 2003 Time: 2230

The witness was jogging in a field with some of her pets when she noticed a crowd of people in a field. At first she thought that it was a group of young boys playing but his dogs broke loose and ran toward them. She thought it was strange since his pets were usually calmed and gentle. She ran after them and saw them run right through the crowd towards what appeared to be a sort of hovering disc-shaped object. The witness ran up to a 13-year old boy in the crowd and asked him what was going on, his replied was, " I am not sure". Suddenly a blinding light flashed as the witness touched the craft. She suddenly woke up, thinking it was a dream feeling a cold sensation on his back. She was lying on some kind of hard table surrounded by strange creatures with large heads shaped like watermelons. Their eyes were like bugs and the skin was grayish green. They had strange utensils or apparatuses that poked the witness causing her skin to burn. She tried to scream but was so terrified that he was unable to utter a sound. About an hour later she was removed from the craft onto the same field, but a different location. She watched the craft as it shot away. It was about midnight. She heard a bark and found one of his dogs, the other one he did not find until a week later.

HC addendum  
Source: NUFORC  
High Strangeness Index: 8  
Reliability of Source: 6

Comments: The description of the creatures is similar to the case just before in Australia. If true a hypnotic regression is necessary.

6.

Location. Prospect, Connecticut  
Date: January 22 2003 Time: 2230

The witness had just finished work and was driving home when he reached an area by a small lake, noticing something walking on the road he put on his high beams. He saw a figure walked out from the side of the road and stopped on the middle of the road for a second. It looked like it was grayish in color and it was walking on two legs. The feet were small with brown/black areas on the side. It wobbled across the road like an ape. When it reached the other side it stopped and looked at the witness waving its skinny arms. There appeared to be lights behind it. The witness described it as about 6 ft tall, with foot long pointy ears, the eyes were dark black, with no apparent nose. It was cold and the witness did not see any "breathe" coming out of its small mouth. The mouth had a red silver strip on top. As the witness drove away he looked back to see the creature standing on the road and the woods behind lit up like daytime.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: E  
High Strangeness Index: 7  
Reliability of Source: 7

Comments: Encounter with isolated humanoid. In this case we cannot ignore the resemblance of this humanoid to the Chupacabra type creatures.

7.

Location. Alma Center, Wisconsin  
Date: January 23 2003 Time: 0620A

The witness was returning home from work on a very cold morning and for the past two nights had been seeing a brightly colored moving object in the western sky. On this date he saw the object closer to him, it appeared and disappeared as it approached the witness. It hovered about 100 ft from the car. The witness exited the car and saw the object, green in color with a large frosted white dome on top. The craft descended to about 20 ft above the ground and the witness could see movement inside the dome shape on top. He saw only vague shapes but something was definitely moving inside. At this point the witness entered his vehicle and drove away at high speed. The object then made a swing above the car and moved off to the east at a high rate of speed.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: A  
High Strangeness Index: 7  
Reliability of Source: 8

Comments: Interesting and rare recent type A report of apparent humanoids seen onboard the UFO.

8.

Location. Karaganda, Kazakhstan  
Date: January 26 2003 Time: late night

Anatoly Yurevich awoke in the middle of the night to the sounds of footsteps, he then saw standing at the side of the bed a very short, 2 ft tall creature, very heavy set, maybe weighing about 250lbs. Meanwhile his dog hid under the blanket shaking with fright. The creature touched the witness knee and then pulled the blanket, it then disappeared in plain sight. After 1-2 minutes the witness perceived a severe pain in his lower abdomen. The dog growled for 20 minutes after the incident. The witness then fell asleep.

HC addendum

Source: RU.UFO Guest book entries Type: E

9

Location. Horsham, West Sussex, England  
Date: February 2003 Time: unknown

A friend of Eve Knowles-Martin reported seeing a silver suited 7 foot tall man, which apparently leapt across the width of the road in one bound. There have been other strange occurrences in the area including, strange chemical smells, no birds or wildlife present, an apparent lack of oxygen, rapid changes in temperature, and most strange of all, a bright blue light that upon closer inspection turned out to be a 40 ft vertical blue flame burning in the middle of the woods.

HC addendum

Source: Fortean Times Type: E  
High Strangeness Index: 7  
Reliability of Source: 7

Comments: Wide range of apparently related phenomena reported here. As far as the vertical blue flame it seems to be a unique description.

10.

Location. Sullana, near Piura La Vieja, Peru  
Date: February 2003 Time: unknown

During a heavy wave of UFO sightings that included luminous



UFOs, silvery discs and hovering spheres, witnesses reported seeing colored lights hovering above the rooftops and in the same area encountering a tall beautiful blond woman with wild golden-streaked chestnut-colored hair wearing a golden tanga with little silver stars embroidered beneath the waistband. It reportedly vanished in plain sight.

HC addendum

Source: Giorgio Piacenza & Monica Gaetano in UFO Roundup  
February 2003 Type: D  
High Strangeness Index: 7  
Reliability of Source: 7

Comments: This sexy alleged extraterrestrial reportedly calls herself "Jelu" and has been seen before in 1954. Another similar event was reported in Brazil in 1983.

11.

Location: Simferopol, Crimea, Ukraine  
Date: February 2003 Time: night

A local resident reported going to the balcony of his apartment when he was surprised to see a beam of light descend from the sky. The beam of light descended from the sky and landed on a nearby balcony, and suddenly a totally naked male figure materialized within the beam of light right on the balcony. The UFO itself was unseen but was obviously hovering high above. The man was apparently semi-conscious and disoriented. Frightened the witness ran back inside, thinking that he might be the next abduction victim.

HC addendum

Source: Anton Anfalov, UKUFAS Type: G?  
High Strangeness Index: 8  
Reliability of Source: 9

Comments: A more in depth investigation is imperative on this case. It appears that the main witness saw the final conclusion of an alien abduction.

12.

Location: Near Izmit, Turkey  
Date: February 2003 Time: night

The witness was in his vehicle entering a viaduct (bridge) 90kms from Istanbul and as his car slowed down to 120kmh the headlights of his car shone on a bizarre animal or creature crossing the road just ahead of him. It sort of leapt into the highway just from behind the barrier. It then bounded across the highway. The fashion in which it was running was peculiar: it was arching its back as its head was still held low and between its shoulders. It had a shiny gray-silvery color. It had no tail. The witness hit the brakes in order to give it more time to get across. Just as it got across the 4 lanes and reached the mid barriers, it stopped and rose on its hind feet. It stood just as a kangaroo would stand and looked around. It stared at the headlights as though it was mesmerized for a few seconds. Its forelegs were long enough to touch its knees. Its eyes reflected the headlights, in green. By then the witness had come as close as 30meters from it. It had a slight hunch while standing up and the witness estimated its height at about 1.65m, when it was erect. Then it leapt across the middle barrier and bounded across the other side of the highway, which headed east. The witness further described the creature as having fairly large eyes and no hair.

HC addendum

Source: Castle of Spirits Stories Index Type: E  
High Strangeness Index: 6  
Reliability of Source: 7

Comments: The witness could not guess as to what the creature was. It does resemble somewhat descriptions given to the fabled Chupacabra, but I have never heard of any Chupacabra attacks in Turkey.

Location. Fajardo, Puerto Rico  
Date: February 3 2003 Time: 0200A

70-year old Domingo Ramos awoke to the sounds of very loud commotion coming from rabbit cages. Looking out the window he was stunned to see a bizarre winged bird-like creature with long wings and huge protruding eyes apparently "sucking" the blood out of the unfortunate rabbits. Ramos described the creature as about 5 ft tall that also attacked a goat, which it left wounded and weakened. Ramos yelled at the creature, which then rose up and flew away in an unknown direction. The terrified witness described the creature as having "semi-human" facial features. He notified the police in the morning.

HC addendum  
Source: OVNI.Net Puerto Rico quoting Miguel Rivera  
Cruz "El Vocero" San Juan Type: E  
High Strangeness Index: 8  
Reliability of Source: 7

Comments: Appears to have been some type of "Chupacabra" hybrid or variance thereof.

14.  
Location. Kings Cross, NSW, Australia  
Date: February 9 2003 Time: 1600

A local artist was painting the roof of his apartment when he "felt" something watching him. Looking up, he saw a metallic knob or helmet shaped object about the size of a car, hovering directly above him. He could "see" one occupant, a "cloaked" figure, although the object had no windows; this "seeing" was more a feeling and the witness was in fact sure there were two such figures in the object although he could only "see" one. The object vanished after about one or two seconds, the witness thinks in response to his looking up at it. There was no suggestion that it went anywhere, it just instantly disappeared.

HC addendum  
Source: Ralph Bergmann AUFORN NSW Type: F? Or A  
High Strangeness Index: 7  
Reliability of Source: 8

Comments: The sighting of the occupants or humanoids seemed to have been of a psychic nature in this intriguing case.

15.  
Location. Sierra Bermeja area, Puerto Rico  
Date: February 9 2003 Time: 2100

Ismael Velez heard several very loud reports sounding like thunder claps coming from outside. Going outside to investigate he saw a tall winged creature about 6-8 ft tall, with large shiny eyes and large hairy claw-like hands. It suddenly ran and disappeared into a wooded area.

HC addendum  
Source: Wilson Sosa, Confederacion De Ovnilogia de Puerto Rico Type: E  
High Strangeness Index: 7  
Reliability of Source: 8

Comments: The description of the creature is very similar to the one seen attacking the animals in Fajardo on the third.

16.  
Location. Sierra Bermeja area, Puerto Rico  
Date: February 11 2003 Time: 0030A

Upon hearing noises outside Ismael Velez looked out to see a short apparently nude "little man" with a large round head and large slanted dark eyes running down a concrete stairwell in the yard, it disappeared from sight behind some parked automobiles.

HC addendum  
Source: Wilson Sosa, Confederacion De Ovnilogia de Puerto Rico Type: E  
High Strangeness Index: 7

Reliability of Source: 8

Comments: The same witness apparently encounters a different type of humanoid in this case.

17.

Location. Near Seattle Washington  
Date: February 13 2003 Time: 0230A

The witness (a police crime scene technician) was leaving a scene late one night. It was beginning to rain, and suddenly his car began making weird noises the radio turned on automatically and started tuning to numerous stations a second, the lights inside and outside the car were flashing. When he looked up he saw a huge triangular shaped object above the car, in a few seconds blue blinding lights distracted the witness. It all suddenly stopped and his car was suddenly parked on the side of the road with everything switched off, and when he looked at his watch it was 0303A. He had lost 33 minutes of time. He turned his car on and drove back to his office. (No hypnotic regression has been attempted).

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC

High Strangeness Index: 8

Reliability of Source: 8

Comments: Hypnotic regression is imperative in this case.

18.

Location. Near Calama, Chile  
Date: February 20 2003 Time: evening

A woman from a nearby village reported seeing a round object flying at a very low altitude "about 4 ft from the ground". According to her, the object came very close to her and tried to "take her away" by using some kind of force to pull her towards it. She said she managed to avoid being "taken" by holding on to a small tree until the object finally gave up and left.

HC addendum

Source: Luis Ferrer, Calama UFO Center

High Strangeness Index: 8

Reliability of Source: 9

Comments: Reminds me of several Brazilian reports from 1979 describing just such type of abduction attempts.

19.

Location. Silver Spring, Maryland  
Date: February 22 2003 Time: midnight

The witness (a teacher) was in her room grading some papers when all of the sudden she noticed a bright light outside her apartment. She stepped outside to see what it could be when she suddenly felt a warm sensation come over her body. Her next memory was on being alone, lying on a cold hard table with figures wearing doctor-like masks standing around her. The figures were at least 8 ft tall. They appeared to be "slimy" since the witness was touched in several private places by the humanoids. They stuck a needle in the witness, but she felt no pain. In the background there were more figures that appeared to be the female version of the other ones. The humanoids spoke in an unknown language that could not be understood. The speech resembled a series of clicks and mumbled speech. The room grew cold and she felt "something" being pulled out of her. (She believes it was her appendix). She lost consciousness again at this point. She woke up later and found a scar on her side.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC

High Strangeness Index: 8

Reliability of Source: 7

Comments: Bizarre report of recent abduction. This location is the site of the Madelaine Rodeiffer UFO film taken in 1965; George Adamski was supposedly staying with her at the time.

20.

Location. Calama, Chile

Date: February 23 2003 Time: 0130A

Cousins Francisco Araya Carrizo and Jose Carvajal Carrizo reported that as they arrived home late one night they spotted a huge shadowy humanoid figure standing on the rooftop. The figure made an extreme amount of noise as it jumped to another the roof of the terraced patio. Their mother had been hearing somebody running on the roof for the last 30 minutes the men had arrived. Around the same type several witnesses reported seeing a hovering & rotating silvery craft at about 1500 m over the area.

HC addendum

Source: Jaime Ferrer, Calama UFO Center & Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Miami UFO Center

High Strangeness Index: 7

Reliability of Source: 8

Comments: It could be argued that the creature is another Chupacabra variance.

21.

Location. Las Pailas, Salta, Argentina

Date: February 23 2003 Time: 0900A

24-year old Milagros Linquin had gone into a rocky hillside in order to retrieve her goats when he noticed a shiny object on the nearby hill. Close to the summit she noticed a metallic object similar to a bus, rectangular in shape with numerous visible windows and doors on one of its visible sides. She counted about 8 windows on the craft. The object appeared to be made out of a shiny metallic alloy, which reflected the rays of the sun. Around the craft she noticed other shiny objects, square in shape, some bigger than the others, she counted about 14 of this square metallic "covers". At this point, her father, 74-year old Don Linquin came up and also noticed the shiny metallic object. In the meantime Milagros had climbed a bit further and was now closer to the object. At this point both witnesses noticed several human like figures wearing white tight-fitting garments moving around the object, apparently working on the shiny metallic covers or plates. There were about 6 figures in total. Don Linquin also noticed, a little further down from the summit three additional human like figures these dressed in black tight-fitting outfits that appeared to be looking around and inspecting the surroundings. After about 30 minutes, Milagros climbs higher in order to approach the object and its "occupants" but when she does, the whole scene appears to have vanished. Later while checking the supposed landing site a deep rectangular track is found on the ground.

HC addendum

Source: Gaceta Ovni, June 2003 Type: C

High Strangeness Index: 7

Reliability of Source: 8

Comments: Interesting landing report describing apparent human-like occupants.

22.

Location. Rosario de la Frontera, Argentina

Date: February 26 2003 Time: 2200

Alerted by the sounds of his barking dogs, 62-year old Patricio Salda=Flo, armed with a flashlight went out to investigate. He noticed that the dogs were furiously running back & forth from one area of the yard to the other. He then saw standing only about 10 meters from him a huge hairy figure standing on two legs. It resembled a giant ape, which stared at the witness with large bright red eyes. The creature was silent and moved its huge arms in an apparent attempt to scare the dogs away, which curiously did not attack. The creature had long sharp claws that reflected the light in the darkness. His wife and two young children also saw the bizarre creature, which disappeared into the darkness. Several days earlier a dead calf had been found dead and partially eaten.

HC addendum

Source: Planeta listas quoting newspaper sources

High Strangeness Index: 8

Reliability of Source: 7

Comments: This hairy humanoid or "manimal" was reportedly seen in numerous occasions in the area.

23.

Location. Caspana, Calama, Chile

Date: late February 2003 Time: afternoon

A group of Catholic high school students, most of them 15-years of age, reported seeing a strange being near their campus. They heard strange noises on the rooftops of other houses in the neighborhood. They then saw a strange figure standing about 1.2 meters in height. The being appeared to move about not by walking but by making small leaps.

HC addendum

Source: Jaime Ferrer, Calama UFO Center Type: E

High Strangeness Index: 6

Reliability of Source: 8

Comments: Unfortunately no detailed description of the entity is given.

24.

Location. Near Houston, Texas

Date: early March 2003 Time: evening

The witness noticed his dog chasing something in the yard, thinking it was a cat he went out to investigate and yell at his dog. But when he got there he saw a 1 foot tall figure wearing red clothing---something resembling a clown suit without the big shoes and nose. He wore a pointy red hat and had white beard. The witness called his dog over to him; he pulled him inside and closed the door. Then looked out the window to see the figure eating birdseed in the yard. As he looked out, the gnome like figure looked straight at him. It seemed to become afraid and hid behind the porch. The witness called out and the small figure peeked over the porch at him and smiled. Then it disappeared.

HC addendum

Source: Paranormal about.com. Your True Tales, March 2003 Type: E

High Strangeness Index: 7

Reliability of Source: 7

Comments: Modern day report of a "gnome" like creature. Incredibly this type of incident is still being reported in modern days.

25.

Location. Cononley, Lancashire, England

Date: March 2003 Time: night

Local witnesses reported the landing of a metallic disc shaped object on a field. Inside a glass like dome structure, several human like figures could be seen moving about and apparently operating some controls. The figures wore tight-fitting blue coveralls. Awaiting additional information on this case.

HC addendum

Source: Alistair Shand quoting Nigel Mortimer Northern UFO Network Type: A?

High Strangeness Index: 7

Reliability of Source: 7

Comments: No additional details in this intriguing case have been forthcoming.

26.

Location. Near Cleveland, Ohio

Date: March 11 2003 Time: midnight

The witness suddenly woke up wide feeling afraid and wide-eyed. He then saw 4 creatures leaning over him. He went to reach over to his nightstand to grab his gun but as soon as he moved one

the creatures pointed some sort of device at him, he heard a hum and then he could no longer move. He could not even move his eyes. He could see his wife out of the corner of his eye, but it seemed that she was still sleeping. His next memory was of lying on some sort of gurney. He was naked and the car was made out of cold metal. The 4 creatures were taking him down some sort of hallway. The walls were dark gray with a scaly type of texture to it. The hallway was lit up, but there were no light fixtures and he could not see the source of the light. He was no longer paralyzed but his arms and legs appeared to be restrained somehow, but there were no clamps or straps. It was as if they were magnetized to the cart. During the brief trip down this hall, there was an open door way off to his right, he glanced into the room for a second, and was able to get a mental image as to what was in the room. There were 7 creatures, 2 were standing in front of a panel at the far end of the room. The panel had some small lights on it. Then there were 3 more to the left side of the room studying what appeared to be a holographic map of the earth. There were several red dots on the map. It seemed that they marked certain "targets" or "locations". Then there were 2 more of the creatures standing in the center of the room, facing each other. As if they were having a conversation but there was no sound. There was actually no sound in the structure that he was in. There was complete silence. They put him in a very bright room, and again he could not see the source of the light. One of the creatures waved his hand over his face. The creature had 3 fingers, resembling 1 index type of finger and opposite thumbs. As soon as his hand went across his face, his body went numb. He was extremely groggy, but he could see what was happening. He could not speak a word. One of the creatures took a long metal object and inserted it in his nose. A sample was apparently taken then the creature inserted the same device into his mouth, reaching almost to the back of his throat. As soon as he started gagging the creature pulled the device out his mouth. One of the creatures then came towards him with something that resembled a device that measures blood pressure. The device was wrapped around the witness penis. He felt a lot of pressure and after a couple of seconds the device was pulled off. A creature then walked behind his head. His head was lifted up until his chin touched his chest. Then he felt a chunk of his hair pulled out. Soon he felt extremely dizzy and passed out. His next recollection was of waking up at 0430A. His penis was sore and appeared larger than normal. He described the creatures as about 4 ft tall, they wore no apparel, there were no genitalia and their arms and legs were much longer than their torso. They were very skinny, with no muscle tone, no signs of fatty tissue, no veins and no bone structure showing through their skin. Their skin was a blue-gray color, almost like a gunmetal color. Very smooth, almost like they were made out of porcelain. Their heads were longer than wide, oval shaped, large black eyes, no retinas, veins or corneas. There was no hair on their bodies. They did not have ears. There were 3 small holes on each side of their heads. They had 2 oval openings above the mouth. Their mouths were like a slit 2" long, horizontal.

HC addendum

Source: I was abducted.com Type: G

27.

Location. Fort Wayne, Indiana

Date: March 23 2003 Time: 0335A

A sharp piercing sound right outside the bedroom window awakened the witness. As she awoke he opened his eyes and saw a gray-green luminous being looking at her through the window. She could not move. She could feel her husband next to her in bed but she could not speak, it was as if her jaws were locked. Finally she began to attempt to pray and the creature began to make a high-pitched sound. Then she was able to move. She woke up her husband but he had not heard anything and the creature was gone.

HC addendum

Source: I was abducted.com Type: E

28.

Location. Capac, Michigan

Date: March 28 2003 Time: midnight

The witness had woken up to take a pain reliever and had turned to the TV on and sat on the living room couch facing the window on his front porch. He then noticed a figure running across the porch. He quickly got up and looked out the door in time to see what the figure looked like as it ran around the corner of his house on the porch. It was of average height, had abnormally long arms, its arms and legs were somewhat spindly and it had a larger than normal baldhead. He did not take a good look at the face but it did not appear to be human. Within a few seconds of this, the lights went out and he could see two large blue spotlights in the sky as if was searching for something. They came from a field across from his house about 800 ft away. As the lights moved away the power came back on. A neighbor reportedly also saw the blue lights.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: C?

29.

Location. Quininde, Ecuador

Date: early April 2003 Time: night

A number of local residents called police after seeing what they described as a "gnome" in the town center. They all described the creature as being very small, green and ugly. Marco Preciado reported that the humanoid was less than three feet tall and that he had seen it about 3 times. He tried to follow it but it disappeared. Cecilia Cede=Flo who owns a liquor shop that the humanoid appeared in front of a shop to a group of people. The creature gave out a loud laugh and ran away. Police were called in to investigate the story.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Casebook Forum Type: E

30. Location. Coral Springs, Florida Date: April 4 2003 Time: 2338

The witness saw a dark figure outside the window, and at first thought it was a man. It somehow resembled a naked man standing in the middle of the road, but after about half a minute of standing, the figure walked away, as it disappeared into the trees the witnesses thought the would find out who it was but then a triangular shaped craft appeared, it was encased in an eerie glow and it had 3 lights on each corner. The craft then zoomed up leaving a trail of white fog behind.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: C

31.

Location. La Paz, Bolivia

Date: April 16 2003 Time: night

A young man was sleeping in his bed when he suddenly became paralyzed and saw the dark shadowy figure of a female being entering his room. The witness experienced shortness of breath and became unconscious. Apparently upon waking up again the mysterious figure was gone. In another section of town another witness reported being visited by several short humanoids with dark slanted eyes in his bedroom. Apparently the humanoids provoked some kind of fire in the room scorching the mattress and the sheets. No other information. Still waiting additional information on these cases.

HC addendum

Source: Juan Carlos Aliaga, Centro De La Nueva Era Type: E?

32.

Location. Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Date: April 18 2003 Time: 0100A

The witness was returning home from work and as he came out of an alley he saw something run across the street between two cars. At first he thought it was a rabbit but as he looked it over he noticed that it was about 4 ft high, humanoid shaped and running on two legs. The witness watched stunned as it ran in between 2 cars. As the figure disappeared the witness ran to the

place where he had last seen it and felt like he was being watched. The witness could only describe the figure as having a pair of brown legs and as it ran it seemed to be ducking or hunching over like was trying not to be seen.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: E

33.

Location. Kaliningrad, Russia

Date: April 18 2003 Time: 1817

The entire Russian Baltic Fleet and a large number of local residents watched in awe as a "flying wing" shaped UFO winged over rapidly and plunged into Kaliningrad Harbor. The event was caught on video by a local RTR Russian State Television news crew, which was present on the massive naval base, filming a documentary segment on the fleet for airing on Russian TV. The UFO, described as a "Flying Wing" with two elongated, dome like protrusions on top, and three similar structures, underneath, overflew the Baltic Fleet, which lay at anchor in Kaliningrad Harbor. According to a Russian Naval Commander, who wishes to remain anonymous, the craft was apparently caught, accidentally within the sweep patterns of ship mounted search radars, which came on to track it's progress, causing some sort of malfunction which resulted in the crash, "It was traveling at a tremendous rate of speed" he said to RTR reporters, on the scene. "It was very low, not more than 1500 meters above the surface of the water. When the radars came on, it simply winged over and dove into the water, as if had lost either power or control. The light gray colored craft, with no apparent seams or rivet patterns, was estimated by onlookers to be approximately the size of a small airliner, or light transport aircraft, and traveling at speeds of excess of Mach 2, was absolutely quiet as it passed, but made a "tremendous noise" as it plunged into the water, causing a geyser of steam and water, mixed with small debris, which shot an estimated 500 meters into the air. It appeared one witness, a civilian onlooker, said, that whoever, or whatever was in control of the craft made a deliberate effort to take it away from the naval ships and the shoreline before it went into the harbor. One Sovremini Class Destroyer was slightly damaged by flying debris, but, so far, no casualties have been reported. Radiation levels at the site, re high, but the source of the radiation, as well as its nature, have yet to be determined. Russian authorities, from the Ministry of Health, are quick to point out that the radiation levels are not dangerous, simply "higher than normal." So far, debris recovered has been small, averaging less than a meter in diameter, at the largest. Most debris recovered to date, have been what appear to be "skin material" of an unknown alloy, and interior bracing and piping, composed of a very high grade and extremely pure aluminum. The Navy has cordoned off a considerable area of the harbor and it is interesting to note that, in spite of the high speed at which the craft was traveling, and it's extremely low altitude, there was no characteristic "sonic boom" associated with it's approach, and no noticeable vibration on the ground. More information is pending.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Casebook Forum quoting Russian Newspaper Sources

Type: H?

34.

Location. Rinconada, Lautaro, Chile

Date: April 20 2003 Time: 2000

Hearing strange noises coming from the chicken pen, Samuel Cayuman became concerned and went out to investigate. As he opened the pen he could not see inside because of the darkness and apparently he had failed to bring a flashlight. He reached inside and pulled out a chicken. Stunned he saw a small hairy creature seemingly attached to the unfortunate chicken's neck and sucking the blood from the animal. He pulled the creature apart from the chicken, which was already dead, and clubbed it to death. According to initial reports, the creature is small, black and hairy with feline features, but no in depth studies have been conducted on it. After seeing a picture of this alleged Chupacabra, it looks to me more like a large wildcat.



HC addendum

Source: Anoz Luz Listas, quoting newspaper sources. Type: H? I saw a picture of the animal and it looks like a large wild cat to me.

35.

Location. Concord, North Carolina  
Date: April 21 2003 Time: 2000

The witness had finished his shift a local (manufacturing) plant and had stepped out onto the dock behind a large pile of pallets to have a smoke. There he had the feeling of being watched, he whirled around expecting to see a co-worker instead he saw a large purple light emanating from a tear-drop shaped craft with a round bottom that's was hovering nearby. The craft had a concave windshield. Behind the windshield he could see two glowing lights or eyes. They moved independent to one another, apparently not attached to the same being. Terrified, the witness ran and unable to scream pointed out the object to a lift operator. At this point a beam of white light shot out from the object and struck the forklift. Immediately the electrical system on the lift shut down and the operator screamed. The witness next memory was of sitting in the plant manager's office getting oxygen and a cool rag on his head.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: A or G?

36.

Location. Rosario De La Frontera, Argentina  
Date: April 22 2003 Time: 1600

Local Fire Chief, Ezequiel Alvarez reported seeing a tall hairy humanoid, about 1.80 m in height that appeared to move at very high speed and emitted loud inhuman screams. The creature apparently killed three dogs, using huge clawed hands. Another local witness, a teacher, reported finding a strange hairy cadaver on the side of the road, somewhat resembling to tall hairy humanoid but much smaller, he noticed that it had testicles resembling those of humans. Incredibly he did not pick up the body and drove on. The creature has been repeatedly seen around the local dump.

HC addendum

Source: Radio 10, Buenos Aires in Planeta Listas Type: E

37.

Location. Illinois, exact location not given  
Date: May 2 2003 Time: 0330A

Three young women returning from a bonfire and party in the countryside and had finished returning some of the equipment and chairs to the shed. As they got back into the van one of the girls saw a figure standing a little off the drive-way by the house. She motioned the others to look at it and becoming somewhat afraid headed back into town. They described the figure as man-like, light colored or wearing white clothing. Soon they headed over to the bonfire, which was still burning. Suddenly in the glow of the headlights they all saw what appeared to be two separate rows of creatures or figures. Maybe 15 to each row and about approximately 3 to 4 ft tall and standing only about 15 ft from them, directly in front of the car. One of the witnesses described them as having "Christmas light heads" and that the heads were connected to the body but she couldn't see how. Their arms were up, but she couldn't see hands. She says they were stick-like, dark gray or brown in color. They did not move and stood perfectly still. They appeared to be frozen in two separate rows. Two of the girls began to cry and screamed for the driver to leave the area immediately. Terrified they drove away from the area and drove around for about 2 hours before having the courage to return back to their homes.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: E

38.

Location. North Richland Hills, Smithfield, Texas  
Date: May 3 2003 Time: 0330A

The witness had been sitting on the back porch looking over the pasture behind his home. The pasture had several horses but he could not see them at the time because they were at the other end. After about 10 minutes he began to hear the horses and it sounded like they were kicking the sheet metal and squealing loudly. He could also hear dogs barking in the distance. Just as he strained to look over to the horse shelter everything became silent, no movements or sounds. Everything was eerily quiet and the witness feeling somewhat scared stepped off the porch and began hearing a low whirring sound, he then saw a light flash on the ground in the middle of the pasture. He looked up and saw at about 100 ft off the ground a black craft hovering and shooting flashes of light at the ground from a pod on the right end of the craft. The craft had a multicolored mist or hot looking gas on the bottom of it, on the left side of the craft was what appeared to be a rectangular red window. He could see movement inside. At that moment he began to feel sick. The craft looked about 50 ft long with a dull blue light on the top. After about 5 minutes the whirring sound faded and the craft hovered silently for about 2 seconds and then zipped straight up without a sound. He also noticed that the power appeared to be off the neighborhood.

HC addendum  
Source: NUFORC Type: A?

39.

Location. Lecce, Italy  
Date: May 10 2003 Time: night

The witness, who had before seen a strong light shining from outside his bedroom window. Reportedly saw a in a very vivid dream like state a hovering luminous sphere and within it a beautiful human like female. The female approached him and in a very sweet voice told him not to fear that they were here to take him with them, and to not to fear anything evil.

HC addendum  
Source: Roberto Malini, UFO Italia Type: F?

40.

Location. Springfield, Illinois  
Date: June 10 2003 Time: 2230

The witness had just pulled into her apartment parking lot and was slowing down to select a parking spot, when she noticed what appeared to be a small child playing around a large steel waste dumpster in the corner of the parking lot. The steel dumpster was located underneath a large stand of trees about 15 feet from her location. She got out of the car and walked over to the rear passenger door to get her briefcase and saw movement out of her periphery that further caught her attention. She was concerned about the safety of the "child" and began to slowly walk towards the dumpster to ask where the child's parents were at. She approached to within 6-8 feet when she heard a loud banging noise and this "child" suddenly had the ability to jump 5 feet and land on top of the dumpster's steel lid. It was now staring down at her. At this point she described feeling a pressure in her head, nausea and dizziness. She strained to identify it for about 20-30 seconds when she realized that it was not a child, but a strange being, which suddenly produced a glowing white orb of light about the size of a volleyball in its hands and held on to it at about chest height. The light cast from the glowing orb illuminated its head for several seconds and she described a large almond shaped head with big black eyes staring intently at her movements. She stood there in stunned silence trying to understand what was happening and that everything seemed to be happening in slow motion. The being seemed to tighten its grasp on the glowing orb of light and it jumped feet first into the dumpster and disappeared without making any noise. She broke down emotionally and ran into her apartment, quickly notifying her husband. Her husband searched the area but failed to find anything. They also have reported seeing over the past year many electric white blue streaks of light in the area of the parking lot, and frequent but brief power outages.

HC addendum  
Source: NUFORC Type: E

41.  
Location. South Park, Pennsylvania  
Date: June 12 2003 Time: 2315

On a very humid night with a very bright moon the main witness and his wife heard what sounded like rolling thunder in the distance. The rolling thunder noise seemed to be sustained and the witness thought it was rather unusual since he could not see any storm n the distance. About 10 minutes elapsed with the sound still constantly in the background, at times becoming almost mechanical in nature, sort of like a muscle car. The volume also seemed to rise and lower. The witness soon fell asleep. Somehow he ended up in the couch downstairs and woke up to the sound of his son crying. He ran upstairs and his wife held the child until he calmed down. At this point the witness thought he could hear sounds resembling tractor-trailers in the distance. Unable to sleep he went back to the couch. In a state of semi sleep the witness was suddenly startled by a noise that sounded almost electronic, and for lack of a better adjective, evil. It almost seemed like one of those, voice changing kid toys, or a distorted Nextel phone. He could not determine what was being said. It sounded linguistic and not just a noise. He was completely awake at this point, waiting. He heard it again and he bolted up looking out the picture window that overlooks the fields in front of the house. He distinctly heard this "voice" 2 times and it was distinctly different both times. He ran upstairs but his wife apparently had not heard the voice. The dog was sound asleep and there was nothing that he could see outside. He did not sleep the rest of the night.

HC addendum  
Source: NUFORC Type: F?

42.  
Location. Near Springfield, Tennessee  
Date: June 13 2003 Time: 2300

While camping in a wooded clearing the two witnesses watched a bright white blue glowing sphere that seemed to have appeared out of nowhere. It was low and close to them. It then flew over the witnesses and into a cloud, it then came back over them and suddenly disappears, as a cloud seemed to wrap around it to conceal it. Later that night both witnesses saw about 20 thin, bald headed midget-like creatures in a field, as if watching them. It was too dark and far to return home so feeling afraid the witness went to sleep inside their tent.

HC addendum  
Source: NUFORC Type: D?

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## CI: Artificial Structures On Martian Moon?

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
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Cydonian Imperative  
6-28-03

Artificial Structures on Martian Moon?  
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 40)

The Mars Global Surveyor recently snapped a photo of Phobos, the largest of Mars' two moonlets. The image is a sharper glimpse of the irregularly shaped body viewed by the Viking mission. It also lays to rest persistent, if implacable, Internet rumors that Phobos had somehow disappeared from Mars orbit.

[image]

Note converging grooves on Phobos' surface.

Phobos has never received the investigation it probably deserves. A Russian attempt to scan the moon with a spectroscopic laser ended in disaster in the 1990s when the Phobos II probe fell silent -- evidence, to some, that the moon is occupied extraterrestrial real-estate defended by wary aliens.

Aliens or not, Phobos is a vastly promising location for future (preferably manned) exploration. The moon itself has long been an anomaly; its orbital characteristics suggest it may be hollow. I've suggested on this site that Phobos may in fact be a derelict spacecraft of the "generation ark" variety described by science writers such as Isaac Asimov. At the very least, Phobos is considered rich in potential rocket fuel, making it a desirable "stop-over" destination for Mars-bound astronauts. Unexplained surface features such as the numerous converging grooves seen above, together with the conspicuous cuspid-like formations located by Efrain Palermo, pose

the possibility that Phobos may boast uneroded artificial structures deserving of close attention.

[image]

Image courtesy Efrain Palermo.

In addition to the "cones" pictured above, Palermo and Lan Fleming have investigated what seems to be an uncharacteristically sharp-edged anomaly known informally as the "Phobos Monolith." Shape-from-shading analysis by Chris Joseph suggests, tantalizingly, that the "Monolith" may be pyramidal in shape, suggesting a link with similar anomalous formations on the Martian surface (i.e., the City Pyramid and D&M Pyramid).

[image]

Stereo pair of pyramidal "Phobos Monolith" by Chris Joseph.

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## Project FOTOCAT News June 2002

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <[ballesterolmos@yahoo.es](mailto:ballesterolmos@yahoo.es)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2003 13:21:17 -0400  
Subject: Project FOTOCAT News June 2002

Project FOTOCAT News - June 2003

(For previous reports and citations of various forms of co-operation with this project, see:

<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm>

FOTOCAT is a world-wide catalogue of UFO photography reaching 3,400+ entries by end June 2003, and growing at a fast pace. As a project of the not-for-profit Spanish association Anomaly Foundation:

<http://www.anomalia.org>

it receives donations of files and materials from investigators all over the world, and many UFO researchers are contributing to the success of the program. The whole catalogue will be posted free by the internet at a later stage.

### Acknowledgements For Recent Assistance

Dr Donald Johnson, who is managing UFOCAT, the largest UFO database in the world, is co-operating with us by submitting regional listings which are checked with our own records. It feeds FOTOCAT with fresh new cases. UFOCAT was originally devised and started by Dr Dave Saunders, who was a scientific member of the Condon Committee, and I was one of the grand catalog=B4s correspondents.

Brasilian ufologist Claudier Covo has provided us with a set of scans of the famous Barra da Tijuca photographs taken May 7, 1952.

Ray Stanford has taken the trouble to compile in an spreadsheet format specially prepared for us, a chronological summary of the 40+ imagery cases he has been involved from 1954 to the present.

=46rom Switzerland, the experienced researcher Bruno Mancussi has contributed a list of 108 explained and unexplained photographic cases reported in his country in the last 50 years.

Albert Rosales (California) is adding useful tracks to the catalog by providing urls of web sites which contain lots of UFO photos, to be stored in our image archive and catalog.

Also we thank Monsieur Bernard Thouanel, the French editor-in-chief of the magazine VSD Hors Series, for sending us specific valuable images.

### Project 1954 E-List

A very happy initiative of two remarkable Italian long-time UFO students, Giuseppe Stilo and Edoardo Russo, from the major CISU organisation, has materialised in the creation of a internet forum List uniquely devoted to the 1954 wave. Some 60 experts from over 20 nations are present in this dialogue gallery. In monthly instalments, the collection of FOTOCAT=B4s photographic

cases from the epoch was posted and discussed, and a number of documentation improvements were produced as a consequence.

How Can You Assist Us?

The Project will gratefully receive references to internet links where UFO photographs appear, as well as any class of documents on UFO photos, films or videos, magazine articles, papers or reports, book sections, etc., both as actual information or as bibliographical references. Every help will be duly recognized.

Prints of pictures, slides, disquettes, CD roms, any format containing UFO (or IFO) images are welcomed. Any personal, isolated collection will find its proper place in FOTOCAT, where any such material will be in its due context and properly documented with other sources, giving shape to a phenomenal record of photographic evidence of the UFO problem.

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## Another UFO-coverup-Whistleblower Ad

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2003 15:49:25 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2003 16:46:00 -0400  
Subject: Another UFO-coverup-Whistleblower Ad

To: <[drumburg@gazette.net](mailto:drumburg@gazette.net)>

Submission of Another UFO-coverup-Whistleblower Ad for  
Publication in the Pentagonam

TO: Classified Ads Manager  
Comprint Military Publications  
1200 Quince Orchard Blvd.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20870

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

DATE: June 28, 2003

Ms. Rumburg:

Please tell me the estimated cost for running the following  
announcement/advertisement in one edition of the Fort Myer (Va.)  
- published weekly newspaper (the Pentagonam):

BLOW THE WHISTLE ON THE UFO COVERUP!

The UFO-coverup whistleblower cited in my Pentagonam ad of  
4/18/03 has chosen to put his account on public record -- via a  
notarized declaration of June 24, 2003. For the time being, so  
as to protect the declarant from reprisal, let's refer to him as  
"John Doe." As I pursue efforts toward FOIA release of various  
intelligence records about Doe's having hand-carried some UFO-  
smoking-gun telexes revealing a 1975 incident of "hostile  
aerial craft's" interference with some of our super-secret space  
satellites, I urge you to join this citizens movement for full  
UFOtruth and government accountability. If you know of other  
potential declarants in this case (or in any other such episode  
of sequestered evidence in the official coverup of UFO reality),  
please contact Larry W. Bryant at: 703-931-3341; e-mail:  
[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net). Remember: your and Doe's accounts may be  
enough to persuade Congress to conduct long-overdue, subpoena-  
driven open hearings on the coverup.

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LWB Note to Ms. Donna Rumburg:

For your background information, here is the content of the  
subject declaration:

NOTARIZED DECLARATION OF "JOHN DOE," RE THE CANBERRA REPORT

Under penalty of perjury, I, John Doe of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ,  
do hereby declare my identity as the (former) security guard  
referred to in the below-quoted advertisement printed in the  
April 18, 2003, edition of the weekly newspaper (the Pentagonam)  
published by the Public Affairs Office of the Fort Myer (Va.)  
Military Community:

"Blow the Whistle on 'Hostile Aerial Craft'



"A brand-new UFO-coverup whistleblower has stepped forward to relay his account of having witnessed some 'smoking gun' telexes during his security-guard duty in 1975 at the U. S. embassy in Canberra, Australia. Emanating from the Tidbinbilla tracking range, these electronic messages reported hostile interference from UFOs with some of our supersecret military satellites. The reports characterized the interlopers as 'hostile aerial craft.' If you (or someone you know) have confirmatory evidence of those reports, please contact Larry W. Bryant at 703-931-3341 (e-mail: [overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net) ). Be assured that at least one congressional committee would be interested in evaluating and correlating any evidence you choose to share with us."

I hereby affirm the veracity of my role in hand-delivering some of the telexes cited in the advertisement. And I hereby state my willingness to undergo, at the expense of a suitable third party, a series of expert polygraph testing as to that veracity.

By this declaration, I publicly declare my status as a "UFO-coverup whistleblower" and intend that this instrument be considered a prelude to any relevant sworn testimony that may be solicited from me by any congressional and/or grand jury authority. I also intend for this instrument to be used in encouraging emergence of other whistleblowers privy to how much certain federal agencies/officials know (and when they knew it) about such critical UFO-related events as the Canberra Report. Finally, I intend that this instrument be applied toward supporting any proposed or pending freedom-of-information litigation against the pertinent federal agencies.

GIVEN UNDER MY SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_;  
John Doe

DATE SIGNED: June 24, 2003

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NOTARIZED CERTIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a notary public within the county/city of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the above-identified person, known to me as ["John Doe"], appeared before me on this 24th day of June, 2003, and affixed his signature to this declaration.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SIGNED: 6/24/03

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES ON: 3/22/05.

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## Linda Howe Still Selling 'Art's Parts'

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@msn.com](mailto:ufowatchdog@msn.com)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2003 13:12:48 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2003 16:46:58 -0400  
Subject: Linda Howe Still Selling 'Art's Parts'

Some things never change.....

<http://www.majesticdocuments.com/conference.html>

But let's hope that Howe also presents this, since she did request the examination:

<http://www.alliancelink.com/users/avalon/artsparts.htm>

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM  
"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind"

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## Morality Is Not An Issue

From: **Geoff Richardson** <[geoff@thewhyfiles.co.uk](mailto:geoff@thewhyfiles.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2003 15:00:06 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2003 16:07:11 -0400  
Subject: Morality Is Not An Issue

This may not link directly to Ufology \_but\_ it does prove that in any form of research that involves military/Government/Political interests there is always a good chance that the truth will be hidden by powerful people who are prepared to totally disregard ethics and morality.

MK ULTRA really did exist - we may not want to believe it but we must accept it as a terrifying fact - the point where science fiction became a political horror story.

The U.S. Government really did experiment with brainwashing techniques utilizing a number of methods including hypnosis and mind altering drugs.

Worse still, the experiments were carried out on unsuspecting people (both civilian and military) without their knowledge or consent.

See:

MK ULTRA at The WHY? Files - <http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>  
Includes video of President Clinton apologizing to the unwitting victims of U.S. Government experiments and their families.

See also:

"Conspiracy" and "New World Order" at The WHY? Files - yes a former NAZI War criminal was really given The Congressional Medal of Honor!  
The WHY? Files - <http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

Geoff Richardson

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## CCCRN News: Two Formations In Ontario

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@cccrn.ca](mailto:psa@cccrn.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2003 10:44:24 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2003 16:19:46 -0400  
Subject: CCCRN News: Two Formations In Ontario

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

June 29, 2003

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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### Two More 'Random' Formation Reports - Ontario

Two more "randomly downed area" formations found at Georgetown and Schomberg in Ontario, near the locations of the "pictogram" formation at Georgetown and the "snow circle" at East Caledon in 2002. The formation at Georgetown in oil-seed rape includes a long "pathway" approximately 0.9 metres (3 feet) wide by 30 metres (100 feet) long. The formation at Schomberg in barley covers an area approximately 90 metres (300 feet) by 45 metres (150 feet) overall, with various roughly shaped "squares", "rectangles", "grapeshot patches" and other segments with abrupt ends and overlapping and directional lays of crop including "v" type flattenings.

Some photos have been posted, further information pending. See the RDAs archive (a sub-archive of the main Crop Circles in Canada Archives) on the web site.

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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### The Prairie Circular

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## Re: Has ET Landed In Brazil? - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 02:39:21 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 16:23:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Has ET Landed In Brazil? - Hale

>From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2003 18:17:28 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Has ET Landed In Brazil? - Hale

>Hi All,

>Furthermore to my recent request for good Brazilian Contact  
>cases, I wonder if those Brazilian researchers on UpDates, could  
>answer a few more questions.

Dear Listers,

Not one Brazilian researcher can answer of my questions? Where  
have they all gone? Have I touched on something sensitive here?

Roy

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## I Do Hope We Find Life On Mars

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 09:50:58 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 16:26:11 -0400  
Subject: I Do Hope We Find Life On Mars

----- Original Message -----

From: Water, Water, Water <[G@d.tiscali.co.uk](mailto:G@d.tiscali.co.uk)>  
Newsgroups:  
[alt.paranormal.crop-circles](#),[alt.alien.visitors](#),[alt.alien.research](#)  
Sent: Sunday, June 29, 2003 11:05 PM  
Subject: "I do hope we find life on Mars".... By Patrick Moore

"Mars have been very much in the news, and I make no apology for writing about it again. At the end of August it will be as close to us as it can ever get - around 35 million miles, or 156 times as far away as the Moon - and it will be the most brilliant object in the entire sky apart from the Sun, the Moon and Venus. Briefly it will outshine Jupiter.

If all goes well, four spacecraft will reach it within the next few months: one European (Mars Express), two American (The Mars Exploration Rovers) and one Japanese (Nozomi). The main aim of all these is to find out whether there is any trace of life there. I do not mean little green men, or indeed anything so advanced as a blade of grass, but can there be any living thing?

You may ask: 'Why are we so anxious to find out?' The answer is simple. If we find even the most primitive organisms, our ideas of the universe will have to be dramatically modified.

We have to admit that we are very uncertain about the origin of life on Earth. Probably it began not so very long after the Earth was born, around 4.6 thousand million years ago, but the exact process is still a matter for debate (it has even been suggested that life was brought here by a comet, but this seems to raise far more problems than it solves). At least we know how life evolved, working up from single-celled organisms to you and me. Moreover, we have as yet no proof of life anywhere except on our own world.

Our star-system or galaxy contains around a hundred thousand million stars, many of them very similar to our Sun, and we have now found that many of these stars have planets. Other Earths must be plentiful, so there are countless worlds upon which life could appear. But this is the main question: if life could appear on a planet moving around a far-away star, will it? And there are still some people who genuinely believe that there is no life elsewhere, and that we are alone in the universe.

This is where Mars comes into the story. If there are any living organisms, we will be entitled to assume that life will appear wherever it can, and will develop as much as its environment will permit. Mars is smaller and colder than the Earth, and lost most of its atmosphere early in its career. There were oceans once (this now seems fairly certain), but the water vanished from the surface as the air thinned, so that today Mars is inhospitable. Yet life is surprisingly durable. It looks as though there is still water not too far below the surface, and organisms may well survive there.

Mars Express, Europe's spacecraft launched on June 2, carries Beagle 2, a lander which is purely British and was developed mainly because of the efforts of Professor Colin Pillinger.

Beagle carries a 'prodder' which will look below the upper surface layer, and see if there is water nearby. If so - well, who knows?

I believe that the discovery of life on Mars would be the greatest revelation of modern times. I hope it exists. Ask me again in June 2004 and I may well be able to tell you.

Look ahead. Sending men (and women :) to Mars is no longer a wild idea; if we govern ourselves sensibly, it could happen earlier than most people think. The first man/women on Mars may already have been born. If so, and if he/she lands in the Syrtis Major during my own lifetime, I hope that he/she will have the kindness to remember me and send me an e-mail!"

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## UFO Wave over Buenos Aires

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1@earthlink.net](mailto:lornis1@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 08:42:37 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 16:28:24 -0400  
Subject: UFO Wave over Buenos Aires

SOURCE: Noticias Anos Luz ([www.aluz.com](http://www.aluz.com))  
DATE: June 28, 2003

UFO WAVE OVER BUENOS AIRES?

[The following is an anonymous report which begins 6/23/03--  
ALERT! The original document is plagued with errors.]

Shortly before the start of June 24th (sic), an "intense luminous sphere was seen over the region of Boedo, Amlagro, Chacabuco (given the nature of the phenomenon it is possible that more people may have seen it). Suddenly, a super-luminous sphere lit up at low elevation, over the city's horizon, until it achieved a considerable brilliance. It then began moving slowly eastward before vanishing a few degrees later. According to my observation it is neither a satellite or aerolith, much less given its low velocity. Several minutes later, anomalous points of light appeared directly at the zenith of Chacabuco Park; a few minutes later, another sphere lit up all of a sudden and moved eastward, also extinguishing its light a few degrees later. \*\*The pertinent video sequences were recorded with a Sony camcorder but unfortunately, problems with the wiring kept the images from being recorded\*\*.

At 20:35 hours, however, it was possible to record another sequence showing an unclassified phenomenon. At 20:50 hours, there were further pulses in the heavens. ALERT: There are UFOs over Buenos Aires.

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Special thanks to Guillermo Gimenez

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## Largest UFO Database In The World?

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larry@larryhatch.net](mailto:larry@larryhatch.net)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2003 12:29:39 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 16:42:22 -0400  
Subject: Largest UFO Database In The World?

Dear Sirs and Mmes:

While browsing around to see who else is out there in UFO Database-land, I stumbled upon this links page:

<http://www.ufovideo.net/LINKS.html>

...which had this curious link:

"A UFO RESOURCE CENTER  
Posted by CJ Montgomery on Saturday, 13 April 2002, at 6:22 pm.  
UFOs, flying saucers and alien encounters. The extraterrestrial hypothesis is explored, military cover-up exposed. Submit a UFO report online. Search thousands of pages of UFO pictures, articles and research we are the largest UFO database in the world. We are an International UFO research organization .."

Largest UFO database in the world?

Clicking on the hyperlink got me here:

<http://www.uforc.com/>

.. with lots of things like Crop Circles, UFOs in the Bible, Anti-Gravity, the UFO-Jesus connection(?) .. there is even a link to "Why Couldn't Planet X Return?".

You will need to use both scroll bars to see the entire page, its wide and deep. To the right, I find:

"Consult with our panel of UFO experts. We are here to answer your questions about UFOs, aliens or whatever you may ask. CLICK HERE..." (UFO Advisory Panel)

<http://www.uforc.com/ufoap/index.html>

I did, and found the panel of UFO experts, each with a picture. My question is this: Does anybody know these experts? Anything about them? Maybe I'm in the dark here, but I couldn't recognize a single name or face.

I'd like to know more about the "biggest UFO Database in the World". Are they referring to UFOCAT? NUFORC? .. or have they compiled their own database?

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Secrecy News -- 06/30/03

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood@fas.org](mailto:saftergood@fas.org)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 11:41:16 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 16:44:58 -0400  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 06/30/03

SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2003, Issue No. 55  
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CIA "UNABLE TO LOCATE" 1947-48 INTELLIGENCE BUDGETS

In response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit seeking declassification of the intelligence budget totals from 1947 and 1948, the Central Intelligence Agency now says that it cannot find this information.

"We are unable to locate a document containing, or a series of documents from which we may deduce, the aggregate U.S. intelligence budget figure for Fiscal Year 1947," wrote Kathryn I. Dyer, CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, in a June 27 letter to the Federation of American Scientists.

Likewise, "We are unable to locate a document containing, or a series of documents from which we may deduce, the aggregate U.S. intelligence budget figure for Fiscal Year 1948."

One is tempted to suggest that CIA look for the missing budget documents next to the Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. But that would be silly.

Ms. Dyer did cite a previously undisclosed document entitled "Schedule of Funds Appropriated for Intelligence Activities for the Fiscal Year 1947" which indicated a "Grand Total for State, War and Navy" of \$30,855,300.

However, she said, "we cannot vouch with certainty that this figure represents the aggregate U.S. intelligence budget figure for Fiscal Year 1947." See her June 27 letter here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/1947/cia062703.html>

While disappointing, the latest CIA response actually marks some incremental progress in overcoming mindless budget secrecy.

This historical budget information was originally sought in a 1995 FOIA request. Its release was immediately denied as classified information, a position that CIA affirmed in 2000 on appeal. Under pressure of litigation, however, the Agency has shifted its position, no longer invoking national security or intelligence sources and methods and disclosing at least the above-cited Grand Total figure.

And the case is not over yet. We are possibly as stubborn in our determination to win disclosure of such intelligence budget data as the CIA is to suppress it.

(A CIA response to a related lawsuit seeking declassification of the 2002 intelligence budget total has been deferred until July 11.)

#### LEVIN PRESSES CIA ON IRAQI WMD

While most congressional leaders remain politely deferential, not to say obsequious, towards the Bush Administration on the subject of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) is stepping forward to raise some of the awkward questions others prefer to ask behind closed doors, if at all.

For example, in a June 26 letter, Senator Levin, the ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, probed the reported dispute among intelligence analysts over the significance of the mysterious Iraqi trailers. CIA and DIA had described the trailers conclusively as "mobile biological warfare agent production plants." State Department analysts reportedly demurred.

"Why isn't this dissenting view noted on the CIA's website?" Senator Levin wanted to know.

Moreover, "Is it standard practice for the CIA to put reports like this [on the Iraqi trailers] on its web site? If so, what is the purpose of doing so? If not, why was an exception made in this case and what was the purpose of doing so?"

See Senator Levin's June 26 letter here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003\\_cr/levin062603.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/levin062603.html)

The question of the State Department's dissenting view of the subject was batted about at a June 26 State Department press briefing:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/06/dos062603.html>

On June 27, Senator Levin "directed his staff on the [Senate Armed Services] committee to begin an inquiry into the objectivity and credibility of the intelligence concerning the presence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq immediately before the war and the alleged Iraq-al Qaeda connection, and the effect of such intelligence on Department of Defense policy decisions, military planning and conduct of operations in Iraq." See:

<http://levin.senate.gov/releases/062703pr1.htm>

#### CIA MODIFIES WEB PAGE ON IRAQI CENTRIFUGES

The Central Intelligence Agency has abruptly removed from its web site published photographs of centrifuge equipment and engineering drawings hidden in Iraq in 1991 and recently handed over to the Agency by Dr. Mahdi Shukur Ubaydi, a senior Iraqi nuclear scientist.

The photographs had been featured in a June 26 news release from the CIA, reposted here in its complete form:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/06/cia062603.html>

A notice from Cryptome.org, which spotted the change in the CIA web site, suggests that the photos were withdrawn because they might have permitted identification of the product manufacturer. See:

<http://cryptome.org/cia-waffle.htm>

#### SENATORS OPPOSE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT IN CHINA

Two leading conservative senators have introduced a resolution condemning the tide of secrecy that threatens to wash over Hong Kong if a proposed national security law is enacted next month.

"The law, as now drafted, is vague and overly broad in its definitions of subversion, sedition, and official secrets," said Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS).

"This horrendous bill would allow the Hong Kong Government to prosecute members of the news media for publishing information that would arbitrarily be deemed a 'state secret'," he said.

In protest, Senator Brownback and Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ) introduced Senate Joint Resolution 14 on June 27. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2003/sjres14.html>

#### CITIZEN'S GUIDE ON USING THE FOIA

The House Government Reform Committee has just published an updated edition of "A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records."

The new publication is the eleventh edition of the Guide, a popular handbook which has been "one of the most widely read congressional committee reports in history."

A copy of the June 23, 2003 Citizen's Guide is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/foia/citizen.html>

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## Re: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi - Oberg

From: James Oberg <[jamesoberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:jamesoberg@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 13:28:22 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 17:13:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi - Oberg

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 00:07:24 -0300  
>Subject: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi

I'd like to raise a few issues regarding ways to elevate the quality and credibility of such programs higher.....

The Rest of the Story to "Out of the Blue"  
Jim Oberg ([www.jamesoberg.com](http://www.jamesoberg.com))  
June 28, 2003

The SciFi channel's two-hour program, "Out of the Blue", first aired on June 24, 2003, is undoubtedly one of the slickest UFO-theme productions ever made. But although the claim is made that it was produced in order to show 'the truth' about UFOs, many of its key claims can be shown to be incomplete, misleading, and even false. Anyone seeking truth about UFO reports and what may lie behind them needs far more information than the SciFi Channel appears willing to give them. Here are some suggested additional sources for just such information.

The SciFi channel's Out of the Blue UFO program's home page is:

<http://www.outoftheblue.tv/>

Regarding the 1947 Roswell case, the show discusses how congressman Steve Schiff pushed for government release of additional documents. The show fails to mention what happened with his investigation, as described by UFO historian James Moseley: "It is interesting to note that there would be no Air Force reports on Roswell, and thus no solution to this persistent mystery, were it not for a fortunate combination of circumstances. Mary Martinek, wife of UFO researcher Karl Pflock, happens to be the office chief of staff for Congressman Steven Schiff of New Mexico, who is a senior member of the Congressional committee that oversees the General Accounting Office (GAO). In late 1992, Pflock arranged a meeting in Washington, D.C., composed of himself, Jesse Marcel Jr., Stanton Friedman and others from the Fund for UFO Research. This meeting succeeded in interesting Schiff in the Roswell case. Thereafter Schiff tried in vain to get information on Roswell from various branches of the government. After his requests for information were ignored, he finally contacted the GAO, and this eventually led to the nearly 1,000 page 1994 government report on Roswell, which in turn led to the present report. Pflock and the Fund, working through the system, are responsible for the fact that, like it or not, the Roswell Incident is finally solved."

Information on Pflock's investigation and others like it can be found at:

<http://www.roswellfiles.com/index.htm>

and

<http://members.aol.com/TPrinty/rwell.html>

Pflock's published book is described at:

[http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/1573928941/qid=1056661689/sr=1-2/ref=sr\\_1\\_2/103-](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/1573928941/qid=1056661689/sr=1-2/ref=sr_1_2/103-)



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Other skeptical books are described (and debated) at:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ISBN=1573921645/thedebunkedomai>

and at:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ISBN=1573921270/thedebunkedomai>

Additional research results can be found at:

<http://www.csicop.org/si/9507/roswell.html> and  
<http://www.csicop.org/klassfiles/SUN-29.html>  
and <http://www.csicop.org/klassfiles/SUN-30.html>.

The show spent considerable energy arranging to ambush Jimmy Carter for on-screen comments regarding his famous UFO report, but apparently never had energy to spare to read and understand the sole investigation of Carter's report, conducted by Robert Sheaffer and presented at:

[http://www.debunker.com/texts/carter\\_ufo.html](http://www.debunker.com/texts/carter_ufo.html)

Worse, the show's script falsely asserts that the 'official' explanation of the Carter case was 'the planet Venus', when in fact there is no official explanation - no government organization (and no pro-UFO group either) ever performed any verification efforts, so the facts of the case - location and date - as reported on 'Out of the Blue' are also false.

Considerable attention was also paid to a UFO story by Gordon Cooper. "In 1955, while stationed at Edwards Air Force Base, Mercury 7 astronaut Gordon Cooper witnessed an event that has yet to be explained nearly 50 years later. He was supervising the filming of a precision landing facility for F-86 fighter jets. Suddenly, a saucer-like craft flew directly over the cameraman. Three landing gear apparatuses opened, and the object landed on the dry lake bed." The program incorrectly gives the date of Cooper's Mercury spaceflight as 1965 (it was 1963) - such carelessness with easily-checked data is not encouraging for a project's overall reliability.

Twenty years ago, my study

<http://www.zip.com.au/~psmith/cooper.html>

showed that Cooper was not an eyewitness, and his claim to have been the boss of the cameramen (Bittick and Gettys) was disputed by Gettys and by the man who was Cooper's boss at the time, as well as by the young AF officer who documented the case for Blue Book. The UFO drifted slowly past the cameramen's position, never extended legs, never landed, never soared out of sight. A thoroughly documented prosaic explanation for the sighting (in May 1957, not '1955') was found and published soon after the event. The report (Case #4715) and all the film wound up in the Blue Book files where any competent and honest researcher could have accessed them. The presentation given here is not merely erroneous in all regards, it could well be deliberately slanted.

Nobody needs to question Cooper's intelligence or integrity in order to raise serious doubts about the reliability of his recent stories. One example is to note Cooper's numerous factual errors in recounting the story of fellow astronaut Jim McDivitt's 'UFO sighting'. See:

<http://groups.google.com/groups?q=Cooper+McDivitt+accurate&hl=en&safe=off&rnum=1&selm000505103036.1> 3656.00000615%40ng-bh1.aol.com

Another example is comparing Cooper's tale about a Gemini-5 military photography experiment with the recollections of every other witness

[http://www.space.com/sciencefiction/phenomena/cooper\\_questioned\\_00092\\_9.html](http://www.space.com/sciencefiction/phenomena/cooper_questioned_00092_9.html)

A sad chapter of Cooper's life (which he left out of his recent autobiography, 'Leap of Faith'), deals with the millions of dollars (of his and other people's money) all lost on cockamamie aviation business schemes developed and/or endorsed by Cooper, as recounted by the Wall Street Journal. See:

<http://www.zip.com.au/~psmith/projects.html>

This context suggests at least a cautious approach to checking out Cooper's version of events with other contemporary witnesses, a step that any responsible news organization would obviously have considered prudent. It could be that Cooper's 1978 comment on a taped interview for OMNI magazine was more reliable: "I'd just as soon not get into the Edwards incident. I didn't get to see anything personally, it was all second hand evidence really."

As for the 'Cooper version' of the Edwards case, here's what the real witness, cameraman Jack Gettys, wrote: "I am amazed that Gordon Cooper said the object landed - as far as I know, he never even saw it.... His story sounds kind of funny to me."

Aside: Carter and Cooper exemplify what can be called 'the celebrity exemption' for UFO stories. It is commonly accepted that the vast majority - 80 or 90 or 95 or more percent - of UFO reports, when properly investigated and when collateral documentation can be found, can yield prosaic explanations. But when a famous person is involved, the need for 'good propaganda' seems to dictate that their reports NEVER be investigated, probably out of the legitimate fear of discrediting a useful publicity tool. "Out of the Blue" stuck with this principle.

"Out of the Blue" also features photography expert and AF veteran Bob Jacobs's viewing of the film of the Atlas warhead deployment from Vandenberg in 1964, with no mention of the 'Skeptical Inquirer' article that offered a prosaic explanation of it ten years ago. Their words: "In 1964, former U.S. Air Force Lt. Bob Jacobs was in the 13- 69th photo squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. His mission was to film an Atlas Rocket going through all three stages of powered flight. Upon developing the film it was discovered that the camera captured something unexpected. According to Jacobs, when the rocket was traveling between 11,000 and 14,000 miles per hour, a saucer-shaped craft entered the frame." The scientist in charge of the camera system, Kingston George, wrote in 1993 that the images actually showed a malfunction of the decoy deployment system that could have rendered the weapon system vulnerable to Soviet anti-missile defenses, an alarming discovery that led to the material being classified above the level that Jacobs had access to. George's article is available at <http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/bigsur.html>; he still lives at the address given in the 1993 article and is available for interviews, but it seems that somehow, 'Out of the Blue' didn't get around to tracking him down and talking with him.

Other topics mentioned on the show:

Printy has a rather good rebuttal of the "Phoenix lights" as well as the article by Tony Ortega which highlighted some of the nonsense.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1998/mar/m08-001.shtml>  
<http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/issues/1997-06-26/news2.html>  
<http://members.aol.com/TPrinty/AZUFO.html>

Also, the 1950 'Trent Photo' is highlighted, along with comments by William Hartmann, an astronomer (and skilled amateur artist) who worked for the Condon Committee. What 'Out of the Blue' concealed from its viewers is that Hartmann's subsequent research convinced him, for technical reasons, that the photograph was a hoax

<http://www.debunker.com/trent.html>

See also:

<http://www.ufx.org/mcminn/photo.htm>

The 'Trans en Provence' story is discussed by Eric Maillot, who suggests it could be a simple prank with over-interpreted non-double-blind sampling, at:

<http://www.zetetique.ldh.org/tep.html>

The Rendlesham case

<http://www.debunker.com/rendlesham.html>

is explained in prosaic terms at James Easton's site

<http://www.rendlesham.com/>

and by Ian Ridpath

<http://users.macunlimited.net/ianrid/ufos/rendlesham>

Easton also reports that a new documentary examining the incidents will be broadcast by the BBC next Monday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. on BBC East, as part of their 'Inside Out' series - investigating stories of local interest. There will be an accompanying BBC web site presentation and local BBC radio participation.

As for the Condon report on-line at:

<http://www.ncas.org/condon/>

Printy has a rather unique discussion about scientific investigations into the UFO phenomena. Not mentioned by 'Out of the Blue' is that the 1997 Sturrock panel agreed with Condon that no contributions to science have been made by the study of UFOs! See:

<http://members.aol.com/TPrinty/Science.html>

Several UFO cases from Russia were highlighted, and they appeared to be typical pilot sightings (see a discussion of problems with this genre at:

<http://www.beyondroswell.com/roswell/casestudies.html>

with the glaring exception that they cannot be properly investigated for the prosaic solutions which most such sightings do have.

An example of how spectacular Soviet-era UFO reports were actually often sparked by top-secret Soviet military missile and space activities can be seen at:

[http://www.debunker.com/texts/soviet\\_coverup.html](http://www.debunker.com/texts/soviet_coverup.html)

and

<http://www.eagle-net.org/UFOSSI/special/sovcovup.html>,

and an overview of why Russian UFO reports in general should be treated with extreme caution is in OMNI magazine, April 1994, "Soviet Saucers", found at:

<http://www.debunker.com/texts/soviet.html>

and

[http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/soviet\\_s.txt](http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/soviet_s.txt)

The least said about 'Colonel' Corso and his embarrassing ravings, the better - except that 'Out of the Blue' is out of step with mainstream UFOlogy in giving his stories any credibility at all. Corso has long since been shot down by many. Here is an interesting review:

<http://217.206.205.125/review/roswell.shtml>

and another:

<http://www.roswell-ufo-incident.com/14.htm>

Elsewhere, I've addressed other issues such as Greer's 'Disclosure Project' (we debated at Purdue University in 1999, and my prepared remarks are at:

<http://groups.google.com/groups?q=oberg+STS+UFO&start=50&hl=en&safe=off&rnum=57&selm=19990412145339.02139.00001839%40ng-fr1.aol.com>

Brief theoretical treatments of a logical case for NOT 'believing' in UFOs can be found in the prize-winning essay "The Failure of The Science of Ufology" (1979) at:

[http://www.beyondroswell.com/roswell/oberg\\_failure.html](http://www.beyondroswell.com/roswell/oberg_failure.html)

and a later conference paper, The 'Null Hypothesis' (1985) also called 'The Black- Box Perception Model', at:

[http://www.debunker.com/texts/black\\_box\\_approach\\_to\\_ufo\\_perceptions.html](http://www.debunker.com/texts/black_box_approach_to_ufo_perceptions.html)

Naturally there are always more cases than can be properly investigated, and some of them are really intriguing, such as the SAC missile reports and the video of a structured object in the sky over England. No explanations have been found for these stories, but the main reason seems to be that no prosaic explanations have yet been sought by investigators with the proper background and skills. Other famous cases of the past also looked just as good, before they were investigated. But as Allen Hynek wrote long ago, no UFO report can be treated seriously until "after examination by qualified persons..." and for many cases presented by 'Out of the Blue', this hasn't even happened yet.

"Out of the Blue" makes an excellent prosecutorial-style case for the reality of UFOs, and is a skilled piece of advocacy. However, it does not appear to be interested in 'truth', as the numerous omissions, misleading half-truths, and clear misstatements of 'fact' indicate. It covers up contrary evidence, while accusing others of doing the same. To fulfill the publicly announced goal, the SciFi channel should offer its viewers access - perhaps through its own home page - to the 'contrary' views like those shown here, so that the evidence FOR the reality of UFOs can be compelled to stand on its merits, and not by default.

-- Jim Oberg

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>>Subject: Re: Has ET Landed In Brazil? - Hale

>Hi All,

>Furthermore to my recent request for good Brazilian Contact  
>cases, I wonder if those Brazilian researchers on UpDates,  
>could answer a few more questions.

>Dear Listers,

>Not one Brazilian researcher can answer of my questions? Where  
>have they all gone? Have I touched on something sensitive  
>here?

Hello Roy,

Have heard something about Baependi Case, Trindade Case, Varginha case? The night of UFOs in 1986 when jet fighters from the Brazilian Air Force scrambled to pursue objects, visible in Radar, and seen by all the pilots, including some civilian airplanes? I am sure there's more than a dozen Brazilian ufologists willing to talk to you. Most of them, though, do not speak English. Do you speak Portuguese?

I am off now for my holidays. I will be back soon. (Of course there are more UFO cases in Brazil).

Pedro Cunha

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